

# Lebanon Lutheran Church October 2021 Newsletter

*Sunday School 9:30am.*

*Worship Service 11:00am.*

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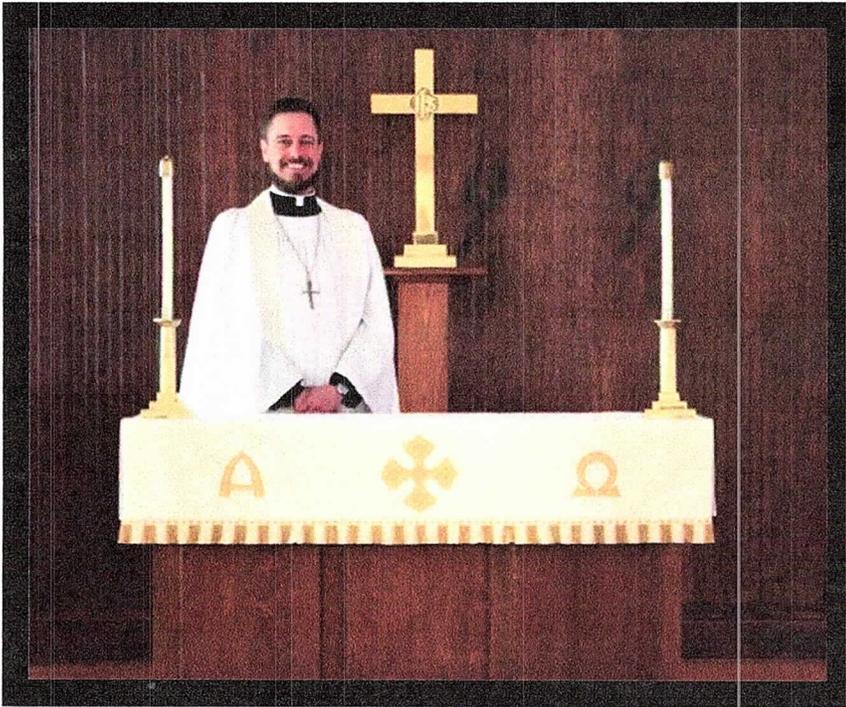
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## *A Message From The Pastor*

We are nearing the end of the Christian year, having entered into *Michaeltide* (the weeks following St. Michael's Day) and on our way to meet a few remaining commemorative days, and then on to Reformation Day, and All Saints. After this, St. Andrew's Day will come and tell us that the nearest Sunday will be the First Sunday in Advent – and a new year will begin!

In these remaining weeks before the Season of Advent, Lebanon will be learning to sing a new song to the Lord, so to speak, as we introduce Setting Three from the Lutheran Service Book, the old *Common Service* of the Lutheran Church. This Setting and its related Orders and Services provided content for public worship for the majority of Lutheran Churches in the United States and Canada for nearly one hundred years, and even longer in some places. Some of us in the congregation may remember it; it was the Service known to most of our mothers and fathers in the faith in these lands.

The *Common Service* project began in the 1880's and was the result of some of the best and greatest liturgical minds of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The dominant Lutheran Church orders of the 16<sup>th</sup> century are the immediate sources for the text as well as some of the music for the liturgy. They are themselves based on Luther's slight revisions of the Medieval Roman Mass. These rites almost palpably *connect* us to a great cloud of Lutheran witnesses who have successfully, as one parishioner put it recently, "handed on the baton" of the faith to us.

I am convinced that it is good for the church to recall and experience some of the old patterns of worship and reverence. It is good to pray the prayers in the forms and tones of our ancestors. It is good to recall that Lebanon Lutheran Church is but one of the myriad congregational voices that

have sung the songs of salvation. I believe it is especially appropriate as our congregation is nearing its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and so too, as it will serve as the Setting which will be used in worship for Reformation Day.

You will, no doubt, notice some differences in the patterns of the ordinary parts of the Service. This may be a bit disorienting. The music may seem a little more difficult, at least at first. To the former concern, I will be writing some articles and otherwise teaching to try to anticipate these feelings. To the latter, I would offer that with time, the music will get into you more deeply than you are aware. I might even expect that you will grow to love these “new” tones and musical arrangements! I know I did when I first learned them some years ago.

The first and the most visible difference from our usual Setting is this: *orientation*. The meaning of the term becomes clearer when you think of taking a trip to “the orient”, in which direction would you be heading? Most likely, you would be heading eastward. Strictly, “orientation” means facing the East, and this is what the Christian Church at worship did for centuries at public worship. The entire congregation, pastor and people, would face the same eastward direction, where, at that end the nave, the altar would be located. This would make the East wall altar the central and dominant point of focus for the entire congregation, pastor and people together. They stood with this orientation offering prayer in the direction of the sign of the crucified Lord, in the direction of the rising Son/sun, faced toward the historical and geographical land of our Lord. The following passage from the Lutheran scholar, Friedrich Lochner, describes the orientation of the altar in this way:

This most ancient (according to Gen 8:20; 12-7ff) monument of the public Divine Service has retained the name “altar” (from *altus* and *ara*) throughout the Western Church, signifying in a general sense an elevated site of consecration. Since Western Christians were from the earliest times accustomed to pray facing east, recalling that from thence salvation came, the custom therefore developed, circa AD 420, of setting up the altar on the eastern end of the church building. Because of this cogent symbolism (which so beautifully expresses the ancient saying *ex oriente lux*) in which the praying and worshiping congregation, with its mouthpiece before it, faces the altar, the Lutheran altar also had its placement to the East.

