



Allen AveNews

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May 8
Mother's Day



June 2
MCS Graduation



May 27
WMC Graduation



June 14
Flag Day



June 19
Father's Day



Special Collections:

May 1
Christian Care

May 22
Step Up

June 5
Resonate Global Missions

June 19
Reframe Ministries

For me, this Spring seems to have been a long time in arriving. I don't know if I am just anxious for some warmer temperatures or what. My daffodils, not wanting to shine yellow like the sun, seem to be still sleeping, wrapped up in the green blanket of stem and leaf avoiding the cold that lingers around my house and yard. I'm waiting for Spring and the new life it brings.

Saint Augustine measures the passing of time by the movement of bodies such as the sun, moon and stars, or the passing of sounds saying that a two-syllable word is longer in time than a one-syllable word. And all of that is measured in terms of time present and time past. The time present is but a passing moment, moment by moment and is soon past. God, who is eternal, without time, created time as one of his first acts of creation, "In the beginning . . ."

God in his wisdom has given us time. As Solomon in his wisdom says in Ecclesiastes 3, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die..."

There is a proper time, according to Solomon, for a great number of different activities. "A time to plant and a time to uproot . . . , a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance . . . , a time to search and a time to give up, a time to be silent and a time to speak..."

God, who is eternal, outside of time, controls time. It is his. He sets it and appoints it. He arranges it.

In Psalm 75, Asaph sings, "We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near; people tell of your wonderful deeds. You say, 'I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity.'"

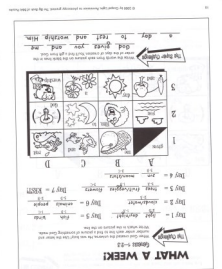
God chooses the appointed time. In all my anxiety and frantic activity, I can't make Spring come any sooner. It will come when God says, "Come." And when it comes, it brings with it a reminder of new life, flowers blooming, trees budding out, and greening up.

I guess I want to encourage us to not be anxious but continue to work and wait for God's timing. Whatever we may be facing, waiting for healing, waiting for our next pastor, waiting for a season of life to pass or to come, waiting for Christ to return, God's got this. It's in his control and in his time.

—Pastor Stan



IT'S BEEN SO NICE HAVING YOU FOR DINNER, VICAR STEVENS. I LOVE TO WATCH A HUNGRY YOUNG MAN EAT MY MEALS! LAND SAKES... YOU CLEANED UP EVERY PLATE OF MY LIVER AND NOODLE CASSEROLE THAT I DISHED OUT FOR YOU!



Note: If you exchange assignments with someone, let Deanna VanderPloeg know so she can have it right in the bulletin. aacrcsecretary@gmail.com or 231.722.6411

Nursery Schedule



May	1	Carol P, Tayla V
	8	Amber J, Sherri W
	15	Nancy R, Maelin V
	22	Renee V, Taylor J
	29	Sue S, Emily S
June	5	Barb, Tayla
	12	Susan, Sherrie
	19	Toni, Maelin
	26	Karen, Emily

Coffee Schedule



May	1	Amber & Dean
	8	Sherrie & Jack
	15	Laurie & Roger
	22	Sandy & Ron
	29	Laurie & Jack
June	5	need someone
	12	need someone
	19	Jim & Sue
	26	Scott & Toni

GEMS' SUNDAY



The entire Gems group. Counselors: Jill, Charry, Amber, Renee, Junior Counselor: Emily



Jill summarized the Gems' year.



Amber gave the children's message.



***Girls Everywhere Meeting
the Savior***

Who's Who in the Pew



The Schout Family

Nate
Becky
Simon, 5
Nora, 2

Nate grew up in Holland, MI and Becky in St. Joseph, MI. Both Becky and Nate went to Grand Valley State University. Nate went on to Arizona State University for graduate school.

Prior to becoming principal at Muskegon Christian School, Nate worked at Phoenix Christian School for 3 years, 3 years in inner-city Phoenix schools, and 2 years in Detroit schools. Becky taught for 6 years in inner-city Phoenix and 2 years in inner-city Detroit. She is currently teaching in Fruitport schools.

