

* THIS MONTH'S *
birthdays

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Leroy Costa | 16 Jake Engel |
| Shannon Smits | Ralph Roos |
| Tracy Vander Veen | 17 Gina Ruther |
| Lynn Veltkamp | Talen Tameling |
| 3 Craig den Dulk | 19 Sally Hidalgo |
| 4 Dan Beukelman | Logan Pollard |
| 5 Robin Hoek | 20 Amy Costa |
| 6 Bob De Jong | 22 Willy Barsland |
| Aubrey Lien | Hannah Bodem |
| Sage Petersen | Kathy Sullivan |
| 7 Ryan Meems | 23 Margaret den Dulk |
| Jim Van Heukelem | turns 100! |
| 8 Andrew Viss | Christine Langford |
| 9 Katie den Dulk | Carol Postma |
| Narleen Douma | 24 Bob Kamps |
| Hannah Neeley | 25 Dax Beidleman |
| 10 Gertrude De Jong | Aleise Van Laar |
| Denise Wickham | 26 Arie Harrewyn |
| 11 Lee John Fondse | Jeanne Hoekman |
| Loretta Hasley | Taylor Vos |
| Sue Lemkuil | 27 Doug Mc Cullough |
| 12 Ashley Costa | Janine Van Groningen |
| Cathy Douma | 28 Jennie Vander Wal |
| 13 Ron den Dulk | 29 Ryan Dyk |
| Sandy Visser | Phil Witt |
| 14 Taya Christensen | 30 Kevin Fondse |
| Kim Driesen | Judy Kamper |
| | Stan Vander Veen |

Names of those that are celebrating 80+ years are bolded. Praise God for his goodness and faithfulness.

November & December 2011

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| 1 Manuel King | 15 Dave Normoyle |
| Sandra Mulder | Kirk Tillema |
| 3 Marilyn Mangelos | Doug Vander Wall |
| Joel Postma | 17 Chuck Beidleman |
| Justin Sanny | 18 Kayla Meems |
| 4 Sylvia Hannink | Mike Norton |
| 5 Marilou Alvarez | 19 Jason Douma |
| Robert Kisse | 20 Tristan Vos |
| Mike Sanny | 21 Carley Ross |
| Janey Tameling | 23 Gladys Duyst |
| Keith Terpsma | 24 Marjorie Pasma |
| Ken Viss | Christopher Spiers |
| 6 Judy Beukelman | 25 Austin Gropetti |
| Mark De Vries | Evan Postma |
| Zoe Lub | 26 Brent Holfman |
| Sage Petersen | Mathias Ruther |
| Ed Vermeulen | 27 Steve Beukelman |
| 8 Rianna De Winkle | Henry Kort |
| Verda Hollingsworth | 30 Daryl Holfman |
| Verla Long | Myles Pollard |
| 11 Agnes Boerfyn | Gertie Smidt |
| Elroy De Winkle | 31 Ismael Alvarez |
| 12 Dianne Oliver | George Hannink |
| Lilian Zevenbergen | Leland Peterson |
| 13 Marcella Veldstra | Lindsay Rubio |

Anniversary Wishes



Steve & Harmony Verver, November 10, 2007
Kevin & Janey Tameling, November 12, 2004
Chad & January Meems, November 13, 2004
Ed & Lorie Machado, November 15, 1975
Daryl & Laurie Holfman, November 16, 1979
Bob & Denese Winters, November 22, 1976
Joe & Melanie Mendes, November 23, 2001
Phil & Geri Witt, November 23, 1990
Cliff & Ginger Eskes, November 24, 1973
Michael & Priscilla Leusink, November 26, 2004
LeRoy & Melinda Costa, November 30, 1985

Ron & Alice den Dulk, December 1, 1961 HAPPY 50th!

Bill & Elizabeth Van Klaveren, December 2, 1958

Bill & Jerry Blackwell, December 9

John & Denise Van Till, December 10, 1994

Robert & Sandy Kamps, December 14, 1979

Jerry & Gail Jackson, December 20, 1958

Mike & Kathy Viss, December 22, 1978

Jeff & Miriam Miller, December 22, 1970

Kent & Ann Vos, December, 22, 1987

Arnold and Marge Pasma, December 24, 1952

Bill & Harriet Mulder, December 26, 1947

Brian & Lynette Vos, December 27, 1986

Larry & Ann Meade, December 29, 1984

Don & Linda Wever, December 29, 1972

Paul & Jessie Witt, December 29, 1964

Brad & Kim Driesen, December 30, 1988

Happy Thanksgiving

"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and comote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."



