



# The Messenger

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## In The Presence of God and These Witnesses

### Pastor's Corner

As I write this to you, I am approaching the end of the plank. But before I take the plunge, I wanted to assure you of some things.

First of all, I am still alive. If you weren't able to attend the wedding, you may not have seen me around for a few weekends. You may be getting worried. But don't be. I'm surviving the rush of appointments and errands just fine. I'm alive and well actually. Thanks to our great families and friends, and you kind-hearted, hard-working church members who truly fit both categories (family and friends) the stress has not nearly kept up with the support we've felt. Jennifer and I will do our best to thank many of you in person for your kind words and actions regarding our wedding, but please accept these initial words now. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Secondly, I've felt especially deep refreshment lately. After a day of juggling a trip to the courthouse for the marriage license, a visit to the nursing home, working on the bulletin, and vacuuming spare bedrooms I almost forgot I had, I feel an awful lot like Martha. You know, the one that had to face down these words from her friend. **"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her (Lk. 10)."** Well, besides being her friend, Jesus was Martha's Savior, and we can be sure he went on to tell her what he had just told Mary. He was there to redeem her from her scatter-brained busyness and all her other sins.

Particularly this last week of June when I feel guilty about *my* distracted busyness, those fifteen minutes of Bible reading before I go to bed have taken on a whole new power. Jesus is *my* Savior. Pondering that message doesn't take any work. It doesn't need any of my work. The work has already been done. Now that's refreshing!

*Pastor Gregory Pope*



## **Message From The President**

### **WHERE OH WHERE DOES THE FUNDING COME FROM?**

Now that the main redecorating in the church has been finished the council has looked at what needs attention next. We have identified numerous items that need action soon.

- Lighting in front of church
- Pews
- Organ

Members of the congregation also keep bringing other items to our attention. These are the items that are most in need of attention.

- The lighting in front of church took a considerable amount of research time to put together a reasonable solution. The problem incurred is that our electrical system is already overloaded and cannot handle the solution. The cost of the new lights and installation is just under \$6,000.00. The cost to add additional electrical capacity is about \$6,000.00. Total approximate cost \$12,000.00. We hope to complete this by the end of daylight savings time.
- The pews are causing snags and runs in dress slacks and nylons. The pews need to be refinished. We cannot just sand the edge and touch up. No good research has been done on this project yet. We did receive an off the cuff quote to touch up bad edges, stain the bare spots and scratches, and apply one coat of varnish. The cost was approximately \$5,000.00. This was just a stopgap solution and did not include stripping the current varnish or replacing any broken or loose moldings.
- The Worship committee has been studying the needed repairs to the organ and has informed the congregations of the options available. The cost of this would from \$34,000.00 to \$77,000.00 depending upon the particular options the congregation chooses.

The total of these projects is approximately \$52,000.00 and up. The organ fund has over \$20,000.00 available. We would need to raise the balance. There is about \$1,500.00 in unspecified funds available to fund the balance of the work.

Our congregation is not broke, but most the funds in the bank are specified for certain projects such as handicap accessibility, new well, etc. These funds will be needed as our Building Committee begins to bring proposals before the congregation.

The contributions are covering our every day expenses each month, but just. There has not been much in surpluses to put aside lately. The redecoration was paid for because we had been having monthly surpluses that we put aside and received a couple of unspecified large contributions. To accomplish the items specified above we need to start receiving larger weekly contributions or borrow the money, which increases the cost of the project. The items we need to fund are not extremely costly and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will move the members to increase their contributions.

*John Smith*, Congregational President

# JULY VOTER'S MEETING ITEMS

The annual Voter's Meeting will be held July 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. I encourage all of our adult members to attend.

The church council will be reporting on the Congregation Work Plan that was adopted last year.

The council will be looking for solutions to fund needed projects. See the "*WHERE OH WHERE*" article in the newsletter.

The council, with recommendation from the Worship committee, will bring the proposal for the organ updating.

These items, the Annual Report, and the Board reports for the previous fiscal year will be presented.

