

Redeemer REVIEW



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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

I NEED MY SHEPHERD TO GUIDE ME

The Lord *is* my shepherd;
I shall not ^[a]want.

² He makes me to lie down in ^[b]green
pastures;

He leads me beside the ^[c]still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads 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 You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will ^[d]dwell in the house of the Lord
^[e]Forever. (Psalm 23)

Martin Luther says of this Psalm, "A psalm of thanks in which a Christian heart praises and thanks God for teaching him and keeping him on the right way, comforting and protecting him in every danger through His holy Word."

This Psalm indicates that the Lord leads us. That is, he does not push us. He leads by going before us (v.1-3). Note that Yahweh (LORD) is the subject. "He" does all the work and goes before us in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This Psalm is all about Jesus.

Verse 4 indicates that our true God is always present with us and will never leave us nor forsake us in any circumstance.

Finally, verses 5-6 tell us of God's provision for our daily, earthly, and eternal life. All our needs are met by his grace and mercy in Christ, our Lord. He takes care of both body and soul. This care will last forever in the glories of the new heaven and the new earth.

Our Shepherd, Jesus cares for all the needs of his



flock of sheep. God cares for our physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. We lack for nothing. All our needs are met by Him.

He places us in the green pastures where our faith is nourished and fed by His Word and Sacraments. We drink from still, not raging waters. Our faith is strengthened in the daily battle and grind of life as our Lord feeds us and provides hydration.

Our soul is restored in Christ. The Good Shepherd restores our souls by his saving work on the cross, putting us on the right path since we are prone to wander daily. He leads us on the path and we gladly follow him to the right destination. Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Even in life's most frightening situations, like death, we can be confident that Christ has already gone before. He knows what it is to suffer and to die. He goes with us in life and in death, but we are not harmed.

He carries a staff and rod. The staff is for guiding and directing us. The rod is a club about 2 feet long, used to beat away the predators, the devil and false prophets that would destroy us and take us from the flock.

A table is set before us. God gives us the body and blood of Jesus in the banquet feast of the Lord's Supper. Even in the face of adversity, he is there to anoint us with the oil of the Holy Spirit, providing us balm and healing in the forgiveness of sins, given in Holy Baptism.

God does not give his blessings once, but continually and richly in our daily life in His church. His mercy and forgiveness of sins is not limited, but constantly poured out and given to us as we hear his Word and receive his gifts in Word and Sacrament.

We have his promise that we will live in his house forever, that is, in the temple of the body of Christ, our Savior and Lord. We are very blessed by God in this life, but even more so in the life to come forever with our God.

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REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH STAFF

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$61,557.86
EXPENSES:	
Administration	50,497.34
Christian Education	66.99
Evangelism	981.05
Fellowship	316.74
Stewardship	331.04
Trustees	<u>19,575.79</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$71,768.95</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-10,211.09
CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME	150.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	-10,061.09
CHURCH RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>24,981.12</u>
CHURCH BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$14,920.03

CHURCH ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

Directed Funds (TCB)	221,799.28
Certificates of Deposit	50,000.00
Operating Funds (TCB)	14,920.03
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	280,023.06
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>348,663.16</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$915,405.53

SCHOOL INCOME/EXPENSE - ACTUAL:

SCHOOL LEASE INCOME	28,160.00
EXPENSES:	
Property Management Fees	<u>1,408.00</u>
NET LEASE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$26,752.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

30% to Mission Trust Holding Acct.	8,025.60
30% to Scholarship Holding Acct.	8,025.60
20% to Facilities Reserve Holding Acct.	5,350.40
15% to School Reserve Holding Acct.	4,012.80
5% to Musician & Concert	1,337.60

SCHOOL ASSETS:

School Savings Account	<u>\$23,168.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$938,574.15

PARSONAGE INCOME	\$6,000.00
Minus Renting Expenses	00.00
Parsonage Deposit	1,500.00
Disbursed to Pastor Jordan	<u>6,000.00</u>
Net Parsonage Income	\$1,500.00

REV. DONALD JORDAN, PASTOR
 JACKIE VIEIRA, OFFICE MANAGER
 REV. DAVID BUNTING, ORGANIST
 JERRY BRANDT,
 HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

OFFICERS

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 JERRY BRANDT, VICE PRESIDENT
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 FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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 & BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

*DIANE SCOTT
 *BOARD CHAIR

For more details or an explanation,
 see the office manager.

MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible study is recessed for the summer and will resume September 7.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Study is at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic: *1 Corinthians*

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

The last Thursday Bible study for the summer is June 6, 9:30 a.m. Topic: *The Minor Prophets*. Thursday Bible Class will resume September 5.

PASTOR ON THE RADIO

Pastor Jordan is a regular Friday guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9. www.tunein.com

WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

June 17
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sharon Schaffert's
627 Larch St.

Chico



To ride the van to church on Sundays, contact Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 weekly.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER REDEEMER REVIEW

Thursday, August 22, 12:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to submit articles and pictures anytime up until the deadline.

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Place CRV plastic and aluminum beverage containers in the bins located in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the Youth Group.

Recycle ink cartridges by placing them in the designated box which is in the Office Storage Room (next to Pastor's office).

FROM THE PASTOR...CONT. FROM PAGE 1

Today, consider the implications of this Psalm of David, given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and its impact on your faith and life. Open your eyes and ears to see and hear of the blessings of your faith in Christ, the Good Shepherd. Enjoy and relish the gifts he gives you in His church, your shepherd pastor, as you love him and follow Him daily.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Pastor Jordan

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

THE FIRST QUARTER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that the first quarter funds were distributed to the youth ministry. We were fortunate to have \$7,776.52 to distribute. \$3,888.26 has been awarded to the campus ministry that will be used for monthly dinners and Bible studies and \$3,888.26 was set aside for supporting our young adults in attending the Higher Things Conference this summer.

The accumulated funds are made up of 30% of building rent, interest from the mission trust account and contributions from the mission envelopes. These funds may change a bit each quarter but we can anticipate having an approximate \$7,760.52 available to distribute each quarter.

Second quarter is designated for international ministry and will be awarded after the first of July.

Third quarter funds are designated for the Texas Deaf Ministry after the first of October.

Fourth quarter funds are designated for media ministry which includes radio/internet sermons, The Lutheran Hour and Issues Etc. distribution will be after January 1, 2020.

Building Rent (30%)	\$6,019.20
Mission Trust Interest	\$1,392.32
Mission Envelopes	\$365.00
	\$7,776.52



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Purchases have generated \$200.06 since we began May 2017

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

REV. LEROY MASON
59yrs. - June 5, 1960

REV. DONALD A. JORDAN
36 yrs. - June 12, 1983
CONGRATULATIONS!

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

STEVE HALL	Sweet - Zimmer
TIMOTHY WENSLAFF	Nelson - Smith
WILLARD SCHLESENER	Hecht - Moreno
FRED SHERMAN, III	Allen - Hall

QUILTERS

Quilters will recess for the summer and resume in September.



PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 679
“OH, HOW BLESSED ARE THEY”



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

Oh, how blest are they whose toils are ended,
 Who through death have unto God Ascended!
 They have a risen
 From the cares which keep us still in prison.

We are still as in a dungeon living,
 Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;
 Our undertakings
 Are but toils and troubles and heart-breakings.

They meanwhile are in their chambers sleeping,
 Quiet and set free from all their weeping;
 No cross or sadness
 There can hinder their untroubled gladness.

Christ has wiped away their tears forever;
 They have that for which we still endeavor.
 By them are chanted
 Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted.

Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us;
 Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.
 With You, the Anointed,
 Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.

The words to this hymn were adapted from a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882). Longfellow was born at Portland, Maine into a family that traced its ancestry to Plymouth pilgrims. His early education took place in Portland. At 15, he enrolled in Bowdoin College - Brunswick, Maine. He graduated in 1825 with his classmate and good friend, Nathaniel Hawthorne. While still in school he published poetry in several national magazines. That led him to choose writing over law for his vocation. A bold step. Because of his ability in translation he was offered a professorship at Bowdoin on the condition he study in Europe.

