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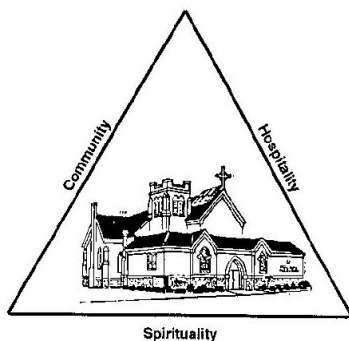
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September is here, and Fall is not far behind, by the time you read this the children will be back in school and we will be into our full Fall schedule. I don't know about you, but I am even looking ahead to 2025. Imagine if you will, the election is done, Christmas is past, and we are shoveling snow! Blink, and it will be here, so we have to plan ahead. Speaking of planning ahead, this is your heads up that we will be finishing September and starting October with our stewardship campaign. I know, if you are anything like me, the last thing you want to think about is budget and finance.

We have a responsibility to make sure we are living within our means as a congregation. The last few years have been difficult for everyone, and it shows no sign of letting up anytime soon. All you have to do is buy groceries to know that prices are going up at an alarming rate. Every Fall, we try to set the church budget in such a way as to remain faithful stewards of your money. On the flip side of that coin, the administration of the church asks you to be a faithful giver to the needs of the church. Even more importantly, each of us is called by God to give to the church so it can be about the mission of God. We just talked about it a couple of weeks ago, helping the widows, orphans, aliens, and the poor. Elida St Paul's has always been, and will always be, a very mission-oriented church. God calls the people of the church to give a tenth of everything to the work of the church. Every year, we have a stewardship campaign, when I remind you of this very fact. We, in the past, have glossed over dedicating our gifts to God on Consecration Sunday, but this year, I want to encourage you to join us for a special celebration of our commitment to God in our giving pledges.

October 6th will be consecration Sunday this year, there will be a special time when I invite you to come forward to make your commitment to God, in a real way with your time, prayers, and money by turning in your pledge card. I want to encourage you to begin to be in prayer about what is required of you by God as it relates to your giving to Elida St Paul's. You will receive a letter this month with a pledge card, which I encourage you to bring in on the 6th of October. Together, we can be about kingdom work right here in Elida as we combine our talents to be God's church.

Now, we get back to your regularly scheduled Fall programming, kits to build, parades to plan, Halloween hot chocolate, Sunday school, Bible study, Operation Christmas Child, sporting events, family events, and oh yeah while you're out there, Campaign for Kindness. I'll see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



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September 1
Coins for Communion to benefit The Samaritan House



Sunnydale House 5K

Labor Day, September 2
8:30 AM

We have been asked to man the watering stations in front of the church, and at the Fieldhouse parking lot. volunteers are needed to help to give out cups of water.

School Kits, Health Kits, and Period Packs Kits Mission

The last Sunday to bring in kits is September 8.

contact Janna Thompson or the office if interested in helping to assemble the kits for delivery .

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Deadline: the 22nd of each month

Christian Symbol



STEEPLE

Steeple are a remnant of Gothic church architecture of the Middle Ages, marked by high open spaces and pointed arches that direct attention heavenward. Nowadays a steeple atop a church small or large serves the same function. Typically topped with a cross, it designates a Christian house of worship. Steeples sometimes double as bell towers, sending out a call to worship high above the surrounding land.

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
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Sunday School:
 We will have 2 children's Sunday school classes beginning September 8

Pre k to Kindergarten
 led by Shirley Moser

First Grade and up
 With Marla Scannell, Slone Whetstone,
 and Corinne Piper

**Classroom helpers are still needed,
 Contact Pastor Paul If available.**

**Food Pantry Sunday
 September 22**

5 Loaves Food Pantry at
 The Church at Allentown.

Canned Meats and other
 non-perishable
 food items are needed.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

HOMECOMING PARADE FLOAT
 Sunday, September 22

We will be handing out the kindness cards with stickers and promoting Kindness for this election season and beyond.

Accepting candy donations to hand out.
please omit candy that may melt.

Volunteers are needed
 In many capacities.

**Consecration Sunday,
 October 6th**

In September you will be receiving, in the mail, a letter with a pledge card as part of our Stewardship campaign. Please consider filling out your pledge card and returning it on Sunday, October 6th, as we dedicate our commitment to God and the Church during a special ceremony on Consecration Sunday. Your pledge finances the mission of the church here in the Elida Community. Let's come together and make an even larger impact in our community in 2025!

