

Ripples

Stillwater Free Lutheran Church

“Sharing Jesus Christ with Our Neighbors”

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“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”

NIV Song of Songs 2:11-12

From the Pastors Desk

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been watching the farmers prepare their fields. I was told that things were running late this year, because of the later than usual snow melt. It has been a neat process to watch.

The fields all started as rough dead stubble to fresh tilled ground to smooth planted earth. It seems even the ground is grateful for the spring!

As I watched the process, I thought about how it could be applied to our lives, especially at this time of year.

There are bunches (over 100) different Scripture verses that talk about planting, watering, sowing, reaping, harvesting, ect. All related to receiving and sharing the Word of God.

So, where am I going with this?

Well, we are all chomping at the bit for summer to get here so we can get outside, and into the back country for hiking, camping, fishing, sports, or whatever you do - just without SNOW!

Notice the field, if left on its own, you have nothing more than a stubble field, with maybe some wild oats thrown in. Good for some things, but not what is intended. Farmers want a bountiful crop, and need one in order to continue farming.

And, like the field, we need to have some maintenance and work done in our lives and spirits in order to produce more than just stubble and wild oats!

The Scriptures are full of encouragements to sow and reap. Plant and water, and so on. Here are just a few:

2 Corinthians 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

Proverbs 11:24-25 One gives freely yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

The reason I point this out – besides just being a good encouragement – is to focus on the maintenance we need as Christians. Just like the field requires the work, and then upkeep, so do we. We get that maintenance through our daily devotion time spent in the Word, as well as through Bible Studies, Sunday School, and Sunday worship services.

As we enter this short (sometimes too short) summer season – let's as the writer to the Hebrews tells us - consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Because - For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Happy Spring!!

God Bless - *Pastor Craig*

Free Flyers Youth Group

The Free Flyers are committed to serve the community through our strength in Jesus Christ.



Spring Youth Calendar



May 2nd (Wed.) - At fairgrounds for Russell Wilson talk.

May 9th (Wed.) - Youth group 6-7:30

May 16th (Wed.) - Youth group 6-7:30

May 23rd (Wed.) - Youth group 6-7:30

May 30th (Wed.) - Youth group 6-7:30

We had a combined youth group with Faith in April. There were four teams for a photo scavenger hunt in downtown Kalispell. We had a list of twenty items to find. With a one hour time limit, it was challenging and fun. The people who were working at various businesses were very supportive and gracious! Always fun to get together with Alpha Omega from Faith!

First week in May eight youth are planning to go hear Russell Wilson speak at the fairgrounds. Excited to hear what he has to say about his faith and career.

We have a few that want to go to the FLY Beyond camp this summer in Wisconsin! Trying to arrange some time in Minneapolis before the camp starts, maybe catching a Twins game also. More details to come.

Questions or concerns please contact Danny @ 261-8004!



April 19th

Nicole opened with devotions from 'Discovery' by David Jeremiah. Our mission's donation this month will go to Christian Ed. Linda McGrew gave the treasurer's report and we have \$142.00 in the bank.

Julie Hanson led our Bible study, "A Living Hope: An Eternal Perspective." Our group had some great discussions during this lesson.

Please mark your calendars for the Mothers' Day Tea that is on May 12th at noon. All women are encouraged to come and celebrate our moms, sisters, daughters and aunties! There will be sandwiches, fruit, veggies, dessert, coffee, and, of course, tea!

On May 27th there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. and then we will put up the tent. Bring your sledge hammers and working gloves and help us get the tent up. Many hands make quick work!

June 8th & 9th we will be having our yard sale. You can start bringing your items to the tent on Monday, June 4th, and if you can, stay to help us get everything set up. There will also be a bake sale. Let Sherri know if you are willing and able to make goodies for us to sell. Don't forget about the Community Fair June 9th with games, knocker ball tournament, water park, 'Old Time Photos', car raffle, food, a petting zoo and much more.

Please continue to pray for the Hartle family. Jeremy had extensive surgery in April and the family needs your prayers!

Also, there is a 'Spring Cleaning' list in the foyer, so please help us get the church spiffed up for summer!

Sherri closed with prayer and Hattie served us a wonderful lunch and dessert. Thank you, Hattie! Our next meeting will be at Bonnie Upton's house on May 17th at 10 a.m.