If you’ve made it this far in the article, I imagine you to be having one or more of the following three thoughts:

1. “But pastor, our altar doesn’t face East!”
2. “Why would the pastor turn his back to the people, isn’t that disrespectful?”
3. “That sounds like a Catholic thing.”
4. “What does it matter? Isn’t God everywhere?”

To the first sort of objection, I would have to admit the truth of it. And yet, the church has long acknowledged the “real world” necessities of space. If a community could only feasibly build with its altar being in one of the other cardinal directions, it did not stop the construction, or the mission of the church in that place. Even so, the altar would always be described as being “in the east”, and the sense of a “liturgical east” came into use. Whatever was sacrificed due to geographical or economic constraints, the sense of orientation prevailed. This meant that pastor and people may geographically be oriented to the northwest (as is Lebanon’s structure), but yet still all face the common “liturgically eastern” direction.

To the second, I have to believe the sentiment is ill-founded. By facing a common direction with the people, a pastor is one of the common fellowship. He may serve a different function at the “head” of the assembly, but he is with that assembly and not against it. Today, with the dominance of a free-standing altar and the pastor behind it, “facing the people”, it seems the reverse. The pastor is placed in opposition to the gathered people as the operative posture. In fact, the Latin for this particular placement is *versus populum* (against the people). When the congregation is *ad orientum*, on the other hand, the pastor and people pray as one body with one aim and all look in the same direction. In terms of the spatial relationship between pastor and congregation, he is not over, against, or under, but *with*; he is traveling with the congregation to the same goal.

To the third, I would offer that this is precisely the reverse of the truth. Though there was one odd remark of Luther’s suggesting that an altar facing the people was the direction to be preferred, there is no good historical evidence for the veracity of the claim. Luther’s suggestion was universally ignored by subsequent Lutheranism. Lutheran altars, from the beginning, faced “the east”. Of course, this began to change some time in the late 60’s at the instigation of the Roman Catholic reforms occurring at that time. The old Tridentine mass was being reformed, and free-standing altars were introduced as part of this effort. Many Lutherans and other mainline churches took up the practice. The reasons for this change, and for the mimicry of Roman Catholic reforms, are diverse, but it is very clear that there is nothing historically Lutheran about a free-standing altar with a pastor standing opposed to the people. Beyond this historical objection, there is also the truth that it is not un-Lutheran to be Catholic. We retain, confess, utilize, and hold dear the good, true, historic practices of the pre-Reformation church, where they do not conflict with the Gospel.

Finally, it is of course true that God is “everywhere”. We also know in our bones that God’s presence is qualitatively different for us when we are assembled together in one place for worship – especially as we hear the Word and celebrate the Sacraments. The church is not just a roof, but a place where the promises of God are declared, claimed, enacted, and fulfilled. He promises to be with us “where two or three are gathered”. He promises to be with his Church when he gives His body and blood to the

congregation as a pledge of his love. In this space called a church, the altar is the most significant thing: a sign of the crucified Christ (the tomb), a place where bread and wine are consecrated, the place where they may become the body and blood of the risen Christ. It is the table where we are invited to dine with our God. It is the focal point of the earthly congregation's sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving in response to the gifts of God. It is where we bring our sacrifice of substance as the offering of money for God's purposes. It is the physical place where heaven and earth meet for a time, due to the ministrations of Christ that take place there. It definitely matters.

ALL THIS IS NOT to say that a free-standing altar is terribly wrong or inappropriate. We are assured that the altar and other appointments are matters of Christian freedom; they are not matters upon which salvation hang, however otherwise important and meaningful they may be. But it is to argue for the rightful and appropriate old custom of an eastern altar, and an eastward facing pastor and people. It is the custom of the Lutheran Church prior to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the rubrics of the *Common Service* direct the pastor to have this posture for much of the Service.

When you see me go to the altar and face it for the various parts of the Service on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Oct 17<sup>th</sup>), you will know that I haven't finally lost it, and that I'm not making up weird un-Lutheran stuff. I'm just "saying the black and doing the red", I'm doing what the book tells me to do! I'm very much looking forward to the opportunity to sing praises to God in this new/old way with all of you.

Next time we'll look at the tradition of Christian chant, and the form it takes in the *Common Service*.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter

## Events at Lebanon

Do you or someone you  
know need a ride to  
Church?

