



The Lutheran

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Sayre, PA 18840

July 23, 2026

WORSHIP WITH US AT ST. JOHN THIS SUNDAY AT 10 AM

Welcome Pastor Anne Canfield

Leading worship this morning is Pastor Anne Canfield. Pastor Melinda is preaching this morning at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scranton. Pastor Canfield will be back with us at the Church of the Redeemer on August 16 while Pastor Melinda visits St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hazelton.

Joint Summer Worship

Next Sunday, August 2, our joint summer worship will continue at the Church of the Redeemer at 10 a.m.

Have you been trying to watch the service online unsuccessfully?

We have been experiencing technical difficulties. We apologize for the inconvenience. We believe and are hopeful that we have solved the issues and that you will be able to watch the live stream this Sunday. The service IS recorded and is accessible after worship on our website at: www.sjlcsayrepa.org/sermons

The Church of the Redeemer continues to experience issues with our wi-fi and we continue to keep trying to find a lasting solution. If the live stream does not occur, we post the service shortly after its conclusion to our page on Facebook.

Scripture Reflection

When God asks Solomon to make a wish, Solomon does not ask for longevity or wealth, but for the wisdom to discern what is right. What is the one wish that you would ask of God? What does God's response to Solomon reveal about the desires of our hearts and what is ultimate and lasting in God's eyes?



SCRIPTURE LESSONS	JULY 26	Serving in Worship for July 26
1Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52		Worship Assistant: Skip Roupp Greeter: Rose Carpenter Usher: Bruce Carpenter Power Point Operator: Alvin Gao

July Birthdays at St. John

If you have a birthday or anniversary that we have overlooked please contact Jerry in the office and she will be happy to correct this.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries at Redeemer

Dolly Marshall 7/25
Walter Chaykosky 7/28
Marcella Chaykosky 7/30

Bruce & Rose Carpenter 7/25
Rick & Mary Rhodes 7/29

More Highlights from VBS



OUR GUIDES ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF OUR YOUTH GROUP

TEENS PICTURED: ADRIANNA, MARISKA, TRINITY, EMME & NICK.



THE WHOLE FAMILY PARTICIPATED!



PASTORS PAULA KRAUS, SHARAN KNOELL, & MELINDA ARTMAN



Each day started with a skit. Here's Sally Hickey with Pastors Sharan & Paula.



PRESCHOOL WITH DEB & KAARINA



ABOVE: OUR LARGER GROUP GATHERS; BELOW 5 FINGER PRAYER



ST. JOHN CORNER

We're planning a rummage sale for September 26.

If you have gently used items you no longer need, please consider donating them to St. John. We are accepting donations starting RIGHT NOW (during our office hours M, W afternoons until 4:30; T, Th mornings until noon and of course, on Sunday.) You may bring your donation to the nursery in the North Wing. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES!

OUTREACH AT ST JOHN

For July we are hosting the Church of the Redeemer's Community Supper on July 30, from 4-5:30 p.m. We need folks to bake/donate desserts for the event. We are also in need of volunteers to help serve during the event. Gene & Mary Cerutti have applied for a Thrivent Grant to cover the costs of the meal. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those that are willing to help.

REDEEMER CORNER



Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing when we worship at Redeemer? If so, please reach out to Canon Melinda with your suggestions ASAP.



WEEKDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES

Join us every Wednesday at 12:05 for a spoken service of Holy Eucharist. Each week we feature a saint or significant person in Christian history. If this service is unable to be livestreamed, we post the recording shortly thereafter.

OUTREACH AT REDEEMER

For the Month of **JULY** we will be collecting canned veggies for our local food pantries. You may drop your donations off at Redeemer or St. John during office hours. If you leave them at St. John while we worship together, please put it in the specially designated box located in the Narthex and we will make sure that they get to Redeemer/food pantries.

You're invited to a

MUSIC BINGO!

GREAT MUSIC. GOOD COMPANY. GREAT CAUSE. ♥



Bring your family and friends for a night of great music, laughter, and friendly competition!



Snacks will be provided, and drinks will be available for purchase.



ADMISSION IS COMPLIMENTARY!

In place of a ticket, we invite you to bring a donation for either of the amazing organizations below:



BRADFORD COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY

OR



The Children's House
Child Advocacy Center

View opportunities to get involved by visiting their websites or check out their wish lists in the comments!



LOCATION:

Sayre Elks Lodge
1:7 S Elmer Ave, Sayre PA 18840



DATE:

Thursday, July 23rd



TIME:

5:30-8:30 PM



RSVP BY:

Monday, July 20, by emailing
coage@ajffi.com or
calling 866-383-6899.



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We hope you'll join us for a relaxing evening of music, community, and fun—we can't wait to see you there! ♥



CAMP CONNECTION



CAMP IN A BAG
A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

This summer, we're bringing Camp Connection to communities across Bradford and Sullivan Counties. Each child will receive a **FREE** Camp in a Bag filled with:

- ✓ Fun & Creative Activities
- ✓ Therapeutic Tools & Resources
- ✓ Child Abuse Prevention Education
- ✓ Mindfulness & Coping Skills

While supplies last, one bag per child, designed for children aged 6-12.



