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Ask the Pastor

“In the Gospel reading last week (7/11) it said that Herod’s daughter was named Herodias. I thought Herodias was the mom and Salome was the daughter. Is that wrong?”

No, you are not wrong, but it is complicated...

Matthew, Mark, and Luke affirm that Herod’s wife was named Herodias. (She divorced Herod’s brother – against Jewish Law – and married Herod.)

Matthew 14:6 affirms that the dancing girl was Herodias’ daughter. She is not named in the Bible, but the first-century historian Josephus reports (in Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18) that Herodias’ daughter was named Salome and that she was Herod’s grand-niece, not his daughter.

But... in Mark 6:22 (the passage we read the second weekend in July) the NRSV says “When his daughter Herodias came in and danced...” leading us to believe that Herod had a daughter named Herodias. How does this happen? The books of the New Testament actually come (generally) not as complete books but rather a collection of different pieces or fragments of different manuscripts. These manuscripts can be written many miles and many years apart. *Usually* these fragments say the same thing, but sometimes they don’t. When the manuscripts don’t agree, you will often see footnotes in the Bible with an alternate reading noted at the bottom of the page.

The study of what to do when the manuscripts don’t agree is called textual criticism; they look at all the different manuscripts and using a host of criteria they try to figure out which reading is the most accurate. So... the textual critics looked at Mark 6:22, which is obviously not historically correct. Either Mark got his facts wrong, a copyist made a mistake, misunderstood the context, etc. Whatever the reason, translators had to decide what to do. Some translators went ahead and “fixed” it and made a note. See, for example, the NIV, “When the daughter of^[d] Herodias came in and danced...” the note [d] tells us, “Some early manuscripts - When his daughter.” The editors of the NRSV chose to leave it as it is, saying that the dancer was Herod’s daughter, even though that reading involves “historical difficulties”. That means, even though Matthew (and historians) says Herodias was the wife not the daughter, the NRSV’s editors chose to use the reading in which Mark says otherwise, because it is the most difficult reading. One of the criteria textual critics use is favoring the more difficult reading. They figure a reading that is erroneous or “historically difficult” is probably most accurate because it is the one copyists were most likely to alter. That is, later copyist were likely to fix mistakes, so the uncorrected reading is probably the original.

If you would like to submit a question for “Ask the Pastor”, Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.



Memorials & Gifts

In Memory of Dilly Schimming

Dennis and Rosemary Dickinson
 Richard and Shirley Crosskill
 Dennis and Cindy Hartman
 Carolyn Lasseter
 Marilyn Sandrock
 Merle and Shirley Berger
 Eugene and Amy Bihn
 Al and Traci Brown
 Janice Sheahan
 Diane Dickinson
 Phyllis Haeft
 Pamela LaRue
 Lowell and Diane Hartman
 Gertrude Schimming
 Larry and Nancy Strohscher
 The Siglar family
 Jennie Hodulik

In honor of

Lowell and Diane Hartman's
 65th wedding anniversary
 Dennis and Cindy Hartman
 Steve and Kathy Wegman, Kirsten
 Wegman and Alexa and Jacob
 Madalon
 Jim Schimming and family

For the Glory of God and in loving
 memory of Richard Harmeyer on
 his August birthday
 Lenore A. Harmeyer

In Memory of Edna Sandrock
 Gene and Sharon Ballantyne

GOLF OUTING

St. John's annual golf outing will
 be held on
 Sunday, September 19th
 at Chippewa.
 Mark your calendars. More
 information will be coming soon.
 If you have any questions, please
 contact a member of the
 Stewardship Committee or
 Tom Cashen.



USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED!

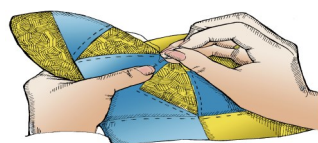
If you would be willing to help , please
 sign up outside the church office. Now
 accepting volunteers through October.
 If you have any questions please see
 Pastor Shawn or contact the church
 office.

The Blanket Ladies....Still Hard at Work!!

Everyone is invited to join in and help tie!
 No experience needed.

Every Tuesday at 9am.

**Everyone is
 welcome!**



QUILTING GROUP

Faith Practice #3 Readings PSALMS

August 2 – Psalm 17
 August 9 – Psalm 18
 August 16 – Psalm 19
 August 23 – Psalm 20
 August- 30- Psalm 21

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Worship Hours

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9 AM

**Deadline for the
 September newsletter is
 Monday, August 23rd @
 9AM**

Please send articles and/or
 information to
 office@stjohnwilliston.org.



**"Creating and nurturing life
 changing relationships
 based on the love of God in
 Jesus Christ, so that we may
 grow in faith, serve God and
 serve our neighbor."**



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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who sent lovely cards and memorials to us on the celebration of our 65th wedding anniversary. June 29th was a beautiful day 65 years ago, and it was just as beautiful in 2021. Our family helped us celebrate with a huge mural in our front yard proclaiming 65 years and displayed pictures of a fire truck for Lowell and teaching supplies for Diane. We are so thankful for our caring and loving family with children and spouses, grandchildren and spouses, and 5 great grandchildren (with another boy on the way!)

Blessings from Lowell and Diane Hartman



Thanks also for Pastor, the readers, Tami, Beckie and all the singers who stepped right up and kept our congregation going with sermons, music, solos, and scriptures through the terrible pandemic. They participated in different ways and kept worship going at the church and online. Of course we especially are thankful for Andy and his knowledge of arranging everything in such a professional manner. So often we forget to thank the volunteers who are there every week, counting money, fixing things, filling candlesticks, keeping the food donations going, cleaning, and so many other meaningful ways. We are truly blessed.

Sincerely, Diane Hartman



I would like to send my thanks to all who remembered me during my surgery and recovery. Whether it was prayers, food, cards, visits or phone calls, all was appreciated. Thanks to Pastor O'Brien for the prayer and follow up call. A special thanks to my family who have been with me and still helping out as needed. God is good.

Margaret Berger



Dear St John Family,

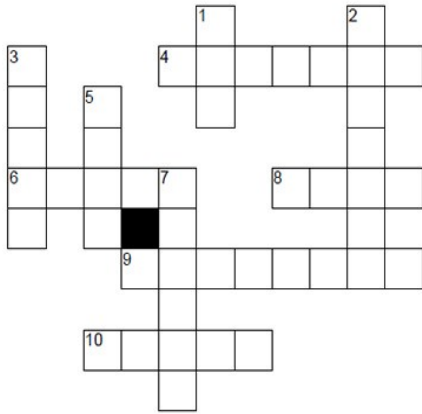
I am very grateful and want to extend my thanks for awarding me scholarships to help me with my tuition next year. I will be starting my sophomore year at Bowling Green State University and am studying Visual Communication Technology. I am very lucky to have such a special church family that is supportive of my college studies.

Thanks so much, Owen Schloegl

Teach Us to Pray

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Luke 11:2-4 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-4



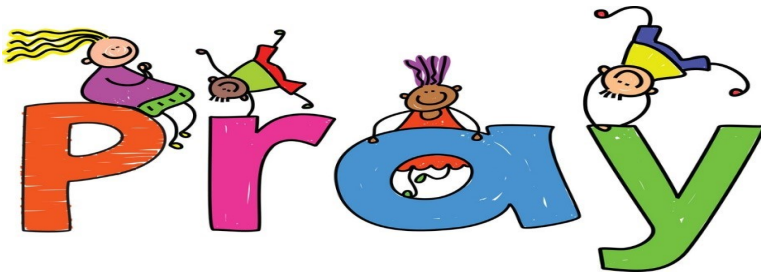
ACROSS

4. A country whose ruler is a king or queen
6. To instruct someone on how to do something
8. Something bad; wicked
9. Holy, sacred, worthy of praise
10. A baked food made from flour

DOWN

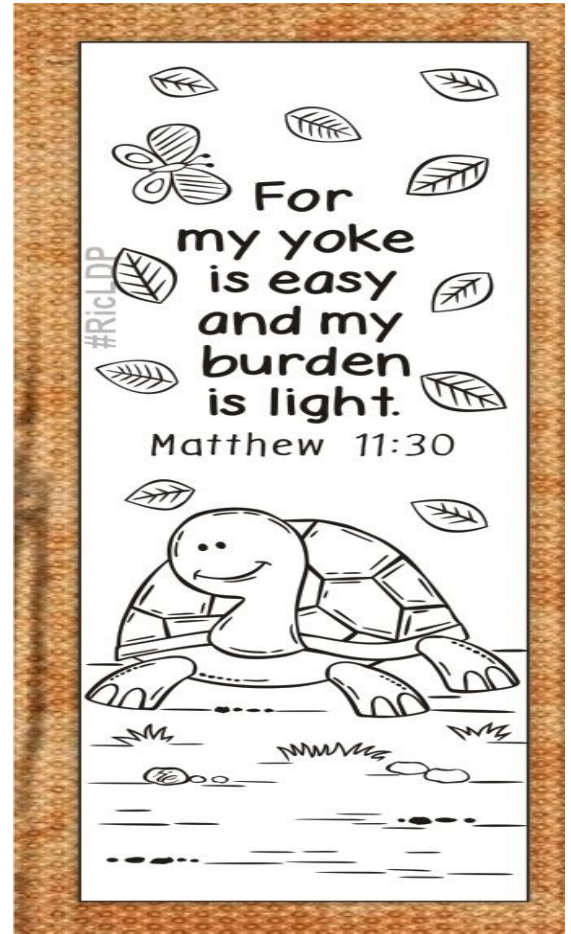
1. To break God's laws
2. To remove the blame for doing wrong
3. The planet where we live
5. To speak to God with praise, confession, asking, or thanksgiving
7. The place where God is