Please contact Ann Deming  
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

### Wednesday's

8:15 AM – Matins

10:00 AM Individual  
Confession & Absolution

### October Birthday's

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Smoot

6<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Neal

6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Diehl

7<sup>th</sup> Shirley Foster

8<sup>th</sup> George Beauchesne

8<sup>th</sup> Tammy Leathers

11<sup>th</sup> Melinda Reidy

15<sup>th</sup> Steve Lowe

26<sup>th</sup> Jessica Smith

24<sup>th</sup> Melvin Harris

30<sup>th</sup> Martha Artz-Cain

Come and join the Outreach  
Committee. We will meet  
Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6 PM

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Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM @  
Queen Street Diner

Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00 PM

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The Worship Committee is  
seeking volunteers to  
participate in the ministry  
of caring for God's altar.  
Please contact Pastor  
Chris or Missy Hockman  
if you are interested or if  
you have any questions.

### October Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Chris & Leslie Heird

Sunday School Class led by  
Rev. J.D. is at 9:30 Sunday  
mornings at Church

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Sunday School Class led by  
Lucy King is at 9:30 Sunday  
mornings at Church

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Children's & Elementary  
Sunday School Classes are at  
9:30 Sunday mornings  
at Church

### Choir Practice

Choir will practice  
Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
and October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00

\*See Evelyn if interested in  
joining the Choir

### CREDO Class

Class meets every other  
Thursday @ 7 PM at  
the Church

Led by Pastor Chris. All  
are invited to attend.

\*See Pastor Chris for  
CREDO info

## Events at Lebanon

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Please contact Chris Heird if you would like to serve on the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

*The Atlantic Mission Region Convocation will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pennsylvania*

### Prayer Requests

*Names offered to God for prayer in times of sickness or for other concerns will be included in the Sunday prayers of the Church for a period of two weeks. If a person would like to be remembered at the altar beyond this time period, they may inform the Pastor or Church Council who will inform the Congregational Secretary and they will continue to be offered in prayer.*

*If you would like to serve on the newly formed Land Use Committee, please contact Dave Leathers, Jeff Hamman or Brenda Rose*

### Church Directory

*Please choose a sign-up time to have your family photo taken for the directory. The sign-up sheet is on the table as you come in the door. Carolyn Frye will be taking photos after Church Service on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>*

### Applebutter

*Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we will be snitting the apples and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> will be the applebutter boiling.*

*We need volunteers to help with snitting, boiling and packaging the applebutter. Come help, it is a great time of fellowship.*

*Holy Communion Class is being held at Church on Monday evenings at 7:00 with Pastor Porter leading the class. All are welcome to attend.*

*If you would be interested in sharing teaching duties for the Elementary Sunday School Class or serving on the Education Committee, please see Chris Heird.*

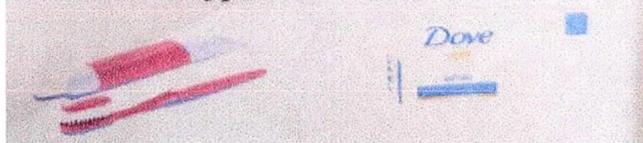
# Reaching **OUT** Thru Outreach – **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## Items Needed For Disaster Response Kits

### Health Care Kits

(one item of each listed below completes one kit)

- ◊ **One** bath towel
- ◊ **One** wash cloth
- ◊ **One** bar of soap, in original wrapping
- ◊ **One** toothbrush
- ◊ **One** pack of dental floss
- ◊ **One** tube of toothpaste (two if sample size)
- ◊ **One** comb
- ◊ **One** deodorant
- ◊ **One** shampoo (two if sample sized)
- ◊ **One** nail clippers



### School Kits

(one item of each listed below completes one kit)

- ◊ **One** cloth bag or back pack
- ◊ **Four** notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (NO loose leaf paper)
- ◊ **One** blunt scissors
- ◊ **One** ruler
- ◊ **One** pencil sharpener
- ◊ **Six** new pencils
- ◊ **One** eraser
- ◊ **Four** pocket folders
- ◊ **One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ◊ **Four** pens



