



# Allen AveNews

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September 4  
Labor Day



September 17  
Fall Education Kick-Off Pot-  
luck



October 9  
Columbus Day



October 31  
Reformation Day



### Special Collections:

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## Bring Your Kindling



When did you learn how to build a fire? Whether working on a merit badge for Cadets or Calvinettes (what GEMS used to be called!) or camping over a holiday weekend with your family, you've possibly heard about kindling. Kindling is essential fuel for starting or re-starting a fire.

When asked about why Amazon named its e-reading device a "Kindle," here's what the designer had to say:

Jeff [Bezos, the CEO] wanted to talk about the future of reading, but in a small, not *braggadocio* way. We didn't want it to be 'techie' or trite...Kindle means to set alight or start to burn ... to make or become bright. The word's roots are from the Old Norse word *kyndill*, meaning Candle. "I verified that it had deep roots in literature," adds Hibma. "From Voltaire: 'The instruction we find in books is like fire. We fetch it from our neighbors, kindle it at home, communicate it to others and it becomes the property of all.'"

In a world where glowing electronics have replaced many other forms of neighborly communication, it seems as important as ever to remember how we discovered *true fire* in the first place. Before the Greeks and Persians told stories about Prometheus, I AM Who I AM spoke to Moses from an on-fire-without-burning bush: "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Generations later, the one who baptizes with Spirit and fire said to his disciples: I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When the power of the Spirit came upon those in Jerusalem at Pentecost, they spoke what God taught them as they were clothed with tongues of flame. And this same *charisma*, this gift from the indwelling Holy Spirit is what Paul tells Timothy to "re-light" or fan into flame (2 Timothy 1:6)

Starting in September, we will also be "gathering kindling" as we fan the flame of the Spirit's gifts among us. We'll hear messages from the letter of 2 Timothy while small groups study "Still Day One - Living in the Day after the Day of Pentecost." Start gathering your kindling now – through prayer and preparation – so that we may see the fire of God's discipling mission burn brightly in our midst this fall!

—Pastor Mark
















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



































# Church Picnic
















 It was a beautiful day for a picnic!!!

Thank you John and Sue Sytsema  
 for allowing us to use your beautiful  
 lawn on Mona Lake.



# GEMS NEWS

We are excited to get another year of GEMS going again! We have leaders, we have material, we have our schedule set, and we'll be mailing out the invitations soon. We are already praying for the girls who will be coming and for the Holy Spirit to use this ministry to bring hope and confidence to our GEMS

It's not easy being a girl today. Today's girls know the heartache of global pandemics, gun violence, lack of genuine connection in person and on-line, and unlimited access to scary and sad stories around the world. They face unique challenges and unsustainable pressures in a culture of confusion about who they are and what Truth is. Our lesson material this year is called "Rise Up" and focuses on the story of Queen Esther. She may not have been perfect, but she is a perfect example to today's girls of how to live set apart in a faithless culture. Everything changes when a girl stops grasping for hope and meets the God of hope. Our theme verse is from Isaiah 40:31

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." When a girl knows she can trust God's heart, she is able to trust Him with all her heart. Please join us in praying our GEMS will place their hope in God, stand secure, and have complete confidence as they rise up and make a difference in our world. Thanks again for supporting the GEMS ministry.

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Using lesson material, the girls will learn 5 Bible-based Truths about who God is and what it means to put their hope in Him. They will learn

- \*God is King
- \*God is our Deliverer
- \*God is Trustworthy
- \*God is always at work
- \*God is with us wherever we go



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Jill Schuitema, Charry Snyder, Re'nee Vlasma, and Amber Johnson

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

**Nursery Schedule**



September 3 Susan V, Addy M  
 10 Karen A, Lily  
 17 Lis M, Maelin V  
 24 Sherrie W, Mary P

October 1 Laurie D, Tayla V  
 8 Sue S, Beth V  
 15 Carol P, Mel V  
 22 Amber J, Becki F  
 29 Nancy R, Deb A

**Coffee Schedule**



September 3 Amber & Dean Johnson  
 10 Sandy Volkers, Ron Friday  
 17 Education Committee  
 24 Becki & Randy Fisher

October 1 Susan & Bob Vanderlaan  
 8 Laurie & Jack DeJonge  
 15 Kristen & Ron Vlasma  
 22 Sherrie & Jack Wolffis  
 29 Deb & Russ Vlasma

