



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

OCTOBER 2024

PASTOR: Rev. David Walsh

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM



FROM THE PASTOR

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Romans 15:4

“I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.” Psalm 119: 15-16

If you follow me on Facebook, you may have seen in the last month a post in which I referenced a post from Pastor Eder about Bible study. In the post I said the following, “While I'd love for people to ask questions and give responses, you are not obligated to speak, though I'd hope you would eventually feel comfortable to do so. We are always in need of Biblical instruction, we are always in need of a refresher in things that we have learned, and we are always in need of the Gospel of Christ, all this you will find in Bible study.”

I would like to break down those comments further as an encouragement for you to attend Bible study. The first part was in reference to concerns that people have come up to Pastor Eder and myself about being nervous about asking questions or being called upon to answer questions. The first of which questions are important, it's what allows us to learn or better understand what we need and want to know about a given subject. So yes, feel free to ask questions, when it comes to scripture there are no stupid questions, and don't be afraid to ask questions pertaining to topics that are not relevant to what we are studying, we are not in a school and I am not obligated to cover certain things over another for the sake of an exam (there are no exams in Bible study, unless you want some), you never know when someone else needs that same answer to your questions.

The next part deals with the need for Bible study, this is a big thing, we are all in need of constant Biblical study, for as you have heard me preach, it is one of the ways that God guards, guides, keeps, and strengthens our faith. God guards our faith in Bible study by arming you with the knowledge of the Word, if the only instruction of the faith comes from Saturday or Sunday church, while great and of the utmost importance, we are never going to come close to knowing God's revealed Word if we are only learning it once a week. Also, God through Bible study teaches us of the traps of the world, the Devil and our own sinful nature of which we need to be on guard for, and of the Gospel which saves and forgives us, this strengthens our faith. The constant hearing and learning of God's Word help to keep our hearts, minds, and lips on Christ which helps to keep us in the faith.

Lastly the need for a refresher of the basics, this can sometimes seem to be a bit boring, “I have already learned this.” Well, first, you have not heard me cover some of these books or some of these teachings, while what I say will be largely the same, I will also probably cover a particular angle that you may have not heard. Second, sometimes getting a refresher is never a bad thing. For instance, when was the last time you opened the catechism, you might remember some of these things, but can you explain the 4th petition to the Lord's prayer (give us this day our daily bread), some of us might but it has been my experience that most have not. It is these basics that need to be reinforced constantly. Take for instance a football practice, if you go to training camp or ask a media personnel for the local news what a practice is like, they will tell that they start out with warming up and practicing the basics, blocking, throwing, catching, running, tackling, etc.. It is even more important with faith, remembering and even relearning these things will help us through all circumstances. Whenever I visit shut ins or people on their deathbed, it is always these basic things that they recall, even when their memories are fading, and so we find our hope and comfort in these teachings that God gives to us.

So, I invite you, come to Bible study, grow in the knowledge of the Word, have your faith strengthened by the Spirit, and enjoy the time with your brothers and sisters in the faith.

Christ Blessings

Rev. David J. Walsh



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2024

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEEKEND OF	Oct. 5/6	Oct. 12/13	Oct. 19/20	Oct. 26/27	
READER (Sat/Sun)	Rhonda Mohr/Sharon McGuan	Ruth Whitmer/Carolyn Alessi	Doreen Griebel/Sue Holway	Rhonda Mohr/Richard Loster	
USHERS	Tim McGuan/Eric Fellner	Dooley O'Rourke/Melody Keef	Mike Wuerch/Dianne Wuerch	Eric Fellner/Melody Keef	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hartz	George Alessi	Ed Walsh	Mike Wuerch	

***** IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE ELDERS: TIM MCGUAN (716-418-5484) OR DAN GRIEBEL (716-259-9704). PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY AMBER TRIMMER OF ANY CHANGES SO THE WEEKLY BULLETIN IS ACCURATE. THANK YOU. *****



The heart of a volunteer

A daughter had just helped her 90-year-old mother through the complex process of moving from and selling the family home. Now in a senior living center, the once-active woman was adjusting to her new surroundings and lifestyle.

