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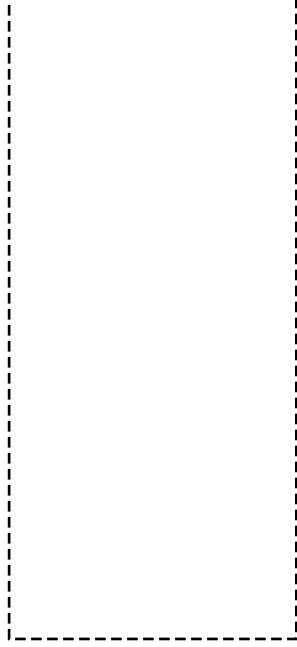
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# THE GRACE MESSENGER

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



**2016 Council Members**

Ron Adrian	Vicki Cox	Arlone Farber
Ralph Fitle	Greg Hula	Loren Moyer
Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez	Pastor Laaker
*****		
Officers Serving the Congregation:		
Financial: Janet Hula	Treasurer: Ralph Fitle	

The regular meeting of the Council was held on May 10th. The Council shared their prayer concerns for prayers for family and friends of council members, all those affected by the severe weather, and praise for having Pastor back at work.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses in the "Daily Texts" from Zechariah 8:13 and 2 Corinthians 3:5. The first tells us that God will save the people so that they may become a blessing. The second encourages us to do what we do because of God, not because of anything we have done ourselves.

Visions for Ministry: We read through our results to gain a better understanding of where our strengths and weaknesses lie with relation to our leadership and empowerment skills. We will reference these results as we continue reading through the rest of the book. We will read pages 42-66 to discuss next month.

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

Christian Education: Our one-day Vacation Bible School program "Raindrops to Rainbows" is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 12-5pm with a barbecue following. Ron has volunteered to ask for Thrivent Action Funds to help with cost.

Evangelism/Outreach: The Kids at Work program is starting soon and Malachi is looking for volunteers to help this year. Malachi has planned the first movie night for kids on June 17th. The Grace Reads, reading program at Liberty Elementary, is completing the school year and many of the students made/wrote thank you cards to the volunteer readers expressing thanks and telling about their favorite stories from the program.

Finance: The Lutheran Planned Giving Services presentation is scheduled for June 12th at 3pm at St. Luke's. We just received notice that enough clergy and spouses who are covered by the health insurance completed their health plan so we will see a 1% reduction in insurance costs for the remainder of the year.

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Property: Tree out front was removed but the stump still needs to be removed. Back flow preventers have been inspected and are good to go. MUD fixed the small gas leak that we've had. Pastor provided us with a bid for new carpeting in the sanctuary. Motion was made and carried to move forward with carpet replacement. The top fence pole on the South side of the church has been replaced. Thanks to Loren for building a small library to be placed in our yard for the community. Directional signage is weathered and worn. Pastor will look into options for replacement signs.

Service/Social Ministry: Neighborhood cleanup went well.

Support/Stewardship: The Council agreed to offer an electronic means for giving, which will be located at the back of the sanctuary.

Worship: We will look into getting the communion ware refinished.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Synod Assembly is June 2-4th. Arlone will bring treats for June.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary



**World Refugee Day 2016  
Saturday, June 18th  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Joslyn Art Museum  
2200 Dodge Street**

Opening and Naturalization Ceremonies begin the day at 10:00 a.m. with additional activities including a Health Fair; Educational Panels and Gallery Walks; Art Activities throughout the museum; Awards Ceremony, Cultural Performances and a Fashion Show. A 1:00 p.m. screening of the documentary 'Salamm Neighbor'; the film follows two Americans, Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci living in a Refugee Camp for a month and the story they share. There will be a Q & A session following the screening.

Any questions, please contact Susan Mayberger at 402-557-2431 or email at [susan.mayberger@ops.org](mailto:susan.mayberger@ops.org). You may also follow additional activities on Facebook at [facebook.com/worldrefugeedayomaha](https://facebook.com/worldrefugeedayomaha).



Spring is a marvelous testimony to divine handiwork. We have overflowing evidence surrounding us of the glory and beauty stemming from God's creative activity. Before the hot days of summer descend, it is good to praise our Lord for God's providence and care as displayed in this time of year.