Poem

The Gift of Work

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?

"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."

"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."

Labor Day is September 2

Young At Heart

Author unknown

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half-hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made Grandpa and Grandma
Unrushed and young like me.

National Grandparents Day September 8!

Thought for the Month:

Sometimes it takes only one act
of kindness and caring
to change a person's life.

—Jackie Chan

Hymn History

God Will Take Care of You

“Then Sings My Soul”, By Robert J. Morgan

1904

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3

J. C. Penny, who descended from a long line of Baptist preachers, was well on his way to establishing a successful career when the 1929 Great Depression threw him in to crisis. His business deals turned sour, and Penny became overwhelmed with anxiety and insomnia. He developed a painful case of shingles and was hospitalized, but tranquilizers and drugs only made things worse. His mental state deteriorated until, as he later said, “I was broken nervously and physically, filled with despair, unable to see even a ray of hope. I had nothing to live for. I felt I hadn’t a friend left in the world, that even my family turned against me.”

But one morning he heard singing coming from the little hospital chapel. The words of the song said, “Be not dismayed whate’er betide / God will take care of you.”

Entering the chapel, he listened to the song, to the scripture reading, and to the prayer. “Suddenly—something happened. I can’t explain it. I can only call it a miracle. I felt as I had been instantly lifted out of the darkness of a dungeon into warm, brilliant sunlight.” All worry left him as he realized more fully than he had ever imagined just how much the Lord Jesus Christ cared for him. From that day J. C. Penny was never plagued with worry, and he later recalled those moments in the chapel as, “the most dramatic and glorious twenty minutes of my life.” He later became one of America’s greatest retail merchants.

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On a Sunday in 1904, Civilla Martin was in Lestershire, New York, where her husband, Walter was compiling a collection of hymns for the Practical Bible Training School. They were planning to travel to another town that day, for Martin had a preaching assignment. Civilla woke up sick, and Martin was about to cancel his plans, when their young child piped up and said: “Oh, Daddy, you don’t have to stay home because of mother—God will take care of us.”

Martin proceeded to the train station and fulfilled his appointment. When he returned, Civilla handed him the words of “God Will Take Care of You,” which she had written in his absence. Going to his little organ, Martin composed the music, and it was first published in the songbook he was compiling for the school.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:		
		* RV
July 28, 2024	65	65
August 4, 2024	55	45
August 11, 2024	65	47
August 18, 2024	63	49
August 25, 2024	77	X

***RV - Remote Viewing**
(online viewing)

We are now recording the attendance for those watching online. This attendance is taken a week behind so we are sure to record those who have viewed the service throughout the week.

Financial Giving
Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$4,187.00

Sunday School Attendance	
August 4, 2024	8
August 11, 2024	8
August 18, 2024	11
August 25, 2024	15

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
August 4, 2024	\$4,506.44	\$913.80
August 11, 2024	\$3,071.22	\$371.00
August 18, 2024	\$1,360.87	\$330.00
August 25, 2024	\$2,292.24	\$165.00

<h2>Flower Calendar</h2>	
September 1, 2024	Don & Maedene Holmes
September 8, 2024	Lynda Evans
September 15, 2024	Myrna Metzger
September 22, 2024	Martha Vazquez
September 29, 2024	Connie Mault

<h2>Hospitality Cart</h2>	
September 1, 2024	Tracy & Tahler Sdao
September 8, 2024	Casey Rife
September 15, 2024	OPEN
September 22, 2024	Calloway & Cavanaugh Clark
September 29, 2024	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 9/1

Psalm 111, 112, 13, 146, 147
Job 4:1-21
Revelation 4:1-11, Mark 6:1-6

Monday 9/2

Psalm 1, 2, 4, 7, Job 4:1-27
Acts 9:19-31, John 6:52-59

Tuesday 9/3

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Job 6:1-15
Acts 9:32-43, John 6:60-71

Wednesday 9/4

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Job 6:1, 7:1-21
Acts 10:1-16, John 10:19-30

Thursday 9/5

Psalm 18, Job 6:1, 7:1-21
Acts 10:17-33, John 7:14-36

Friday 9/6

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Job 9:1-35
Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52

