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Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

...God's Spirit Lives in You. 1 Cor. 3:15

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Upcoming Events

February 2024

Sun. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Worship 930 am
Sunday School & Bible
Class 1045 am

Mon. Feb 5

Elders Mtg 7 pm
Mon. Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
Support Group 7 pm

Tues. Feb 6

Quilting 930-12
Youth Board 7 pm
Jr. Confirmation 4 pm

Wed. Feb 7

Ladies Bible Study 10am
Adult Choir 7 pm

Tues. Feb. 13

Jr Confirmation 4 pm
Church Council 7 pm

Wed. Feb. 14

Ladies Bible Study 10am
Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
7 pm

Thur. Feb. 15

Fellowship Committee
Meeting 4 pm
Ladies Night
Bunco—6 pm

Tues. Feb. 20

Jr. Confirmation 4 pm
Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm

Wed. Feb. 21

Ladies Bible Study 10 am
Lenten Dinner 6 pm
Lenten Worship 7 pm
Adult Choir 745 pm

Tues. Feb. 27

Jr. Confirmation 4 pm
Stewardship Mtg 6 pm

Wed. Feb. 28

Ladies Bible Study 10 am
Lenten Dinner 6 pm
Lenten Worship 7 pm
Adult Choir 745 pm



Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't miss your chance to help conquer hunger in the O'Fallon area.

Bring your donations of Non-perishable canned and boxed goods to church on Sunday, February 4h and Sunday, February 11. All proceeds go to the O'Fallon Food Pantry to help hungry families in O'Fallon.



Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14—7:00 p.m.

Lenten Dinners

Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20 - 6pm

Midweek Lenten Worship

7 pm



21st Trivia Night Challenge

WHERE: Katy Cavins Community Center
308 E. Fifth Street, O'Fallon, IL 62269

WHEN: Saturday, March 16 2023. Doors Open at 5:15 pm, Play Starts Promptly at 6pm

WHAT: A night of fun for your team of eight players. For \$20.00 per person

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m.

Puppet Show , Craft , And Lots of Eggs!

Bring your basket and invite your friends!





Dear Brothers and Sisters of Blessed Savior,

First, I want to thank you for your warm welcome and helpful spirit as I serve during your pastoral vacancy. It's always a pleasure to share God's Word with God's people, but the experience is even better when those people have open and receptive hearts. I look forward to working with all of you during what I pray will be a short vacancy!

Second, I want to share with you what Pastor Perry and I are planning to do for our Midweek Lenten Services. Ash Wednesday is February 14 (I can't believe it! I just took down my Christmas tree!), so Lent will be very early this year. After talking about various Lenten sermon series, Pastor Perry and I decided to use one I created back in 2007. Called *Lenten Animals*, the sermons in this series will highlight animals and animal metaphors used by God during Jesus' pas-

sion, death and resurrection. These animals include a hen, donkey, rooster, lamb, snake, worm, and fish. I know. Sounds strange, doesn't it? But come and hear what God's Word says about these animals and I think you'll see how it all fits together. I think you'll discover how God used these animals and animal metaphors to achieve his perfect plan of salvation.

So, I pray that I'll see you at our Midweek Lenten Services. And, once again, thank you for your kind reception. It means a lot to me. At the end of some episodes of *Red Green* (a Canadian comedy show), the main character, Red, would often say, "Remember, I'm pulling for you." I'd like to echo that phrase and sentiment. And not only am I pulling for the saints at Blessed Savior, but I'm also praying for you. Praying that God continues to bless you richly in Christ. To him be the glory!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tony

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says *the*
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

A Prayer for Lent



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on February 14.. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

Our Interim Pastor



Blessed Savior Lutheran Church Vacancy Pastor

When Diane and I retired to O'Fallon, after living for 23 years in Centralia, IL, we had one aim in mind: finally take life easy and enjoy our son, his wife, and those grandchildren, whom we knew (by faith) would soon be on the way. We visited Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, since it was close to our home and our son and his wife were comfortable with it. What a joy to later welcome our granddaughter, Carlin, now 3 years and 3 months, and then our grandson, Kasen, now 20 months, into our family and eventually through baptism into the family of God, Blessed Savior Lutheran Church. We moved here 3 years ago last August and Carlin was born on Oct. 9th, our wedding anniversary. Never in a million years did I anticipate becoming a vacancy pastor for the Blessed Savior Church Family. But when I learned that the congregation would be vacant and no other retired pastor wanted to step up to the plate and take on all the responsibilities, I offered my services. When I retired as associate and then visitation pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, Centralia on July 31, 2016, I thought my life as parish pastor, except for filling in on certain Sundays in my former circuit, was over. As a member of Blessed Savior, I was content to do yard work. Well, apparently, God had other ideas. I felt God leading me with my previous calling, gifts and experience to

be a partner in the vacancy.

