

### The Augsburg Confession

On Saturday, June 25, 1530, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Christian Beyer stood, walked toward the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Charles V, and began reading the Augsburg Confession in a loud and distinct voice. Through the open windows a hushed crowd outside in the courtyard hung on his every word, as did the two hundred or so people gathered in the hall. Beside Dr. Beyer stood Dr. Gregory Brück, holding a copy of the Augsburg Confession in Latin. The German princes around them stood up to indicate their support for the Confession. The emperor motioned for them to sit down.

When Dr. Beyer finished reading, Dr. Brück took the German copy of the Confession from him, handed both copies to the emperor, and said, "Most gracious Emperor, this is a Confession that will even prevail against the gates of hell, with the grace and help of God." Thus was the Augsburg Confession presented as a unique Confession of the truth of God's holy Word, distinct from Romanism on the one hand, and Reformed, Anabaptists, and radicals on the other. June 25, 1530, is a date every bit as important for Lutherans as is the more familiar date of October 31, 1517—the day on which Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses.

These German princes, along with their territories, pledged their life to these statements of faith. The Augsburg Confession went against the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church in that they were a clear confession of faith as set forth by Holy Scripture. Speaking out against the Church at that time meant a death sentence, but these princes and their territories were committed to the Word of God. These courageous Lutheran laymen relied upon the promise of God's Word in Psalm 119:46 – "I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame." This confession of faith, spoken 487 years ago, still holds true today for the Lutheran Church. As early as 1530, these were the articles of faith on which they could not and would not back down from the Church, instead giving a clear confession found only in the Word of God.

I would encourage you to read the Augsburg Confession if you have not done so before. You can find it in the Book of Concord or online at the following link: <http://bookofconcord.org/augsburgconfession.php>

## **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

Stewardship Ministry

June 2017 Newsletter Article

One of the best known and beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your Shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.

## Minutes of Board of Elders Meeting –May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Members present: Terry Tharp, Ron Bothwell Greg Schliske, Jeremy Wagner, Dan Luhr, Bryan K. Mills, Pastor Jared C. Tucher

The meeting opened with a devotional followed by Pastor Tucher's report.

### Pastor's Report

### Official Acts

### Members Out

### Transfers Out

Katy Heimer to Our Savior, Cheyenne, WY (4/25/2017)

Dave Yahnel, (Josilyn, Zoey) to Trinity Lutheran, Lewiston, ID (5/9/2017)

### Released by Request

Tim and Melody Quenzer, (Cole, Heath) to New Life Wesleyan (5/2/2017)

Donna Heald to Prince of Peace Lutheran (5/9/2017)

### Deceased

Doug Kueter (4/28/2017)

### Pending

### Baptisms

Emma Jean Hahn (Jake and Adrienne Hahn) 6/18/2017

Tavin Antonio Arellano, Salah Louise Florence Carstens (Phil and Nicole Carstens) 7/17/2017

### Weddings

Taylor Tresch & Sarrah Moldenauer (June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

### Meeting agenda items

On May 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church began its new Sunday service schedule. There were 127 in attendance on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 120 on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The single 9:00 A.M. service will continue throughout the summer months and possibly continue into the fall.

The elder and other church board budgets will be presented to the voters on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Elders of the day for June:

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Ron Bothwell

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Bryan K. Mills

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Terry Tharp

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Ben Ailts

The next scheduled elders meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Following a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

# Sunday Service

## 9:00am



6/4	9:00am	Jason Fink
6/11	9:00am	Paige Jaramillo
6/18	9:00am	Sierra Yanzick
6/25	9:00am	Jacob Even

**June 4**  
**9:00am**

**Elder: Ron Bothwell**  
Jeremy Wagner, Ben Ailts,  
Debbie Hopp, Mark Eveland

**June 11**  
**9:00am**

**Elder: Bryan K. Mills**  
Darla Even, Sierra Even, Terri Triebs,  
Debbie Hopp, Wendy Dornan

**June 18**  
**9:00am**

**Elder: Terry Tharp**  
Don Larsen, Greg Schliske, Bryan Mills,  
Dan Luhr, Bryan K. Mills

**June 25**  
**9:00am**

**Elder: Benjamin Ailts**  
Ted Wicks, Susy Schipansky,  
Dean Schipansky,

A **RIGHTEOUS**  
man **WHO** walks  
IN HIS **INTEGRITY** -  
How **BLESSED**  
ARE HIS **CHILDREN** after him.