Saturday 9/7

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Job 10:1-22
Acts 11:1-18, John 8:12-20

Sunday 9/8

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Job 11:1-20
Revelation 5:1-14
Matthew 5:1-12

Monday 9/9

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Job 12:1-25
Acts 11:19-30, John 8:21-32

Tuesday 9/10

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Job 13:3-27
Acts 12:1-17, John 8:33-47

Wednesday 9/11

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Job 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25, John 8:47-59

Thursday 9/12

Psalm 37, Job 16:16-22, 17:13-16
Acts 13:1-12, John 9:1-17

Friday 9/13

Psalm 31, 35, Job 19:1-27
Acts 13:13-25, John 9:18-41

Saturday 9/14

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43, Job 22-23:7
Acts 13:26-43, John 10:1-18

Sunday 9/15

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20

Monday 9/16

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Job 32:1-10, 33:19-28
Acts 13:44-52, John 10:19-30

Tuesday 9/17

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Job 29:1-20
Acts 14:1-18, John 10:31-42

Wednesday 9/18

Psalm 53, 119:49-72
Job 30:1-31
Acts 14:19-28, John 11:1-16

Thursday 9/19

Psalm 59, 60, 93, 96
Job 31:1-23
Acts 15:1-11, John 11:17-29

Friday 9/20

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Job 31:24-40
Acts 15:12-21, John 11:30-44

Saturday 9/21

Psalm 55, 138, 139, Job 38:1-17
Acts 15:22-35, John 11:45-54

Sunday 9/22

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Job 38:18-41
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 5:21-26

Monday 9/23

Psalm 58, 64, 65, Job 40:1-24
Acts 15:36-16:5
John 11:55-12:8

Tuesday 9/24

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Job 41:1-11
Acts 16:6-15, John 12:9-19

Wednesday 9/25

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Job 42:1-17
Acts 16:16-24, John 12:20-26

Thursday 9/26

Psalm 70, 74, Job 28:1-28
Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a

Friday 9/27

Psalm 69, 73, Esther 1:1-19
Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36b-43

Saturday 9/28

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Esther 2:5-23
Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50

Sunday 9/29

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Monday 9/30

Psalm 79, 80, Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11
Luke 1:1-4 & 3:1-14



Kindness Poem

Kindness

Susan Frybort

When you show the good
in you to others without
expecting anything in return.

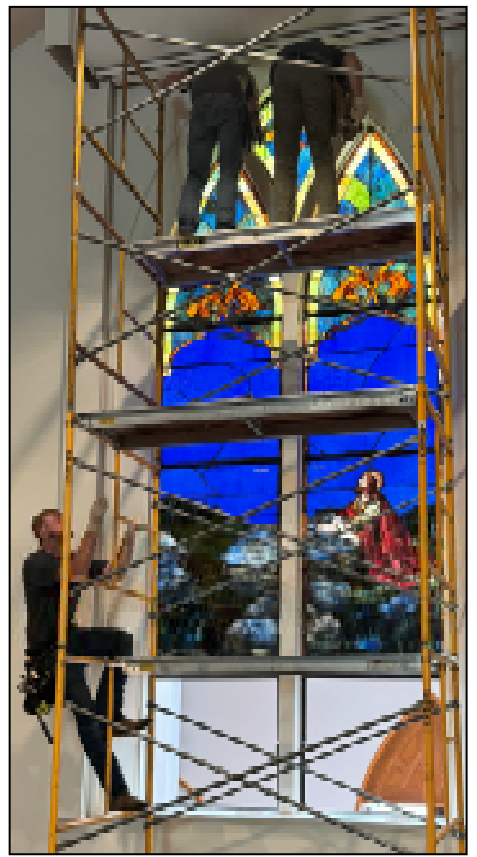
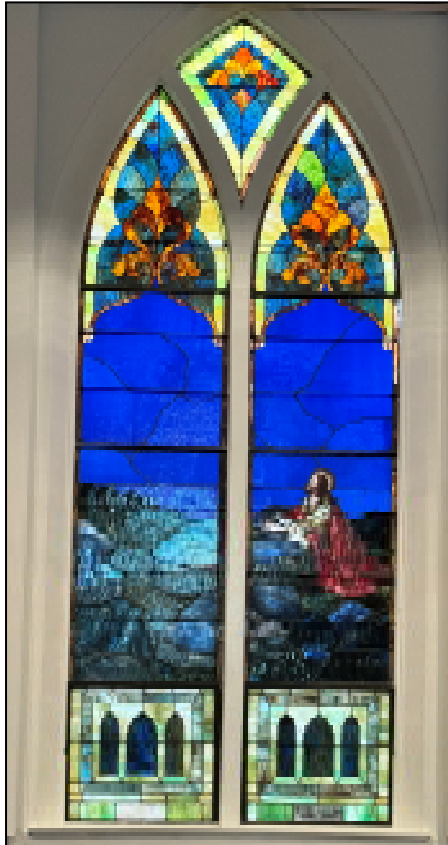
Kindness chose not to belittle
Another, but was found in the
tender curves of a smile.
In the softened tones of expression.
In the hand that reaches deep,
or extends itself to care.

