

Lebanon Lutheran Church July Newsletter 2020

Sunday School 9:30am

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Worship 11:00am

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Yes Stop! Look around at all God has given us. Do we take time to stop during our busy lives, the hustle and bustle of the day, to thank God for all he has given us? We have much to be thankful for if we just stop and look, at the beauty of the day.

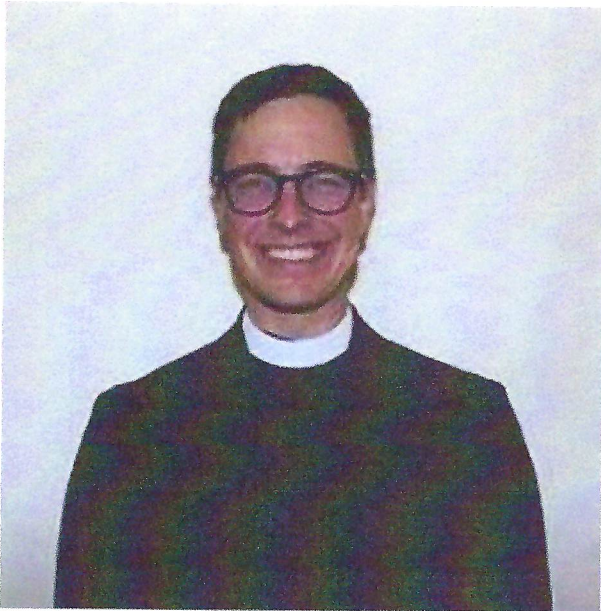


Gods creation is all around us and we should take time to give thanks.



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Pastor Christopher Porter

A Message From The Desk Of The Pastor

Greetings in Christ's Holy Name,

I pray that you are all safe and well and this time. We have had some big recent events, both congregations are now meeting in-person for worship. This is a good and blessed thing. Let us all be grateful that we are able to meet for our regular Sunday worship – even if it is not yet in the manner to which we are accustomed. Lebanon continues to stream the first part of the Divine Service at their Facebook page for those who are not yet ready or able to join the congregation in-person.

On the twenty-fifth of June, the Lutheran Church commemorated the presentation of the Augsburg Confession before the Emperor of the Roman Empire in 1530 AD. This event marks the official beginning of the “Lutheran Church” as a Confessionally distinct body. It was the hope of the “confessors” (those who subscribed the written statement of faith delivered at Augsburg) that the Emperor would accept the confession as a good and proper statement of the catholic faith given us in the Holy Scriptures. It was not to be. And yet, where they have been faithful, our “Lutheran” Churches have been a powerful force for reform according to the Holy Scriptures in many lands. Ours is a vital and lasting faith, because we believe it is nothing more or less than the same ancient faith preached by the Prophets and Apostles concerning our Lord, Jesus Christ. We confess in the Augsburg Confession that we are not a “new” church (can there really be such a thing?), but the same Church of Christ reformed and cleansed of certain newer errors and abuses.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, I had been taking individual articles or topics of the Augsburg Confession and reflecting on their teaching. My goal was to make our chief teaching document, beside the Holy Scriptures themselves, better known in the congregation. The faith of the Augsburg Confession still summons us to a greater knowledge of the Scriptures and the doctrines they contain, and we do well to know them and consider them.

We last considered Article IX on Holy Baptism, if memory serves. Now we will consider Article X on the Lord's Supper. It is short and sweet. Compact, but it states the essentials:

¹ Our churches teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper [1 Corinthians 10:16]. ² They reject those who teach otherwise.

There are three important things to notice here:

1. *WHAT IT DOES SAY* – That those who eat the consecrated bread and wine truly receive the body and blood of our Lord, or at least this is what is entailed in the Confession. This means that the true, substantial, historical, and now glorified body and blood of our Lord is present for us to receive in faith when we come to the Supper. This is a wonderful and blessed thing! It means that we truly come into contact with the Holy One of Israel, Jesus Christ, when we commune. The body and blood of the one who triumphed over the ancient enemies of the human race (sin, death, and the devil), is truly given to us – and so we also receive the things that He accomplished in His body: life and salvation (see the Catechisms for more on that).