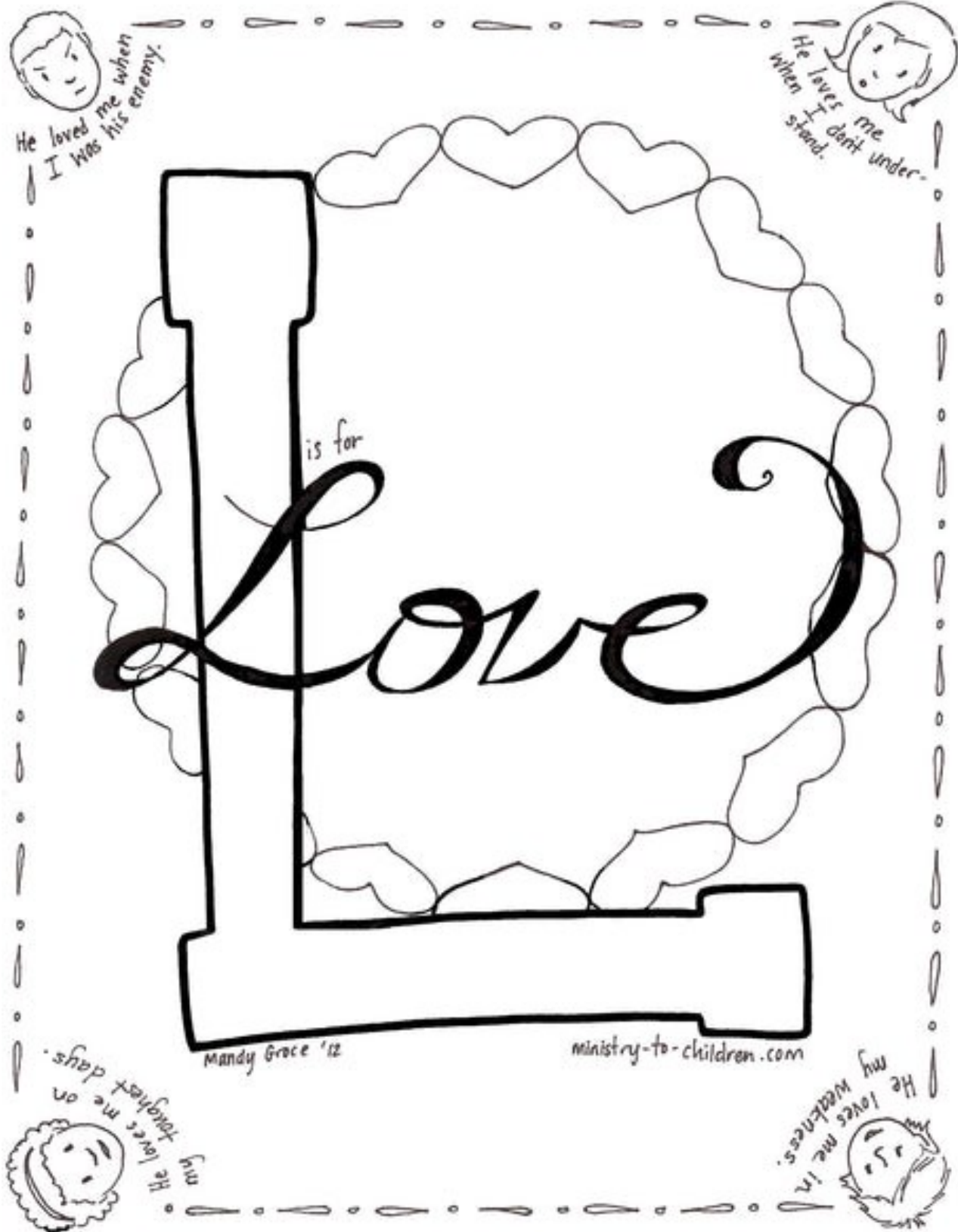
They love to do anything outside as a family (camping, fishing, walks, beach days, etc). Becky and Nate both love running. Simon loves everything animals and Nora loves just going along with whatever the rest of the family is doing!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



This is the day the Lord has made.. so get up mommy so we can play. **Ps 118:24**