Later he taught at Bowdoin for six years, later returning to Europe. This time he was accompanied with his wife. After his wife died in Rotterdam in 1835, he returned to Harvard, where he taught for 18 years. He married again in 1843 and was widowed in 1861. Throughout his career he continued his work in translation, which also encouraged his work in poetry.

The tune *Owie Selig* was composed by J. Georg Stoezel, a court cantor of whom little is known. Stoezel was first published in 1744. It is considered a fine chorale tune.

JUNE

- 01 Klaus Keil
- 02 Ray Scott
- 03 Monica Jordan
- 04 Kaylee Schukei
- 04 Kyle Schukei
- 08 Abbie Battin
- 16 Betty Rollag
- 17 Bill Baving
- 20 Kyla Miramontes
- 23 Karl Weinreich
- 27 Bruce Holderbein
- 27 Yufei Wenslaff
- 28 Patricia Lillie
- 30 Leroy Mason
- 30 Alice Wescoatt

JULY

- 05 Tom Collins
- 09 Rachael Thomason
- 12 Robert Engelken
- 15 Lindsey Allen
- 16 Donna Ramey
- 17 Megan Almand
- 22 Louise Urness
- 24 Alexis Werner
- 26 Caroline Ziegler
- 31 James Tiemann

AUGUST

- 03 Candace Thurman
- 04 Timothy Wenslaff
- 06 Henry DeGarmo
- 07 Randy Siemens
- 08 Michael Hoffie
- 11 Diane Scott
- 11 Luke Thomason
- 11 Dianne Wilkinson
- 13 Bonnie Hunt
- 14 Brian Marshall
- 14 Mary Old-Kooi
- 17 Paul Maestas
- 17 Matthew Thomason
- 19 Ryan Godsil
- 19 Janet Joksch
- 19 Jeanie Sawyer
- 21 Rebecca Bergendahl
- 21 Megan Godsil
- 23 Sherry Godsil
- 25 Sonya Brown
- 25 Walter Godsil
- 29 Larry Pohlrad



SUMMER BAPTISMAL DATES

JUNE

- 01 Abbie Battin
- 01 Klaus Keil
- 01 Tyler Young
- 04 Rosemarie Smith
- 07 Rev. Robert Roberts
- 09 Kurt Jordan
- 11 Paul DeGarmo
- 11 Matthew Thomason
- 12 Lori Jordan
- 15 Monica Jordan
- 17 William Rustan
- 29 Alice Wescoatt

JULY

- 00 Dr. Norman McCann

- 05 Andrew Weinreich
 - 14 Dustin Siemens
- AUGUST**

- 01 Bruce Holderbein
- 02 Robert Engelken
- 09 Lacey DeGarmo
- 16 Alexis Werner
- 17 Paul Maestas
- 21 Karl Weinreich
- 25 Sonya Brown
- 27 Dianne Wilkinson
- 30 Amanda Siemens
- 30 Caroline Ziegler
- 31 Janet Joksch

VOTERS MEETING BOARD REPORTS - JUNE 16, 11:30 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SPRING VOTERS MEETING

Greetings and happy spring! With Easter behind us and the risen Lord in charge, we look to summer and a number of new items.

First, the Redeemer Council is going to be trying out a new process for publishing our officer and board reports. The idea is to publish in the preceding month's Redeemer Review all of the reports typically published during the voters meeting. This allows our congregation members to read the reports before the meeting and bring any questions they have to the voters meeting. This will save time and should give our members more time to review the reports prior to the meeting.

Second, as many of you know, the Redeemer Council appointed a committee to administer the replacement of the carpet in the main church building. The committee has decided to replace the main church building with carpet, and samples the committee is choosing from are on display in the narthex. Please stop and spend a few minutes pondering the samples. Any feedback is welcomed by the committee. The committee consists of the Trustees, Vice President, Elders, and Pastor. Please find a committee member and provide your feedback. The feedback you provide regarding the carpet samples will be reviewed at the upcoming voters meeting.

As an additional improvement to our beautiful church, we will be increasing the space between pews by 6 inches and adding 12 inches to each side aisle. These changes will allow easier access to the pews and more room to avoid the beams running up the sides of the building as you walk down the side aisles.

Once the final flooring selections are made, replacement will commence this summer. This will most likely require Redeemer to hold services in the parish hall as the construction is completed. We will keep everyone posted via bulletin and Flocknote messages.

In His service,
Bruce Holderbein - President

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT Submitted by Steve Hall

We have had two meetings in 2019 (January and May).

Steve Hall was selected as chairman for 2019. Pastor Jordan has taught two lessons from the Book of Concord to the elders.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE CONGREGATION

We are now locking all doors to the facility on Sundays at 10:10 AM for safety reasons. There is always an usher or elder accessible in the narthex during service.

Tim Wenslaff is securing ushers and greeters. Please let Tim know if you are willing to serve.

We are giving a seminary student a monthly allowance from the school rent.

If you are willing, please bring goods for our food pantry as we are very low on food items and are still giving away your donations as soon as they come in.

We will be conducting an annual review of our church workers including Pastor, Organist Bunting and Office Manager Jackie. We will be soliciting each one of you to provide anonymous feedback. We will address live at the voters meeting.

Deaconess – We are researching the need for a deaconess to help with the daily and monthly duties including the needs of the congregation members. Our Pastor and his help are spread a little thin and need help.

Each of our elders has committed to be in contact with the members of our congregation from now through this summer. If you have any needs please let us know.

We will also be asking all who are willing to serve in any capacity with a time and talents questionnaire to be available soon. Please pray on your willingness to serve and return the questionnaire when provided which will be in June.

The board of elders is here to serve you, so please contact us if you are in need, want to talk or have any ideas that can help and shape our church.

In His Service,
Steve Hall - Board of Elders

HEALTH MINISTRY

Many of us receive reminders from Vitalant (formerly Blood Source) every few months to donate. Sometimes the notice goes to the bottom of the "to do" list. This summer, we urge donors to call for an appointment. It only takes an hour for blood and two hours for platelets. For an appointment, please call 893-5433 and designate the account of Redeemer Evangelical LCMS. Their hours are 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily and are located at 555 Rio Lindo Ave in Chico. DONATING REALLY DOES HELP SAVE LIVES.

Health Ministry means serving our Lord in many ways. It may include prayers, visitations, cards, phone calls, transportation, etc. Today, we have members serving in this capacity but there is always a need for more. If this is your calling, we'd like to hear from you. Either leave your phone number with the office or call me directly.

In His service, Shirley Wilson - 864-0022

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR VOTERS MEETING - JUNE 16, 2019

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH FLOORING COMMITTEE

In February our church president, Bruce Holderbein, held a special council meeting to discuss how to use the church's memorial funds. Only one project was selected for action. The project was church flooring and \$80,000 was set aside for this project. The president then assigned the project to the board of trustees.

The chairman of the board of trustees, Terry Brinson, then expanded the flooring committee to include Jerry Brandt, to represent church music, Steve Hall to represent the board of elders and our Pastor to assist the committee. Prior to our first meeting, a consensus was reached to hire a professional audio consultant that had experience with church acoustics, because the committee felt we did not all have the knowledge we needed.

Our meeting with the audio consultant resulted in a better understanding of our church acoustics. It became very clear that we needed to continue with carpet for floor covering to be sure and eliminate "echo." It was also discovered that our exiting carpet was installed, about 20 years ago, to reduce the "echo" the hard floor was creating. At this meeting it was also decided to stay with a blue carpet and alter our pews for more room in the pews and aisles.

Our next meeting resulted in changing our direction to all red carpet but continue with the blue pew cushions. Immediately we began a search for a red color that was acceptable. To our surprise and shock, we found that red carpet is not very popular. After a thorough search we found only one red carpet color and it seemed to be acceptable.

Our next meeting was spent trying to justify red carpet, based on our current findings about red carpet. It seemed easier to stay with a blue carpet since in recent times the blue theme was carried out in our classrooms and church entrances. A consensus could not be reached and that is where we are today. Even if there were a consensus, the

next step is to present our findings to the congregation, via the voters assembly.