2. *WHAT IS DOES NOT SAY* - The Confession offers no explanation or theoretical reflection upon how this is possible. It does not say who is worthy to receive the Supper. It does not say what is the best setting to receive it. Lutherans do not live or die by secondary explanations of what must be the case for the Supper to be what Christ says it is, but only hold forth what the Lord says IT IS! We hold to the bare words of the Holy Scriptures and Christ's own words, "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood of the covenant, given for you." To be sure, the various versions of the account of the Supper differ in minor details. The form of the Words of our Lord that we proclaim in the Divine Service is a harmony of them all, but the import is the same.

Here the important thing is to confess before the world clearly and without sophistry what our Lord has said about the Supper He instituted. There is more to be said, but the issue in contention among some other groups was whether Christ's true body and blood were given in the Supper at all. The Lutherans have said, "Yes!"

3. *WE REJECT* – The third main point of this Confession is that those who accept it do not accept the teachings which claim that Christ's body and blood are not truly present in the Supper. This is logically necessary if one believes that it is present! It either is or it is not, there is no third option. If we take our Lord's words as truthful, as we should, we cannot but confess that He gives us His body and blood with the bread and wine. It is a wonderful mystery, and we leave the *how* to the omnipotent God, who does many things we cannot fully comprehend.

THE PRACTICAL COMFORT – of this confession is that we have the very body and blood of our Lord given to us as a pledge and sign of His grace and mercy toward all who receive it in faith. Are you feeling as if the Lord has turned his face from you? Do you feel as if the world is wearing you down?

COME TO THE SUPPER and receive what the Lord Jesus wants to give you! Believe His words are true and you have the benefits of all that He has done for you: He has abolished your sin,

ransomed you from the devil, restored you to eternal life, given His death destroying body for you to eat, given His immaculate blood for you to drink.

We receive this body and blood as true and spiritual food – the true manna from heaven that sustains us in every possible wilderness, in every dark place. We receive it as that body and blood which death could not contain, and as we do, it will reconstitute our bodies so that they may dwell in Christ's Kingdom forever.

Such wonderful graces are ever available in the Supper our Lord - the Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Mass, the Sacrament of the Altar – let us receive them joyfully and often!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter



The new banners in the church sanctuary represent the Word and the Sacraments. They were installed on Saturday as part of the church workday thanks to all who helped.

REALLY, IT ISN'T FUNNY

It's funny how \$50 looks so big when you take it to church, and so small when you take it to the grocery store!

It's funny how long an hour seems when serving God and His Church, and how short 60 minutes are when you are watching TV.

It's funny how much work it is to read a chapter from the Bible, and how easy it is to read two or three hundred pages in your favorite magazine or good book!

It's funny when we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about when we are on the phone with a friend!

It's funny how we seem to have difficulty learning to worship God, but find it easy to do so many other things!

Funny, isn't it? Or maybe it merely reflects the way we are living these days.

Author unknown.

We are finishing Luther's Large Catechism Class and will begin the Study of St. John's Apocalypse. We meet on Zoom every Monday @ 7 pm. The class is Led by Pastor Chris and all are invited to attend.

The Doctrine of God Class meets on Zoom on Thursdays @ 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Chris for meeting ID and password.

July BIRTHDAYS

13th Jeff Hamman

19th Sharon Painter

28th Wilda Clem

29th Judy Martin

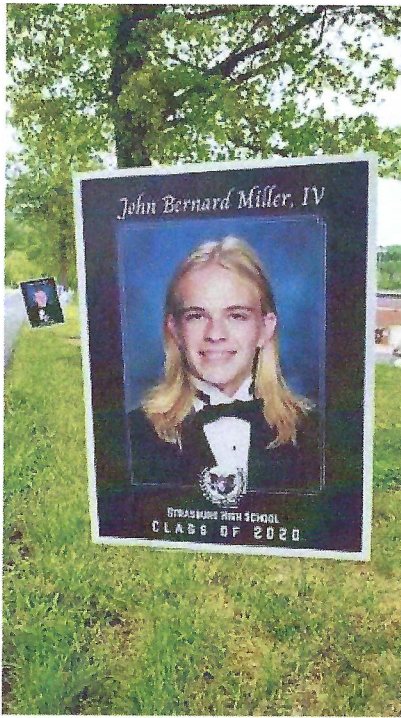
July ANNIVERSARIES

8th John & Lauren Miller

20th Jeff & Libby Smoot

The 2020 Strasburg High School Valedictorian is:

John Bernard Miller IV (Jack)