~ Stillwater WJMF

Proverbs 6

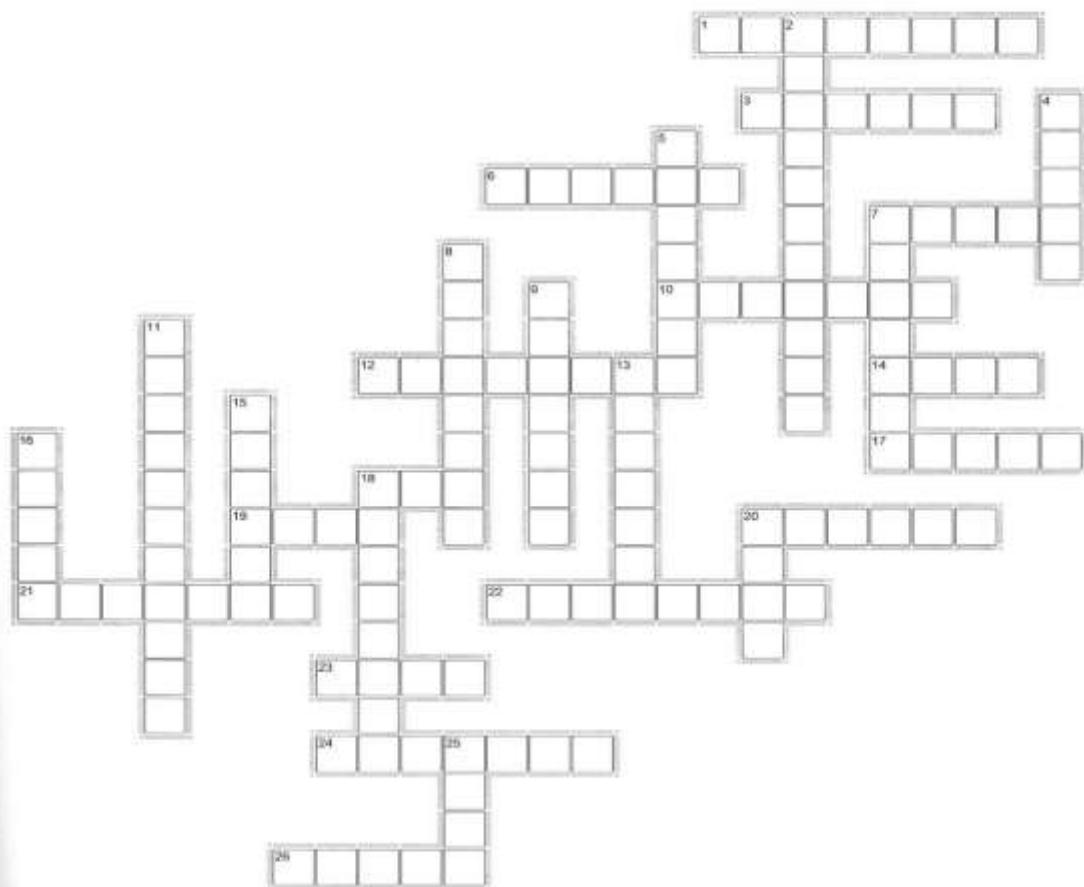
Across

1. For _____ is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance (6:34)
3. A proud look, a lying _____, and hands that shed innocent blood (6:17)
6. He will not regard any _____; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts (6:35)
7. Bind them continually upon thine _____, and tie them about thy neck (6:21)
10. But if he be found, he shall _____ sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house (6:31)
12. To keep thee from the evil woman, from the _____ of the tongue of a strange woman (6:24)
14. He winketh with his _____, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers (6:13)
17. Men do not despise a _____, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry (6:30)
18. Go to the _____, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise (6:6)
19. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a _____ from the hand of the fowler (6:5)
20. My son, if thou be surety for thy _____, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger (6:1)
21. Yet a little sleep, a little _____, a little folding of the hands to sleep (6:10)
22. How long wilt thou sleep, O _____? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? (6:9)
23. When thou goest, it shall _____ thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee (6:22)
24. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her _____ (6:25)
26. Give not _____ to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids (6:4)

Down

2. These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an _____ unto him (6:16)
4. Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy _____ (6:2)
5. So shall thy _____ come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man (6:11)
7. Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the _____ (6:8)
8. Therefore shall his _____ come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy (6:15)
9. A false _____ that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren (6:19)
11. My son, keep thy father's _____, and forsake not the law of thy mother (6:20)
13. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in _____ to mischief (6:18)
15. Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, _____ thyself, and make sure thy friend (6:3)
16. Can one go upon hot _____, and his feet not be burned? (6:28)
18. But whoso committeth _____ with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul (6:32)
20. Can a man take _____ in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? (6:27)
25. For the commandment is a _____; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life (6:23)

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Please pray for the Abel Family for the month of May!