Cecil F. Alexander captures the essence of this lovely season with a joyful poem:

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle,  
The poor man at his gate,  
He made them, high or lowly,  
And ordered their estate.

The purple headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.



On Wednesday evening, May 18, the scripture verse that we used for meditation was Psalm 104:33. "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being." I would appear to me that the Psalmist and the poem are on the same wavelength. We experience the wonderful creative, renewing activity of God and our response is to praise God.

May your days be filled with praise as you observe and ponder the wonder and majesty of God.

*Pastor Laaker*



### Lutheran Planned Giving Services



Of the ELCA members who die each year, only about 8% have included a bequest to their congregation or another ELCA ministry. Studies show that in most congregations a majority of adult members do not have wills.

Council members from both Grace and St. Luke's have agreed to host a "Planning Your Legacy" Seminar featuring Craig D. Stirtz, CFRE & President of Lutheran Planned Giving Services, on Sunday, **June 12th at 3:00 pm** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Councils are encouraging congregations to plan on attending this informative seminar.

Most of us have loved ones we wish to remember in our estate plan. Most Lutherans also support ministries that are important to them, including our congregation. Yet few really know the best way to do everything we want to do for loved ones while remembering a gift for ministry as well. We are often reluctant to attend a seminar for fear we will have our arms twisted or will receive a sales pitch. You can leave your checkbook at home!

If you do not have a will or trust, if you have not created or reviewed your estate plan in the past five years, or if you just want ideas on how to reduce taxes and get more to your family and your favorite charities, it is important that you attend this seminar! Join us to learn valuable information about how careful estate planning can be a great blessing for you, your loved ones and for any ministries you wish to include.

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

*Ephesians 6:18*

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

**Individuals listed below have ongoing health issues and concerns:**

Andrew Edwards  
Ken Hilmer  
LaVonne Moss  
Urbano Vasquez



James Harrahill  
Carolyn Matson  
Don Olson



Norma Courtney (Arlone Farber's Mom.)  
Christian Barajas (Samantha Trejo, Angela & Alex Everitt's brother.)  
Dottie Hula (Greg Hula's Mom.)  
Linda Pafford (Friend to many.)

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

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 Damon Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church  
Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange, John Boato and Charles Tuv are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.

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

**Pray for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents:**

Ferne Matson - Montclair.  
Joe and Barbara Narducci - Home.  
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



Grace Quilters for  
Lutheran World Relief

The Grace Quilters are taking a break during the summer months. Please watch the Grace Messenger for additional information on their return around the end of summer.



Prayer Service  
Wednesday  
June 15, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

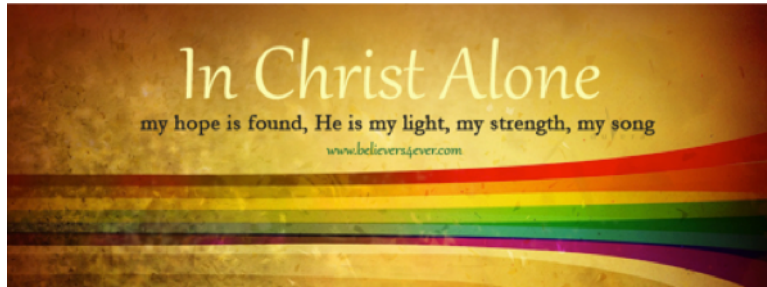
An inspiring and quiet experience in meditation, light music, and a deeper connection within God's presence, peace, and love.

The Neighbors South Habitat Coalition 2016 build has now began and will continue each Friday and Saturday. We will be working on rehabbing a home at 3319 S 20th Street for Maggie Ortega and her three daughters, Nathalia, Gabriella and Samantha. The first thing Maggie would like to do in her new house is cook a big family dinner and enjoy eating around the dinning room table together with her three daughters.



The work day begins at 8:30 am and concludes about 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. We are hopeful to have ten volunteers each work day. We will be taking July 4th weekend off.

Please call the church office (402) 341-7730 if you have questions or would like to help in some way.