PROVERBS **20:7**

# Coffee Time



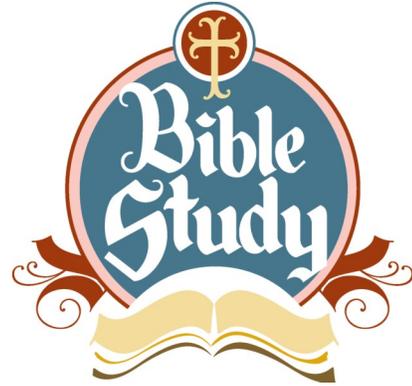
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6/11 Bryan & Shirley Mills

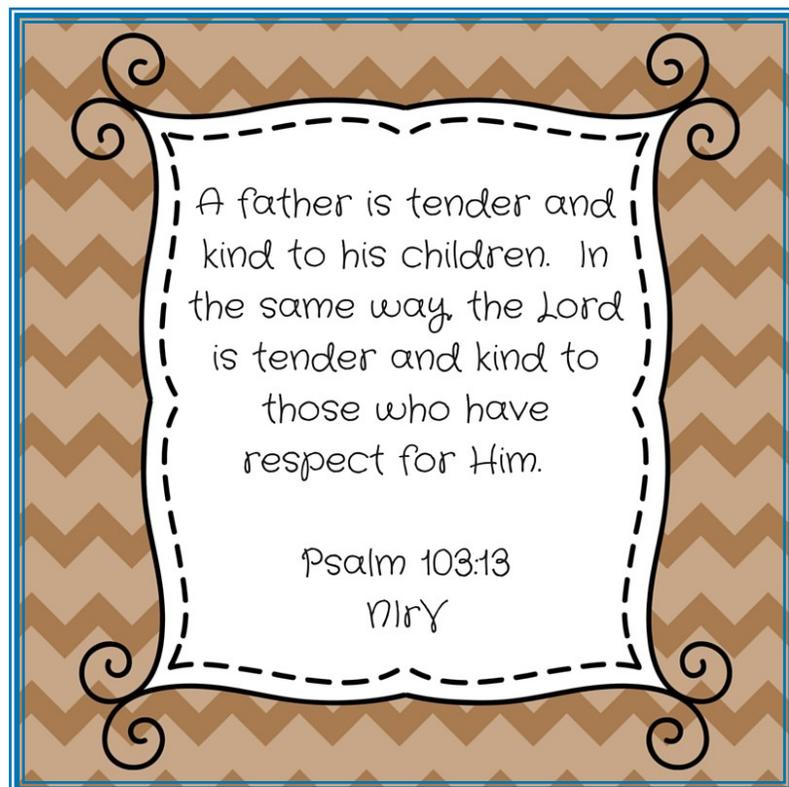
6/18 Nancy Hanson

6/25



Thursdays - 9:30am

Sundays - 10:15am





<b>June 1</b> Rodney Maki	<b>June 11</b> Krista Pearson	<b>June 19</b> Andrew Schliske
<b>June 3</b> Lee Oldenburg	<b>June 12</b> Darla Even	Benjamin Ailts
Isaac Welch	Mark Volk	<b>June 20</b> Diana Means
<b>June 4</b> Steve Riis	Jesse Riddle	Shannon Bothwell
<b>June 5</b> Sadie Ring	<b>June 13</b> Jennifer Torrey	<b>June 21</b> Samuel Walker
<b>June 6</b> Bob Shevling	Sandy Arendsen	<b>June 22</b> June Pahl
Ken Scott	<b>June 15</b> Christopher Marrington	Bill Rathbun
<b>June 7</b> Preston Lundell	Ashley Hart	<b>June 23</b> Melody Outka
Amber Moore	Elaine Munn	<b>June 25</b> Glenda Brown
Pat Beck	Gabrielle Bothwell	<b>June 26</b> Roger Tresch
<b>June 8</b> Kolbi Ring	<b>June 16</b> Carol Bohl	<b>June 27</b> Sharon Finn
Dixie Ailts		<b>June 28</b> Melissa Elkins
<b>June 10</b> Bailee Larsen		<b>June 29</b> Brandon Klemm
Jody Mills		<b>June 30</b> Donna Johnson
Tenley Swan		
Sarah Ailts		

