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Inspired By Christ, it is our mission to share God's Word and Love in care and in service to all.



THE GRACE MESSENGER

2012 Council Members Boato Ralph Fitle



John Boato Ralph Fitle
Vicki Cox June Hilmer
Sarah Emery David Hufford

Greg Hula Carolyn Matson Samantha Trejo Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on May 8th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: We pray for the continued recovery of those close to us; Greg's friends, Rudy Harwath as he awaits a new hip, Ralph's co-worker Randy Haney as he is now home with his new liver. We pray for the healing of Ken Hilmer as he consults with Doctors about back surgery, David's friend Al Frazier after his recent surgery for a brain tumor, Sarah's friend Jason Swiercek and his family as they struggle with their 3 year old daughter's reoccurring brain tumor, and for Fern Matson's family as they deal with questions related to assisted living options. We pray for Micah Laaker with his current health concerns. We give thanks for Carolyn's niece with her new baby boy, for Rebecca Yalle's recovery from her tooth problems, and for the continued ability to keep terroristic attacks at bay –and our leaders making some difficult decisions. We pray for peace & stabilization in areas of unrest; Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. We pray that God will help comfort and guide our fellow Sudanese congregation as they deal with David & Nenchi's son's arrest, and that he will give assistance to John Boato with his financial struggles.

Pastor led devotions from Hosea 4.1 and Luke 18.13. The first reminds us that faithlessness exists. The second reminds us to take the posture of seeking forgiveness.

<u>Visions for Ministry</u>: The Council discussed chapter three in Missional Renaissance. We discussed how to really think about what our focus is, and ought to be. Please re-read pages Chapter Three for our next meeting.

Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

<u>Christian Education:</u> David, Carolyn, and Ralph will take on the leadership of VBS this summer. Thank you!

<u>Evangelism/Outreach:</u> We have been approached by a neighborhood young man who needs community service hours, if you have any suggestions – please see Pastor.

<u>Finance</u>: We have received two new quotes for our insurance on the building. We have one more to receive. The first Sunday in June, we will decide on the new carrier. The council ratified the endowment distribution from the Disney Fund. We also decided to reinvest the CD for 1 year from the current flower fund.

<u>Property:</u> Our attorney will be in conversation with the insurance carrier about our new roof. The new bid to have work completed should be in soon, and it looks to be a 3-4 week job. The council decided to offer a contingency for a 6 month wait to make a decision on the Scarpino property. Our attorney will draft this option.

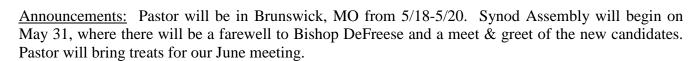
Service/Social Ministry: Saturday, May 19 from 9-2 will be the neighborhood cleanup.

<u>Support/Stewardship:</u> We decided to reduce the number of offering envelopes order to 50 for 2013. Fall Stewardship will be "Moving forward by Faith."

Worship: No new report.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> No new report.

New Business: No new report.





And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

- Thank you to Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their dedication in tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to look welcoming.
- Thank you to Mary Laaker, Tom and Sarah Emery, for their ongoing care in the nursery during Sunday morning worship service.
- Thank you to Bob Moss and Jerry Van Ormer for their continuing efforts to maintain the church with any projects that need to be completed.
- ♦ Thank you to Marilyn, LaVonne, June, and Eva, with your dedication in quilting for the Lutheran World Relief. Have a great summer break!
- ♦ Thank you to Nenchi Ilka, you are doing such a great job cleaning the church building!
- Thank you to Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, Joe Narducci, Greg and Janet Hula, and Eva Martin who pick up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- Thank you to Ron and Donna Adrian, and Brenda Spahr who take care of the altar, set up and take down communion.
- ◆ Thank you to the Newsletter Assembly Committee (LaVonne, Bob, Marilyn, Jerry, June, Eva, Gloria, and Louise who dedicate one morning every month to assemble the Newsletter for mailing. Have a great summer, help will be needed again in August!
- Thank you to the lawn care crew, Bob Moss and Jerry Van Ormer, for your weekly dedication, the yard looks very inviting within the neighborhood community.
- Thank you to David Hufford, Ralph Fitle, and Carolyn Matson for organizing and leading this summer's Vacation Bible School.



I was reading in the paper about the clashes between protesters and the police in Chicago as President Obama and NATO leaders met. This meeting was focused on the ending of the war in Afghanistan. I have to admit I, for one, am ready for us to end all the wars that we, as a country, are involved in.