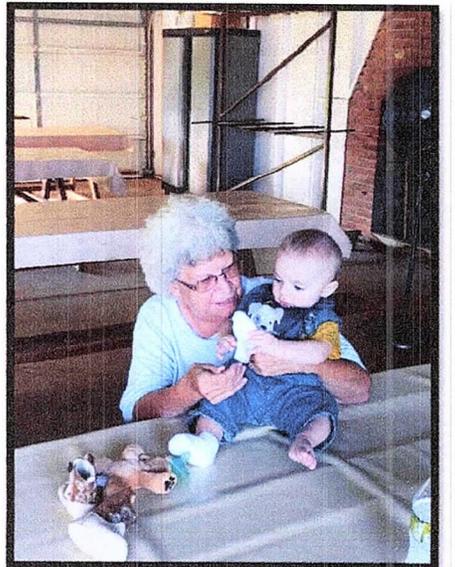
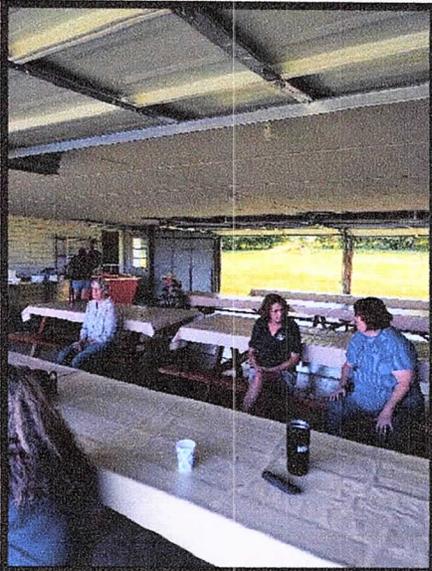
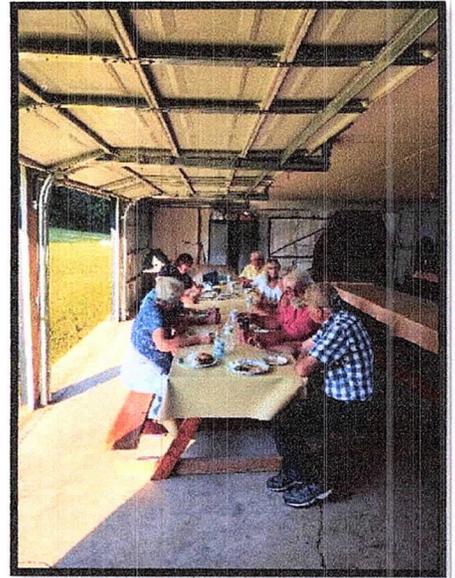
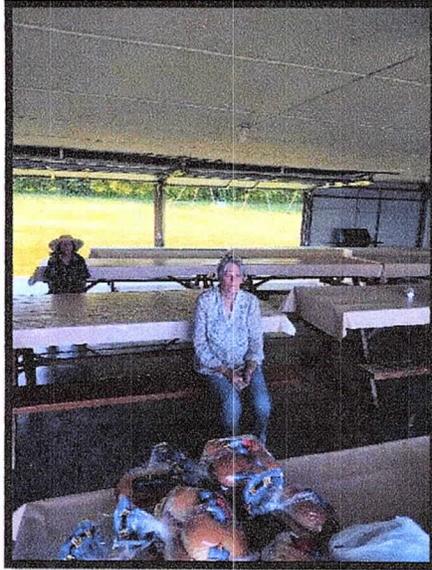
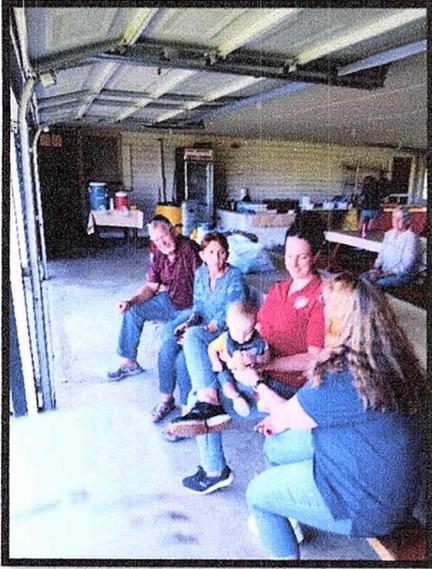
Disaster Kit items above are needed to take to the Atlantic Mission Region Women's Conference to be held on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Pennsylvania. They are asking each Congregation to bring at least 5 of each item listed above to prepare 5 complete Health Care and School Kits. The items will be taken to the Conference and the women's group will be assembling the kits there. **Please have items to the church no later than Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Porter and Jeff & Sheri Hamman will be attending the Conference and will be taking the items there to be assembled. There is a sign-up sheet at the Church as to what items can donate so we know what need to purchase prior to event.