**Stewardship Moment:**

**Not blessings alone. Not empire alone. Christ alone.**

I believe that one of the greatest challenges of the church today is that Christian life and ministry have become more obsessed with obtaining the blessings and prosperity of Abraham, the signs and wonders of Moses, and the conquest and empire building of Joshua, David and Solomon, than it is focused on following the life and person of Jesus.

To our downfall, we ignore the voices of the prophets that point to the corruption, bribery, and greed of a people whose faith and appetites have been turned ravenously inward rather than graciously outward. A faith turned ravenously inward is concerned only with our own families, our own fears, our own hopes, "our ministry," and our own quest for more. A faith turned graciously outward is one concerned with the love of neighbor, the transformation of both the cities and the countryside, and the love of our enemies in the ways of Christ.

If we have fallen in love with prosperity, miracles, and empire-building, now is the time to repent and turn from our ways. In Christ's words to John (Rev. 2:4), now is the time to return to our first love and follow Jesus. The God of the Bible will not share worship with idols.

by Delonte Gholston

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

Fathers Day Quote by: *Mark Twain, "Old Times on the Mississippi" Atlantic Monthly, 1874*



Arts For All, Inc. and the South Omaha Public Library have partnered to host "Where Books and Art Meet" Workshops for children between the ages of 8-12. The series takes place on Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street. Each workshop is taught by professional artists and teachers and will feature a story time and an accompany arts activity. Workshops are free, registration is required, space is limited to 25 each week. You can register online at [omahalibrary.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?df=calendar](http://omahalibrary.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?df=calendar).



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes**  
**Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**402-341-7730**

Do you know anyone searching for the opportunity to learn the English language? Please direct them here at Grace. Every Saturday morning they would be greeted with a smile and very helpful tutors to start their education in one of the most difficult languages to learn as a second language.

**Lutheran South Pantry**  
**4401 South 23rd Street**  
**402-502-7070**



Items that clients cannot purchase with their food stamps are always appreciated: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, Mouthwash (without alcohol), Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Can Openers, Diaper wipers, and Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups.

**We always need paper or plastic bags.**



The summer is steadily approaching. We are soon to begin our yearly Kids at Work program as well as a few more activities. We are hoping to increase community engagement as well as build closer ties across cultural lines. We are planning movie nights the 3rd Friday of each month during the summer months and a game day on early Saturday afternoons. There are also plans for a bi-monthly cultural meal. Can you help with any of these activities? Activities will be very simple and easy to complete. Follow-up with me for more details!

There is much to be excited for this summer. As the Spirit continues to move through the congregation and the community at large, let us be vigilant to use our talents and gifts in the various ways God intended for them to be used. We successfully completed a first school year of the Grace Reads program and will be reading to the 3rd graders as well as 2nd graders in the fall. There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm both from the volunteers and the teachers. We are hoping to expand into Spring Lake in the fall as well. Our Free Little Library will be erected soon on the church grounds. This will allow all people in the neighborhood to exchange books and for all ages. Please keep Grace in your prayers for prosperity and discernment as we continue to venture out boldly into the neighborhood.









Malachi Black  
Community Outreach Associate  
outreach@graceluth.com

Kids At Work - consider the possibilities of volunteering: with only 16 total days available for participants to work; the variety of opportunities are flexible including volunteering all 16 days, or two days a week, one day a week, one week out of the month, any time you can spend helping with the Kids At Work Summer Program will be helpful. Kids At Work will continue to meet each Tuesday and Wednesday from May 31st through July 20th. If you are interested in participating or volunteering in this awesome awareness for the youth to give back to the community, please speak with Malachi Black.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

-  Thank you to Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their on-going dedication in caring and tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.
-  Thank you to the ESL tutors; Malachi Black, Vicki Cox, Arlone Farber, Mary Laaker, and Amanda Vazquez, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
-  Thank you to Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, Greg and Janet Hula, and Eva Martin; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
-  Thank you June, LaVonne, Eva, and Marilyn for your continued dedication in creating a reflection of God's love and care in every quilt sent to support Lutheran World Relief.
-  Thank you LaVonne, June, Gloria, Marilyn, Jerry, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
-  Thank you to Ron and Donna Adrian and Brenda Spahr who take turns in the care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
-  Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Jerry, Ron, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
-  Thank you to the Loren and Malachi for sharing their talents in building the new little library soon to be placed on display and ready for use this summer.