—The Turkey

Make your preparations 'Advent'-urous

Advent — the first season of the liturgical year — includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like Lent.

Advent is from *Adventus*, Latin for "coming," referring to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and also his second coming. The traditional colors of Advent are purple for penitence or blue for hope.

Observing Advent is a meaningful, adventurous way to prepare for Christmas. Buy or make an Advent wreath and use candles of your choice: four blue, four purple, or three blue or purple and one pink. If you have a fifth spot, add one white Christ candle. During meals or devotions, light only one candle the first week. Add another for each new week (the pink candle traditionally marks the third week), concluding with the white candle (if you have one) on Christmas. The increasing light reminds us we're getting closer to celebrating Christ's light coming into the world.

There are numerous Advent calendars or Advent family devotions available at Christian bookstores or online. Add a meaningful tradition to your Advent that will bring much expectation to your waiting.

the January Series

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For the third year in a row Immanuel Christian Reformed Church is proud to be a remote site for Calvin College's award-winning *January Lecture Series*.

Every weekday from Wednesday, January 4, through Tuesday, January 24, at 9:30 we will be showing a live simulcast in our social hall. The lecture series is free and is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Every year Calvin College assembles experts from many different disciplines for their lecture series, and this year is no different. Speakers this year include Sherry Turkle, Gabe Lyons, David Gergen, Ralph Edmond, and N.T. Wright. Topics include politics, education, technology, social activism, theology and much more.

For more information on this year's speakers and their topics, visit the January Series web site at www.calvin.edu/january/2012. Plan on joining us for one, or for all 15 lectures, in January 2012. If you have any questions regarding the January Series, please contact Pastor Bret or call the church office.

OFFERING SCHEDULE			
November 2011			
	AM	PM	
	November 6	Ripon Christian (CEP) & Mission Giving	CRWRC Disaster Relief
	November 13	General Fund Nursery	Sierra Salem Christian Home
	November 20	Immanuel CRC Building Fund	Dordt College
	November 27	General Fund Journey	Haven of Peace

Messiah Tradition Continues

The Ripon Oratorio Society will be celebrating the Christmas season with the 66th presentation of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 4, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, 4th & Orange Streets in Ripon.

Messiah rehearsals will be held on Sunday, November 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Singers are needed and welcomed. Please join us and bring your Messiah score, F. Schirmer edition. Singers are required to contribute a membership fee of \$5.00. Child care will be available during the performance on December 4, and an offering will be taken.

Director - Bob De Ruyter, Ripon
 Organist - David Douma, San Francisco
 Pianist - Barbara Viss, Ripon
 Soprano soloist - Dawn Peterson, Modesto
 Alto soloist - Jennifer Champeaux, Modesto
 Tenor soloist - Joe Rykert, Modesto
 Bass soloist - David Hess, Concord
 Trumpeter - Robert Stone, Modesto

This year's "Messiah" performance will be dedicated to the memory of Ernie Bucio, who suffered a massive stroke and passed away on August 27. Ernie performed for the Ripon Oratorio Society for many years and will

be missed. He will be remembered for helping many young people get started in music. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Special thanks go to those who have participated for these many years: director, soloist, musicians and choir members.

Even if you are not interested in singing, you are encouraged to come and listen to this beautiful rendition of "Handel's Messiah" on December 4, as we sing of the birth, suffering, death, and the glorious resurrection of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.



Gestures of gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. When rescuers arrived, they determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

*"A child of God should be a visible beatitude,
 for joy and happiness,
 and a living doxology,
 for gratitude and adoration."
 – Charles H. Spurgeon*

Large Audience Made Aware of Human Trafficking

The Human Trafficking Awareness event held at Immanuel on the 28th of September was well-attended. After working on this event for many months, the committee realized in the end it was up to God to bring the people that needed to hear the information that was presented. The number of attendees exceeded expectations and included a large number of high school students from Almond Valley CRC, First CRC, Modesto CRC and Immanuel CRC. It is important that high school students are aware of the prevalence of human trafficking because young people are the potential victims and they have the determination to make a change.