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



SCAN TO FIND YOUR LOCATION

CAMP STOPS

JULY 28TH

ROME | 9AM

CANTON | 9AM

WYALUSING | 11:30

TROY | 11:30AM

SAYRE | 1PM

JULY 25TH
LAPORTE | 8:45AM

AUGUST 17TH
TOWANDA | 12 PM



ONCE IN A LIFETIME DRIVE THIS MASERATI

IN THE DEMOLITION DERBY!



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
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ELSE TO DRIVE IT!

COMPETE IN THE **BONE STOCK V8 HEAT**



FRIDAY
JULY 31ST
AT 7:00 PM



TROY FAIRGROUNDS
ALPARON COMMUNITY PARK
TROY, PA



WINNER ANNOUNCED
THURSDAY,
JUNE 30TH



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TO ENTER!

TICKETS: ONLY \$10 EACH

- ✓ SCAN THE QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS!
- ✓ FOR JUST \$10, YOU COULD WIN THE CHANCE TO DRIVE THIS MASERATI!
- ✓ BUY AS MANY CHANCES AS YOU WANT!
- ✓ ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

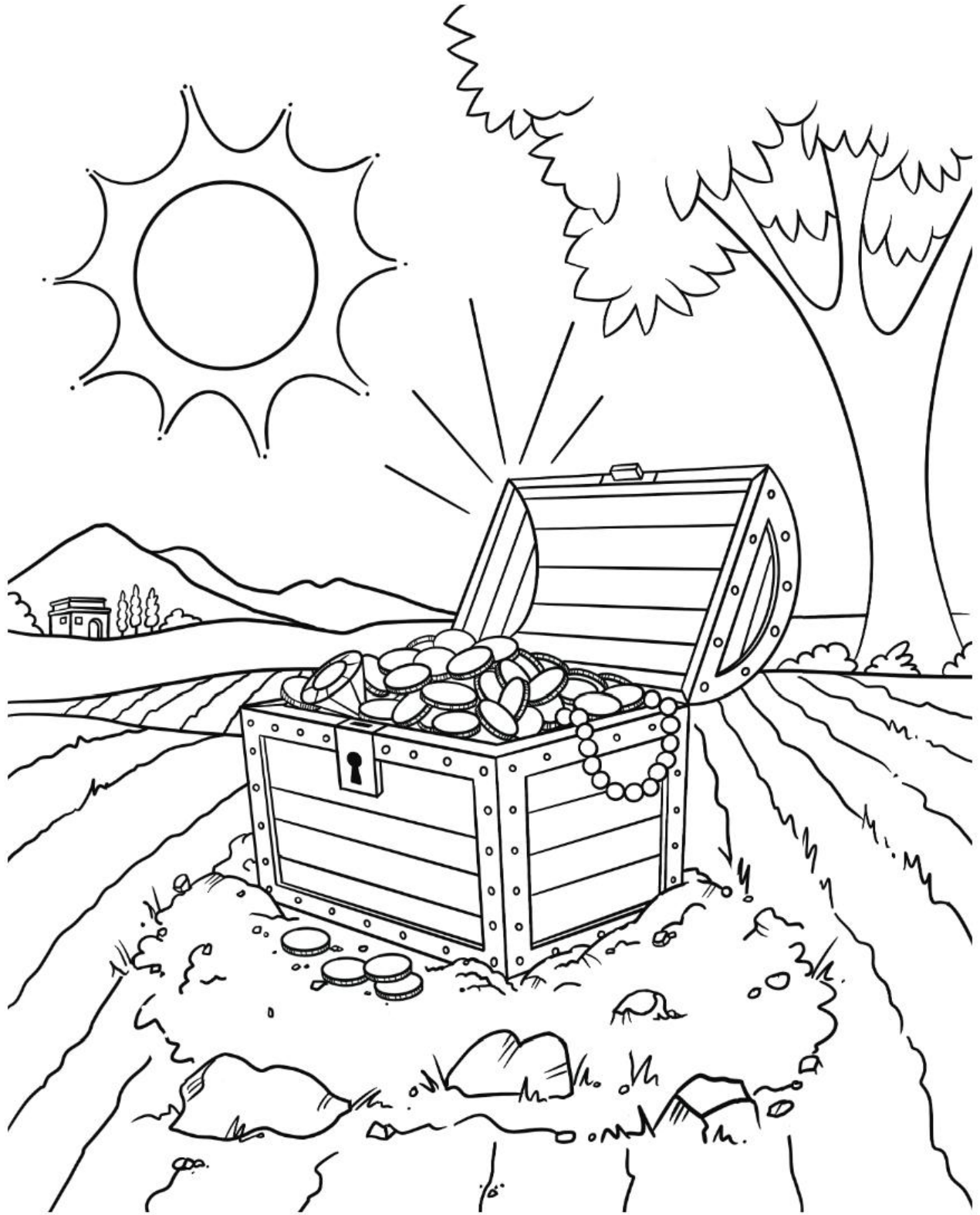
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THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.**