Diane & myself moved to Centralia, IL in 1997 with our 2 children. They grew up in the guidance and care of Trinity Lutheran School. Nathan, the youngest, also attended the new Lutheran High School, Christ Our Rock Lutheran, a few miles from Centralia. Andrew, our oldest, attended and graduated from Centralia High. He found a job at El Paso, IL, using his AUTO CAD training at Kaskaskia College, Centralia, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in physics at ISU, Edwardsville. He later went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, my home state. He earned a teaching certificate from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and was in his first year of teaching at Lola-Scandinavia, close to my parents and sister, when he was killed in a car accident, part of a 121 car pile-up in Feb., 2019 – the largest in Wisconsin history; blowing snow iced up a stretch of the highway near Neenah and he died, apparently, responding to the call for help from another vehicle as he was on his way home from church. We look forward to our heavenly reunion.

Our son, Nathan, is a buyer for Schnucks, and works at home 3-4 days a week; their office headquarters is located in western St. Louis. He earned a degree in business from Eastern Illinois University. His wife, Keatyn, earned a nurse practitioner degree from Marysville University. In the last year she switched from an RN at Children's Hospital to her new position as Nurse Practitioner at Children's Hospital. We are blessed to spend 2-3 hours a week babysitting our 2 grandchildren. That is our new calling by God.

Diane is retired from the local mental health agency in Centralia, where she was a supervisor of their adult day program. She enjoys making handmade cards, and is part of our church's basket guild.

I am pleased to say that working with Pastor Tony Troup has made my new job easier as we each have taken on different responsibilities. (Neither of us would have agreed to take on all the responsibilities of a parish vacancy.) I have talked to some retired pastors whom I knew and received the names of a couple pastors who are helping us out in the vacancy: Rev. Peter Kirby and Rev. David Pelsue. Generally, Pastor Tony Troup will be leading worship 2 times a month and I will be doing so once a month. We will alternate for Midweek Lent Services. I will be responsible for coordinating the guest pastors and worship services as well as calling on members with special needs, offering holy communion and prayer.

We are praying for God to send another called pastor to Blessed Savior to lead our family in faith and service to our members and the community. We hope to continue to grow in the love and goodness of God through the gifts of His Spirit and church here.

Pastor Perry



CHOIR NOTES

Dear BSLC Choir Members, past and present,

Colossians 3:16

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

It has been a joy and privilege to make music with the good people of Blessed Savior. To each choir member, past and present - I thank you for your patience and support, your dedication and devotion to sharing and praising Christ through music. Your partnership in the music ministry and your friendship have brought great joy to me and to the congregation. I am so thankful for each one of you.

With gratitude and affection,
Marty



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee met two times in January as we prepare to interview two Pastors for our vacant Pastor position. The first meeting was with Pastor Chris Spelbring and Terry Colvin. The committee developed questions to ask the Pastors during their interview. Our second meeting was to develop our interview strategy. We are going to meet twice in February continuing to prepare for our interviews. We are planning on interviewing the first Pastor sometime in early March. Peace be with you all.

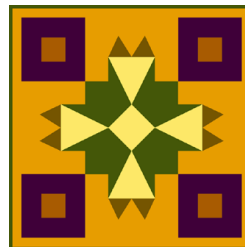
The Call Committee

God-shaped Hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher, observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!



Join the Lutheran World Relief QUILTERS on **Tuesdays, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2** from 9:30–12:00 p.m. to tie quilts. (We don't actually quilt by hand. Instead we secure the layers by hand tying them.) Come and join us for a time of good ole fellowship. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you have any fabric pieces, thin blankets, curtains, drapes, sheets, etc. you no longer need, the quilters would love to recycle them into quilts.



2024 BS LC TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024

Katy Cavins Community Center

308 E. Fifth Street, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Doors Open at 5:15 pm, Play Starts Promptly at 6pm

**TO BENEFIT BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN
CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY!**

A Fun Filled Evening for Your Team of Eight!
Gather your Friends and Family Together
and Test your knowledge.

\$20 per person, \$160 per table

**Reservations Start: February 4th
Signup In the Narthex**



Happy February!

The Fellowship Committee provides fellowship opportunities among our congregation and through our community interactions.

We continue to have Woods Donuts each Sunday Morning after the 9:30 service. If you would like to donate to the "Donut fund", please feel free to do so either through a check marked "Fellowship Donuts" or in the basket provided in the Fellowship Hall. We greatly appreciate all donations.