I saw a bumper sticker on a car the other day that made me smile. It read something like "I'm already against the next war." I wonder what it will take for humans to lay aside their wars and truly seek peace.

I was reading an article written by Wesley Runk about peace. In it he made the following reflections. "We pray for peace but we mostly pray for the kind of peace that is resolved in our favor. We ask God to protect our soldiers and our kind of country. We pray for peace while we support the idea of new weapons that will protect us from all others. We know that the kind of war we will wage against the enemy will not bring world peace but it will keep us safe.

"I remember the story of a German soldier and an American soldier isolated in the same house in the dead of winter with only their guns to protect them. Protecting oneself did not allow either one to get firewood or food when they ran out of both. Neither one of them had anyone to converse with or share a cigarette. Finally, after many days they both threw down their guns and became friends. There is a similar story about a Japanese soldier that never knew the war had ended and lived in complete fear of capture while living in a cave on a mountain. At night he would slip out of the cave to steal food or firewood and then return. He spied on people moving about freely but without the information that the war was over he remained in seclusion. After years of hiding he was discovered and then learned that the war had been over for years. He was welcomed back into a community that he believed wanted to capture or kill him.

"Peace is something that the church should move to the front line on its agenda. There is little hope in this world without peace. Imagine what we are missing in the exploration of space because of war. Think about the abundance of the world's resources that can't be traded because of war. The cost of war is forbidding education to millions that have the desire but not the resources. Imagine turning our thoughts to new medicine instead of a new weapon.

"If we are expecting the people that we elect to Congress or the presidency to change our policies, forget it. President Obama built his campaign on ending wars, establishing alliances with other partners besides Western Europe and the Japanese. Did it happen? Of course not. Peace comes when we change another person's heart and little else will do it. A man is not going to be a leader of peace when he still believes his child is the only one that is right in a fight or a school issue. The man that is stressed out by an immigrant from another part of the world looking to feed his family will gladly take up arms to push him back from where he came or kill him. You can't be a peace-seeker and try to build the biggest house on the block and drive the biggest car you can put in your garage."

So where does this leave us? Doomed to continue fighting wars?

I wonder if we could be bold enough to live into the Spirit of God that seeks to have us love and care for one another rather than fight and kill. I am hopeful that talks will become actions and we will see the wars end and peace prevail. In the meantime, I hope you will join me in praying for peace and seeking to live in love and care with one another.



Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends

"Give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."

1 Kings 8:28

Those we pray for named below are members unless otherwise specified:

- Andrew Edwards Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found.
- Ken Hilmer Ongoing health issues.
- La Vonne Moss Ongoing health issues.
- Jack Williams Ongoing health issues.
- Don Olson Ongoing health issues.
- Ferne Matson Recovery from a fall.
- Rose Heesacker Ongoing cancer treatments. (June Hilmer's sister.)
- Rex Olson Ongoing cancer treatments. (Don Olson's brother.)
- Wanda Black Ongoing health issues. (Don Olson's sister.)
- Pastor Judy Gifford Ongoing cancer treatment. (Assistant to the Bishop.)
- Norma Courtney Ongoing health issues. (Arlone Farber's Mom.)
- Mary Jane King Ongoing health issues. (Donna Adrian's Mom.)
- Jean Matson Ongoing cancer treatments. (Andrea Spahr's Grandma.)
- Mike Novak Ongoing cancer treatment. (Dorothy Novak's son.)
- Sharon Bishop Ongoing cancer treatments. (Friend of Dorothy Novak.)
- Jeff Van Overen Ongoing during cancer treatments. (Friend of many.)

Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:

Mae Lane - St Joe Villa. Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn. Barbara Narducci - Home Jack Williams - Immanuel Village.

Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Church.

Pray for the Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us.

Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Laaker

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

• Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange and Charles Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.

Let's encourage each other as we see God's hand in answering our prayers.





Quilting for Lutheran World Relief Will be taking a summer break!

Quilting will resume in September!

Have a Great Summer!

Wednesday Night
June 20, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Candle light Prayer Service
for Confession,
Meditation and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church.

People of all faiths are welcome!







Program: Keep Omaha Beautiful

Project: Kountze Pantry Food or paper items or monetary gifts

Reservations By: June 10, 2012

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Lu Schmidt - 402-891-9030

Luncheon: \$6.00 CC

The minister and his wife placed an ad for a butler. Early the next morning a nicely dressed young man appeared at their front door. The minister asked him, "Can you fix breakfast by 7 a.m. every day?"

"Well... I guess I can," the young man said.