*CRASH. SMASH.
GLORY.*

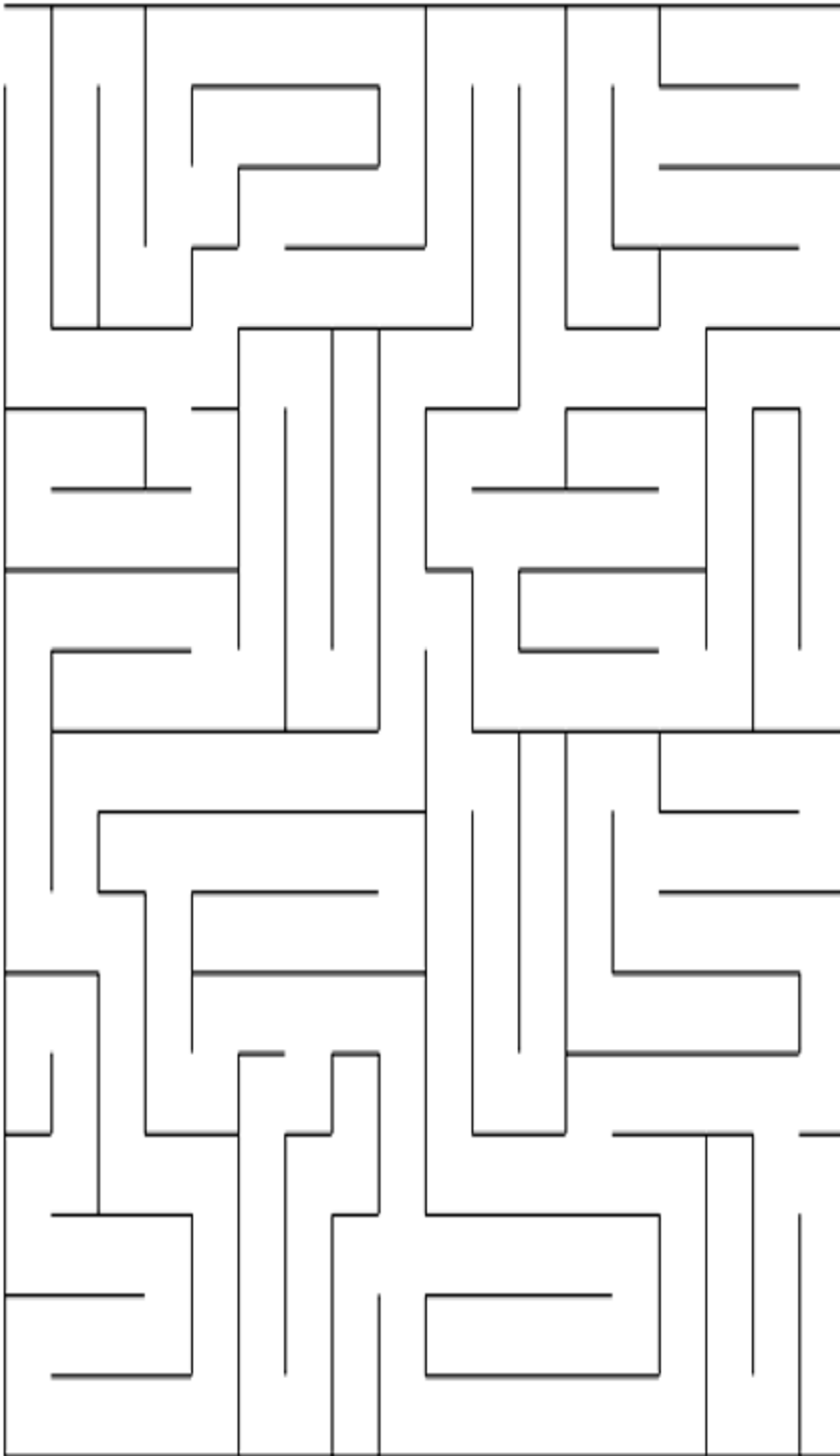


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The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;

then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44-45)

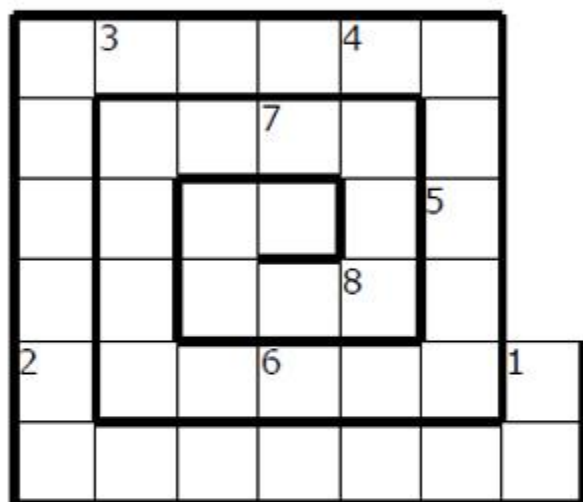
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Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| 1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example | 5. Gave something in exchange for money |
| 2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters | 6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen |
| 3. A feeling of great happiness | 7. An adult male human |
| 4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense) | 8. The worth of something in money |

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY