

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

August 30, 2026

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Anna Nilsen, Tony Reynard, Roger Schmitt ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Joan Bowers, Tom Burner, Steve

& Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Donnie Cook, Roe Dias, Virginia Duncan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Lynette George, Chuck Givens, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike & Rebecca Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Jim Lam, Brian Lear, Chris LoPresti, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Erich & Glenn McMinn, Donna Mumaw, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

We surround the family of Danny Lindamood in prayer, as we thank God for fulfilling His baptismal promises for him. May this same Lord comfort Bruccie and his family with peace, strength and the saving knowledge of grace given in the name of Jesus Christ. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 11 at 6 PM at Valley Funeral, followed by family visitation.

W O R S H I P S C H E D U L E

NEXT SUNDAY: September 6 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Worship – Service of the Word at Zion – Hymnbook Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jacob's

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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D I D Y O U K N O W ?

God promised Abraham that his children would be great in number, as many as the stars in heaven
(Gen 15:5)

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Pastor Katie will be vacationing in Chicago from Tuesday through Friday of this week. Pastor Nate Robinson is on call for emergencies and can be reached at 540-333-2117

Wednesday in the Word – will not meet this week, but will resume on September 10 at 6 PM, as we look to Scripture to understand the nature of God as seen in the Holy Trinity.

Aluminum Recycle is next weekend! Thank you to all who contribute so faithfully either by leaving their cans in the cabinet on Zion's back parking lot or bringing them to the truck every first weekend. Every can helps!

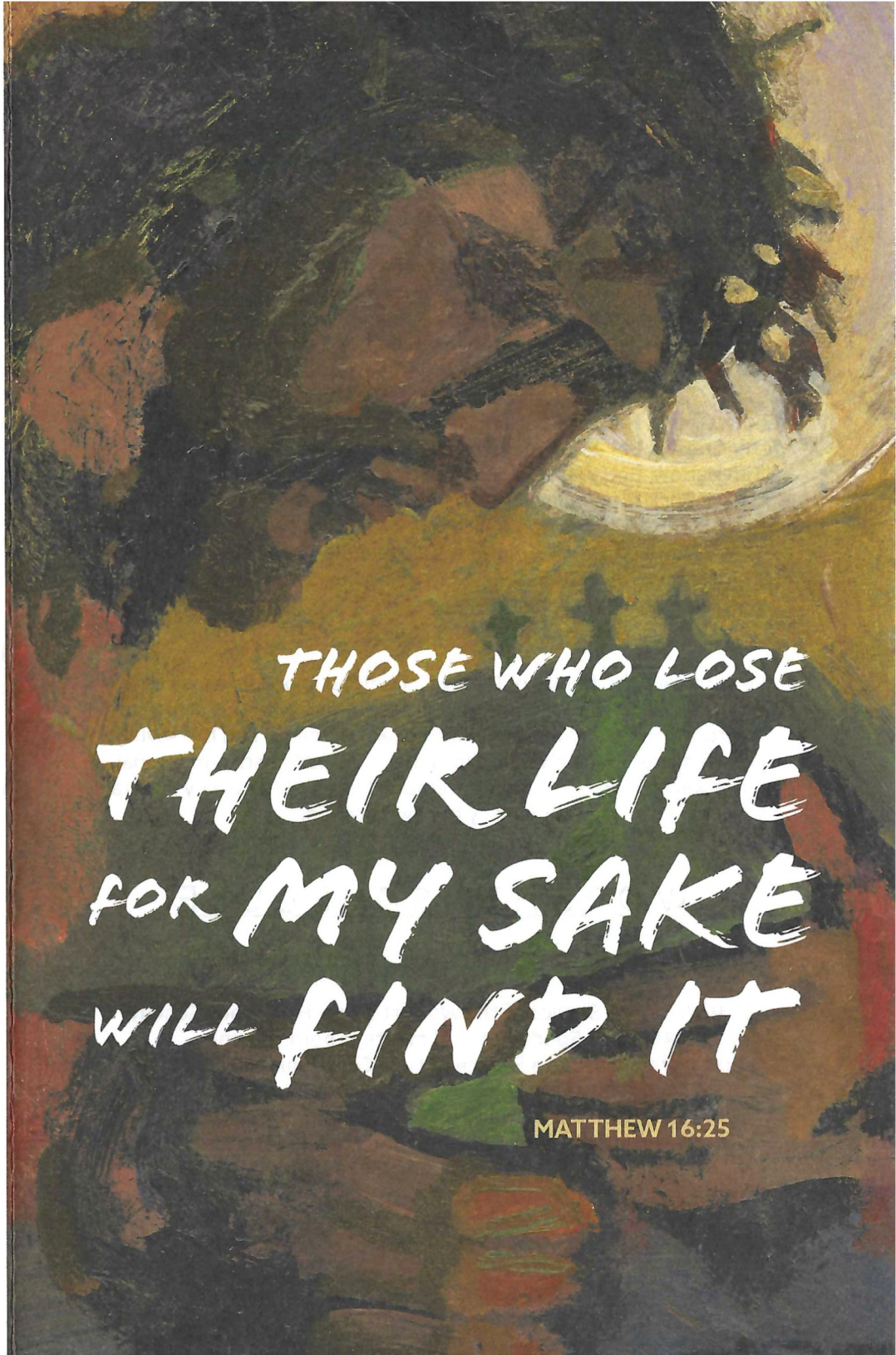
Just a reminder that Zion Council will meet tomorrow night – the last day of August - at 5:30 for our September meeting.