"And can you make the beds, dust the living room, do the dishes, cut the grass, and polish the silver also?"

"Gee, Sir, I just came by to see about getting married. But if it's going to be that much work, you can forget it!" the young man replied.

 —via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Glassboro, NJ Reprinted with permission by JoyfulNoiseletter.com

Nebraska Synod Assembly 2012 Bethany Lutheran Church Elkhorn May 31, through June 2

Volunteers are needed to help the assembly run smoothly. Volunteer opportunities include; greeting voting and non-voting members, assisting with registration, directing traffic, set-up and tear down before and after the assembly. If you are interested please contact Pastor Brad E. Meyer at pastorbrad@lord-of-love.org or call at 402-493-2946.



Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO)

Kountze Memorial and St. Matthew Lutheran Churches have teamed up for a second year to host Lutheran Youth Serve Omaha (LYSO).

Each day youth are sent out into a variety of service sites in the community. Youth will be divided into groups according to grade level (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12th) and a new service site will be scheduled for each group, each day. Those service sites will be based on rotations and develop awareness in the areas of Poverty and Hunger, Children and Youth, Senior Care, and the Environment.

We are inviting Churches, you to join LYSO! June 11th - 15th, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, grades K - 12th. For additional information please call Ian Hartfield at Kountze Memorial (402) 341-7761 / ian@kmlchurch.org or Stacia Vawter at St. Matthew (402) 556-7030 / stacia@smlutheran.com a brochure has been posted on the bulletin board.



Vacation Bible School

July 15 - 19, 2012

The theme this year is Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity and is scheduled for Sunday, July 15th through Thursday, July 19! Vacation Bible School is an inspiring presence for all in-

volved both young and old, with this annual summer activity. Want to volunteer, help out, or have fun, and grow together? A Planning meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. Any additional questions, please see David Hufford, Ralph Fitle, or Carolyn Matson. Watch for next month's newsletter for additional information.

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"Helping Hands"

Working Together in God's service





Special Pantry Needs for June: Canned Vegetables, Cookies, Crackers, Tuna, Hamburger, and Chicken Helpers

These are things our clients can not purchase with their food stamps and are always appreciated.

Deodorant Dish soap

Can Openers Toothbrush and toothpaste
Shaving Cream Mouthwash (without alcohol)
Razors Feminine hygiene products

Kleenex Hair products (combs, brushes, picks)

Bar Soap Dry Laundry Soap

Bathroom tissue Shampoo

Diaper wipes

Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, 6 and pullups

We always need paper or plastic bags.

Project Hope also has a Clothing Room and is in need of all sizes of clothing, Especially spring and summer clothing.

Project Hope 4205 Boyd St Omaha, NE 68111 402-453-7649

Dear Project Hope:

I came here for the first time needing just a little more help to get through the month. The people were so nice and patient with me as they helped me fill out my paperwork. This was all so new to me. I found shoes & clothing for my little one. Then I went downstairs where I was greeted with a smile and someone explained to me what things I could get with my food. I was very nervous and a little ashamed for needing this kind of help. I was relived that I was treated like a person, not a stranger off the street.



My little one was given a small bag of toys and some snacks. She got a big smile on her face that gave me something to smile about too. I was given a grocery basket of food and a nice gentleman pushed it out to my car. He put everything in the car and told me to have a great day.

Driving home I felt grateful that I had come to a place with such caring and giving people. I hope I will never have to use their services again but I know that Project Hope is a place that cares for people.

Kids At Work 2012





I am looking forward to new inspirations and discoveries this summer; not just for myself, for everyone involved in one form or another surrounding the Kids At Work summer program.

Our awesome contact person, Laura Davis, with Bank of the West, has shared her thoughts regarding this program. She feels such joy that her part of this program is to spend time with the families as they open the savings accounts. Laura shows such a patience with each family as they learn and ask any questions surrounding the responsibilities of a child having their own savings account. Angie is the owner of Precious Memories Daycare. Kids At Work has been "helping" in any capacity that is needed for a number of summers. Each summer Angie is thrilled to welcome the KAW program back, we both find a purpose in watching the children in various ages interact with one another.

Recently a devotion in "The Word In Season" led to some interesting thoughts. Psalm 115:1 reads "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory." The devotion goes on to include a thought about God's creation is everywhere, even beyond the sight of any human eye. It is interesting to be reminded that the earth does not revolve only around humans; but for all living things. This led to another interesting thought....through God's good works, not mine, God's, how many are helped or find assistance within the outreach of Kids At Work?