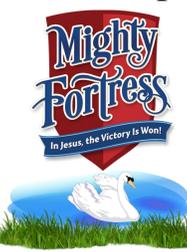
<b>June 3</b> <i>Kim &amp; Bud Lawrence</i>
<b>June 7</b> <i>Scarlet &amp; Douglas McKnown</i>
<b>June 8</b> <i>Roger &amp; Paulette Peabody</i>
<i>Greg &amp; Jerilee Schliske</i>
<b>June 9</b> <i>Darla &amp; Tim Even</i>
<i>John &amp; Linda Werbelow</i>
<b>June 12</b> <i>Jeremy &amp; Amy Knapp</i>
<b>June 13</b> <i>Robert &amp; Kerri Cummings</i>
<b>June 21</b> <i>Brandon &amp; Jessica Klemm</i>
<b>June 26</b> <i>Robert &amp; Michele Christofferson</i>
<i>Dewain &amp; Cindy Myers</i>
<b>June 28</b> <i>Benjamin &amp; Dixie Ailts</i>
<b>June 29</b> <i>Ben &amp; Elly Talbott</i>



**Altar Guild**  
Kenda Ford, Paula King  
Bert Maki

# June

# 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 9:30am	2	3
4 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Bible Study & Sunday School 10:15am  Pentecost	5 	6 VBS~9:00am-12:00pm 	7 Mighty Fortress In Jesus, the Victory is Won! 	8 	9  Board of Ed Meets - 12:30pm	10
11 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Bible Study & Sunday School 10:15am	12 Quilting 9:00am-2:00pm	13 Pastor Meeting in Gillette at	14  FLAG DAY  Elders Meet 6:30pm	15 Bible Study 9:30am  Council Meets 7:00pm	16	17
18 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Bible Study & Sunday School 10:15am  Father's Day	19 Ruth Circle 9:30am Hope Circle 4:00pm at Perkins	20 Quilting 9:00am- 12:00pm  Faith Circle 5:30pm At Perkins	21 HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 	22  Pastor Out of Office	23	24
25 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion  Bible Study & Sunday School 10:15am	26	27 Quilting 9:00am-2:00pm	28	29	30  Pastor Out of Office	



# WYOMING DISTRICT ROUND-UP JUNE 2017

District Web Site: [www.wylcms.org](http://www.wylcms.org)

## The Year of the Augsburg Confession

### “...REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS...” (Eph. 1:16)

For **Krista Grams**, daughter of Rev. Jeff and Kim Grams; she continues to experience deep, untreatable headaches.

For **Joan Stratman**, who suffers from MS.

For **Rev. Claude and Deloris Constable**, who are in assisted living with health issues.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...”

+++ 1 Timothy 2:1 +++

### PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

**Trinity, Riverton:** On May 14 Trinity called Rev. Mark Mumme (Hardwick, MN), who is now considering the call. **Rev. Vernon Boehlke**, Assistant Pastor, is serving the vacancy with assistance from **Rev. Dr. Ron Garwood** (Cody) and **Rev. Dan Holthus** (Casper).

**Trinity, Rock Springs** and **Emmanuel, Green River** are continuing their discussions about entering into a multi-point parish arrangement. Trinity is being served by **Rev. James Martin** (Emmanuel, Green River) during the vacancy.

**Immanuel, Sheridan (Rev. Paul Cain):** **Seminarian Rene Castillero (CTSFW)** received the assignment of his first call to serve Immanuel as assistant pastor and teacher in the school. He will be ordained and installed at Immanuel on June 18 at 4:00 p.m.

**Rev. Dan Praeuner** (Zion, Grover and Grace, Pine Bluffs) married Patricia Hindsohn on April 19.

**Rev. Jim Martin** (Emmanuel, Green River) married Lea Hamon on April 21.

### THE BRIDE CONFESSES CHRIST: THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

This month, on June 25, we celebrate the 487<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. Articles 12–14 are a fine sample of how this Confession of our doctrine and practice was the public birth and beginning of the Lutheran Church. Article 12, on repentance, accompanies Article 11 on Confession and Absolution and rejects many false doctrines that still plague American churches today (e.g. “once saved, always saved;” that Christians can become perfect in this life; that those who fall away cannot repent and return to faith; or that we can perform certain works to merit favor with God). In Article 13 we confess that the Sacraments confessed in Articles 9–11 are to be received and used with faith, for they are a proclamation of the Gospel and are worked by God Himself. We confess and teach in Article 14, which follows Article 5 on the Preaching Office (or Ministry of the Gospel), that the man who serves in the ministry of the Gospel may enter that office only through the usual order of the church’s examination, call and ordination (i.e. “rightly ordered call”).