See you there.

*John Smith*, Congregational President

*P.S. This will be our Pastor's first voter's meeting as a married man.*

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## Trinity Youth Group

Trinity Youth Group recently met in the month of June. The group discussed activities that could be done up through the end of the year. Ideas discussed were helping at the annual church picnic. The youth would help put together the games, which would include baseball, volleyball, three-legged race, beanbag, and others. In the month of August, it was discussed to go to De Pere to try a laser tag game. Other events discussed for the summer included having a float in parades and going to a Timber Rattlers game. In fall we would like to make cookies and pass them out to the older members of the congregation. An annual activity of going to a Bucks game was discussed. A new event of decorating a Christmas cabin at Camp Sinawa was discussed as a new community out-reach. Lastly, the group decided to do a Lenten meal again next year and help out at the Sunday School egg hunt. They also planned on helping out the Fellowship Committee with their activities. As you can see, we have a lot of fun events planned. If you are a youth entering seventh grade on up to age 21, please come join us at our next meeting. Watch the bulletin for details.

*Stephanie Nagel*, Reporter

# A Letter of Need

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this to you regarding the new principal at Emmaus Lutheran School in Phoenix. They received the horrible news on Monday, June 19 that their moving company's trailer that stored all of their earthly belongings was stolen, taken out to the desert, ransacked, and subsequently torched. In essence, all of their belongings were destroyed. I ask you, first and foremost, to pray for them during this very difficult time. One can only imagine the heartache of losing one's possessions, records, pictures, family videos, kid's toys and the list goes on. Secondly, if you would like to send them an encouraging word and welcome them to the valley, I will include their address below. Perhaps you might consider assisting them financially, providing Scrip for their transition, etc. Mark and Jill have two girls. Alyssa is 10 years old and Makayla is 4 years old. Their address is:

Mark and Jill Kaiser  
11234 N. 58th Avenue  
Glendale, AZ 85304

Thank you for your keeping the Kaiser family in your thoughts and prayers. Please share this information with others as you see fit.

Thanks.

In Christ,

Daniel Johnson  
Arizona Lutheran Academy

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## **Announcements**

### **Important Summer Dates To Mark On Your Calendar**

- July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Camping Trip @ Rainbow's End Campground in Reedsville.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> after Worship – Church Picnic
- July 30<sup>th</sup> after Worship – Brewer Game
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – (Tuesday – Thursday) Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Pastor Pope & Jennifer Schaller on their July 1<sup>st</sup> wedding. May the Lord be their guide as they start off their life long journey together.

### **Church Schedule for July**

On July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> retired Pastor Keith Haag will be preaching while Pastor and Jennifer are on their honeymoon. If there is an emergency during the time period of July 1<sup>st</sup> – the 9<sup>th</sup> please contact Pastor Victor Headrick @ 758-2201.

### **MLHS Adult Classes**

A new list of MLHS Adult courses being offered is in the narthex.

## **Annual Church Picnic**

It's a great time of year to have a picnic. Join us at the annual church picnic on July 23rd. We will be providing hamburger and brat patties, hot dogs, and wieners along with soda, milk and ice cream to cool down with. If you could bring a dish to pass to complete our meal it would be greatly appreciated. There will be fun and games to be had by everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

## **New Shipment of Greeting Cards**

There is a new shipment of Greeting Cards in the narthex for anyone interested.

## **Annual Report Information**

Just a reminder to the different groups & Committees to please get your reports into Anna Knutson as soon as possible, as she is trying to put together the Annual Report for the Annual Voter's Meeting.

## **Prayer Requests**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

\* Juel Knutson who is recovering from a heart bypass surgery.

\* Linda Manthe, wife of Matt Manthe (One of the LLC Directors), who was diagnosed with an aneurysm in the back of the brain this past Saturday. She was flown by helicopter to the University Hospital in Madison where surgery was done to remove the aneurysm. The surgery was successful, but she will have to remain at the hospital for at least three weeks or longer. She may have to undergo another procedure and is highly susceptible to have a stroke. Please send your cards to:

Linda Manthe  
University Hospital  
B6/4  
600 Highland Ave.  
Madison, WI 53792-6727

\*The men and women serving in our armed services, at home and abroad.