Weekday Religious Education is having their annual Banquet and Silent Auction from 5 – 8 PM on Saturday, October 3. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, and if we have 8 who would like to attend, we'll be able to get a small discount and sponsor a table. Sign up with Pastor Katie.

Going to the Shenandoah County Fair? Stop in and hear God's Word being read each night at a tent near the cattle barn. There are still openings on the schedule for anyone who would like to volunteer. See Pastor Katie today.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mark Ludlow will speak at the Edinburg Heritage Center (formerly St. Paul UCC) regarding ground penetrating radar. This technology allows you to identify where people have been buried and we are considering using his services for a portion of the Zion cemetery.

Donations continue to be welcome for both the **Blessing Box** and **Luke's Backpacks** as the congregation seeks to address food scarcity in the community.



THOSE WHO LOSE
THEIR LIFE
FOR MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT

MATTHEW 16:25

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Welcome – Today's pictures are from our "Birthday Caroling Party" to Eleanor Cook last week.

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

— Silence is kept for reflection —

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and**

**walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**

- Declaration of Forgiveness -

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, Your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to Your purpose
ev'ry gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As You, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by Your Spirit send Your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
That Your servants, Lord in freedom
may Your mercy know and live.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise # 689

Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
You have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom, and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve You,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for Your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Prayer of the Day

God's Word

Today's Readings Insert

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26

Romans 12:9-21

*Eleanor with Jeri Lippert
and
Melissa Atkins*



Nancy Ludwig & Eleanor



The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter, beginning with the 21st verse...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* # 808

Lord Jesus, You shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about You wherever I go:
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, You shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise You as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of You.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise You as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me Your servant,
to carry Your cross and to
share all Your burdens and tears.
For You saved me by giving Your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the
sound of Your steps by my side.
And with all of the family You saved by Your love,
we'll sing to Your dawn at the end of our journey.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through
Your goodness, You have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and
what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your
love, through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus
Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and
uphold me with Your free spirit.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**



was crucified, died,
and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in Your mercy
Hear our prayer



Hymn of Prayer # 685 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



The Lord's Prayer

Lawrence & Rhonda

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor,
+ and give you peace. **Amen**

Sending Hymn #742 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged --
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness --
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge --
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



*Sherrie, Brenda,
Anna, Eleanor,
Sandra & Pastor Katie*



Alan & Martha Dodson

⁶I will wash my hands
in inno-¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession
¹ round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all
your won-¹ derful deeds.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than

⁸LORD, I love the house
in ¹ which you dwell
and the place
where your glo-¹ ry abides.

you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any

wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Today's Readings

Sunday, August 30, 2026
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Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on
my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me
away;
know that on your account I suffer
insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat
alone,
for you had filled me with
indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook,
like waters that fail.

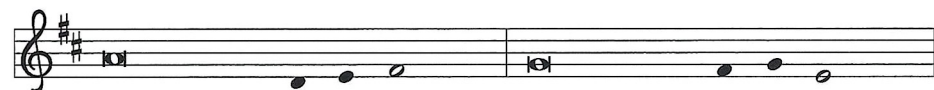
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not
what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of
the ruthless.

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8; tone 10



Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD
and ¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love
is be-¹ fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful-¹ ly with you.
⁴I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

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Sunday - Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14,
Matthew 18:15-20

September 7 - 13

Monday - Psalm 119:65-72
Tuesday - Romans 13:1-7
Wednesday - Matthew 21:18-22
Thursday - Psalm 103:1-13
Friday - Genesis 41:53--42:17
Saturday - Matthew 6:7-15
Sunday - Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12,
Matthew 18:21-35

September 14 - 20

Monday - John 3:13-17
Tuesday - Psalm 133
Wednesday - Genesis 50:22-26
Thursday - Psalm 145:1-8
Friday - 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Saturday - Zephaniah 2:13-15
Sunday - Jonah 3:10--4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30,
Matthew 20:1-16

September 21 - 27

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Tuesday - Psalm 106:1-12
Wednesday - Matthew 18:1-5
Thursday - Psalm 25:1-9
Friday - Acts 13:32-41
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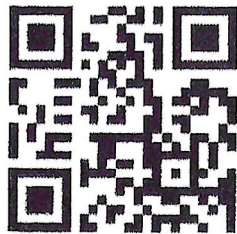
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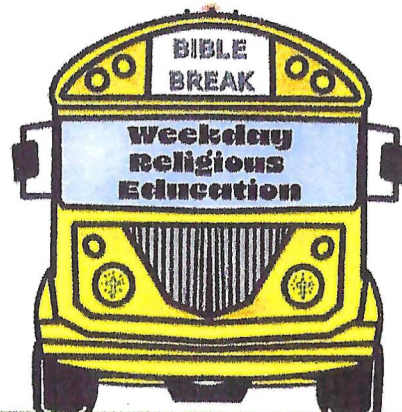
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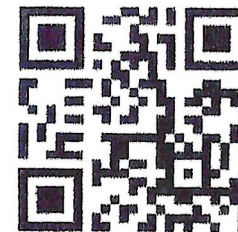
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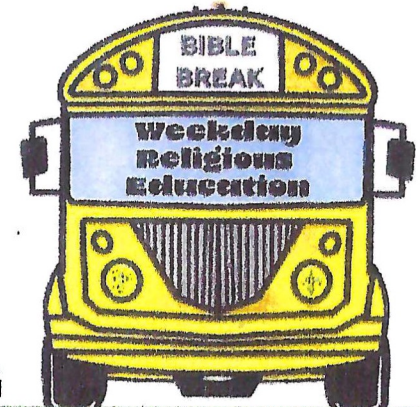
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