**Article 12, Repentance:** “Our churches teach that there is forgiveness of sins for those who have fallen after Baptism whenever they are converted. The Church ought to impart Absolution to those who return to repentance. Now, strictly speaking, repentance consists of two parts. One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel or the Absolution and believes that for Christ’s sake, sins are forgiven. It comforts the conscience and delivers it from terror. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruit of repentance. Our churches condemn the Anabaptists, who deny that those who have once been justified can lose the Holy Spirit. They also condemn those who argue that some may reach such a state of perfection in this life that they cannot sin.

The Novatians are also condemned, who would not absolve those who had fallen after Baptism, though they returned to repentance. Our churches also reject those who do not teach that forgiveness of sins comes through faith, but command us to merit grace through satisfactions of our own. They also reject those who teach that it is necessary to perform works of satisfaction, commanded by Church law, in order to remit eternal punishment or the punishment of purgatory.”

**Article 13, The Use of the Sacraments:** “Our churches teach that the Sacraments were ordained, not only to be marks of profession among men, but even more, to be signs and testimonies of God’s will toward us. They were instituted to awaken and confirm faith in those who use them. Therefore, we must use the Sacraments in such a way that faith, which believes the promises offered and set forth through the Sacraments, is increased. Therefore, they condemn those who teach that the Sacraments justify simply by the act of doing them. They condemn those who do not teach that faith, which believes that sins are forgiven, is required in the use of the Sacraments.”

**Article 14, Order in the Church:** “Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacraments, without a rightly ordered call.”

### **INTERNATIONAL LWML CONVENTION NEWS**

The time has arrived! It’s time to be encouraged through worship and Bible study, equipped to share His message of salvation and engaged in celebrating God’s faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness! Pray for safe travel as we gather to participate and experience this life changing opportunity. Pray for all convention hosts, speakers, and workers. Don’t be late for the Opening Worship with LCMS President Matthew Harrison, Proclaimer. We’ll see you at the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennium LWML Convention June 22-25, 2017, in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

### **IT’S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS: REFORMATION 2017**

In the months leading up to the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses in October 1517, Martin Luther continued to teach in the University of Wittenberg as a professor of Old and New Testament Scriptures. In March of 1517 he completed his first lectures on the Epistle to the Galatians. (His mature lectures from 1531 were published in 1535). During the summer of 1517 he lectured on Judges. But his lectures on Hebrews, begun in the summer semester of 1517, provide an important background to his struggles to understand the doctrine of justification and to see the importance of this central teaching of Scriptures for the life of the church.

The Lutheran Reformation was a Biblical Reformation, a genuine return to the authority and content of Holy Scriptures. It was the Bible that changed Luther and taught him of Christ and the forgiveness of sins. One reason this was possible for Luther was that Luther had access to the Bible, not only in Latin translation, but especially in the Hebrew and Greek of the original text. In fact, in the spring of 1516, Luther began to use the new edition of the Greek New Testament prepared by Erasmus. From the Greek text, Luther recognized the proper translation and understanding of the word “repentance” (metanoia), which became the main point of the first of the Ninety-Five Theses.

### **TEACHER OPENINGS**

Immanuel Lutheran School (Alliance, NE) has teacher openings for the coming school year. Please contact Jill Mueller at [missjill.ielschool@gmail.com](mailto:missjill.ielschool@gmail.com) for more information on these positions and to give her the names of potential teacher candidates.

### **50 YEARS AT ST. ANDREWS—500 YEARS REFORMATION**

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church & Campus Center in Laramie is celebrating 50 years. Come worship and hear past and present pastors preach. See old and new acquaintances. Enjoy what the Campus Center and City of Laramie have to offer. All this happens on Friday, July 14 through Sunday, July 16. There will be worship opportunities throughout the weekend, as well as an ice cream social, hiking, BBQ, games and more. Babysitting provided. To register, go to <https://standys.typeform.com/to/u7Hi53>. Contact Pastor Preus at 307-745-5892 for additional information.