For February, the following activities are provided:

- Feb 15** Bunco at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb 21** Lenten Dinner provided by the Fellowship Committee
- Feb 28** Lenten Dinner provided by the Elders
- Mar 6** Lenten Dinner provided by the Council Executive Committee
- Mar 13** Lenten Dinner provided by the Stewardship Committee
- Mar 20** Lenten Dinner provided by Christian Ed/Youth Committees.

All Lenten Dinners begin at 6pm. Please join us in Fellowship before the Lenten Services beginning at 7pm.

Stay tuned for some new activities this summer.

Thank you for supporting the Fellowship Committee..

God's Blessings,
Gwen Borsch and Ginger Kieffer



Christian Ed News

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching; it is scheduled for Saturday, March 30.** So, the Christian Education board is asking the congregation to help by donating candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy to fit into plastic eggs. There will be a marked container in the narthex.

As always the Egg Hunt will have lots of Christ centered fun and activities for ages up to 6th grade. Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. for the festivities and weather permitting we will conclude the day by heading outside to find the eggs. Please invite your friends and neighbors to share the Good News of Jesus with them.

Mark your calendars and invite some friends!

Help needed! Many eggs are stuffed for this event, which means assistance is needed! If you can lend a hand on Thursday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m., please meet in the Basement Fellowship Hall. We also are in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to hide eggs and assist with crafts on Saturday morning. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work.

Thank you. Christian Education Committee



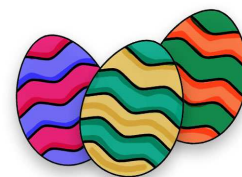
Saturday, March 30
10 a.m.

Puppet Show
Craft

And Lots of Eggs!

Bring your basket and
invite your friends!

(Candy donations are
needed for the egg
hunt)



Valentines to Give Your Children

- Acceptance – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Life without needless fears – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- Appreciation – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry – Newsletter Article – January 2024

The Chief Stewards of Humanity: Mom and Dad

St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the first commandment with a specific promise attached to it is, “Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the land” (Eph. 6:2). This promise is one indication of the importance of this commandment. The other thing that highlights the special nature of this commandment is its placement within the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are clearly organized in two big categories. The first three commandments deal with our relationship with God. This category is called the First Table of the Law. The last seven commandments, the Second Table of the Law, tell us how we should relate to other people. These two tables correspond to what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37–39).

The order of the Second Table of the Law is also important. Murder is a greater sin than adultery, which is a greater sin than stealing, or lying, or coveting. But why is the Fourth Commandment first in the Second Table, ahead of “you shall not murder”? Is disobeying your parents really worse than murder? Or maybe we should give up on thinking these commandments are ordered?

The overall effect of this order is to get us to see our parents as a connection point between our neighbors and our God. Throughout our upbringing our father and mother stand between us and God and deliver His gifts to us: God clothes us, feeds us, protects us and teaches His Word to us through our parents.

So, parents have a very high calling from God. They are called to be stewards of the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Parenting thus gives us a keen insight into all our stewardship. Parents know that they have been given a great treasure in their children, a treasure that does not belong to them, yet for which they feel a great deal of responsibility. Truth be told, every gift we have been given is like this, because everything we have — whether our own personal skills and powers or our wealth and time — is all from God. He entrusts it all to us so that we can use it all and take care of it all for His great purposes.

Newsletter Article - February 2024 Caring for My Neighbor

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this:” “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but *help and support him in every physical need*” (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.

Retirement of Pastor Vern Lintvedt -Faithful Servant of Blessed Savior Oct 16, 1994—December 31, 2023



Well done,
good and
faithful
servant.



- 1 Karen Olson
- 2 Isaiah Siron
- 4 Annette LaBruyere
- 5 Sara Lesire
- 6 Barbara Edgar
- 8 Elizabeth Lundebly,
- 9 Brian Gass
- 11 Diane Colvin
- 11 John & Joan Gefferth
- 15 Karen Depping
- 17 Elise Trapp
- 21 Nancy Schmidt , Reeva Alvarado



- 21 Jill Kinsella, Samuel Calzada
- 24 Nate Berens, Aeneas Brecks
- 24 Hadrian Brecks
- 25 Margene Jerrolds,
- 26 Jackson Husemann



14 Tom & Kris McManus

We are sorry if your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked. Please call the church office, 632-0126 or email Nancy at nancy@mybslc.org so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.

2024

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

You transform and save lives by filling a baby bottle with coins, cash or check.
Pick up a bottle today!

mosaic  **health**

Please return bottles by February 11



Kennedy & Omorien

Valentine's Day Jokes for Animal Lovers

What did one sheep say to the other?
I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?
You're not so baaa-d yourself.

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?
They are very scent-imental creatures.

What did the enamored deer say?
I'm very fawn-ed of you!

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?
Waddle I do without you?

What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts!