Above Jack receiving his diploma from Miss Melissa Foltz Principal

Below Jack pictured with his parents John & Lauren

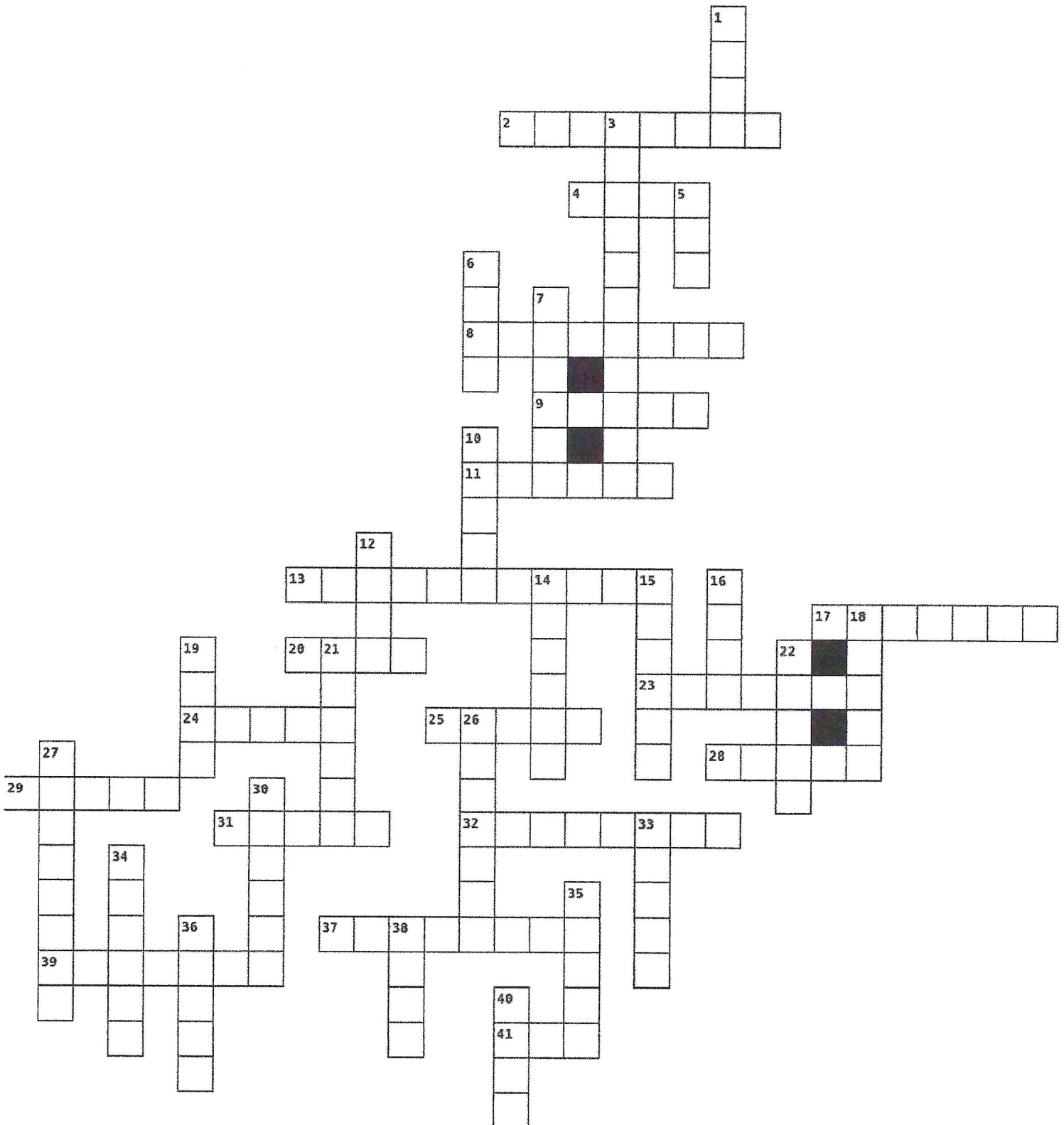


Jack, Completed the Massanutten Regional Governors School program and earned his Associates Degree from Lord Fairfax Community College. He plans to attend The University of Virginia this fall, to study architecture. We wish him all the luck in his new school community, Go Hoos!!



Above: left to right; Karla Funkhouser, Brenda Rose, Joy Cutlip, Pastor J.D. Cutlip, Jack, and Pastor Christopher Porter all of Lebanon Lutheran.