Officer Ken Husman with the Ripon Police Department spoke briefly. He informed us that even our small community of Ripon is not immune to the problem. There has been an incident of human trafficking recently at one of the truck stops in town.

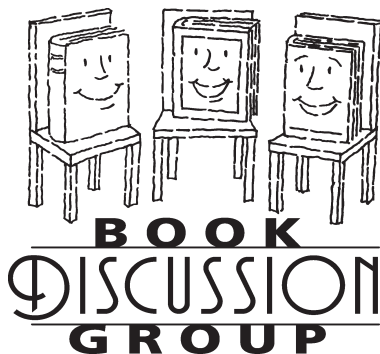
Kathy Wilson was the main speaker. Kathy is the director of New Day for Children, which is a home for rescued girls, located in Northern California. New Day is the largest facility in the United States, yet they have only 15 girls residing there at this time. They have space for more girls and there is the need for that space, but unfortunately, their funding will support only 15 girls. At times they have had to turn girls away.

If you were unable to attend this event, you are encouraged to hear Wilson at a future event. Wilson is the wife of a Covenant pastor and has been the featured speaker at several events at Heartland Church in Ripon. New Day for Children's website is www.newdayforchildren.com.

We appreciate the assistance given by our youth group, who helped with clean up, served refreshments and collected the offering. The offering and book sales resulted in \$1,000 donated to New Day for Children. Special thanks go to the members of the Human Trafficking Awareness (HTA) committee for planning the event and arranging the display in the church foyer for the September 18 morning services. Committee members are Mark De Jong, Marnix Lub, Marcia Meems, Bea Overgaw and Warren Wissink.

If you have any questions about human trafficking, please feel free to ask any committee member. If you have a suggestion for a future event, please let us know. Thank you for your support for a problem that is growing each day, while many Americans are unaware or choose not to be concerned. God knows each of the victims by name. Please keep them in your prayers.

Kimberly De Jong
Chairperson of the HTA Committee



Book Club News

Book discussion on *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger has been postponed until the new year. Please watch the bulletin for announcement regarding our next meeting.

Build a Better Brain

Your brain is constantly changing in response to life experiences, and smart lifestyle choices help change it for the better. Your brain reaches its peak mass at age 20--scientists once believed it was all downhill from there. It's true that throughout your life your brain is losing some cells, but recent research has concluded that you can change your brain in a positive way at any age.

Scientists use the term "plasticity" to describe the brain's ability to adapt. If some brain cells are lost through normal aging, others can often pick up the slack. Existing connections can be fine-tuned. Specific areas of your brain may actually grow as a result of experience, and certain areas may even function more efficiently with age.

Research shows that the following steps can change your brain for the better:

- *Challenge your mind.* Research shows that intellectual stimulation helps keep your brain sharp. When you exercise your mind, you reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease later in life. Any activities such as playing word games, playing cards, discussing the news, or even searching the Internet can sharpen the mind and make it more efficient.
- *Nurture social connections.* Intellectual activities can improve specific mental skills, but social activities have a broader effect on the brain because they set the framework for how we think, learn, and remember. Don't neglect relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Join a group, volunteer for a cause, and join a Bible study. These all help your brain.
- *Stay physically active.* Physical exercise promotes better health throughout your whole body, including your brain. Aerobic exercise (walking) insures that your brain gets all the blood and oxygen it needs to work properly.

All these steps, in addition to eating a balanced diet, limiting alcohol and making time for relaxation, can help your brain stay fit for a lifetime.


Judy Vander Plaats, RN

Parish Nurse



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"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
 —Norman Vincent Peale

Caring for Parents Who Have a Child with a Disability

by Mark Stephenson (from the network, disability concerns blog, www.network.crcna.org)

A statement on welcome and justice for people with disabilities by U.S. Roman Catholic bishops affirms, "Often families are not prepared for the birth of a child with a disability or the development of impairments. Our pastoral response is to become informed about disabilities and to offer ongoing support to the family and welcome to the child." Often when a child with a disability comes into a family, whether by birth or by adoption, the parents are not ready for the emotional, spiritual, and practical changes they must make to care for their new child well. Amazingly, the bishops anticipate this need and challenge church leaders to be prepared for just this challenge so that the church is ready to help a family when the family itself feels so unprepared.