What did one bee say to the other?
I love bee-ing with you, honey!

**We
love
because
He first
loved us.**

1 John 4:19



Dear Members of Blessed Savior,
Many thanks for the outpouring of love this past Christmas.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
God's peace.
Nancy



Church Council—January 9, 2024

Opening: Pastor Tony Troup opened the meeting with prayer and reading Ephesians 4. Make every effort to keep the Unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Leaders and the body of Christ is all of us together. Jesus is Head and he will equip us; we will still have gifts.

Pastor Report—Pastor Troup

Pastor Troup visited Elders meeting to get acquainted.; Pastor Schefelker has been helping Pastor Troup to get acquainted with BSLC and to help plan and organize through our pastor vacancy.; Pastor Troup continued Confirmation classes for BSLC this month; We will have 4 guest pastors this month: January 14 Pres. Timothy Scharr, January 21 Pastor Peter Kirby, and January 28 Pastor David Pelsue.

Secretary: Gus will send out minutes from December meeting.

Treasurer: (Provided council member with the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports via email)

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Christian Education – Ryan Moureau - Christian Ed did not meet last month so there is nothing new to report.

Elders – Brian Lloyd - Pastor Perry will be placing Pastors for Sunday services through our Pastor vacancy; BSLC will be using Divine Service #4: Still need a Pre-K-K Sunday School Teacher; Christmas Décor is coming down this Saturday (13 Jan); 14 February is Ash Wednesday; We need to have correct information for those sick, hospitalized, or deceased.

Pastor Troup suggested Pastor Perry could receive requests for prayers and information on ill and deceased possibly through an email.

Evangelism : No Report

Fellowship – Ginger Kieffer - Bunco 18 January

Properties – Ed Brandmeyer - Moving ahead with a smaller version of a shed for Sam's Eagle Schout project; We now have components for 2 air conditioners and furnaces for repair. Tyler Owens said she could ask her husband, Michael, to install them as he is HVAC trained.

Stewardship– Keith Szolga - Did not meet last month (Christmas week) so no report.

Worship – Eric Stake - Pastor Perry, Pastor Troup, and Marci Monaco discussed church music. Some songs will be on video; Erik has been researching equipment and kits for livestreaming. Livestreaming usually requires host service (Resi or similar) package; cost will be \$69/month; Worship format will follow Divine Service, Fourth setting throughout January. Pastor Perry will draft a note for the bulletin explaining the choice; Pastor Vern asked if he could purchase his old office computer and take it home which would require a purchase of a new computer replacement; After needs assessments and discussion Phyllis Miesner made motion to give Pastor Vern his old office computer. Keith seconded; Ed Brandmeyer motioned buying 2 new computers for the office—one to replace Nancy's old computer in need of refreshing and a new one for a new pastor. Keith Szolga seconded it. Motioned passed.

Youth – Tyler Owens - Six kids were in the Christmas program; Next meeting for Trivia Night (March 16) is 25 January; Each council committee needs to let Mary Geis know ASAP the theme for their Trivia Night basket.

Trivia Night will have A Gift Tree (Angel Tree) with names of families in need for Trivia Night Attendees to choose from; Tyler Owens and possibly Sandy Rust will attend a Youth Leadership Meeting (NATIONALS24) on July 21. Registration is \$400 each and lodging is estimated at \$100 per person; 1 October 2024 is deadline for youth to sign up to go to Youth Gathering 2025; 21 January is youth night.

Call Committee Update

Met with Reverend Chris Spelbring (Circuit Visitor) on Thursday, 8 January 24 to review the interview process to facilitate the call. Next meeting is 22 January. 3 pastors have been contacted; 2 were interested in interviews. Keith will inform the congregation of progress through monthly newsletters.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.

Friendship squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

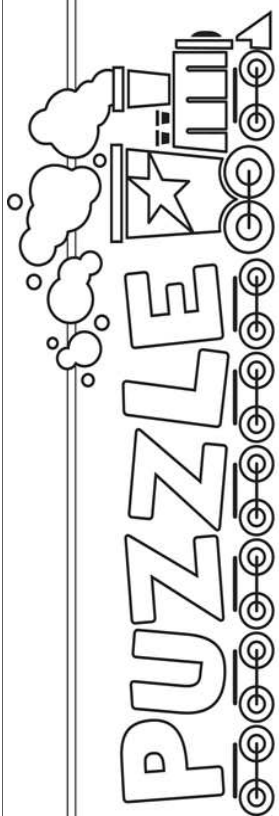
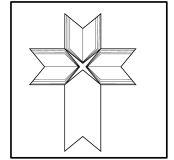
- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!



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CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command
- d. And over all
- e. Greater
- f. See what
- g. There is

- 1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14



Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3