If you are interested in the color of the proposed new carpet flooring please attend the voters meeting planned for June 16. The board will present the information discussed at our last meeting so the congregation can be informed.

Carpet samples that the committee will be deciding on have been ordered and as soon as they arrive, they will be available for review in the parish hall prior to the voters meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Terry Brinson

I have heard members comment that they don't see why we are not meeting our expenses, when we seem to have so much money.

Yes, it is true that our church is blessed with a large amount of money for the Lord's work. However, this money is not available for use in the general operating account.

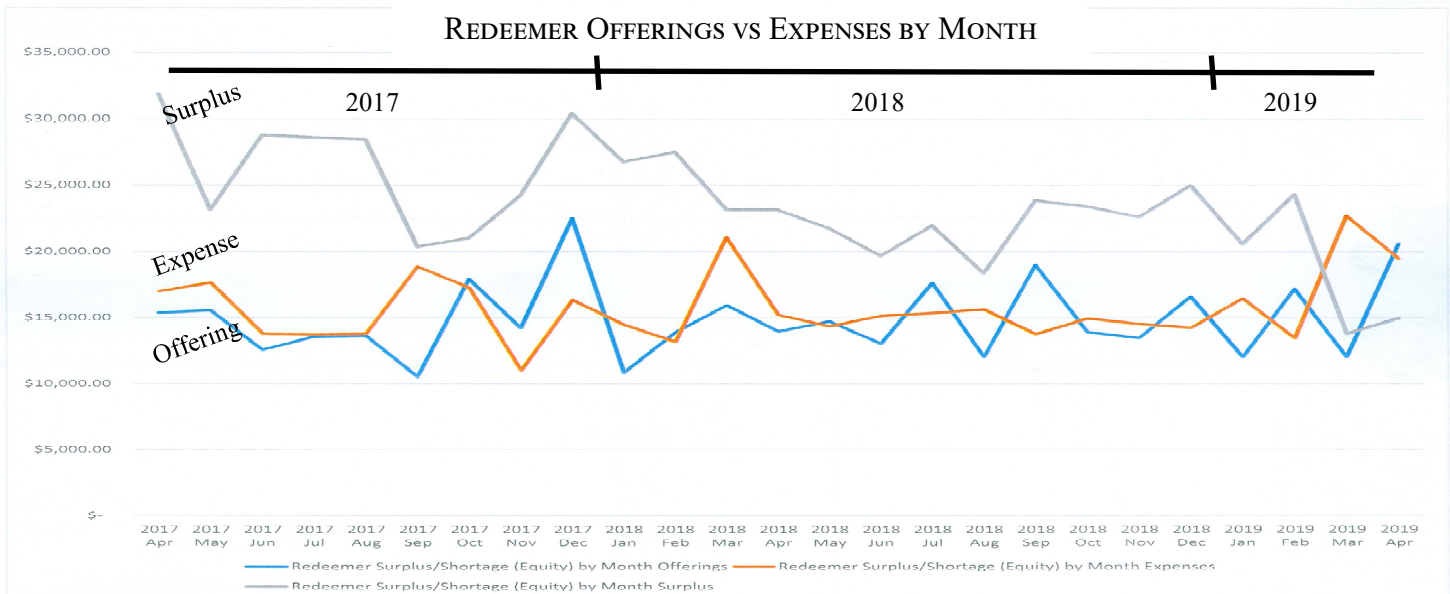
The following is a list of restricted designated funds (rounded to the nearest \$1000) and the total amount of money that is not available for our general operating account:

Vanguard Scholarship Fund	\$349,000
Thornberg Mission Fund	\$280,000
Camp Fire Relief Fund	\$51,000
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$50,000
Memorial Fund	\$123,000
Holding Account Funds	\$70,000
TOTAL	\$923,000

To see how our offerings versus expenses is progressing through the end of April, 2019, see the graph below.

Please direct any questions to Terry Brinson. 530-965-5151 or tbrinson@sbcglobal.net

As can be seen, our surplus monies are being depleted because our expenses exceed our offerings.