## Cookie Salad From Marian Neugebauer



### Ingredients

- 2 (3.4 oz) packages Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 12 oz. cool whip, can use sweetened whip cream in place if preferred
- 1 (20 oz) can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 2 (11 oz) cans mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 packaged fudge striped cookies

### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, stir pudding packages with buttermilk until well combined.
2. Fold in cool whip.
3. Stir in pineapple tidbits and mandarin oranges.
4. crumble cookies up into bowl (not too small) and stir into salad. Reserve a few cookie crumbs for garnish on top.



## Preschool Happenings May, 2017

Our preschoolers kept busy the last month of school reviewing all they have learned this year: the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes. Our last weeks were filled with "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" Week, Good Manners Week and a pizza party and movie.

During "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" Week the children investigated coconuts, added letters to a coconut tree, played Chicka Boom Bingo and created their own Chicka Boom coconut trees.

During manners week the children enjoyed learning all about good and bad manners. They all worked very hard at using good manners all through the week!

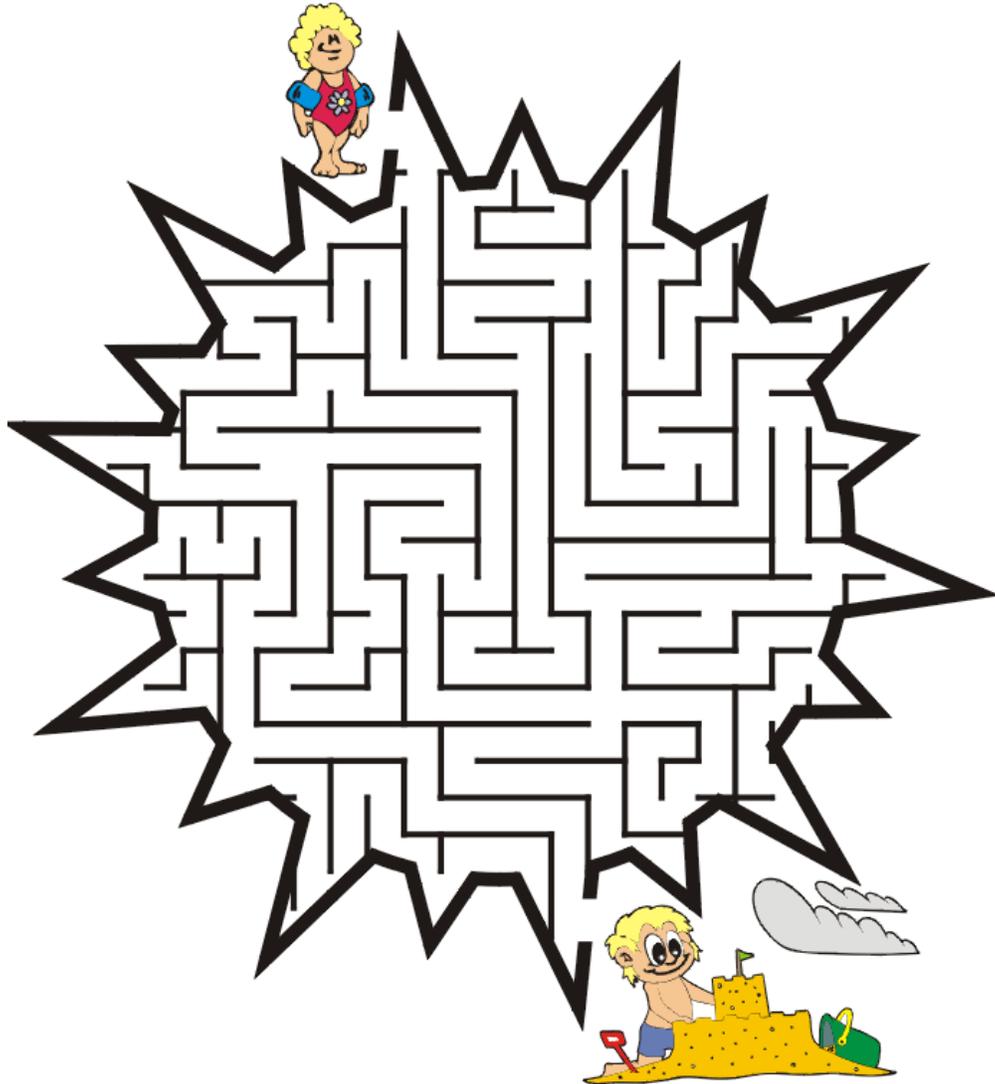
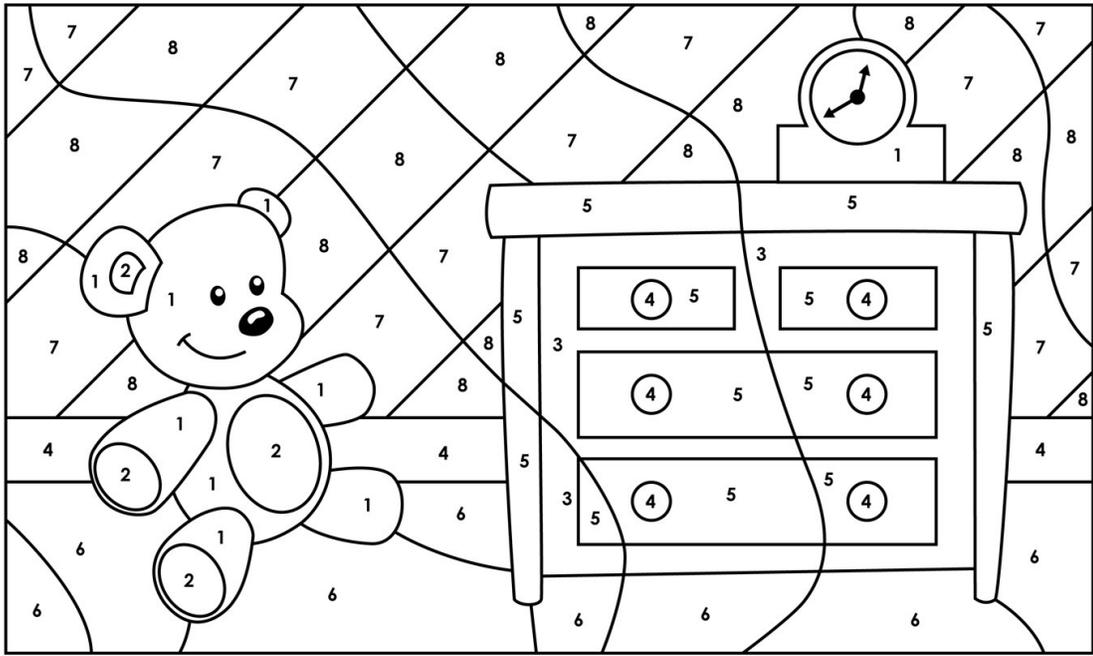
To celebrate the last day of regular classes the children had a pizza party and enjoyed watching a movie together. It was a fun way to end our year!