As the daughter finalized arrangements, she tactfully brought up matters of nutrition. Hoping her mom would accept some help, she asked, "What about Meals on Wheels?"

Mom replied, "No, dear. I don't think I can volunteer for them anymore."



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dianne Weurch	Oct. 2
Kathy Rodgers	Oct. 11
Tegwanda Alford	Oct. 15
Sue Holway	Oct. 18
Richard Loster	Oct. 25



Happy
Anniversary!

Oct. 7	Mike & Dianne Wuerch
Oct. 10	Lee & Amber Trimmer



ESTHER CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th**, at 12:30 p.m. at church. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.** All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. We will discuss the Terri Lynn nut fundraiser, the ladies' breakfast at the Olympia Restaurant on Saturday, November 9th. (See the flyer in this issue.) There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board. After the business meeting, we will conclude the discussion on the book, **JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION**. Review the 5 practices (see page 133) and see how the Esther Circle addresses these and where we can move forward in our mission for Jesus.

REMINDER: Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps cut with 1/2" trim to Sharon McGuan; mites (loose change) to Karen Smith. All these collections help support mission projects.

Autumn is here when the leaves change to vibrant colors of red, yellow and orange! This is God's natural beauty! Get out and enjoy this awesome time of year! **GOD BLESS!**

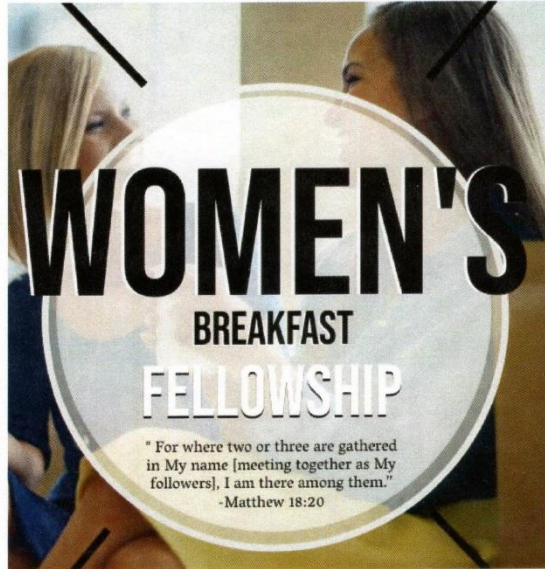
Carol Obot



Come to VBS on October 13th

We welcome everyone to the second VBS unit: **The Pointing Prophet - John Points to Jesus**, based on scripture verses from Matthew 3. In this Bible lesson we learn that God appointed John to make straight the way of the Lord and call God's people to repentance. Please join us on October 13th at 9:00 a.m. as the children and adult Bible classes meet in their respective rooms to grow in the Word.

ESTHER CIRCLE IS HOSTING A



**ALL WOMEN FROM PILGRIM LUTHERAN
ARE INVITED!!**

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9^H

TIME: 9:30 AM

WHERE: OLYMPIC RESTAURANT – Sheridan & Military Rd.

Paid by Esther Circle but Any Donation is Welcome!

PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW BEFORE OCTOBER 27TH

For where two or three are gathered in My name meeting together as My
followers, I am there among them.

-Matthew 18:20

COMING SOON !

Esther Circle will be having a Fall Fundraiser



Terrilyn's premium nuts, decadent confections, savory snacks and tempting mixes are unlike anything you will find at your local grocery store. There is a range of 38 products to pick from.

All profits are used to support local charities such as Ken - Ton Meals on Wheels, Local Church Food Pantries, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Hour Ministries plus many others.

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church Terri Lynn's Webstore is
contactless, safe, and easy!!**

<https://pilgrimesthercircle.terrilynn.com>

FROM THE ELDERS

We are blessed to have Ed Walsh join us as the new elder in our congregation! As you may know, he is Pastor Walsh's father. Please say hello to him and introduce yourself.