TECHNOLOGY

Is Technology the New "Clapper"



Most probably remember the TV ads for “clapper” with its “clap on, clap off” demonstration. And, many probably laughed along until you ended up with a broken leg or other type of surgery or ailment that severely limited your mobility. Then the ability to turn your light on or off by clapping your hands seemed magical.

Then, there was speech recognition technology. In its infancy in the 1950’s and 60’s it started to make people take notice in the 80’s with software such as “Dragon Dictate” which was a boon for workers who had to write reports, couldn’t type well, or wrote in a scrawl and had to depend on a long-suffering assistant to translate. The technology continued to develop in the background and then suddenly we started to hear names such as Siri, Alexa and Google Voice Search.

Many probably use the GPS feature on your smart phone on a regular basis and are grateful for the voice telling you that in 100 yards you will turn right. This feature is truly a benefit for those who are map-reading challenged, and for driving by yourself where you can’t read a map and drive at the same time. Also, what about the ability to answer your cellphone or place a call without taking your hands off the wheel or giving a voice command to change the radio station? (As long as it’s not distracting you from driving that is.)

What about this technology, the good, the bad and the ugly? Should you consider getting one of these smart assistant devices for your home? Should you make sure your new TV has Alexa already built into it? If you are building or buying a new home should it be a “smart home” so that it is the most energy efficient in every way? If you listen to the sales pitch it sounds like the greatest thing since sliced bread, but is it really? What is the downside? How do you weigh the pros and cons?

If you have looked at just about any sales location recently, including Amazon, you will see that these voice recognition devices are hot items. The price has dropped dramatically and the reasons for getting one, or two or even more sound compelling. And there are good reasons: those with limited mobility whether permanently or temporarily, the blind or somebody with another limitation, elderly, somebody living alone who falls and the list grows. Think of the advantages of being able to get medical help in remote locations.

However, there are downsides to consider. Unless properly configured these devices are always on and suddenly you find that your youngster has ordered the

latest and greatest as seen on TV from Amazon. Another aspect to consider is that an accent may be hard for your assistant to recognize and keeps giving wrong information. If there is a medical emergency are there HIPPA considerations to think about?

As with anything we need to weigh the consequences to see if this is a godly use of technology for each of us. There is no right or wrong or blanket decision to be made. To help you dig into the information available here are a few websites to get you started:

<https://www.wired.com/story/voice-assistants-arent-so-easy-to-fire/>

<https://teampinto.com/2019/03/alexa-vs-google-vs-siri-which-assistant-is-best-to-create-your-waterloo-region-smart-home/>

<https://worldtechpedia.com/alexa-vs-siri-vs-google-assistant/>

<http://seeromega.com/amazon-alexa-pros-cons-competitors/>

<https://www.cnet.com/news/amazon-alexa-transcripts-live-on-even-after-you-delete-voice-records/>

<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2017/01/27/data-privacy-day-know-the-risks-of-amazon-alexa-and-google-home/>

<https://www.gearbrain.com/smart-speakers-and-mental-health-2609300358.html>

<https://voicepunch.vc/virtual-assistants-hipaa-compliance/>

As always, new things take time to understand and become comfortable using. Don’t shy away from any of these assistants if you decide it is right for you, but do take the time to read the instructions and set it up correctly. If you haven’t used the voice recognition on your smart phone this is a good place to start. An easy task to start with is “OK Google set the timer for 1 hour!” and, then enjoy your nap.

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

SUMMER ACOLYTE - Yuhuan Wenslaff

ALTAR GUILD:

LORI JORDAN, SVETLANA LITVINENKO, BRI LOFINK,
MARNÉ SIVESIND, KATHY SWEET, LOUISE URNESS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH:

JUNE - STEVE HALL

JULY - WILLARD SCHLESENER

AUGUST - FRED SHERMAN

USHERS/GREETERS:

JUNE - BOB & LINDA REAN, TIM WENSLAFF

JULY -

AUGUST -

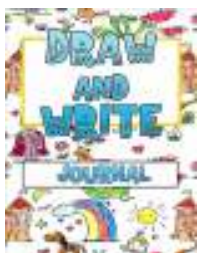


And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)

More vacation resource ideas: School is almost out for most kids and before long there could be heard “There’s nothing to do!” This can be especially difficult if you are traveling, whatever the means of transportation.