Graduation was a wonderful celebration of the accomplishments of our students. The children shared a special poem and sang five beautiful songs for their families and loved ones and then received their much deserved diplomas. What a proud day!

I would like to thank everyone for all of their support and encouragement this year. Please continue to keep our teachers, students and their families in your prayers over the summer break.

God's Peace ~~  
Terri Triebs

# Kids Page



# Fun Crafts



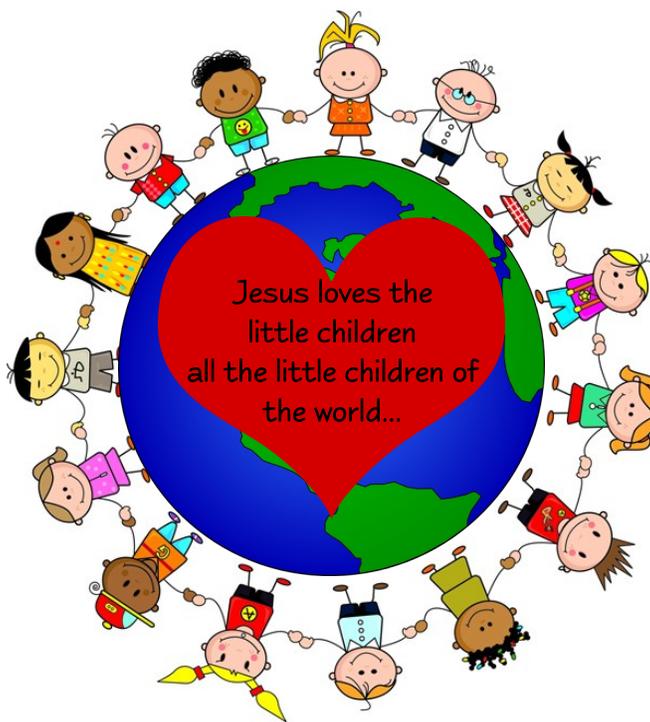
Lay a piece of clear contact paper in jelly fish shape sticky side up. Arrange tissue paper squares. Stick ribbon on bottom of contact paper. Top with another piece of paper sticky side down. Trim off any excess tissue paper. Draw border with a marker.