## Citizen Police Academy

Learn what the Police do! See the different police units. Participate in police scenarios. Get to know your officers and keep your neighborhood safe!

Participate in the Southeast Precinct's Citizen Police Academy located at 25th and Vinton Streets on July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, and 25. from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.



This is a free event however space is limited so register early! To complete an application, contact [ofelia.robles@cityofomaha.org](mailto:ofelia.robles@cityofomaha.org). Registration deadline is July 1st. For additional information or questions, please call 402-444-7743.



## Baker's Community Rewards

Grace Lutheran Church has been accepted into the Baker's Community Rewards Program. Grace will get credit for every purchase you make using your registered Plus card. The more you shop with Baker's, the more opportunity Grace will have to earn rewards. It is just that easy!

Haven't had the chance to sign up? Not a problem, please contact the church office for a complete list and instructions on how to obtain your registered Baker's Plus card, talk to a Baker's associate; they are happy to help set up your rewards card, or you can refer back to previous issues of the Grace Messenger. Grace Lutheran's 5-digit NPO is 62209.

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, please feel free to contact Baker's at 800-576-4377 option 3, or email at [DCR@dillonstores.com](mailto:DCR@dillonstores.com).

Grace's Free Little Library will soon be placed in the front island of the parking lot! If you have any books for all ages you would like to contribute to the new outdoor library or have any questions regarding this new adventure, please speak with Malachi. Let's spread the joy of imagination through reading a good book this summer!



"From Raindrops To Rainbows"  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Vacation Bible School - One Day Event

Sat. June 25th. 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Kids 3 yrs - Grade 6.

Free Barbecue to follow - Families invited.

Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways including setting up, participating within a group, help with the cook-out and clean up. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the church office, 402-341-7730.



Donations also in need are:

- 3 bags of skittles (original)
- 3 boxes of Graham Crackers
- 4 cans of Vanilla frosting (butter-style)
- 5 bags of Colorful Goldfish crackers
- 2 liter bottles of pop 2 of each flavor:  
Grape, Strawberry, Orange, and Rootbeer
- 2 5 Quart tubs of Vanilla Ice Cream
- 2 - 4 bags of plain popcorn, popped

Please call the church office and doublecheck prior to your purchase to avoid too many items of anyone item needed.



June 2016



- 5 - Margie Sutej
- 12 - Terry Nielsen
- 19 - Malachi Black
- 26 - Brenda Spahr
- July 3 - Mary Laaker

- 2 - Samantha Trejo
- Leigh Ann Wiskus
- 3 - Angelina Adrian
- 5 - Cade Hargis
- 9 - Jason Bauer
- 10 - Trina Rodriguez
- 11 - Micah Laaker
- 14 - Benjamin Laaker
- 22 - Amanda Vazquez
- 25 - Scott Adrian
- 26 - Colleen Jeffrey
- 28 - Solomon Lewa

*June Alcolytes*

- 5 - Donna Adrian
- 12 - Andrea Spahr
- 19 - Janet Hula
- 26 - Greg Hula
- July 3 - Vicki Cox

Did we miss your birthday?  
Please contact the church office and let us know!

June Ushers

- Malachi Black
- Vicki Cox
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



June Greeters

- 5 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 12 - Bobby Stechenfinger and Eva Martin
- 19 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 26 - Mary Laaker and Sarah Emery
- July 3 - Loren and Marsha Moyer



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



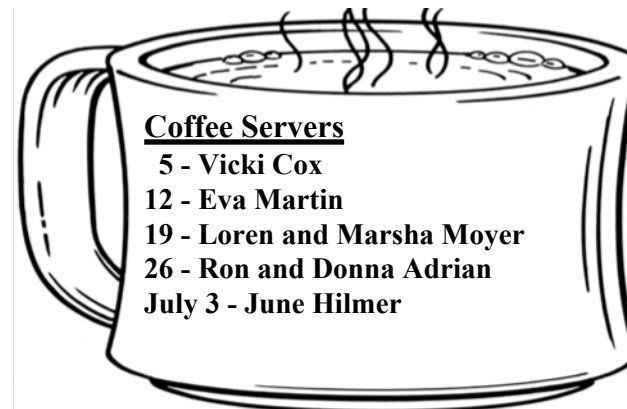
- 5 - Greg and Janet Hula in celebration of their grandchildren, Trina and Anthony's birthdays.
- 12 - Andrew, Christi and Clay Edwards and Tracy Petrini in loving memory of their father, Albion Edwards.
- 19 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their children, Micah and Amanda's birthdays.
- 26 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their grandson, Leo's birthday.
- July 3 - In honor of David Hufford's birthday.