### Flood Bucket

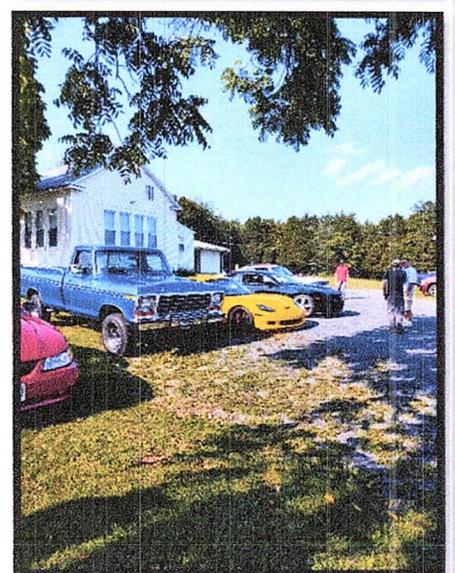
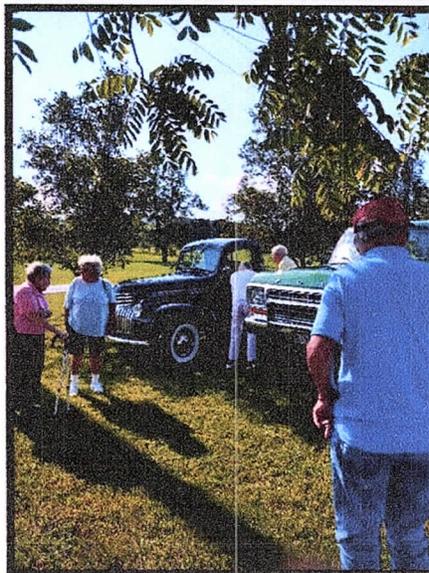
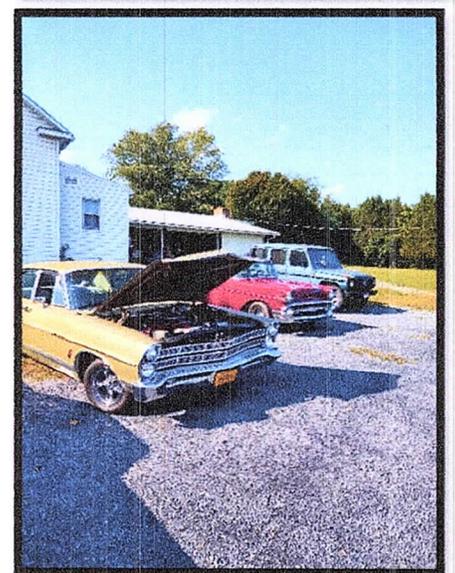
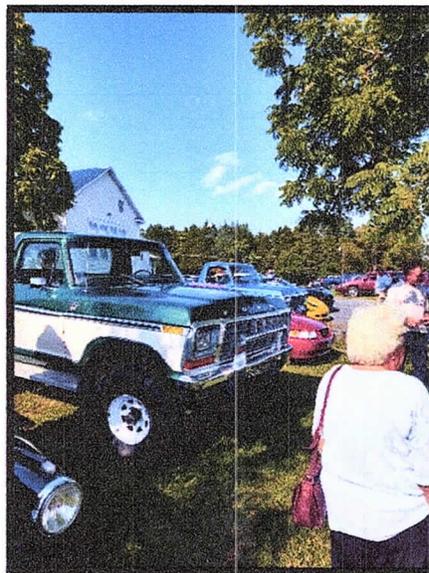
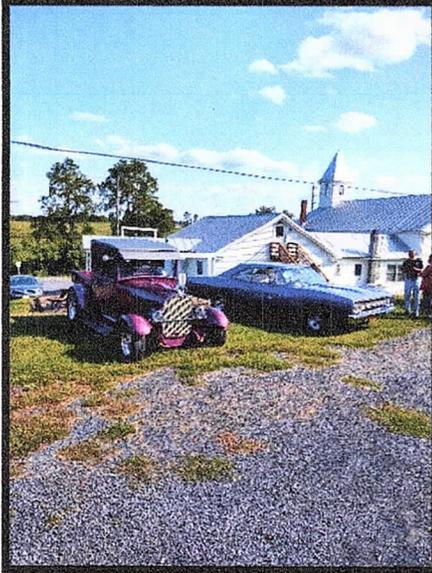
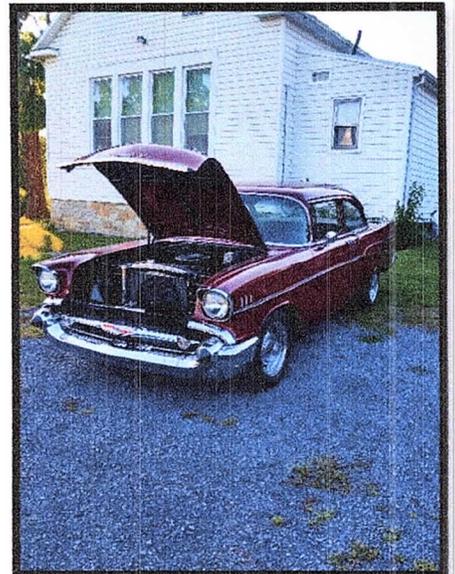
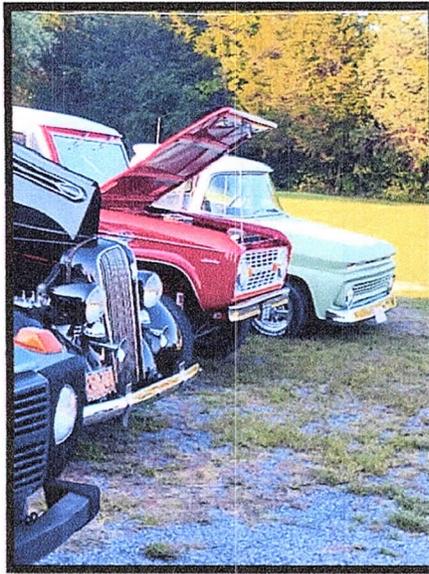
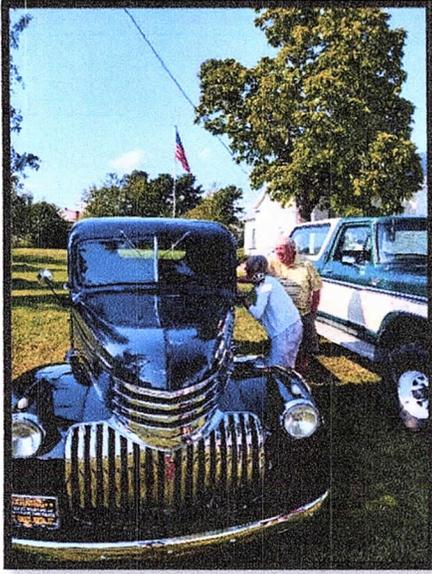
- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach
- 2 large trash bags
- 1 roll paper towels
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
  - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
  - leather
  - cotton

We will also be taking the above donations to prepare Flood Buckets that will be assembled prior to going to the Conference for the NALC Disaster "Stuff The Truck". With their current disaster response supplies being depleted, they are in urgent need of the above items (list of items is for 1 flood bucket). **We will also need these items to be brought to the Church no later than Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> so they can be assembled.** Thank you for all of your support and donations.