1 Samuel



Across

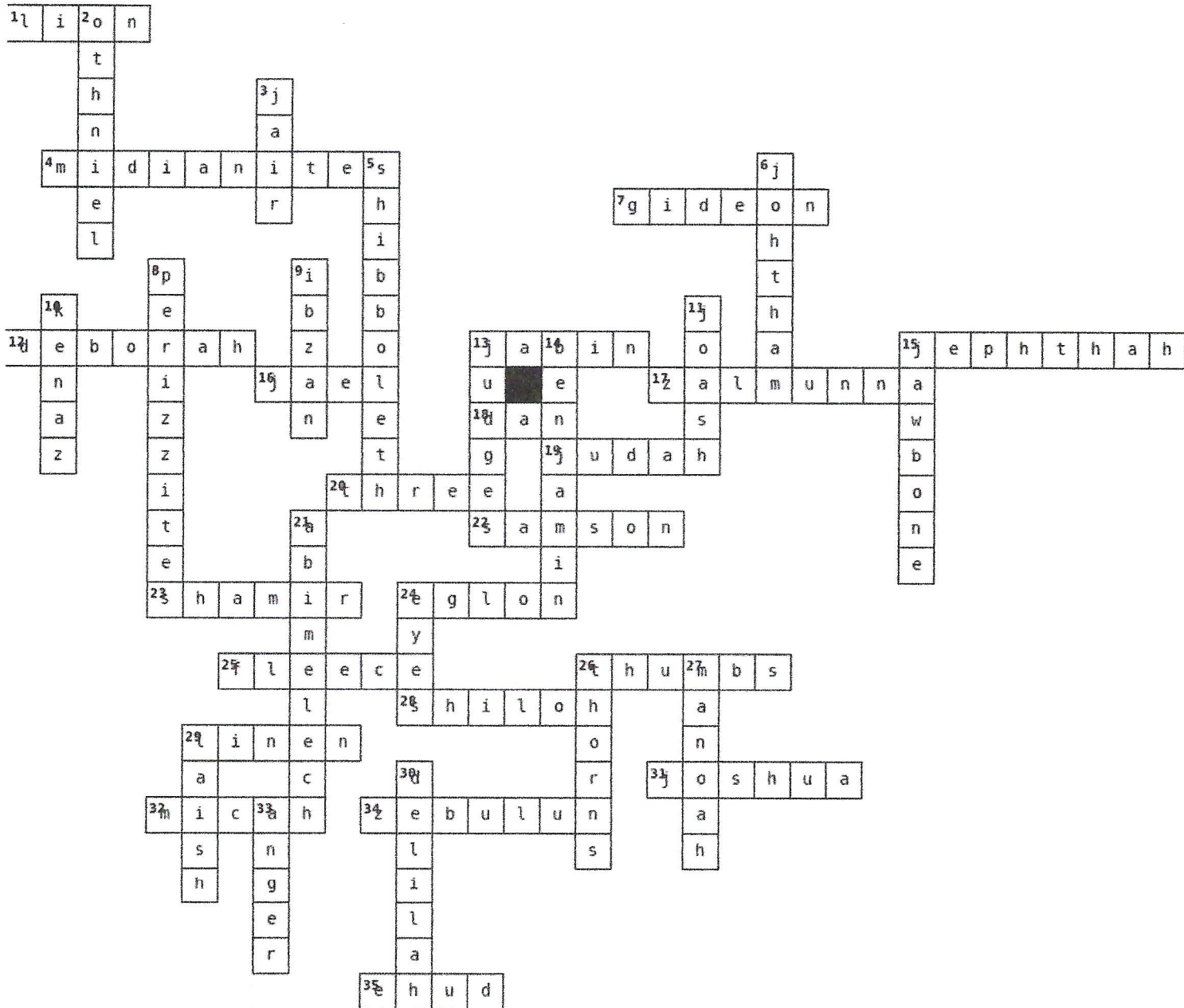
2. The Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul and caused them to do this. (19)

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1. Two of these pulled the cart with the ark of the Lord on it back to Israel. (6)