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KNOCKERBALL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

A fundraiser for
Stillwater Free Lutheran Church



3VS.3
\$50/team
4-6 players/team
recommended

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 9, 2018**
Stillwater Free
Lutheran Church

11:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Free Play open to
public from 2-4 pm
(donations welcome)

Teams are limited!
Call (406) 314-0175 to sign up or for more information.

Stillwater Free Lutheran Church

COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday June 9 • 10a.m. - 4p.m.

1401 Church Drive Kalispell MT

Events include:

Knockerball Tournament

Face Painting

Bouncy House

Petting Zoo

Human Foos-Ball

Serious Juju Skateboarding Ministry

Special Touch Ministry

Quilt Raffle

'73 Chevelle Car Raffle

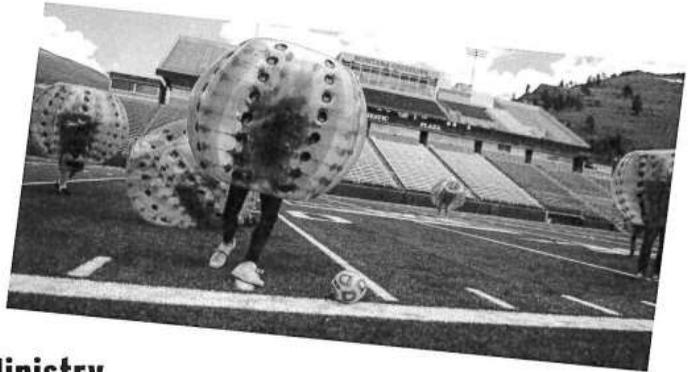
Concessions, Cotton Candy

Rummage Sale

Old Time Portraits

Bake Sale

...and MUCH MORE!



*All proceeds go to the
Building of the Stillwater
Church Activities Center.*

For questions please contact Kali & Julie Brubaker at 314-0175
or Stillwater Free Lutheran Church 257-4614

GOD is SO GOOD!

Praise God for our youth,

Over spring break I called my granddaughter to ask her if she wanted to help paint the girl's bathroom here at the church. She jumped at the chance, so we headed to Lowes. My idea of a soft cream-color paint was shattered when my granddaughter presented a color card that included shades of purple. I wasn't really envisioning purple in our church, but I couldn't argue with her when she pointed out that the name of the particular color was 'rapture.' "We HAVE to use this color on that bathroom grandma."

The rest of the afternoon she taped and rolled paint and worked circles around me. When the bathroom was painted she went home and painted 3 canvases with the words "Faith," "Hope" and "Love" on them to use to decorate the bathroom.

My message is this: with all of the negative in this world and stories in the news of our younger generations failing, we must praise God for the blessings they bring us when we include God in our parenting plans.

We thank God for our awesome youth and children here at Stillwater! Thanks also for Pastor Danny leading our youth and the AWANA program for preparing our children, and Alisha for the ministry in the after school program. I was blessed by the day I spent with my granddaughter and I will never underestimate God's goodness shown in our next generation.

Building Committee Report

The committee met Saturday April 21st. Stephanie Reynolds gave an update on our COSA which has been submitted to Helena for review by MDEQ and other interested parties. It will then be returned to Kalispell for further review by county officials. We hope to receive approval within the next month or two. Miles Erickson and Jeff Timlick discussed their plan to connect our new well to the church sometime this summer.

Our architect Ted Clarke presented his latest floor plan (dated 3-16-2018) for the new building. Much discussion took place! Roy Beekman, representing our general contractor Meredith Construction, was present to add his comments and expertise in the area of construction. Based on the outcome of this meeting Ted will make some minor adjustments to his drawing and he will also hire a structural engineer, Jim Henjum, to assist him as he proceeds with the construction drawings. When these are completed Roy will prepare a cost estimate to present to the committee and congregation. It was agreed we should build in phases and hopefully complete the foundation before the end of this year.

The folks mentioned above will coordinate their efforts as we move forward with the project and they will also be looking to hire a plumbing contractor. These are exciting times and we will keep you posted as more details become available. Thanks for all your prayers and support!

-Ed

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