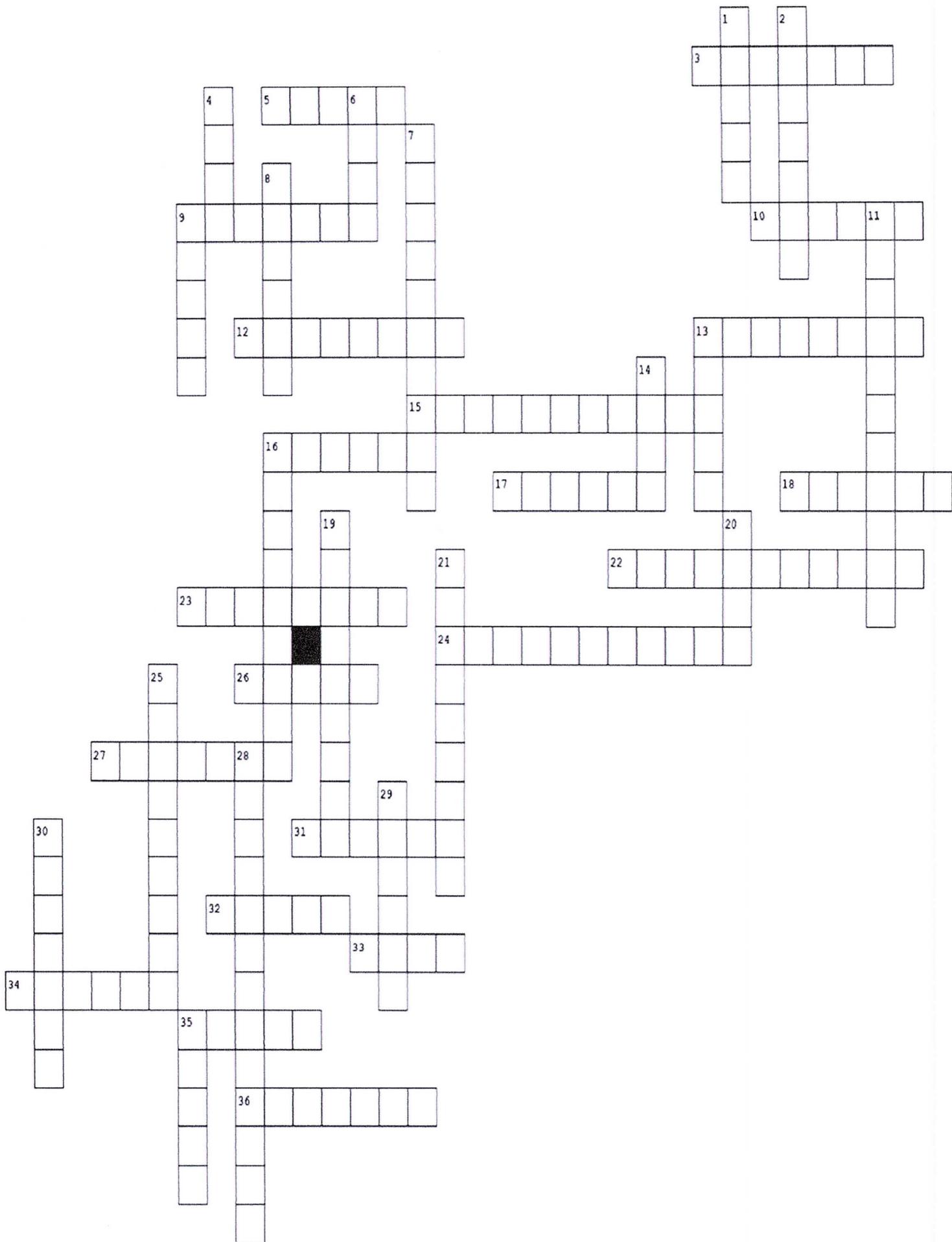
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# Proverbs



