



+Christian Symbol+

Seed

The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).

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Confirmation Sunday

Please join us for worship on Sunday, June 5, and support Ean Ralston as he will be confirmed. Having been baptized in the Church almost 14 years ago, Ean will affirm his Christian belief and be welcomed as a full member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

You are invited downstairs afterward to celebrate at a coffee hour hosted by his parents, Carrie and Sam Ralston.

A special thanks to Pam Sakala for being his mentor this past year, and all his years of Sunday School, as well as Vice Pastor Miller for performing the service.



Yard Sale Success

The weather held out for the town wide yard sale on Saturday, May 14th. Thank you to those who participated as well as helped throughout the day. All that hard work netted \$303.65 (which includes \$77.25 from the baked goods table — thank you bakers!). The proceeds are going to the building fund for future repairs to any of our structures, which is inevitable!



Please pray for these loved ones...

Maggie Brower, the Chapman Family, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Charlie Eidel, the Faison Family, Al & Barbara Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Norman Nilsen, Shady Oliver, Erin Raffery, the Reid Family, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia vanDam, Jennifer vanDam, Lenny vanDam, Irma Weishaupt, and Robert Wiederschall

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Aiden Seals, Devin Vega, and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al and Barbara Frielink, and Irma Weishaupt

Corinne's Cupboard

Thank you to Corinne Sakala for starting Corinne's Cupboard ten years ago at Christ Lutheran and thank you for the generosity of the many people who supported Corinne's Cupboard again this year during Lent. Together with Church of the Savior, we were able to assemble over 500 snack packs for Center for Food Action for

distribution to Bergen County children who receive school meals but are left without adequate nutrition on weekends and holiday breaks. Many thanks also to Corinne, Pam, Pat, Margarete and Anne for their help in assembling the snack packs after church on April 24.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Diane Hesse, who passed away on May 19, 2022.

Wishing Fred and their family strength and comfort in the months ahead.

Going the Second Mile

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he teaches, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Matthew 5:41, NRSV). Back then, Jews were subject to Roman rule and often compulsory service. Commoners could be forced to fetch water, carry baggage and perform other menial tasks. So Jesus suggests that rather than complying with gritted teeth and muttered curses, people offer to carry the pack a second mile as well.

These days, the second (or extra) mile denotes going beyond what's expected or required, whether in effort or

kindness. In Going the Second Mile, Mel Blackaby describes the concept as "the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God." He explains, "When you 'do your best' for someone, you go the first mile. When God does his best through you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second."

- Adapted from *The Wired Word*

Bible Quiz

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle



Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34.)

June

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

JUNE 5

10:30am

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

Bob Denicola
Anne Carman
Gina Lally

JUNE 12

10:00am

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

Pat Berinato
Ralph Braun
Lore Braun

JUNE 19

10:00am

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

Chris Nilsen
Linda Comery
Linda Polise

JUNE 26

10:00am

Lay Assistant
Usher
Altar Guild

Pam Sakala
Linda Polise
Marge Tomaselli



COUNTERS SCHEDULE

June	Pam
July	Marge
August	Carrie
September	Linda
October	Bill
November	Anne
December	All

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage	1	2	3	4 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am 
5  Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday Worship Service (CH) 10:30am - Confirmation of Ean Ralston Coffee Hour following Service 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am 	13 	14  Flag Day	15	16  Pot Luck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	17	18  Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
19 Father's Day Worship Service (CH) 10:00am 	20 Martha Circle Meeting (OB) (Bring lunch) 12:00pm 	21  First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	27	28	29	30	 <p>Summer Church Hours Starting June 12</p> <p>Summer Family Program TBD August</p>	