There are new faces this summer, a new work-site, it's a new time for learning, growing, and the possibility of discovering something new in ourselves. The first Sunday for Kids At Work is June 3, it's just around the corner; let's get to the corner, turn and see what happens.

The annual question continues, are you ready to join in with Kids At Work for some summer fun, growth, accomplishments, and inspiration? Kids At Work is continuously looking for all volunteers, those who can drive 3-4 youth to a work site, and those who are willing to encourage youth in odd jobs around the neighborhood within walking distance. Any questions, conversations, etc., please give me a call at the church office, 402-341-7730.

Brenda Spahr, Director Kids At Work

P.S.

The Kids At Work Welcome Dinner is postponed until Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m., any questions, please give me a call.



The 2012 Summer Build season for Neighbors South - Habitat for Humanity. We are graced with a great site at 2460 South 19th Street, where we will be building a five bedroom home for Abdisalam and Isnino and their three children. Abdisalam and Isnino have come to Omaha from Somalia. The Build will begin June 15.

When Abdisalam and Isnino were living in Somalia, their country was in the midst of a brutal civil war. They tried to shelter their family from the destruction and violence, but it was becoming increasingly difficult to raise their children in such an environment. Abdi and Isnino decided to make arrangements to come to the United States, but there were severe military restrictions that kept

Abdi from being able to leave with his family.

In 2006, Isnino and the children made the lengthy passage from Somalia to Virginia, and then to Omaha soon thereafter. Lutheran Family Services assisted her in securing a small apartment and a full-time job at Tyson Foods. Several years later Abdi was reunited with Isnino and the kids. Once the family was complete again, they wasted no time in applying for Habitat Omaha's program.

Although they had helped other families build houses in Somalia, Abdi and Isnino say that they have had an entirely different experience while working their Sweat Equity. "The houses we built were made of bricks and mud, and had steel roofs. We had never done framing or dry wall before, but we learned how to use new materials to build Habitat houses with the other families. We think this experience has been very good for our kids because they have a chance to learn, too."

Before long, Abdi and Isnino will be working on their own house with the Neighbor's South coalition. When they complete their hours, they will purchase their house through a no-interest loan at full-price and move into their new five bedroom home. Isnino says that the independence and freedom will allow the whole family to live comfortably. With more room to study, she will be empowered to complete her G.E.D. and begin studying to become a seamstress.

If you are interested in volunteering with this summer's build, there are forms on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can call the church office at 402-341-7730 for a form.

Habitat Omaha Homeownership

Partner families purchase homes through no-interest Habitat Omaha loans, making monthly mortgage payments for 20-30 years. Potential homeowners first contribute 350 hours of *Sweat Equity*, working on Habitat Omaha construction sites and attending homeownership workshops. At closing these buyers pay a modest \$500 down payment.

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral issues of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. The foundation of such a method is love."

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—Martin Luther King



Congratulations to the following Graduates who recently graduated from Central High School on Monday, May 21st.

Taylor Adams Timothy Badgett, Jr.
Angela Everitt Colton Hansen
Alexa Harsin Kara Lam

Great Job to everyone, let the Lord shine in the path you choose.







Holy Cross Lutheran Church (98th & Sprague) is accepting registrations for "Praise Rocks!' Musical Daycamp, July 9-13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday with a 6:30 p.m. performance. This program is for children who have finished kindergarten through fifth grade, and we will be preparing an entire musical in one week, with the children participating in everything from music and acting to setwork and costuming. Registration is \$50 per child if registered by June 17th. Please note: because of the fast pace of the week, all children need to be present each day and for the performance. To register, call Holy Cross at 402-571-1622 or go to www.hclchurch.com.

I am 90 years young, and from 1998-2002 I was pastor of a small United Methodist Church in north central Iowa. After I retired, I began an interfaith adventure as a bridge between faiths.

"An interfaith Saturday morning discussion group began at the Mason City Synagogue. I participated in that, and also attended some of the Friday evening Synagogue worship services.

"The Imam of the Mason City Mosque then invited me to attend Friday noon prayers at the mosque. I was offered a chair to use while they all sat on the prayer carpet. When they prayed in Arabic, I prayed with them silently in my

spirit in praise and thanksgiving to God. Everyone greeted each other with the words "salaam alei-kum" (peace be unto you).

"So for 10 years I have been attending a mosque on Fridays, a synagogue on Saturdays, and my church on Sundays.

"Why do I continue to do this? I feel so directed by God in seeking ways of unity and agreement between us as we worship, praise, and seek God's help in living righteous lives and avoiding acts of violence and evil.

