The Friendly Visitor

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Announcements

Breakfast will be served on Sunday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. Come join us for good food and fellowship!

The congregation is invited to a graduation celebration for Lexi Wartschlager on Saturday, May 27, at 4:00 p.m. at the Wartschlater home, 1200 Burnt Hill, Goshen, KY. RSVP to Allison Wartschlater, (502) 275-8193.

On June 15, there will be a fundraiser for the LYG. They are asking for donations of baked goods. If you can help, please contact Sharon Lillie.

Congratulations to Elise France on her graduation from St. Raphael Eighth grade. We wish her all the best! Grammy is super proud!

If you have an insurance or investment account with Thrivent, you may have the ability to direct what is called "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of your choosing. You can check online at Thrivent.com or you can call your Thrivent representative for information. The money involved comes directly from Thrivent and does not affect your insurance or investments. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Lillie.

We are starting to use the phone tree again. If you are not getting messages from us on your phone every other week or so, please call the office to update our records.

Lutheran World Relief is asking for the donation of Personal Care Kits. *Items to include in each Kit:* One (1) light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; two (2) or three (3) bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; one (1) adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap); one (1) sturdy comb, remove packaging; one (1) metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging. *Each Each Kit should be packed as follows:* Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yard, ribbon, string or rubber bands. Please bring your Kits to church and leave them in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. *Important Guidelines:* Be sure to shop for light or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use. Bath towels vary in size. The 52" x 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a

minimum size. Please give new items only. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags *For additional information:* If you have any questions, please contact Melody Sterling.

May Birthdays

10 Charlotte Blincoe
11 Lori Caron
12 Vaira Otvars
15 Kristin Logsdon
16 Clay Hallman
18 John Spetz
19 Ken Wartschlager
21 Joan Butler, Jackie Rosky
22 Lori Sorensen
28 Samantha Ficks
31 Monica Claypool

May Anniversaries

17 Peter and Leslie Spetz, Drew and Allison Wartschlager
24 Mike and Lauren Frank
29 Jim and Nola Lillie

Editor's Note: I'm so sorry the newsletter is late this month. I'm not going to let it happen again. As always, I'm eager to hear from you anytime you have something you'd like to include in the newsletter. My email address is: goeswithness@yahoo.com. Rebecca White

THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

Find the underlined words amongst the letter grid at the bottom. The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Acts 7:51-60

Stephen continued **speaking**: "You **stubborn** people! You have not given your **hearts** to God, nor will you **listen** to him! You are always against what the Holy Spirit is **trying** to tell you, just as your **ancestors** were. Your ancestors tried to **hurt** every **prophet** who ever lived. Those prophets said long ago that the One who is **good** would come, but your ancestors **killed** them. And now you have turned **against** and killed the One who is good. You **received** the law of **Moses**, which God gave you through his **angels**, but you haven't **obeyed** it."

When the <u>leaders</u> heard this, they became <u>furious</u>. They were so mad they were <u>grinding</u> their <u>teeth</u> at Stephen. But <u>Stephen</u> was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up to <u>heaven</u> and saw the <u>glory</u> of God and Jesus standing at God's <u>right</u> side. He said, "Look! I see heaven <u>open</u> and the Son of Man <u>standing</u> at God's right side."

Then they **shouted** loudly and covered their **ears** and all ran at Stephen. They took him out of the **city** and began to **throw** stones at him to kill him. And those who told **lies** against Stephen left their **coats** with a young man named **Saul**. While they were throwing **stones**, Stephen **prayed**, "Lord Jesus, receive my **spirit**." He **fell** on his knees and cried in a loud **voice**, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." **After** Stephen said this, he died.



By Puzzlemaster Jay R. Lillie

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30 10:30am Worship Service	Food Pantry closed 5:30pm NA - Why Are We Here 7:30pm LYG	11:00am Food Pantry 7:30pm NA	11:00am Food Pantry 4:30pm LYG Staff Meeting 6:00pm NA - Escape from Denial 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 4:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm AA Meeting	5 Food Pantry closed 6:00pm LYG	6 12:30pm NA - Lose the Desire
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