Flower Pick-Up for June:



Backpack Program

- 5 - Eva Martin in celebration of her daughter, Emily and her great-grandson, Milo's birthdays.
- 12 - Pastor and Mary Laaker for birthday celebrations for their children, Micah and Amanda and their grandson, Ben.
- 19 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their son, Scott's birthday.
- 26 - Eva Martin in celebration of her daughter, Joann and her great-grandson, Aiden's birthdays.
- July 3 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their granddaughter, Madison's birthday.



Coffee Servers

- 5 - Vicki Cox
- 12 - Eva Martin
- 19 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- 26 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- July 3 - June Hilmer







## Lutheran Night at Werner Park

Friday, June 6th  
7:05 p.m.

Nashville vs. Omaha Storm Chasers

### Awesome Add-ons:

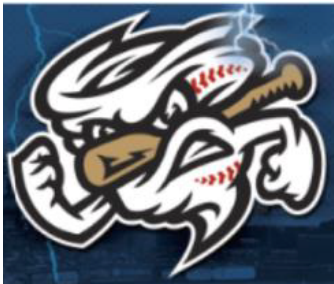
\$5.50 Hot Dog & Soda Voucher  
\$3.00 Centris Family Fun Zone Pass  
\$2.00 Mini-Golf Pass

\$10.00 for Group Infield  
Box Seats (\$14.00 value)

\$6.00 Group Outfield  
Box Seats (\$13.00 value)

Sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"  
during the 7th inning stretch

Featured Mission will Campus Ministries of ELCA and LCMS  
1,422 Lutherans attended in 2015. Come enjoy the fun with  
family and friends!



Deadline to receive special pricing is June 1st!

Contact Ryan Worthen for additional information or to  
purchase your tickets at 402-738-5126 or by email at:  
RyanW@omahastormchasers.com

Movie Night at Grace  
Friday, June 17th at 7:30 pm

Come enjoy games, movie and fellowship time  
with one another. Bring your children, invite  
their friends for a movie night. Popcorn and  
drinks will be provided. Enjoy the fellowship  
during the showing of "The Little Rascals"  
together. If you have any questions, please speak  
with Malachi Black or call the church office.



## Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.

Every year, hundreds of youth in Nebraska are removed from their  
families because of neglect and abuse. While these families heal, their  
children need a safe, loving, home-like atmosphere with minimal  
judgment and abundant patience.

Team Members: Foster parents have the most direct contact with the  
child and are central to the planning team which also includes:

LFS foster care staff; A Nebraska Department of Health and Human  
Services case manager; Biological parents; Teachers, therapists,  
counselors and other professionals involved with the family.

The team works together in the child's best interests.

Make a difference, anyone can make a difference, and it all begins with  
you!

ADOPT, If you can't adopt, then.... FOSTER, If you can't foster, then...  
RESPITE, If you can't provide respite care, then....  
VOLUNTEER, If you can't volunteer, then....  
DONATE, If you can't donate, then...ADVOCATE!

"It is never too late - children should not have to wait" - Andrew, age 12

To learn more about providing foster care in Nebraska, contact us at  
fostercare@lfsneb.org or call 402-661-7100.



## Here Comes the Sun

Repetition is the key to understanding - which is why we are reminding you to protect yourself from excessive exposure to the ultraviolet rays (UV) of the sun. Exposure to UV radiation has increased over the years due to the depletion of the ozone layer, a naturally occurring gas that filters the sun's UV radiation. For some people, overexposure to UV rays can lead to skin cancer,

cataracts and weakened immune systems. To protect against sun-related damage, follow these rules:

**Wear those shades.** Sunglasses that provide 99-100% of UVA and UVB protection greatly reduce sun exposure that can lead to cataracts and other eye damage. Be sure to check the label when buying sunglasses to make sure they have proper UV protection.