## **Updates on Linda Manthe**

Dear Friend or Family Member,

You've been invited to visit Linda Manthe's online CarePage. A personalized Web page, called a CarePage, has been created for Linda, so you can easily receive the latest news, view photos and share messages of support. To visit the CarePage, please type in the link below:

1. Go to [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com)
2. Click "Visit a CarePage"
3. Register (first-time users only)
4. After you've registered, enter the exact CarePage Name below:

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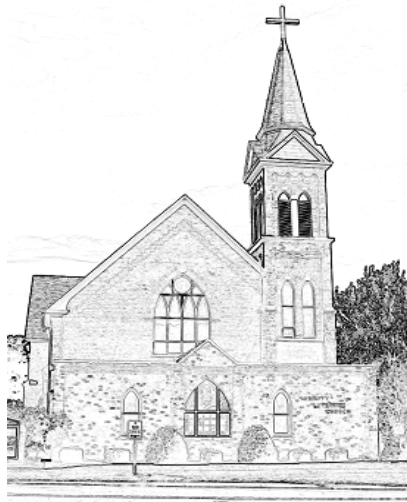
Please forward this e-mail to anyone who would be a meaningful part of Linda's support group.

# Brewer Game



The Trinity Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship with a bus trip to the Milwaukee Brewers vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game at Miller Park in Milwaukee on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The coach bus will be leaving the church parking lot immediately after the 9:30 a.m. church service and returning after the baseball game is over. \$37.00 includes the bus trip, a ticket to Miller Park and the Milwaukee Brewers vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game, a bag lunch consisting of a 6" sub-sandwich, chips and a cookie plus soda or water to drink on the bus. This also includes a treat to eat on the drive home and a tip for the bus driver. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. You will be contacted later for your sub-sandwich and cookie choices. Please write out your check to Trinity Lutheran Church and put it in Harold Luebke's church mailbox. That day all fans in attendance will receive a collectible four-doll nesting doll set featuring Brewers infielders: Bill Hall, J. J. Hardy, Rickie Weeks and Prince Fielder compliments of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. The first 15,000 adults into the stadium will also get a Chevrolet-Brewers key chain.

# Church Attendance for June



Saturday/Sunday = Total

June                      2004

**Week 1:** 35 / 78=113

**Week 2:** 38 / 96=134

**Week 3:** 29 / 67=96

**Week 4:** 35 / 67=102

**Monthly Total=** 445

**Monthly Average:** 111

June                      2005

**Week 1:** 34 / 81 =115

**Week 2:** 43 / 95 = 138

**Week 3:** 35 / 89=124

**Week 4:** 44 / 83=127

**Monthly Total =** 504

**Monthly Average:** 126

June                      2006

**Week 1:** 33 / 77 = 110

**Week 2:** 41 / 77 = 118

**Week 3:** 60 / 66 = 126

**Week 4:** 29 / 90 = 119

**Monthly Total =** 473

**Monthly Average:** 119

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## *A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

7/1 Brian Glaeser  
\*\*\*7/3 Allen Reichardt  
7/6 Gail Lietzau  
7/6 Jesse Lietzau  
7/7 Jeana Ott  
7/7 Tyler Petersen  
7/8 Mary Liermann  
7/8 Gary Preston  
7/10 Donna Nagel  
7/16 Terry Slater  
7/17 Billy Free  
7/17 Lucille Teesch  
7/19 Alison Fischer

7/20 Bill Propson  
7/21 Rachel Lutze  
7/25 Tabitha Grunow  
7/26 Vernon Jaeger  
7/27 Jasmine Smith  
7/28 Lance Preston  
7/28 Fred Schnell  
7/29 Leon Wallander  
7/31 Kristen Schreiber

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### **\*\*\*Our Members 80 Years Young or over...\*\*\***

7/3 Allen Reichardt -80 Years Young!!