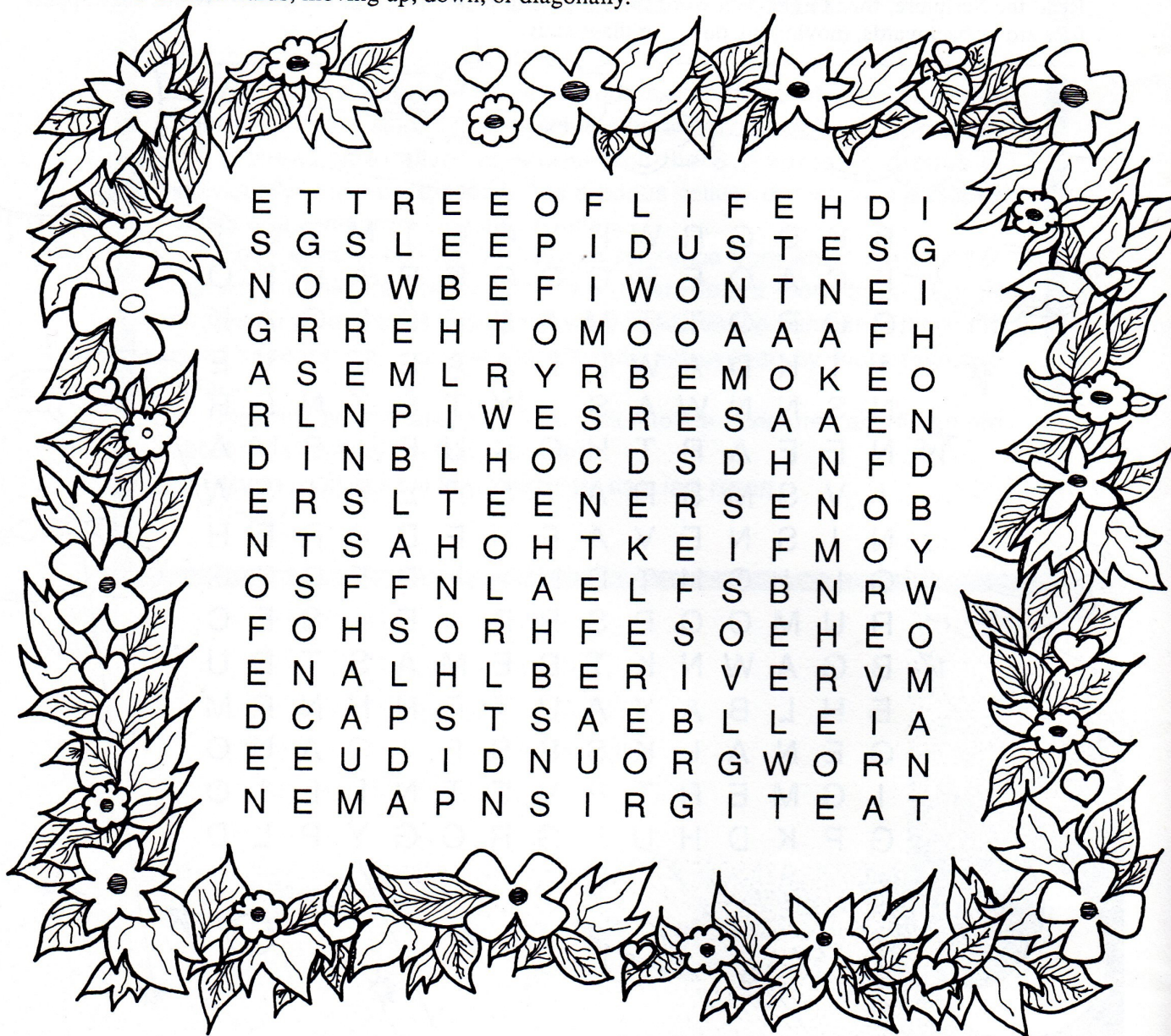




Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:4-25

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



Word Bank

Tigris
ground
birds
Tree of Life
Tree of Knowledge

ribs
Pishon
Gihon
flesh
Euphrates

Garden of Eden
eat (2)
helper
dust
nostrils

sleep
river (2)
woman (2)
bone (2)
beasts

father
mother
wife
naked
created

Bonus: To discover the secret message, write the uncircled letters on the blank lines below.

WHAT A WEEK!

Genesis 1—2:3

The Challenge

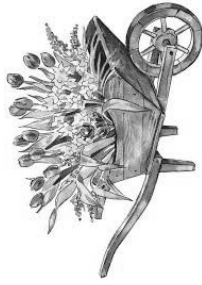
When God created the universe, He was busy! Use the letter and number under each line to find a picture of something God made. Write what's in the picture on the line.

Day 1 = 2-D 1-A Day 5 = 1-D 1-C
 Day 2 = 2-A Day 6 = 3-D 2-B
 Day 3 = 3-A 1-B 3-C Day 7 = REST!
 Day 4 = 3-B 2-C

	A	B	C	D
1	gives	me	and	rest
2	you	Him.	to	God
3	and	day	a	worship

The Super Challenge

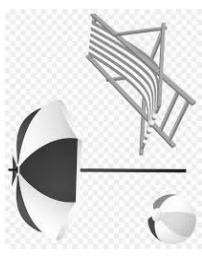
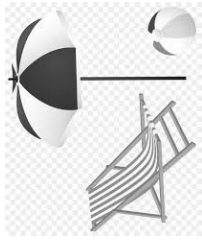
Write the words from each picture on the blank lines in the order of the days of creation. You'll find a gift from God.



May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Ashly Schuitema	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Jim Malda	11 John Baker	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Keri Vergara
22	23 Tayla Vlasma	24 Dave Rop	25	26 Charlie VanderPloeg	27 Mike Breuker	28
29 Maelin Vlasma	30	31 Dan VanderPloeg				



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 John Schuitema	4
5 Becky Schout	6 Nora Schout	7	8	9	10	11 Ro VerHeul Carlie VanderPloeg Molly Patton Nancy Rop
12	13	14	15	16 Stan Rop Steve Rop Joe Vlasma	17	18
19	20	21	22 Denise Koetje	23 Pearl Kitchen	24	25 Myla Workman
26 Susan Vanderlaan Brian Schuitema	27	28 Phil Snyder	29	30 Sherrie Wolffis Simon Schout		