Creating a special backpack not to be used until vacation time can build excitement especially when you let your children help choose what goes in the backpack. You will probably need to include some writing and/or drawing implements (remember getting that new box of crayons at the beginning of the school year) but try to create activities that do not involve scissors, glue and glitter!

There can be similar activities at age-appropriate levels based around themes of your choosing. For example, if you are traveling to visit family some distance from you, a list of items for children to spot as you go along that would be appropriate to the area such as different license plates in each state, state flowers, regional or national parks, etc. You and your children could research this before you leave and then create a lists of things to look for as you travel.



Amazon (don’t forget smile.amazon) has all kinds of journals including a variety of journals of all 50 states. Find something appropriate for your children and your family that they could look forward to using each time you travel. For younger children you

might have them draw a picture of something they see (some of the journals have boxes for pictures and then lines for writing) which you, or an older child, can write the description as your child dictates it. Remember to write what they say, not your edited version of it.

You might set aside some pages in the journal for photos that you take and then print out when you get home. These pictures can go into the boxes and then have your child write a description of what it was such as “lunch at the lake with all the cousins” and the date. This will be wonderful to look back on and especially helpful on those sick-at-home days. It could also be a “remember to pray for ...” journal when you are back home.

Last month a sticker book was mentioned so don’t forget to find something fun to do. Amazon has a number of Bible word search and other pencil and paper games as well as other types of Bible games, though some have multiple pieces. Take the time to search through these to find something appropriate as well as age-appropriate. Remember, these can be good “quiet” games to play with those not able to engage in running and jumping outside no matter the age (sometimes a broken arm or leg keeps the normally active cousin sidelined).

A little thoughtful planning will make traveling much easier for all and you won’t find yourself relying totally on video games and the like. And don’t forget to ask grandma, grandpa and the aunts and uncles what they did when they travelled when they were kids themselves. You just might find out that they did similar activities or that they even had some great ideas you could try with your family on the next trip.

Pentecost

From Pentecost through the following Saturday

The Theme

The season of Pentecost is actually not a “season,” but an octave, or week-long celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. Most congregations participate in the feast only on the Sunday of Pentecost itself, but where there is opportunity to do so, there should be a celebration each day of the week following.

This feast closes the festival half of the church year. It is often called “The birthday of the church,” although the church has existed from the creation. The event commemorated is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church, giving a new meaning to the Old Testament feast celebrated that day. Christ had promised that He would send the Spirit after He ascended into heaven, so that His work would continue after He withdrew His visible presence.

The work of the Holy Spirit is that of building the church. He does this through the means of grace, the word and sacrament. He does not call attention to Himself, but always points to Christ and His work. The Nicene Creed succinctly lists the things that the Holy Spirit does: He is the giver of life; He speaks by the prophets; He creates the one holy catholic and apostolic church; He is poured out on a person when he is baptized; He gives forgiveness of sins; He will resurrect the bodies of all people; He will give eternal life to those who believe in Christ.

Luther’s Small Catechism explains this work, under the third article of the Apostle’s Creed:

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ, or come to Him, but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and to all believers, and will at the last day raise up me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true!

The Mood

The mood of this feast is joyful, as people rejoice at a wedding, or at a bountiful harvest. The Old Testament people brought their “first fruits” of their crops to the temple on this day. It was a joyful harvest festival. We, the new Israel bring our selves as a living sacrifice to God. We rejoice in His manifold blessing.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Christ’s command to go and preach the Gospel in all the world. “You shall be My witnesses, in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). This was emphasized by the disciple’s speaking the good news to those who came from various countries in the language of their homeland.

The Color

The color of this feast is a glorious, joyful red. It signifies the appearance of what looked like tongues of fire over the heads of the disciples on that first Christian Pentecost.

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11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	12 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	13	14	15 Pastor's Vacation [F] St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord (W)	16	17
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25 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	26 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	27 [C] Monica, Mother of Augustine	28 [C] Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian 10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)	29 [F] The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (R)	30 Office Manager's Day Off	31 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 5:00pm KXXX Sermon

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