



# GIANT Back to School Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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Answer

Arithmetic

Art

Assignment

Backpack

Binder

Biology

Blackboard

Cafeteria

Calculator

Chair

Chemistry

Clock

Compass

Crayon

Curriculum

Desk

Dictionary

Drama

Dress Code

Education

Eraser

Exam

Folder

Friend

Geography

Globe

Glue

Grade

Gymnasium

Highlighter

History

Kindergarten

Language

Learn

Lesson

Library

Listen

Lunchbox

Map

Marker

Math

Music

Notebook

Open House

Paper

Pencil

Physics

Principal

Protractor

Pupil

Question

Read

Recess

Respect

Ruler

Schedule

School Bus

Science

Scissors

Sharpener

Silence

Stapler

Student

Subject

Tape

Teacher

Test

Textbook

Tutor

Uniform

Write

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Getting a Good Education

"Here comes the school bus!" so will say many a mom/dad as their children are still finishing up breakfast. And like a mad scrabble, they will gulp the last of the OJ and shovel in the last spoon of cereal. Grabbing their backpacks, they will run out the door. A school bus driver doesn't wait forever, you know!

Ah, the joys of school days again. I know you parents with kids are thinking "ugh" to the thought of all the stress and chaos of busy mornings, but I will tell you now enjoy them for they don't last forever and there will come a day in the distant future where you would wish for seeing again your precious children running to catch a school bus again.

Well in Jesus day they didn't have school busses. They had donkeys, and I imagine they could be just as fun too! Jesus was a school boy. Our only story of him in such a setting is Luke 5:41-52 which is titled in my Bible, "The Boy Jesus at the Temple." It is a lesson of Jesus among the priests and teachers of his day learning and "teaching" the teachers. What kid doesn't dream of teaching the teachers a thing or two!

Here they were discussing the finer points of the Torah. And the Bible says of Jesus, "Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers." He was a bright student. This is a reflection of two things: 1) He was the Son of God, of course

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2) Mary and Joseph were doing their parental duty with love and care. They were making God's Word a high priority in their home. And the children in the house reflected this with their attitude, demeanor and outlook.

Later in the lesson when Jesus is returning home to Nazareth, we read that he was obedient and continued to grow in wisdom and stature. He was a "good" kid (we might say of such a boy), but truth is, he was a "perfect" kid (the only one that ever was). A perfect example to emulate for us all.

Enjoy your school days, kids! Enjoy teaching, teachers! Enjoy being mom and dad, parents! How wonderful it is to see your kids grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bode



**Our Christian Sympathy is extended**

... to the Pastor & Gail Bode and their family at the death of Gail's Uncle and the death of Pastor's Brother.

*May the Lord bring His comfort in Christ  
to all who grieve.*



**National Youth Gathering Report**

Endure- Keep going- Don't give up  
Support people- cheer them on  
Communion with 20,000+ people was amazing!!  
-Teamwork  
-Fun  
-You belong

-Incorporate Jesus in everyday besides Sunday  
-Military/Services  
-Can you be saved if you go into the military? YES!  
-Why do you think you can't be saved? you do a lot of things against the commandments and gods will.

P-Praise- Express gratitude for what he has done  
R-Repent- take responsibility  
A-Ask- ask for yours or Somone's needs  
Y-Yield-surrender your will to God's will & trust his plan.

We got to see Bethany Hamilton as a guest speaker and see her speak on enduring through struggles.

We also got to see firsthand a protest against our beliefs which was different coming from another church. The Southboro Baptist Church got a permit to protest for an hour from 9-10 on Tuesday morning. All our Leaders did a great job protecting youth from them. They had all available local and state police officers there also to help keep everyone safe.





### T-Shirt Sale Continues!

The LWML is selling t-shirts for \$15. There are a variety of colors available.



#### Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year



Dear Heavenly Father. We ask you to bless the students with eager minds that are open to learning, capable of asking good questions, and able to focus on their studies. Grant them confidence to take academic risks and the discipline to complete their work. Protect them from fear, anxiety, bullying, and harm. Guide them to form positive and supportive friendships.

Give teachers and staff the wisdom to understand and nurture each student's unique gifts and abilities. Supply them with abundant energy, patience, and overflowing love to meet the needs of their students. Protect their physical and mental health, and give them strength to persevere through the challenges of the year.