## Proverbs

### Across

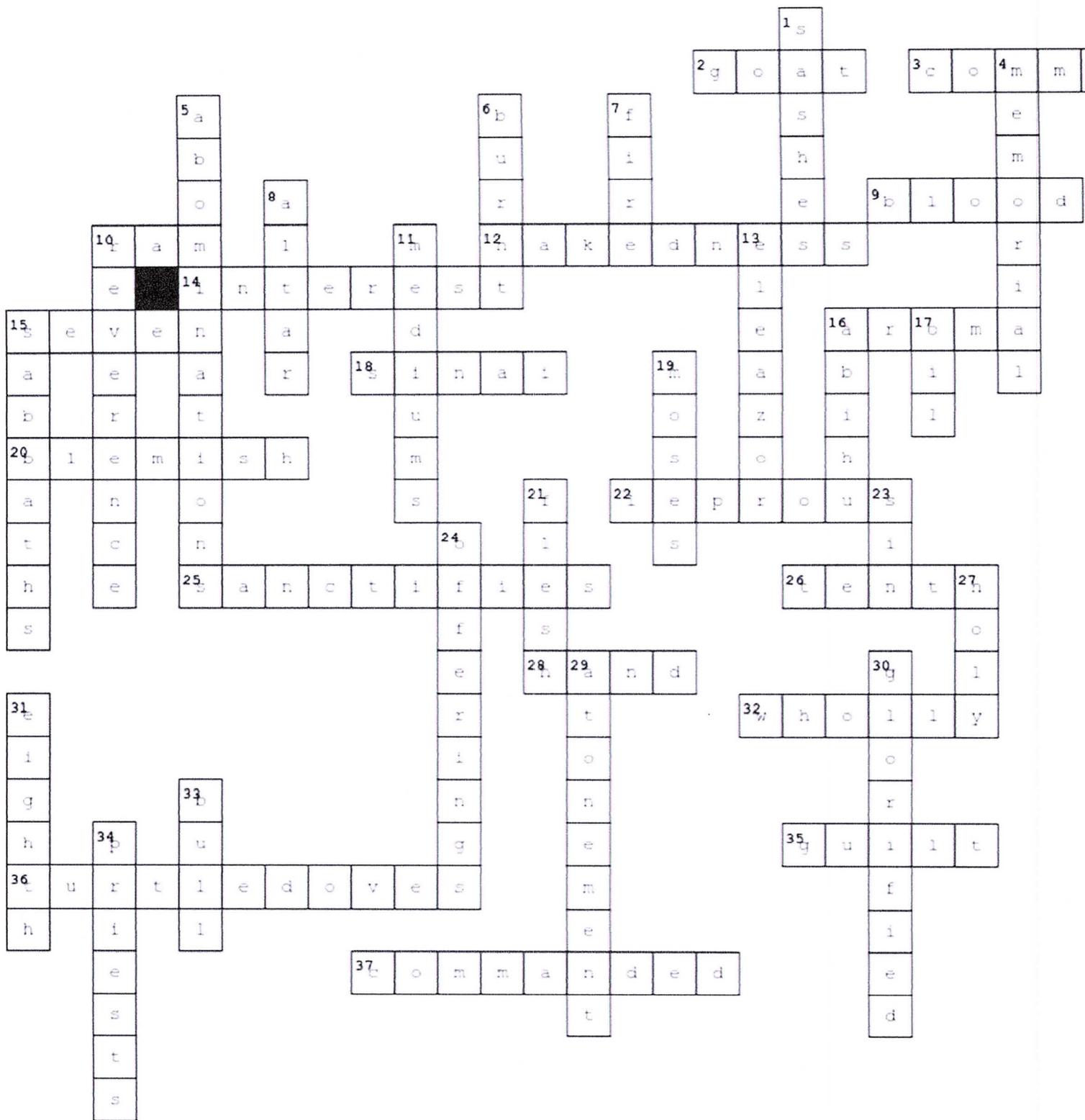
3. "Before destruction a man's heart is \_\_\_\_\_, but humility comes before honor." (18)
5. "An excellent wife is the \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones ." (12)
9. "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be \_\_\_\_\_." (31)
10. "Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart." (26)
12. "The mouth of the righteous is a \_\_\_\_\_ of life," (10)
13. "The reward for \_\_\_\_\_ and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life." (22)
15. "Give \_\_\_\_\_ to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;" (9)
16. "A \_\_\_\_\_ goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool." (17)
17. "Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his \_\_\_\_\_." (28)
18. "Better is a \_\_\_\_\_ with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it." (15)
22. "The way of the Lord is a stronghold to the blameless, but \_\_\_\_\_ to evildoers." (10)
23. "One who is wise is \_\_\_\_\_ and turns away from evil but a fool is reckless and careless." (14)
24. "In all your ways \_\_\_\_\_ him, and he will make straight your paths." (3)
26. They despise wisdom and instructions? (1)
27. "For jealousy makes a man \_\_\_\_\_, and he will not spare when he takes revenge." (6)
31. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous ends only in good, the expectation of the wicked in wrath." (11)
32. Give this to your enemy when he is hungry? (25)
33. If you discipline a child with a rod his \_\_\_\_\_ will be saved from Sheol? (23)
34. They will be cut off from the land? (2)
35. Keep this with all vigilance as the springs of life flow from it? (4)
36. "For the \_\_\_\_\_ person is an abomination to the Lord," (3)