One good example of being prepared is to help parents through the stresses that occur on the marriage when they face parenting a child with a disability. A study conducted several years ago found that couples with a child with Down syndrome had a lower divorce rate than the general population, if, and this is critical, they stayed together for the first two years after the child was born. The highest proportion of divorces in couples with a child who has Down syndrome occurred in the first two years after the child was born.

In this study, we examined the nature, timing, and correlates of divorce in families of children with Down syndrome (647), other birth defects (10,283), and no identified disability (361,154). Divorce rates among families of children with Down syndrome were lower than in the other two groups. When divorce did occur in the Down syndrome group, however, a higher proportion occurred within the first two years after the child's birth. Mothers and fathers of children with Down syndrome were much more likely to divorce if they were younger, had not graduated from high school, and the fathers were less educated and lived in a rural area. Few effects on divorce were noted for a variety of family structure variables (Richard C. Urbano, Robert M. Hodapp and Frank Floyd. "Divorce in Families of Children With Down Syndrome: A Population-Based Study." *American Journal on Mental Retardation*: July 2007, Vol. 112, No. 4, pp. 261-274.).

Here's where the church can play a critical role in family life. Church leaders can surround that couple with love and encouragement as they grieve the child they had been hoping to have and grow to love the child in their arms. Pastors and church leaders may rightly object, "We can't possibly prepare for all eventualities that could happen with regard to caring for people."

And that would be right. I served in parish ministry for 17 years before becoming the director of Disability Concerns. I myself experienced and had many colleagues say to me, "Well, we never learned about this in seminary." Life throws all kinds of challenges at people, and pastors cannot prepare for them all. However, considering that about 20 percent of the population lives with disabilities, pastors and church leaders must expect that people with disabilities will be part of their congregations, and they must help their congregations come to expect the presence of people with disabilities among them.

Learning about care for couples who have a child with a disability would be a very good place to start. For more information, check out Disability Concerns' newsletter, *Breaking Barriers*, which in a recent edition features stories from such parents. Topics include grieving over and loving a baby with severe disabilities, raising a son with a mental illness, and finding good books and resources.

Parents are invited to join the discussion on Parent to Parent forum on the Network. www.network.crcna.org.Pra

submitted by Christine Hager, Classis Central California Disability Concerns Advocate

"Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind."—Mary Ellen Chase

A DAY TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."



Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

Thank you to all who are serving or have served in our nation's military. We applaud your service and your sacrifice.

MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ON ACTIVE OR RESERVE ACTIVE DUTY, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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2LT Sullivan, Ryan is leaving Iraq this week and will be heading back to Texas this month. We pray for his safe return and hope to see him when he next visits Ripon.

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SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house LORD	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts. Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

The Bible according to kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- "In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off."
- "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients."

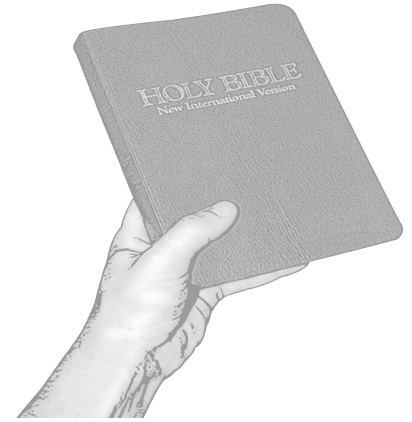
- "The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments."
- "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
- "When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."

Some churches observe National Bible Week in November. According to 2 Timothy, which of the following are ways that God intends for us to use Scripture?



- A. Teaching and training in righteousness
- B. Equipping God's children for good works
- C. Reproof and correction
- D. All of the above

Answer: See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.



Acts 17:10-12

Have you ever been lied to? Have you ever had to search for the truth? Then you should meet the New Testament Christians who lived in a town called Berea.

Paul traveled the world as a missionary telling people about Christ. When he preached in Berea, his friend Luke wrote this about the Berean Christians: "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 17: 11) What does that mean?