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## *Happy Anniversary To...*

7/4 Charles & Jodi Lovell – 10 Years!  
7/8 James & Julie Glaeser – 45 Years!  
7/11 Ronald & Carol Kasten – 41 Years!  
7/12 Michael & Dianne Rusch– 37 Years!  
7/19 Michael & Louette Propson-Enders – 3 Years!  
7/23 Steve & Arlene Schreiber – 46 Years!  
7/26 Elwood & Denise Free – 31 Years!  
7/28 Al & Polly Bonfigt – 5 Years!

\*If you have a July birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers on Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

July 1<sup>st</sup> **No Worship**  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> Eli Kenneke, Mike Enders, Elwood Free, Dean Luebke  
July 8<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz (Server), Brad Liermann (Server),  
Peter Liermann  
July 9<sup>th</sup> John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server),  
Derrick Krey, James Ott  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Len Arnold, Chris Mangin  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Warren Lutze, Wayne Otto, Keith Petersen, Dan Knutson  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> Al Bonfigt (Server), David Schultz (Server), Andy Kiesow  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> James Glaeser (Server), Brad Liermann (Server),  
Mike Enders, Jeff Knutson  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Harold Bratz, August Teesch  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Eli Kenneke, Bob Lietzau, Jesse Lietzau,  
Larry Hochkammer

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser  
@ 775-3941.

**Communion Liturgy:** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death  
for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your  
sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are  
forgiven. Amen.

### Altar Guild Schedule

**Group 3:** Janet Matthias, Eunice Barnes, Janice Wehausen, Diane Smith

## **Our Greeters For July**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul & Tammie Nagel  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Sheri Kasten  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Brian & Carol Glaeser  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Jungbluth Family  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Helen Isaacson

# Kids Corner



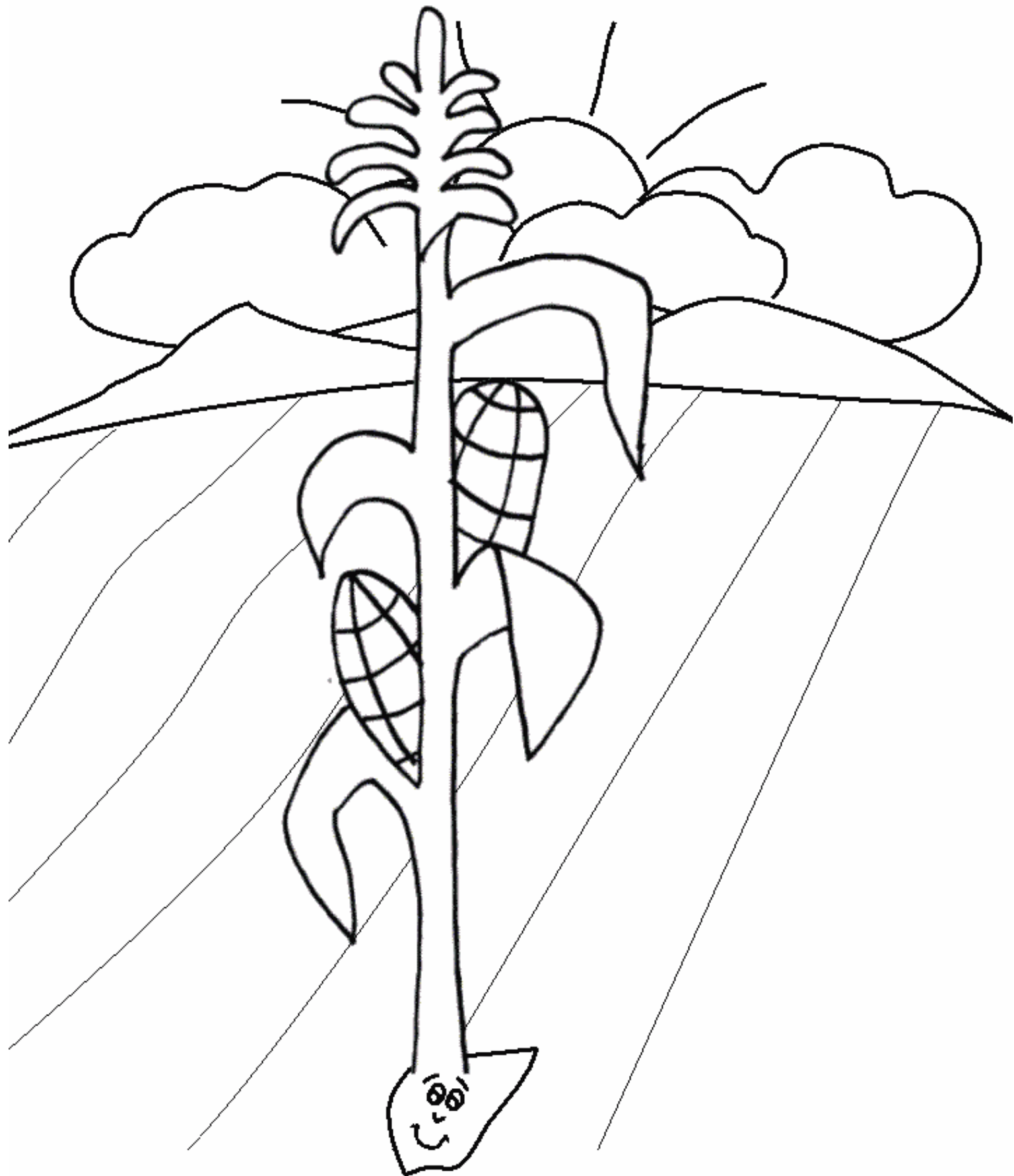
## Bible Quiz – “Feet”