The Bible encourages us to pray for one another. It is also a duty for the elders of Pilgrim to pray for the members of our church. Therefore, we ask that anyone in the congregation who needs prayers contact us and we will pray for you. You can be explicit in what you want us to pray for or just let us know you need prayer. The request can be strictly confidential or can be shared with the congregation. Any request can be submitted to Pastor or any one of the elders. The following are our contact numbers.

Tim McGuan – 716-418-5484

Dan Griebel – 716-259-9704

Ed Walsh – 585-747-1503

If you would also like to be a reader or usher, please let us know. Thank you.



The mess of mercy

The reformer Martin Luther once dreamed that he saw Jesus approaching his door. Luther panicked, seeing that his home was an absolute disaster inside. "How am I going to let the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, come into a mess like this?" he wondered.

Luther raced to clean up, but the mess only increased. As Jesus knocked, Luther was resigned. "Come on in, if you think you can come into a place like this," he told Jesus ... only to turn around and see that everything was now in order. All Luther had to do was let Jesus enter.

"Mercy is always a messy business," writes pastor Daniel Emery Price at 1517.org. That's true of the Reformation, just as it was when Jesus cleared moneychangers out of the temple. "There will always be those who condemn the mercy because of the mess," notes Price. "Reformation is always about clearing the path to God's radical grace."

Come Serve on the Church Council

NEW OFFICERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM

RECORDING FINANCIAL SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM

RECORDING SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM

If you are interested in any of these positions,
please see Pastor Walsh, Michael Wuerch,
Dianne Wuerch or Ruth Whitmer.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

As Written in Pilgrims Constitution

The President of the Congregation Shall

1. Act as the chief officer of the congregation and spokesperson for the congregation in secular matters that pertain to the congregation
2. Prepare an agenda for and preside at all Voters' Meetings
3. Enforce the Constitution and Bylaws of this congregation and carry out the expressed will of the congregation, coordinating functions, plans, and activities in the furtherance of the work of Christ's Kingdom.
4. Appoint ad hoc committee chairpersons and attend meetings of boards, committees, and groups in the congregation as desired
5. Vote at all Church Council meetings, and vote at the Voters' Meetings in case of a tie
6. Act in the absence of the Treasurer

B. The Vice-President shall

1. Carry out the functions of the President when the President is absent
2. Prepare an agenda for and preside at all meetings of the Church Council
3. Be the Parliamentarian at the Voters' Meetings
4. Be in charge of the periodic review of the Constitution and its Bylaws and prepare any amendments for Voters' Meetings
5. Vote at all Voters' Meetings, and vote at the Church Council meetings in case of a tie

The Secretary Shall

1. Record the minutes of all Voters' and Church Council meetings in a legible form, keep the attendance roster for the meetings, and keep these with the permanent records of the congregation.
2. Notify the members of the congregation of meetings
3. Prepare and issue all official correspondence from the congregation, including acknowledgements of memorials received
4. Keep a permanent record of the official acts of the church

The Financial Secretary Shall

1. Receive all monies contributed to the congregation, supervise its counting, deposit such monies and give a receipt of the monies to the Treasurer
2. Present a current financial report at all congregational and church council meetings
3. Distribute offering envelopes and financial reports
4. Work with the Pastor in the area of stewardship
5. Prepare and deliver weekly contribution reports to the Pastor
6. Keep weekly attendance and contribution records
7. Prepare and deliver quarterly tax receipts to the church's contributors

If you interested in being Nominated for any of **one of these Elected Positions, please contact Paster Walsh or one of the following Church Council Members**

President- Mike Wuerch	Secretary – Ruth Whitmer	Financial Secretary – Dianne Wuerch
Vice President – Sue Holway	Treasurer – Rhonda Mohr	Head Elder – Tyrone Bryant



Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!

A lesson in appreciation

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. His ears perked up when an older member said, "Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, 'The one we have at any given time is my favorite.'"

What a relief for the pastor to hear — and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.



A Voters Meeting was held on September 15th after the service. Bible studies are held on Sundays at 9 am and on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Everyone is encouraged to take part in these studies. We hope to resume outside services during the summer as well.