## Gold Fish Bowl



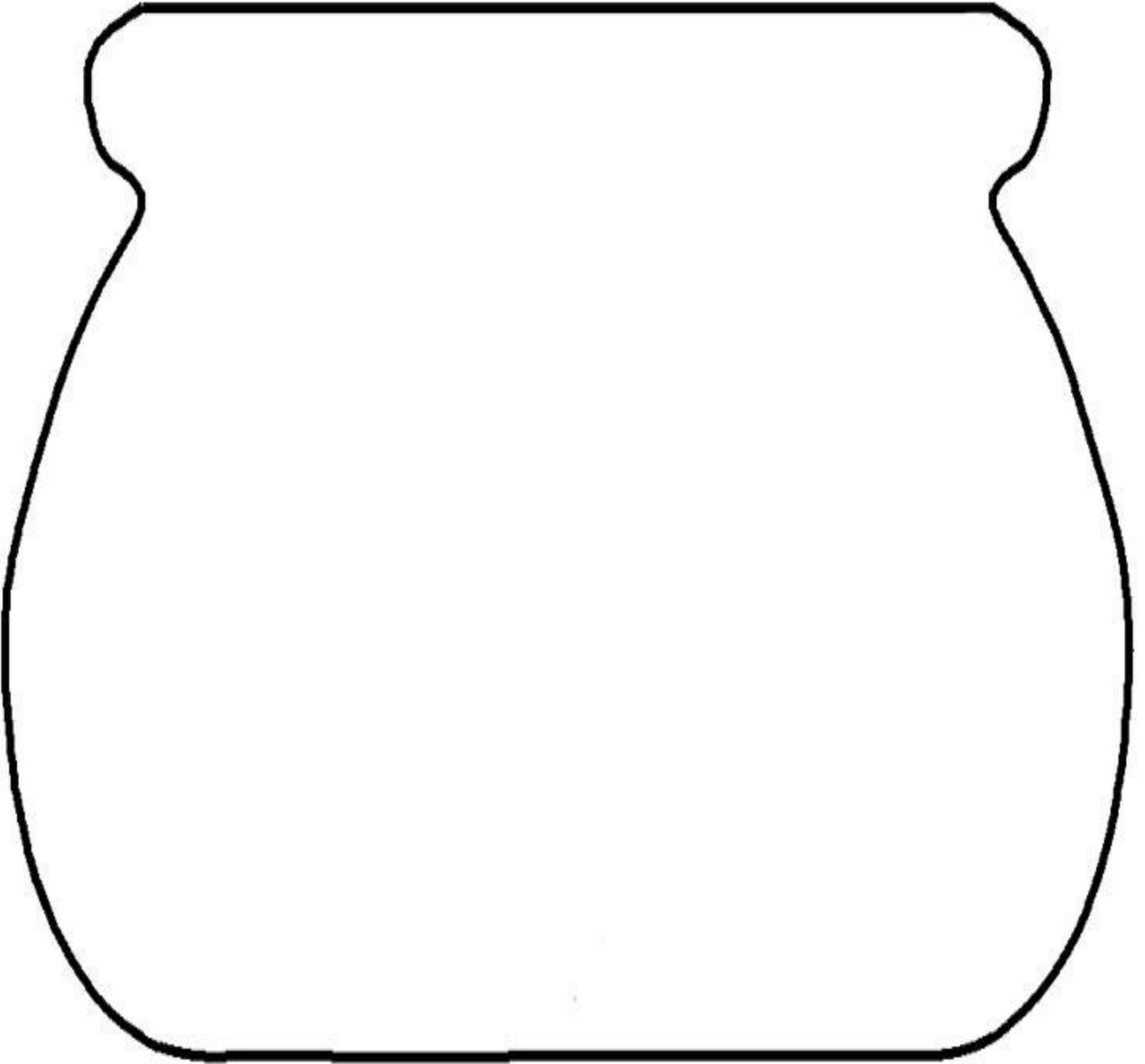
## PAINT YOUR POTS



## Painted Lady Bug Stones



Gold Fish Bowl Template



*Jelly Fish Template*