### Down

1. "Whoever spares the rod \_\_\_\_\_ his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him." (13)
2. The Lord will laugh at your calamity because you have done this to his counsel? (1)
4. "The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray \_\_\_\_\_." (20)
6. "Whoever gives thought to the \_\_\_\_\_ will discover good, and blessed is he who trust in the Lord." (16)
7. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin." (5)
8. "For the Lord gives \_\_\_\_\_; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (2)
9. This can bring you low? (29)
11. "Listen to advise and accept \_\_\_\_\_ that you may gain wisdom in the future." (19)
13. For this is good to eat? (24)
14. "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find \_\_\_\_\_," (21)
16. "teach a \_\_\_\_\_ man, and he will increase in learning." (9)
19. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_;" (1)
20. "Every word of God proves \_\_\_\_\_:" (30)
21. "All at once he follows her as an ox goes to the \_\_\_\_\_," (7)
25. Men of this speech, forsake the paths of uprightness? (2)
28. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own \_\_\_\_\_." (3)
29. This is better than jewels? (8)
30. "Wealth gained \_\_\_\_\_ will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it." (13)
35. "As in water face reflects face, so the \_\_\_\_\_ of man reflects the man." (27)

All questions are formed from the book Proverbs (ESV Bible). Chapters are in Parenthesis. Some answers may be used more than once.

# Leviticus



### Across

2. Which male animal is offered if a leader sins unintentionally? (4)
3. "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have \_\_\_\_\_ an abomination," (20)

### Down

1. These were tied around the waist of Aaron's sons. (8)
4. The grain offering is what portion on the altar. (6)

## Leviticus

9. This is to be thrown against the sides of the altar for a peace offering? (3)
10. "Then he killed the ox and the \_\_\_\_\_, the sacrifice of peace offerings for the people." (9)
12. "None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover \_\_\_\_\_." (18)
14. You shall not lend money to your brother with this attached to it? (25)
15. The number of times the oil, that is poured into the priests left hand is sprinkled before the Lord? (14)
16. "as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. (1)
18. "These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount \_\_\_\_\_." (27)
20. An animal that is to be sacrificed is to be without this? (1)
22. "When a man is afflicted with a \_\_\_\_\_ disease, he shall be brought to the priest." (13)
25. "Keep my statutes and do them, I am the Lord who \_\_\_\_\_ you." (20)
26. This numbered day of the seventh month is the day of atonement. (23)
28. This is laid on the head of an animal that is being killed for a sacrifice? (3)
32. "Every grain offering of a priest shall be \_\_\_\_\_ burned." (6)
35. "In the place where they kill the burnt offering they shall kill the \_\_\_\_\_ offering." (7)
36. If one can't afford a lamb, two of these, or two pigeons may be used for compensation for the sin? (5)
37. "This is the thing that the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ to be done." (8)
5. "For everyone who does any of these \_\_\_\_\_, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people." (18)
6. Of the two turtledoves or two pigeons one is used for a sin offering and the other is used for this \_\_\_\_\_ offering. (5)
7. Aarons sons offered unauthorized \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord. (10)
8. The fire on this shall be kept burning and it shall not go out? (6)
10. "You shall keep my sabbaths and \_\_\_\_\_ my sanctuary: I am the Lord." (26)
11. "Do not turn to \_\_\_\_\_ or necromancers;" (19)
13. The surviving sons of Aaron are \_\_\_\_\_ and Ithamar. (10)
15. "Everyone of you shall revere his mother and his father and you shall keep my \_\_\_\_\_:" (19)
16. Nadab and \_\_\_\_\_ are sons of Aaron? (10)
17. This is to be poured on a grain offering to the Lord. (2)
19. He is credited with writing the book of Leviticus? (1)
21. "But if he does not wash them or bathe his \_\_\_\_\_ he shall bear his iniquity." (17)
23. "Whoever curses his God shall bear his \_\_\_\_\_." (24)
24. "For they offer the Lord's food \_\_\_\_\_, the bread of their God, therefore they shall be holy." (21)
27. "Consecrate yourselves therefore and be \_\_\_\_\_, for I am holy." (11)
29. "And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make \_\_\_\_\_ wearing the holy linen garments." (16)
30. "Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be \_\_\_\_\_." (10)
31. "And on the \_\_\_\_\_ day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised." (12)
33. If a priest sins or if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally this is offered as a sacrifice to the Lord. (4)
34. Aaron's sons are this? (2)

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<p>◀ Sep 2021</p> <p>3 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service</p> <p>4 7:00 Holy Communion Class</p> <p>5</p> <p>6 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession &amp; Absolution</p> <p>7 7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Queen Street Diner</p>	<p>10 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service</p> <p>11 7:00 Holy Communion Class</p> <p>12</p> <p>13 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession &amp; Absolution</p> <p>14 6:00 Outreach Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting</p> <p>15 Snitting Apples for Applebutter Boiling</p> <p>16 Applebutter Boiling</p>	<p>17 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service</p> <p>18 7:00 Holy Communion Class</p> <p>19</p> <p>20 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession &amp; Absolution</p> <p>21 7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>22 Regional Convocation</p> <p>23 Regional Convocation</p>	<p>24 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service</p> <p>25 7:00 Holy Communion Class</p> <p>26</p> <p>27 8:15 AM – Matins 10:00 Individual Confession &amp; Absolution 7:00 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>30</p>	<p>31 Reformation Day 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service</p>	<p>Nov 2021 ▶</p>		

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