4. The guilt offering of the Philistines were five golden tumors and five golden _____. (6)
8. He escaped the sword of Doeg and fled to David. (22)
9. The ark of God of Israel was brought to Gath and caused a great _____ among the people. (5)
11. David lives with this king of Gath. (27)
13. The iniquity of Eli's sons were doing this against God. (3)
17. Samuel said to the Lord "Speak for your _____ hears."(3)
20. The people of Israel wanted a _____ to judge Israel. (8)
23. His height was six cubits and a span. (17)
24. A name for foreign gods? (7)
25. Saul throws this at Jonathan. (20)
28. Saul fell upon this and killed himself. (31)
29. The number of sons that passed before Samuel that were not chosen by God to be king. (16)
31. As Saul and his army slept, David takes Saul's spear and a jar of what? (26)
32. Elis two sons are Hophni and _____. (2)
37. He is Saul's son. (13)
39. David takes Ahinoam and who as wives? (25)
41. Samuel took a flask of this and poured it on Saul's head to anoint him. (10)
3. They defeated Israel in battle and captured the Ark of God. (4)
5. Samuel ministered to the Lord in the presence of this priest. (2)
6. Before the Lord in Gilgal Samuel hacked to pieces this king.(15)
7. Samuel judged the people of Israel at _____. (7)
10. Samuels home was there. (7)
12. Saul was seeking David in this wilderness. (23)
14. Saul gave this daughter in marriage to David. (18)
15. Saul was made king before the Lord at this place. (11)
16. He was the first king of Israel. (9)
18. Samuel was clothed with a linen _____.(2)
19. David cuts the corner off of this of Saul's. (24)
21. David changes his behavior to pretend to be this, in front of Achish. (21)
22. This god of the Philistines fell face down before the Ark of the Lord. (5)
26. All Israel knew from Dan to Beersheba that Samuel was established as this. (3)
27. Elkanah had two wives Hannah and _____. (1)
30. He was the son of Hannah. (1)
33. When Jonathan ate this his eyes became bright. (14)
34. What is the woman Saul inquires of? (28)
35. Achish tells David he is as blameless in his eyes as an _____ of God. (29)
36. Four hundred young Amalekite men escaped David by this animal. (30)
38. Eli broke this when he fell over backwards and died. (4)
40. First born son of Samuel. (8)

Judges



Across

1. Samson tore this animal into pieces as one tears a young goat. (14)
4. Gideon took 300 men to defeat this people. (7)
7. He destroys the altar of Baal. (6)
12. She was a prophetess the wife of Lappidoth. (4)
13. This King of Canaan reigned in Hazor. (4)
15. Because of his vow to the Lord, he ended up killing his daughter. (11)
16. She killed the Canaanite General Sisera. (4)

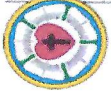
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2. Achsah the daughter of Caleb was given as a wife for whom? (1)
3. When he died he was buried at Kamon. (10)
5. The Ephraimites could not pronounce this word correctly. (12)
6. He was the youngest son of Jerubbaal and hid himself. (9)
8. 10,000 of the Canaanites and _____ were defeated at Bezek. (1)
9. After Jephthah died this man judged Israel. (12)

17. Zebah was one King of Midian who was the other? (8)
18. The name the Danites give the city after they rebuilt it. (18)
19. They went up first against the Canaanites to fight. (1)
20. How many days did Israel fight with the tribe of Benjamin, before God gave them into the hands of Israel? (20)
22. He was the son of Manoah. (13)
23. Tola ruled over Israel twenty-three years and when he died was buried here. (10)
24. The people of Israel served this King for eighteen years. (3)
25. Gideon laid this on the ground to test to see if it was God who was speaking to him. (6)
26. They cut off Adoni-Bezeks _____ and big toes. (1)
28. The tribe of Benjamin carried off four hundred virgins. Who danced in the dances from this city. (21)
29. If you solved Samsons riddle you would get thirty _____ garments. (14)
31. He was a servant of the Lord, the Son of Nun who died at 110 years old. (2)
32. He confesses to his mother he had taken eleven hundred pieces of silver from her. (17)
34. This people risked their lives to the death. (5)
35. The Lord raised him up to be a deliverer for Israel from King Eglon. (3)
10. The father of Othniel? (3)
11. Gideon was the son of _____. (8)
13. The Lord raises these up. (2)
14. The city of Gibeah belonged to this tribe of Israel. (19)
15. Samson strikes down one thousand Philistines with this from a donkey. (15)
21. He ruled over Israel for three years. (9)
24. As there was not King in Israel everyone did what was right in his own _____. (21)
26. Because Israel disobeyed the Lord, and did not drive all the inhabitants out. This people will become what in their sides? (2)
27. Samson was buried in whose tomb? (16)
29. The Danites took over this city by the sword and burned the city. (18)
30. She seduced Samson to get him to tell where his strength was. (16)
33. The _____ of the Lord was kindled against Israel. (2)



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