**Lather on the sunscreen.** Use a sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15. Apply it liberally to all exposed areas of your body, particularly your ears, face, back and neck. Reapply every two hours when working, playing, or exercising outdoors; even waterproof sunscreen can come off when you towel off sweat or water.

**Listen to the weather reports.** The UV Index, developed by the National Weather Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, provides a forecast of the expected risk of overexposure to the sun and indicates the degree of caution that you should take when working, playing or exercising outdoors. Weather predictions in print and broadcast media announce the UV Index daily.

**Stay clear of the midday sun as much as possible.** The sun's UV rays are strongest between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. If you're spending the day at the beach, take refuge under a beach umbrella during those hours when the sun's rays are most intense.

**Dress up.** Wear light, long-sleeved shirts and ankle-length pants if you're going to be out in the sun for long periods of time and you'd rather not wear sunscreen. A wide brimmed hat will shade your face, neck, ears and eyes.

*greentips from earthshares.org*



## Reading Your Bible in a Year - June 2016

1	Romans 7	1 Sam. 16	Psalm 61
2	Romans 8	1 Sam 17:1-54	Psalm 62
3	Romans 9:1-29	1 Sam. 17:55-18:30	Psalm 63
4	Romans 9:30-10:21	1 Sam. 19	Psalm 64
5	Romans 11:1-24	1 Sam. 20	Psalm 65
6	Romans 11:25-36	1 Sam. 21-22	Psalm 66
7	Romans 12	1 Sam. 23-24	Psalm 67
8	Romans 13	1 Sam. 25	Psalm 68
9	Romans 14	1 Sam. 26	Psalm 69
10	Romans 15:1-13	1 Sam. 27-28	Psalm 70
11	Romans 15:14-33	1 Sam. 29-31	Psalm 71
12	Romans 16	2 Sam. 1	Psalm 72
13	Mark 1:1-20	2 Sam. 2:1-3:1	Daniel 1
14	Mark 1:21-45	2 Sam. 3:2-39	Daniel 2:1-23
15	Mark 2	2 Sam. 4-5	Daniel 2:24-49
16	Mark 3:1-19	2 Sam. 6	Daniel 3
17	Mark 3:20-35	2 Sam. 7-8	Daniel 4
18	Mark 4:1-20	2 Sam. 9-10	Daniel 5
19	Mark 4:21-41	2 Sam. 11-12	Daniel 6
20	Mark 5:1-20	2 Sam. 13	Daniel 7
21	Mark 5:21-43	2 Sam. 14	Daniel 8
22	Mark 6:1-29	2 Sam. 15	Daniel 9
23	Mark 6:30-56	2 Sam. 16	Daniel 10
24	Mark 7:1-13	2 Sam. 17	Daniel 11:1-19
25	Mark 7:14-37	2 Sam. 18	Daniel 11:20-45
26	Mark 8:1-21	2 Sam. 19	Daniel 12
27	Mark 8:22-9:1	2 Sam. 20-21	Hosea 1:1-2:1
28	Mark 9:2-50	2 Sam. 22	Hosea 2:2-23
29	Mark 10:1-31	2 Sam. 23	Hosea 3
30	Mark 10:32-52	2 Sam. 24	Hosea 4:1-11

## Dead Sea Gull

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son Bob ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

“Daddy, what happened to him?” Bob asked. “He died and went to Heaven,” the dad replied.

Bob thought a moment and then said, “Did God throw him back down?”



## New and Improved

The little girl was sitting in her grandfather’s lap as he read her a story. From time to time, she would take her eye’s off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. By and by she was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke, “Granddaddy, did God make you?”

“Yes, sweetheart” he answered, “God made me a long time ago.”

“Oh” she said, then “Granddaddy, did God make me too?”

“Yes, indeed honey” he assured her. “God made you just a little while ago.”

“Oh” she said. Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, “God’s getting better at it now isn’t he?”



## Penny Trick

After tucking their three-year-old- child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed tot ell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy’s ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father’s hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, “Do it again, Dad!”

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