Be with the bus and van drivers. Give them patient and compassionate hearts. Protect them and the students they transport to and from school. Thank you for their crucial role and give them divine guidance to ensure safe journeys and a positive experience for all.

May the school buildings and classrooms be safe places where love, respect and joy can flourish. Help their entire school community to make choices that align with principles of goodness and understanding. Thank you God for Your presence. Help all to trust any challenges that may arise that the challenges may be met with Your grace and support.

In Your great name we pray. Amen.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries In Our Parish

#### St. John's Lutheran Church

- 1 Sebastian Blomquist
- 4 Susan Scheff
- 7 Parker Soine
- 8 Samantha Willert
- 10 Diane Friday
- 12 David Haley, Ben & Brandi Lewis
- 16 Jessica Brown
- 17 Mike Willert, Wendy Willert, Brandon & Jessica Brown, Wendell M & Nickole Swanson Mike & Wendy Willert
- 20 Katie Downing
- 24 Scott & Mindy Milliman
- 25 Tessa Knickerbocker
- 27 Brandon Brown
- 28 Will & Gracen Bartos, Matthew & Sarah Kranick, Arlen & Karen Peterson



#### St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

- 2 Kaysen Swanson
- 4 Bob & Edna Monson
- 5 Dave Berg
- 7 Eric Duvernay
- 8 Neil Schmakel, Katie Swanson
- 9 Crystal Campbell, Bob Monson, Ryan Orvis, Mason Ramberg, Mark & Jessica McCurry
- 12 Susan Kroll, Kate Zelinsky
- 13 Caroline Duvernay, Kim Pierson
- 17 Kyle Lundahl, Lucas Sitz
- 18 Kayla Zelinsky, Kyle & Bailey Citterman
- 21 Ruth Hagfors, Lisa Lucht, Walter Peterson, Gerry & Justine Anderson
- 23 Scott Lucht
- 26 John & Sandy Sutcliffe, Jason & Tasha Swanson
- 28 Jon Knapp, Daniel & Lori Klepsa, Benji & Yvonne Leaf

<i>A Measure of our Discipleship Together in Christ</i>		
Day of Worship	Attend- ance	Offering
7-27-2025	37	\$5,120.00
8-3-2025	39	\$2,115.00
8-10-2025	38	\$1,361.00
8-17-2025	31	\$15,088.88
8-24-2025	31	\$1,895.00



*Many people helped Gladys celebrate her 97th Birthday on Sunday, August 24!*



Elder: Les Orvis Altar Guild: Roxanne Orvis
<b><u>September 7</u></b> Musician: Cindy Wendorf Reader: Jill Erickson PA Tech: Roxanne Orvis Camera/PowerPoint: Kevin Garey/Donna Mulholland Counters: Jill Erickson & Lynette Downing
<b><u>September 14</u></b> Musician: Rod Cera and His Band Reader: Brian Moreau PA Tech: Roxanne Orvis Camera: Karen Peterson Counters: Susan Scheff & Lynette Downing
<b><u>September 21</u></b> Musician: Cindy Wendorf Reader: Brian Moreau PA Tech: David Haley Camera/PowerPoint: Arlen Peterson/Karen Peterson Counters: Jill Erickson & Lynette Downing
<b><u>September 28</u></b> Musician: Digital (Roxanne) Reader: Jill Erickson PA Tech: David Haley Camera/PowerPoint: Arlen Peterson/Karen Peterson Counters: Sandy Minor & Lynette Downing

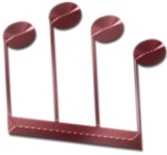
St. Stephen is in need of a church secretary. We are grateful for Donna's time in the position, but she has decided to tender her resignation for October 1st. We are therefore looking for a person (5-10 hrs. per week). The duties include administration of the church office and working closely with Pastor and Council to complete needed office tasks. Position requires good communication skills, computer skills (MS Office), learning LSB service builder application, preparing and copying print materials such as Sunday worship bulletin, tracking, and recording accurate membership information. Training would be provided. Contact Pastor or Rick Hultman (chairman) if interested to discuss position and negotiable days/hours/compensation.



# Polka Service

## Sunday, September 14

### 10:30 am



**Joint Worship Service**  
**at St. John's Lutheran Church**  
*(outdoor if weather permits—feel free to bring lawn chairs)*

There will be a potluck meal following the service. Brats, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided.



Rod and his band will also play following the meal

**Bring your family, friends and neighbors!**