The council has decided to conduct reviews/evaluations of the offices of pastor, administrative assistant and organist. Pilgrim's constitution requires that these be done periodically. If anyone has any suggestions or thoughts they would like to put forth in the reviews, please let a council member know. We plan to conduct these reviews in October.

Congregational giving is not keeping up with the church budget. Even a small increase every week makes a big difference. Please remember to give for those weeks you didn't attend church and prayerfully consider increasing your giving. God gives us so many blessings and sees to our every need. Let us respond to His love for us by joyfully supporting His Church here on earth.

Pilgrim will need three new officers next year: President, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary. Please prayerfully consider serving. See the flyers in this issue for more information. Help and training will be provided by prior officers.

The Elders have changed. Tyrone Bryant has stepped down. Ed Walsh has been voted in as the new elder. The council checked to see if there was any reason why the pastor's father could not serve and found no conflict.

The driveway has been resealed and we will have two trees removed by the front of the church. Choir practice will be starting on Tuesdays after Bible Study at 7:00 pm. A Church Directory has been sent out by Amber Trimmer. Please contact her if your information has changed or will change.

We are still investigating the purchasing of an AED and having training provided.

The next meeting will be held on December 15th. We adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**** PLEASE NOTE: ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ****

LWML FALL EVENT
Saturday, November 2, 2024
Trinity West Seneca Church
146 Reserve Road
West Seneca, N.Y. 14224

9:00am to Noon
(breakfast foods and
beverages will be available)

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Mites monies will also be collected)

RSVP please: Sharon McGuan salmcg23@gmail.com 716-803-3767

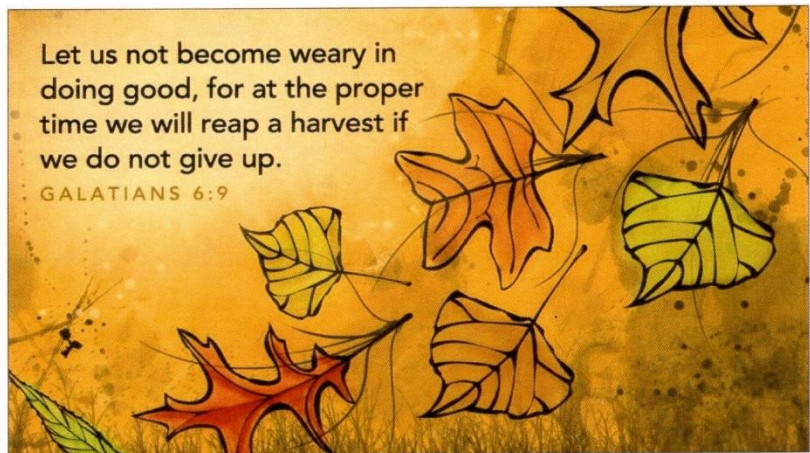
Speakers: Pastor Knowles and Margaret Walsh, our Youth Women's Representative. Will be speaking on their mission trip to remote area of Canada for VBS.

Hands on Project: Please help with cards being used for those on ED prayer listing and others needing a kind greeting. Love to color here is a great way to relax and enjoy fellowship with Christian women.

Elections and installation of officers

Nominations for President and Treasure are being accepted. Please contact Sharon (salmcg23@gmail.com) if you'd like your name, put on the ballot for either. God bless all our officers of Buffalo Zone LWML.

INGATHERING: (Bread of Life Pantry in Colden, NY. serves rural families, singles and couples) (West Seneca Pantry serves many singles and couples)
Items needed: Protein foods, canned/boxed staples, personal care items, paper products. If you need it, others will too. Items will be divided for the above organizations. November a month of showing thankfulness by sharing with others. God bless your gifts!



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 The entire service is available on the lwml.org website...as well as the banner instructions, items for purchase to educate our congregation about what LWML missions does throughout the world.

2023–2025 Mission Grant #12

Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA

About This Mission Grant

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, the only high school in the LCMS Southern District, has been serving youth for over 50 years. It provides students with the opportunity to academically succeed in a safe environment, while educating them about their Lord and Savior through the teachings of the LCMS. Many of the students being served by the school are disadvantaged, culturally diverse, and unchurched.