**FALL EDUCATION KICK-OFF POTLUCK**

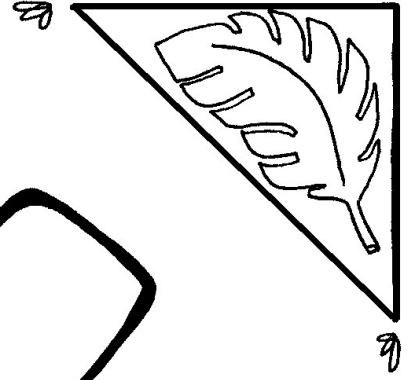
The Education Committee will be holding our annual Fall Education Kick-Off Potluck on Sunday, September 17 in the church basement. Again this year, we will be supplying hot dogs hot off the grill and we're letting you bring a dish to pass. Please sign up on the sign up sheets located in the coffee area in the basement.

Before the potluck begins, there will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary for the Sunday School and Catechism kids and their parents. Please come and meet the staff for this year, see what material will be used, learn where the kids will be meeting, and go home with a schedule for Sunday School and Catechism

At the Potluck, we will be celebrating the many years of service of Gord and Carol Peterman and Deb Vlasma in the Sunday School and Catechism programs and of Dale Johnson in the Cadet program. They are "retiring" so we would like to recognize them. If you have any stories or memories/experiences you or your children may have of these special folks, please come prepared to share.

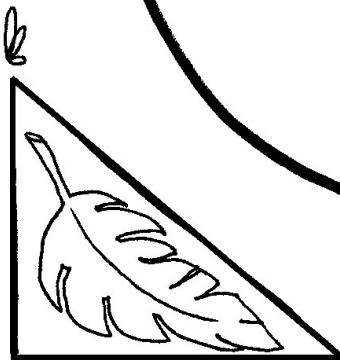
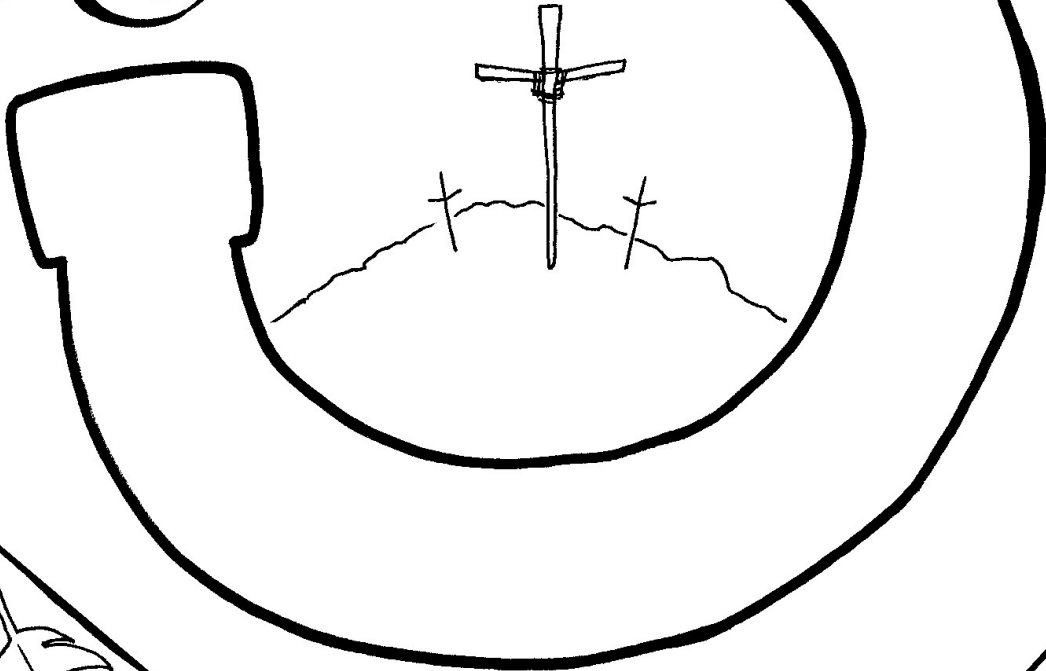




I often wonder who colors the pictures in the Allen AveNews. Betty TenBrink colored this one.