1. What did the Israelites do in Egypt with their feet so that their crops would grow?
  - a. Plucked the weeds
  - b. Did a rain dance
  - c. Irrigated them
  - d. Fertilized them
2. Before the Israelites could enter the Promised Land, the priests had to place the soles of their feet where?
  - a. On the desert sands
  - b. In the Mediterranean Sea
  - c. On Mt. Sinai
  - d. In the waters of the Jordan
3. The Psalmist prophesied of the Messiah that God would make whom his footstool?
  - a. His mother
  - b. His disciples
  - c. The Pharisees
  - d. His enemies
4. In the New Testament, who prophesied of the Messiah that he would guide their feet in the way of peace?
  - a. Nicodemus
  - b. Mary
  - c. Zechariah
  - d. John the Baptist
5. Who did not want Jesus to wash his feet?
  - a. Mary
  - b. John
  - c. A Roman Centurion
  - d. Peter

Find the words (indicated in bold below) that have been hidden in the grid, then read the conclusion of Psalm 23!

E X O D U S Z E P H A N I A H L  
O V L E K U K K A B A H J M H E  
I H C A L A M T O E H D O O A C  
S R E B M U N Y B S A E N S I C  
H O S E A E N E A T U U A U M L  
L A N L E I N A D H H T H C E E  
E S I G C H I T I E S E A I H S  
U L B R O H A G A R O R C T E I  
M E S R A F R G H T J O I I N A  
A I G H E H S O G H I N M V B S  
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H E J U D G E S P A M L S T A H  
A Y T G E N E S I S J O E L S S  
N H E L H A I M E R E J N S P F

1. THE LORD is my **shepherd**; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in **green pastures**; he leadeth me beside the **still waters**.
3. He restoreth my **soul**: he leadeth me in the **paths** of **righteousness** for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I **walk** through the **valley** of the **shadow** of **death**, I will **fear** no **evil**: for thou art with me; thy **rod** and thy **staff** they **comfort** me.
5. Thou preparest a **table** before me in the **presence** of mine **enemies**: thou anointest my **head** with **oil**; my **cup** runneth over.
6. Surely **goodness** and **mercy** shall follow me all the days of my life: ...



But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:23