KINGDOM	FORGIVE	EARTH	PRAY	BREAD
HALLOWED	EVIL	HEAVEN	SIN	TEACH



CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST The Connection

St. John Kid's Page



SUNDAY SCHOOL Kickoff

Join us for Sunday School Rally Day!

Sunday, September 12th- 8:30 AM

Invite a friend to Sunday School!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, WILLISTON, OHIO EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Student's Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Purpose: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured under the supervision at St. John Lutheran Church.

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Name of Relative or Childcare Provider _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

PART I OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED

Part I: To Grant consent

I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers:

Physician _____ Phone _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____

Medical Specialist _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the above-named doctor/ dentist, or in the event the designated preferred physician/ dentist is not available, by another licensed physician/ dentist.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken and physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Part II: Refusal to Consent

I do NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the church authorities to take the following action: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____



stephen MINISTRY®

Years before I heard of Stephen Ministry, a friend did everything for me that a Stephen Minister could have done. I'd had a very emotionally painful experience where I was accused of doing something I hadn't done. As this was an authority figure in my life, his refusal to accept I was innocent hurt me, made me angry and resentful. How could he think I would do such a thing? When telling my family about it, unfortunately over and over, they finally told me to "just get over it, you can't change what happened." But I had a hard time letting go of my anger and resentment.

A few weeks after it happened, I went to lunch with a long time, good friend. As we ate, I told her about my problem, how angry I was. She listened without telling me it was time to give up my hurt and anger and move on. She didn't offer me solutions. She just listened then told me I could call her any time I was having an angry day. For the couple of months it took me to work through my anger and resentment, she was only a phone call away. She did remind me God would help me through this, something I knew but needed to be reminded of.

Later, I was able to be there for her when her husband died. I had learned something very valuable from her: sometimes the most help you can give is having someone who cares listen to you.

Dear Lord, In the midst of our pain you are there with us. During this pandemic, we ask you to strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, or overburdened. Let our caring ministry walk alongside of anyone who is suffering. Help them to recognize and seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face this time of trial together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**We know these can be times of anxiety and
uncertainty, loneliness and pain.
Your St. John Stephen Ministers are here to help.**

**Need to talk?
Call Pastor O'Brien or the church office at
419-836-5514 and we will put you in contact with
one of your St. John Stephen Ministers.**

AUGUST



STEWARSHIP OF TIME

In Ephesians 5: 15-17, (reading from the Contemporary English Version) the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write "Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count, don't be stupid. Instead, find out what the Lord wants you to do."

Lord,
We know that you give our earth and its people all of life. Let us pray that we use our time wisely in your Holy Name.
Amen.



STEWARSHIP OF TIME

When God gives us LIFE, we don't know how much TIME we have to use that life.



But whatever time we have is a GIFT FROM GOD and we must use it WISELY, in every activity throughout the day.

We must budget our hours so that we are able to
GIVE OF OUR TIME
to fulfill God's plan.



ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM


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Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____			
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	Billing Address (if different from above):		
	I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above.		
Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____			

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check over the credit/debit card section above.
 We do urge you to use a checking or savings account as opposed to a credit card to save transaction fees. Thank you.
 Please allow 2-3 business days for processing. Thank you for being a blessing to St. John Lutheran Church.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
8 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	9	10 10:00 AM Blankets	11	12 7:00 PM Committee Meeting	13	14 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
15 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	16	17 10:00 AM Blankets	18	19 7:00 PM Council Meeting	20	21 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
22 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	23 9:00 AM Forerunner deadline! 	24 10:00 AM Blankets	25	26	27	28 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
29 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Confirmation Sunday	30	31 10:00 AM Blankets				

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