When the world can feel harsh,
Kindness is an oasis, concerned
with reminding crestfallen spirits
and discouraged hearts that love
And hope prevails, and there is gentleness
to quench and fill the wanting spaces.

So let kindness be your
daily ritual. Let it flow from the
Wellspring of your heart.



Stained Glass Window



The Stained Glass Window at the south side of the sanctuary was removed for repairs, and will be reinstalled in a few weeks.

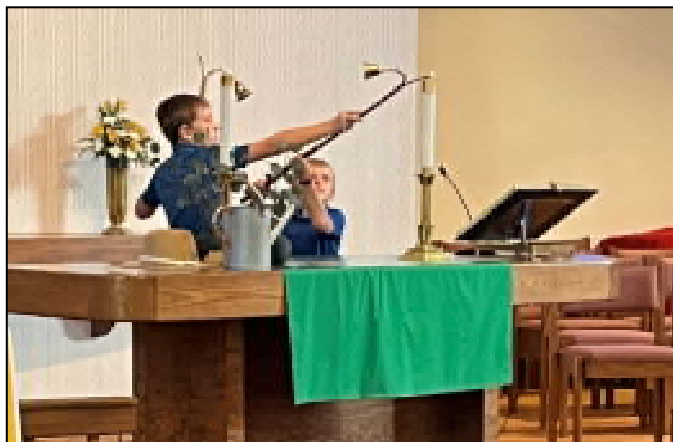


Sunday Worship

Acolytes

Jackson Rife teaching his brother Ashton, the proper technique to lighting the candles.

Thank you to the children of the church that serve as Acolytes.



Sunday, August 25th

Blessing of the backpacks and blessing to all educators heading Back for the 2024-2025 school year.



Connecting With ...



This banner in memory of Mary Steiner was on the Bunny Booster fair float. It also hung in the rabbit barn above where she sat.

She loved the Allen County Fair all her life. She would tell every 4-H kid in the rabbit barn the three most important words, I Love You!

Everyone in the barn loved Mary.



POST CARD

The more you give
The more you get,
The more you laugh,
The less you fret,
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly,
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare,
The more you love,
The more you'll find,
That life is good,
And friends are kind,
For only what we give away,
Enriches us from day to day.

Helen Steiner Rice



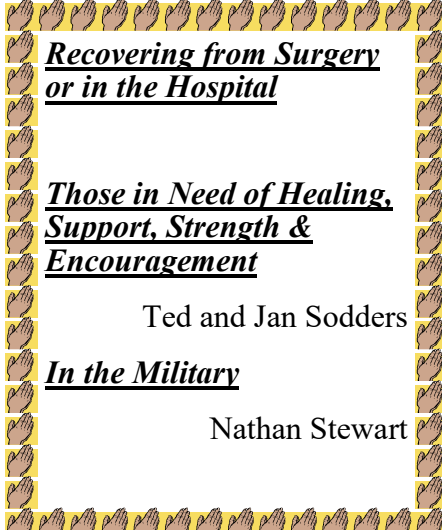
The People of St. Paul's

Thank You!