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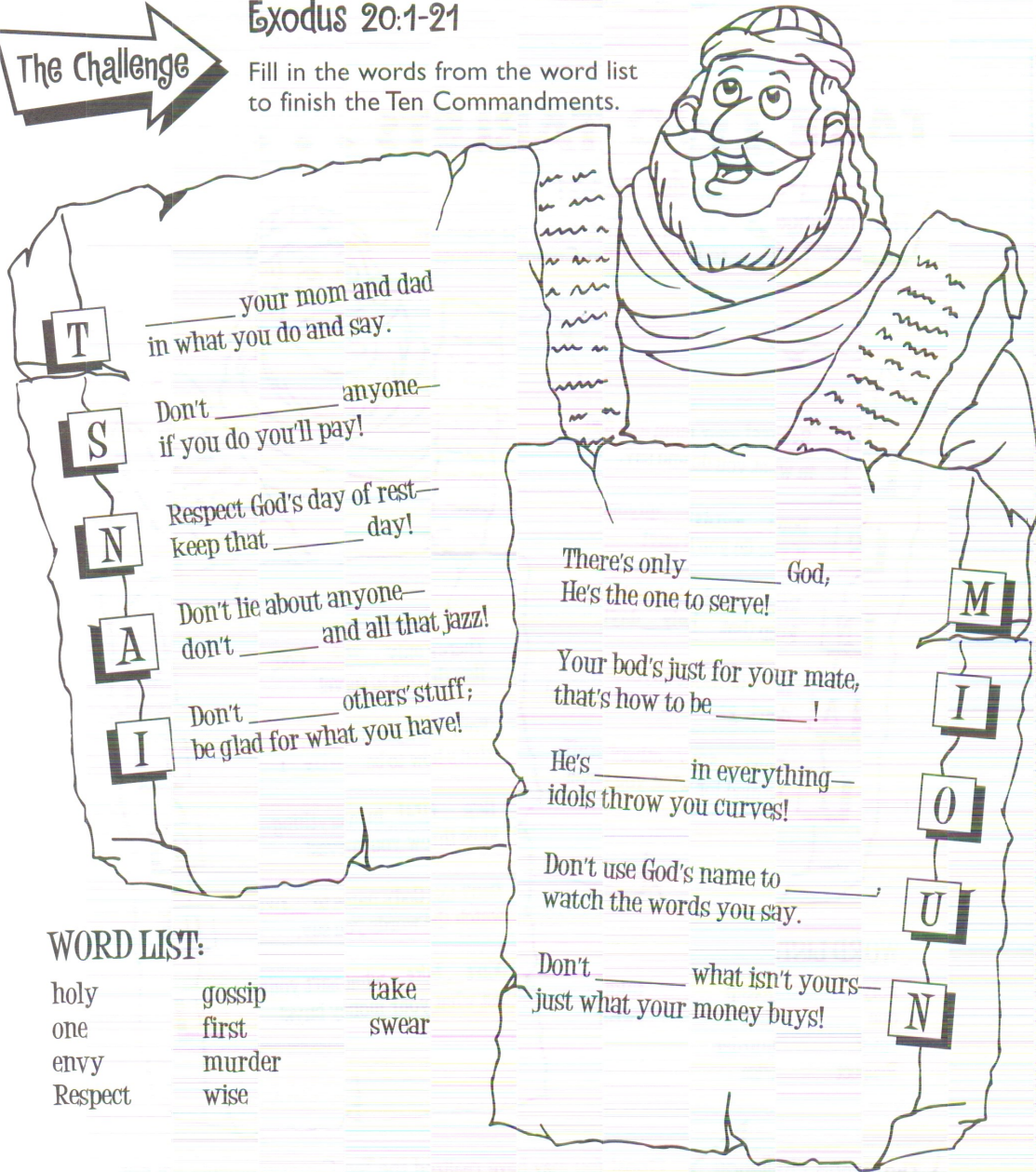
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# TAKE TWO TABLETS . . .

Exodus 20:1-21

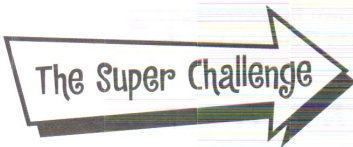


Fill in the words from the word list to finish the Ten Commandments.



## WORD LIST:

- |         |        |       |
|---------|--------|-------|
| holy    | gossip | take  |
| one     | first  | swear |
| envy    | murder |       |
| Respect | wise   |       |



Oops! You may have realized the Ten Commandments are out of order. Put them in order and write down the corresponding letter to discover where Moses was when God gave him the commandments.