"I believe in the Apostles and the Nicene Creed. But in studying the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Koran, I found that all three faiths stress that God examines us *according to how we live*. Jesus declares that "only he who does the will of my Father" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

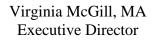
"In my worship of our Creator God in synagogue, mosque, or church, I have found our unity expressed in widely different forms.

"As Jews, Christians, and Muslims, it is God's will that we know each other and read each other's scripture. God's ultimate will for all humankind is that we are to live together in peace."

—**Rev. Paul Hasel,** Mason City, IA Reprinted with permission from JoyfulNoiseletter.com







Gema C. Wolde Community Health Worker Se habla español.



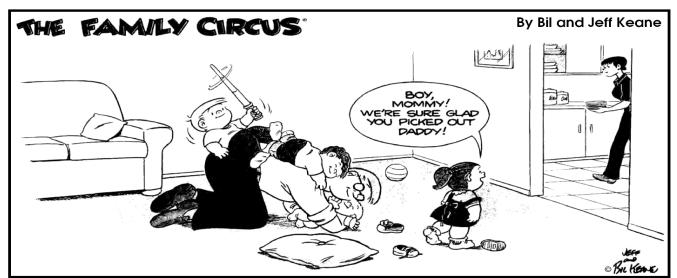
Mother's Day Celebrations with Families in Programs and Participants

Families in Action Celebrated Mother's Day 2012 at Grace Lutheran Church with three special new Routines of Ribbons, Chair and Tai Chi. Different Instructors trained by IHS took turns leading different routines. Our Amigos in Action high school participants also led their mom's in several routines.

The families in attendance learned how to make strawberries covered with chocolate as a special Mother's day treat! After two hours of exercise we joined together with all of our Families in Action participants for a pot-luck.

We felt truly blessed in celebrating such an important day together. A special thanks to the congregation, staff and Pastor Damon at Grace Lutheran Church for the welcome we receive inside their building and hearts during our special celebrations and during our Friday evening programs that reach so many families in South Omaha.





Fathers Are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily
To live up to "his image"
As protector and provider
And "hero of the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason We sometimes get the notion, That Fathers are not subject To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart, Where no one else can see You'll find he's sentimental And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day In the grueling race of life, He leaves the sentimental stuff To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just wonderful In a million different ways, And they merit loving compliments And accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...

And like Our Heavenly Father, He's a guardian and a guide, Someone that we can count on To be always on our side.

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~





Puzzle Solution

- 1. Stephen
- 2. Jerusalem
- 3. Saul
- 4. Jesus
- 5. Straight
- 6. Ananias
- 7. Stoned
- 8. Tarsus
- 9. Judas
- 10. Damascus
- 11. Light
- 12. Three
- **13.** Acts
- 14. Voice
- 15. Heaven

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Special Days in June at Grace Lutheran Church

June 1-2 - Nebraska Synod Assembly.

June 5 - Kids At Work first work day.

June 5 - Kids At Work Welcome Dinner.

June 12 - Grace Council Meeting.

June 13 - Photographers Club.

June 21 - Neighborhood Meeting.

June 27 - Newsletter Assembly.

June 27 - Photographers Club.



A minister sent his first-born son off to college. A few weeks later, the son sent this letter to his father:

Dear Dad,

\$chool i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need. \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your \$on

The minister replied:

Dear Son,

I kNOw that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task and you can never study eNOugh.

Love, Dad

—via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL Reprinted with permission from JoyfulNoiseletter.com

CONVERSION OF SAUL

Find the correct answer for each question from the book of Acts. Circle the correct letters on the grid below. The letters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Answers may be spelled forward or backward.

- 1. The name of a man who was stoned to death. (7:59)
- 2. The name of a city where a man died. (8:1)
- 3. The name of a man who saw a light. (9:4)
- 4. The person who appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus. (9:5)
- 5. The name of a street. (9:11)
- 6. The name of the man who baptized Saul. (9:17)
- 7. How Stephen was killed. (7:59)
- 8. The city of Saul's birth. (9:11)
- 9. The owner of the house where Saul stayed. (9:11)
- 10. The name of the city to which Saul was going. (9:3)
- 11. What it was that blinded Saul on the road. (9:3)
- 12. The number of days Saul was blind. (9:9)
- 13. The name of the book where we read about Saul's conversion.
- 14. What the men with Saul heard. (9:7)
- 15. Where the light came from. (9:3)



Same as last month, test your skill, but if you need some help, the answers are on the back side of this page.

History of Father's Day:

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.