

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

- Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present 1 32 20 11
- Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30
- To take a long walk 14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42
- Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4
- Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV



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MT. OLIVE TIMES

Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love.

July 2023

Pay attention to what God is doing



Listen to the music

When I go to a concert, there's a lot to experience. I enjoy watching the musicians play the music, and I think of the countless hours of preparation that have preceded the performance. I see the audience listening and I think how wonderful it is that although each one of us is experiencing the music personally, we are also sharing this concert together. Then I close my eyes and try to listen to nothing but the music - it sounds simple but sometimes my mind wanders into other worries and responsibilities. If I listen well, I am refreshed by the music.

When we go to worship, there's a lot to experience. All five senses get involved. We see the leaders and the other members participating in various ways. We see the symbols and colors which tell us of our salvation. With handshakes and hugs we feel the loving touch of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We taste the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We smell the flowers, maybe some incense, and coffee brewing in the basement! And we listen. We listen to the music of God's Word. We hear the Spirit singing to us of the love of Jesus for us and for all. Sometimes our minds wander into other problems and preoccupations. But we pray, "Lord, help me to listen. Help me to hear what You are saying to me today."

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28, ESV) He wants us to listen well - to receive the message, to be changed by the power of His Word.

Holy Spirit, teach us to listen. Bless all those who prepare and provide our worship services, and let each of us hear the voice of our Good Shepherd speaking to us, that we may leave refreshed. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

-Pastor Mike

Education article for July 2023 Newsletter

Sunday School: We are seeking someone to assume the role of Sunday School Superintendent. For details please contact Arlee Mueller at Tel/text 612-532-5367.

Elders Article for July 2023 newsletter

Guest Pastors: Rev. Layton Lemke will lead our worship on June 25th and July 2nd. Rev. R. Thomas Colgrove will lead our worship on July 30th.

Board of Outreach - Intergenerational Activities

We are looking for a few people to join the Board of Outreach. We will be starting fresh and would like to begin with the members taking responsibility for planning and carrying out a few intergenerational activities. Some ideas we have come up with are Pen-pals, Meetings with other community & church leaders, Visit Shirley Hills, Homeschooling group, Game night/Movie night, "Family Altar" project, Birdhouses, baking, or other craft project, Teddy Bear Band or similar, Bouncy house, Mothers' and Fathers' Night Out. However, we are open to ideas! Please let Lindsey know if you would be interested in joining!



Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love (within Mt. Olive)

We want to express our gratitude to those who have helped in various ways around church recently:

- ✚ For all those who have volunteered for VBS
- ✚ For those who continue to help with treats and coffee for fellowship time after service
- ✚ For Jim who has worked diligently with the asphalt company for our new parking lot to come!
- ✚ For all those who have donated to support our resurfacing of the parking lot! We truly couldn't do this project without you!

Joining Jesus on his Mission (beyond Mt Olive)

We praise God for the ways He has been involving our members in His mission recently...

- ✚ Harriet and Phil co-hosted chapel at LMS for the 3PM Service on Flag Day with Pastor Dan from Westwood Church.

✚ Nancy lives in River Oaks in Watertown. She realized she had more than one Bible and she resolved to give some away. Another resident told her that although she knows Jesus, she didn't have a Bible of her own, so Nancy gave her one. She said it made her so happy to be able to give the gift of God's Word.

Contact information

Please be sure to let Lindsey know of any contact information that may have changed for you. Please email changes to admin@mountolivecms.org or call Lindsey at 952-472-2756. Please leave a detailed message if no answer.

Email List

Did you know that Lindsey emails out the Sunday Bulletin prior to the upcoming Sunday? Would you like to be added to the email list to view the bulletin sooner? To be added, email Lindsey at admin@mountolivecms.org

Donations Given in Memory of...

Keith Bolster - \$15

Road Construction!

County Rd 125 (Bartlett) will be closed starting June 25. It looks like it will affect at least two bridges, and will require people to find a different route to church.



Outreach - Scott County Fair & Carver County Fair!



After our Revive Minnesota team led the Revive Scott County Outreach in 2018, Bob Schmitz, who participated in the outreach in his city started hosting the prayer booth during the Scott County Fair each July since. Myself and other friends have volunteered at this prayer booth the last several years. What's cool is people come to you. We get to pray for people, have conversations about God, faith and eternal life and how He transforms our lives when we surrender to His Lordship. We offer free adult and children's Bible's and other Gospel literature. Anne

Benson, my Time To Revive co-worker and I, prayerfully decided to host a prayer booth at the Carver County Fair. Carver County Fair, located in Waconia, MN is August 9-13. We will need lots of volunteers at the prayer booth. If you'd like to volunteer for this great opportunity to serve, please email me at jrosamond@timetorevive.com or by text/phone at 612-597-1504. We ask volunteers to serve for four-hour time slots. The days/hours we need volunteers at the prayer booth: Wednesday: Noon - 9pm; Thursday through Saturday: 10am-9pm; Sunday: 10am - 8pm

Coming Up

- July 2 - Guest Pastor Rev. Layton Lemke
- July 4 - 4th of July
- July 5 - Elders Meeting at 6:30PM
- July 12 - Leadership Meeting at 6:30 PM
- July 30th - Guest Pastor Rev. R. Thomas Colgrove



- 7:00 AM Tuesday's - Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Wednesday's - Ladies' Bible Study
- 1:00 PM 1st Wednesday of the month @ Lake Minnetonka Shores
- 9:00 AM Thursday's - Adult Bible Class
- 2:00 PM Friday's - Harrison Bay Bible Class

Support the church by saving!

1. Printer ink cartridges
2. "Box Tops for Education" that are on the food packaging, digitally download the app on your smart phone. (Choose the school you want to support and scan your receipts— no need to cut!)
3. Sheets, fabric, old blankets etc for the quilt club. Dollar donations accepted to purchase fabric
4. Art supplies for projects. (Yarn, Hot glue/gun)

In the Narthex

1. "Boxed" cards: for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. by the WOMO. See Claudia Bullock.
2. Collections boxes: Mite, and a Donation Jar for AV.
3. Portals of Prayer: July - September
4. Church Directory (Updated May 2023)
5. Annual: 2022
6. Newsletters
7. Puzzle Exchange
8. Lutheran Witness



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Mix at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!