It sounds like a compliment to be called noble. What does "noble" mean? It means to be distinguished by being excellent at something. Why did Paul think the Berean Christians were so noble?

Three reasons: first, they listened to Paul's message about salvation through Jesus. They didn't mock it or ignore it. They were excited and eager to hear more about Jesus. Second, they didn't just accept everything Paul said. They went back to the Scriptures (in their case, that meant the Old Testament writings) and made sure that what Paul taught fit with what God's word said. Third, they read their scriptures daily. This means they didn't just go to the synagogue once a week. They they read it—they studied it every single day.

If Paul were thinking about you, would he choose the word noble to describe you? If you're not sure, follow the Berean's example: listen to Jesus, be eager to learn more about him, and read the Bible daily. You just might be surprised how amazing life is when you are a Berean!

Lake Moss Monster

Airdate:

October 15

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MEMORY VERSE:

1 Timothy 2:4

... who wants all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. John 14:6 - I am the way, the

Christian Symbols Cornucopia

Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



SAVIOR ORNAMENT

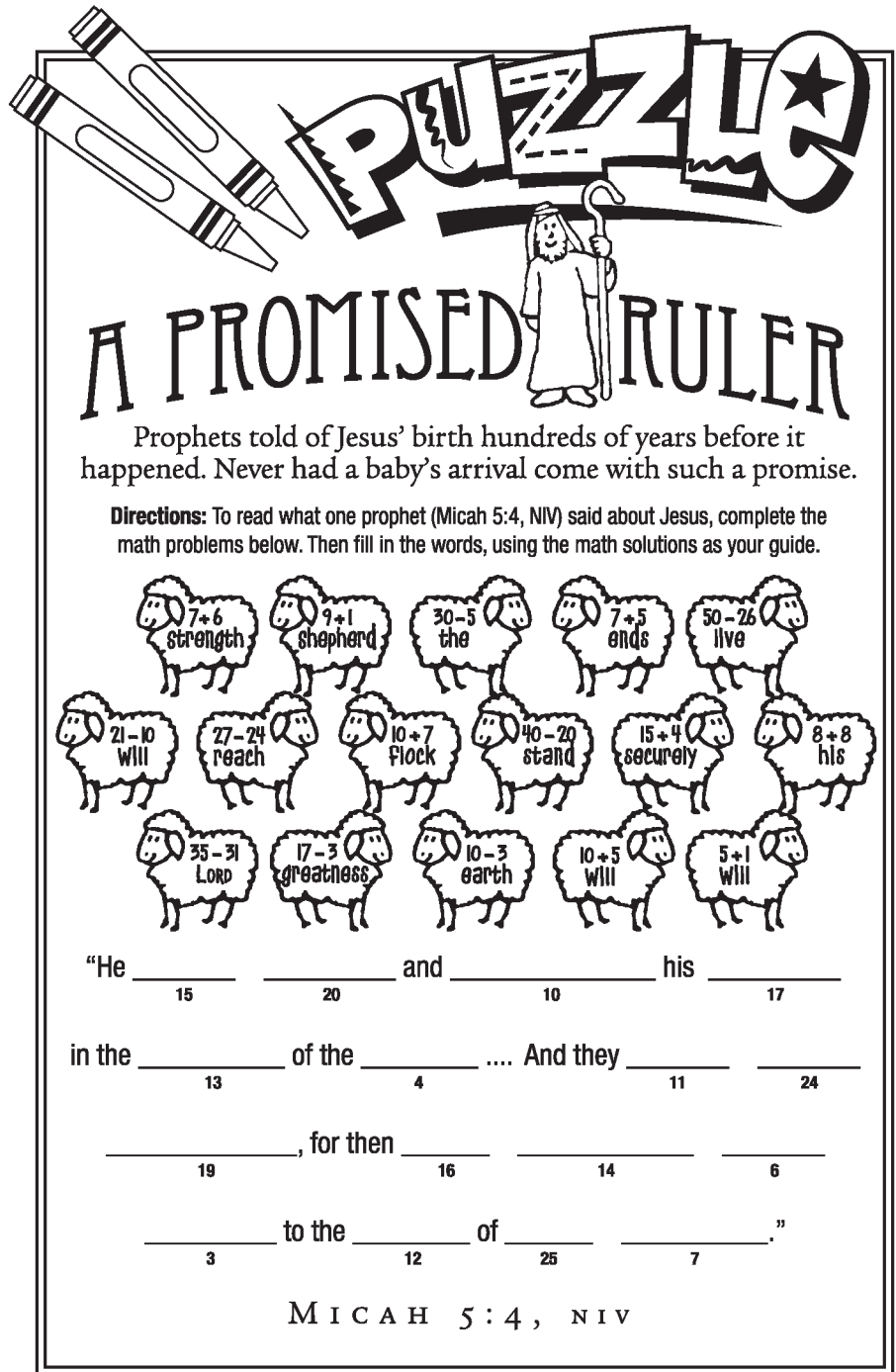
This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