*To our Church Family at Elida St. Paul's UMC,
 Words cannot express how thankful we are for everything this past week to help us celebrate the life of Andrea Kay McAdams.
 From the prayers, cards, and expressions of concerns, to the windchimes, and wonderful meal that so many contributed to. We feel so lucky to be part of this church family.
 Thank you again so much!
 Ron McAdams
 Family of Brent and Vicki McAdams
 Family of Carl and Leasa Horst*



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ted and Jan Soddors

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

*With
 Deepest
 Sympathy*

Our sympathy to Wanda Strayer and Family on the passing of Gerald on August 16, he was 89. Gerald and Wanda celebrated their 70th anniversary in January. A memorial service officiated by Pastor Paul Scannell was held on August 28. Cards may be sent to the family at 1206 Latham Ave., Lima, OH 45805

An Autumn Poem

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day;
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow
 Blossom where the rose should grow;
 I shall sing when night's decay
 Ushers in a drearier day.

—Emily Brontë

St. Paul's Vision Statement:
Is for the Elida community to be led to Christ through words and deeds enabling youth to have purpose, families to be nurtured and supported, and senior citizens to feel valued.

Our Biblical Purpose Statement:
Elida St. Paul's United Methodist Church exists as God's people embracing His grace through humble service to all.

Meetings

NO PPR..

September 3, 2024
Trustees...7:00 PM

September 4, 2024
Worship Mtg...1:00 PM

NO Ad Council / Finance..

NO Missions Mtg..

**Sundays Hospitality...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM**

Wednesday Choir ..7:00 PM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries

- Chris & Kate Stengel
September 6
- Josh & Lori Motzer
September 7
- Greg & Barb Schade
September 7; 45 yrs.
- Tim & Katie White
September 8
- Nick & Kim White
September 10
- Jordan & Jacinda Freed
September 12
- Rick & Kara Woeller
September 17
- Chris & Molly Przekora
September 19
- Jonathan & Chelsey Cook
September 20
- Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 20; 66 yrs.
- Don & Mary Irvin
September 22; 62 yrs.
- Mike & Becky Ellinger
September 25

1 Avery Chambers	2 Kathy White	3 Reggie McAdams	4	5 Gene Craft Casey Rife Lindsey Rutter	6	7 Logan Smith
8	9 Janet Grigg	10	11	12	13 John Kuenzli	14
15 Ashley Edwards	16	17	18	19 Evan Bowsher Jackson Bowsher Jordan Wyant	20	21 Merah McAdams Nathan Stewart
22 Oliver Fessler Shannen Vermillion	23 Amy Wyant	24 Troy Selover Tyler Smith	25 Helen Staas Valerie Kuenzli	26 Carl Rabley	27 Alex McAdams Ann Stewart Juergen Waldick	28
29 Rob Craft Bruce Kizer	30					

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Barbara Yoder's Maple Brown Sugar –Frosted Zucchini Bars

By Shirley Moser

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	Sugar	<p>Preheat oven to 375 degrees</p> <p>Grease, using butter or shortening, a 9x13 baking pan. Set aside.</p> <p>In large bowl mix zucchini, sugar, eggs and oil.</p> <p>In a separate bowl, whisk together the. flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.</p> <p>Fold the dry ingredient into the wet ingredients until combined.</p> <p>Spoon the dough into baking pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until knife inserted into the bars, comes out clean.</p> <p>When completely cool, frost with maple brown sugar frosting.</p> <p>Frosting directions: Place brown sugar, butter and cream in a sauce pan and bring to a rolling boil, scraping down the sides of the pan with a spatula.</p> <p>Allow the mixture to cool</p> <p>Stir in powdered sugar until the desired sweetness and Consistency is achieved. Stir in maple flavoring.</p> <p>Frost bars or sugar cookies.</p>
1 cup	Light brown sugar, packed	
2 cups	Zucchini, shredded	
1 cup	Oil	
3	Eggs	
2 cups	Flour	
2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 tsp.	Baking powder	
1/2 tsp	Salt	
	Frosting:	
2 cups	Light brown sugar, packed	
6 Tbl.	Butter, room temperature	
3/4 cup	Heavy cream	
3 cups	Powdered sugar, or to taste	
2 tsp.	Maple flavoring	



KIDZ KORNER

a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with



SUPERFOODS

that promote a healthy body and mind.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes bread comes in in whoever hungry go life me me never to never the the of will will thirsty whoever



"I _____

 _____"

-John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

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Living Our Faith

The Extraordinary Amid the Ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!