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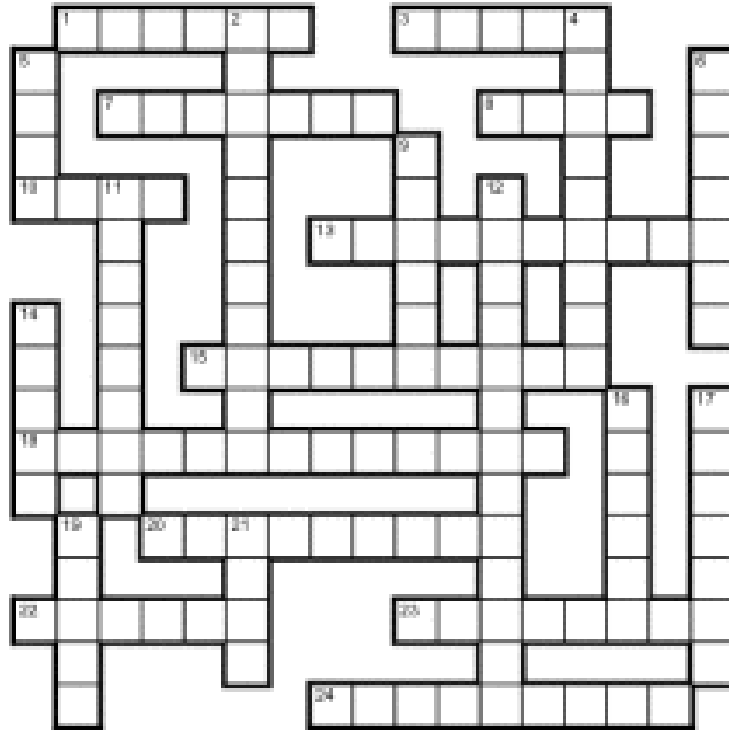
# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)
- 3 Let your shine before men! (5)
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)
- 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)
- 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)
- 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)
- 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)
- 23 Fellow believers. (8)
- 24 The earth is this to God. (9)

## Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)



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- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)
- 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)
- 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)





# ✝ Church is Fun ✝

## Word Search

L B L M C U D C O U R A G E G R A C E R  
 H E A L I N G V K F W T P E A C E I C B  
 J E S U S F N K P C H U R C H M X L F O  
 X O P P Q L U H O L Y N F A I T H I O N  
 W R C O M P A S S I O N Z D H A A K D E  
 I Q P A X T W J P I H S D N E I R F M O  
 S K U A E G N I T G O D S L B E L I E F  
 D J O Y I T M A B N Y L Q F G U Z K F E  
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 M U Y K W O S Y U N N N B S Q L V H P O  
 L Y Y C R E M S K J C H O P E Q F U F I  
 O N E V A E H D A J G E J M X U L K S Q  
 T R U T H J B E F D D K B U V M N D V F

**Word list:**

BELIEF  
 BLESSINGS  
 CHRIST  
 CHURCH  
 COMPASSION  
 COURAGE  
 ETERNAL  
 FAITH  
 FAITHFULNESS  
 FORGIVENESS

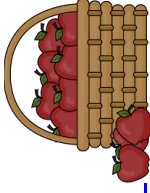
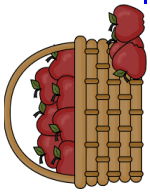
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 GOD  
 GRACE  
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 HEALING  
 HEAVEN  
 HOLY  
 HOPE  
 JESUS

JOY  
 LOVE  
 MERCY  
 OBEDIENCE  
 PATIENCE  
 PEACE  
 SALVATION  
 SPIRIT  
 TRUTH  
 WISDOM





# September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Don Green Katelyn Mor-	4	5	6	7 Daniel Mast	8 Randy Fisher	9
10 Courtney Vanderlaan	11 Dale Johnson	12	13 Aethan Hofman	14	15 Jack DeJonge	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Kevin Rop	29	30 Jim Doornbos



# October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lois Vanden-Bosch	2	3 Emily Snider	4	5 Jill Schuitema	6	7 Karen Alphenaar
8	9 Bob Botting	10	11 Shelby Schuitema	12	13	14
15	16	17 Yeabsira Vlasma	18 Beth VanRees	19 Toni Schuitema	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pat Madendorp	28 Deb Vlasma
29	30	31				