What you need:

- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia
- Palm-size wicker wreath (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

What you do:

1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.



PUZZLE

A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

Directions: To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

7+6
strength

9+1
shepherd

30-5
the

7+5
ends

50-26
live

21-10
will

27-24
reach

10+7
flock

40-20
stand

15+4
securely

8+8
his

35-31
LORD

17-3
greatness

10-3
earth

10+5
will

5+1
will

"He _____ and _____ his _____

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in the _____ of the _____ And they _____

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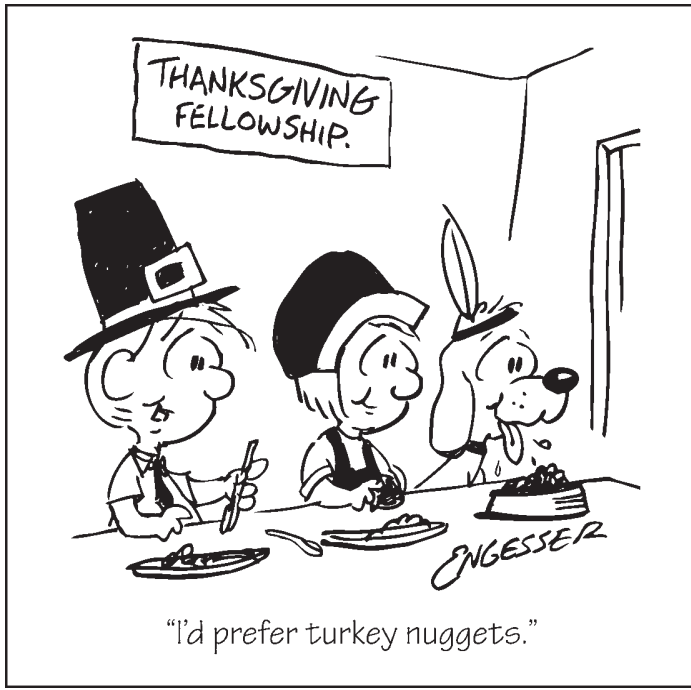
_____ to the _____ of _____."

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12
25
7

M I C A H 5 : 4 , N I V

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

*"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."
—Albert Schweitzer*



Service & Group Times

Sunday Worship Services - 8:30am, 11am, 6pm
 Church School for all ages- Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
 Choir- Sunday, 9:45 a.m., multipurpose room
 Chimes choir- 1st thru 3rd Monday nights, 7:00 p.m., SN
 Craft Group - 3rd Fridays - 7:00 pm, multipurpose room
 Young Couples - 4th Friday of the month
 J Crew (7th & 8th Grades) - watch for announcements
 Mary/Martha- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.
 Journey (9th-12th Grade) - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Cadets (4th-8th Gr. Boys) - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. MC
 Women in the Word- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., multipurpose room
 Morning Seekers - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. MC
 G.E.M.S. (5th-8th Gr. Girls) - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Time (1st-4th grade)--Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., MC
 Coffee Break Women's Bible Study - Thursday 9:30 a.m. MC
 with nursery/Story Hour for infant-age 5
 Evening Coffee Break- Thursday, 7:00 p.m., multipurpose room
 Saturday Men's Bible Study- 7:15 a.m. MC

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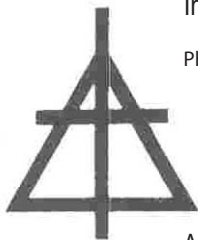
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