Because the school was devastated by Hurricane Ida, funds which would have been used for computers, school supplies, Christian materials, and scholarship aid are now being used for construction costs to rebuild one of the buildings.

This grant will be matched by five generous donors and will be used to pay the tuition costs of ten students.



Hurricane Ida peeled back the roofs on the three buildings.



Hurricane Ida destroyed almost everything that was contained in any of the classrooms.



After Hurricane Ida, Lutheran High School had to remove a huge amount of asbestos.



Hurricane Ida Destruction



Help Us Celebrate LHM's Growing Hispanic Ministry!



In the United States, Hispanics are the second-largest ethnic population. By 2060, it is expected that Hispanics will constitute more than 27 percent of the American population. As a mass media Gospel outreach organization, LHM is committed to reaching this rapidly growing audience with the Good News of the Gospel.

"The future is bright for connecting with Hispanics in North America. Join us in these efforts with your prayers that God reaches down through LHM to bring the Gospel to those who have yet to hear, that they might meet Jesus and find a home in His church," says Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, LHM's vice president of ministry engagement.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time designated to celebrate and recognize the rich cultural and historical heritage and contributions of Spanish-speaking communities in the United States. It can also be a time to educate and learn together.

When did it begin? It began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to encompass a 30-day period.

When is it celebrated? It is celebrated in the United States from **September 15 to October 15**.

Why September 15? It begins on that date to commemorate the independence of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, which gained their independence on September 15, followed by Mexico on September 16 and Chile on September 18.

Who is "Hispanic"? Hispanic Heritage Month is not limited to a single nationality or ethnic group but celebrates the diversity of cultures and countries that make up the Hispanic community, including the millions of people whose ancestors came from Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, South America, and Spain.

Responding to the increasing need for Spanish resources in the United States, LHM continues developing and growing our Hispanic ministry efforts by pouring significant energy into growing our engagement with Hispanics through a variety of resources and programs (visit paraelcamino.com).

"I love going to get my groceries at 9 p.m. because that's usually when I find that some Spanish-speaking young families are shopping," says Lois Schaefer, of Central Florida. "I want to share the love of Jesus with them and let them know they are welcome in the community. I'm equipped with two things. I give them a card about our early learning center at my church. I also have Spanish prayer cards that I got from LHM so that I can tell them I'm praying for them intentionally. Sometimes it will be the seven-year-old in the family that can speak English. I then have the opportunity to talk to them and ask if there is something in particular I can pray about for their family. They are quite often ready to come up with something that they could offer as a request for prayer. I just love the people of our community, and there are so many opportunities for new relationships."

"Over the years that I served in the Florida/Georgia District, we significantly grew our Hispanic ministry, and the resources from LHM were a tremendously helpful way for us to do that," says Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton. "We've been very blessed through our partnership with LHM."

Rev. Mark Eisold, pastor of Pelican Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida, says, "My heart for Jesus showed me the importance that we have as Christians to reach people. LHM's resources are incredibly important; most of them are available online for any church to download, so it's cost-effective. It is such a blessing for anyone who does Spanish outreach. Anywhere you go, and everywhere you look, there are Hispanic people, and they are a blessing, and they want to learn English. But in the meantime, and probably for many years after, they need to hear, read, and receive Christ's love in Spanish."

LHM has created a bilingual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration focused on raising support for our U.S. Hispanic Ministries. During this time, your donations to LHM directly support these efforts and continue to provide biblical resources and Gospel-focused outreach to our local Hispanic communities.

Visit lhm.org/hhm to learn more about LHM's Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, including free **Project Connect** booklets and stickers.



WORDS THAT SHOULD EXIST

ACCORDIONATED – Being able to drive and read a road map at the same time.

AQUADEXTROUS – Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.

BURGACIDE – When a hamburger can't take any more torture and hurls itself through the grill into the coals.

CARPERPETUATION – The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

DISCONFECT – To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, somehow assuming this will 'remove' all the germs.

ECNALUBMA – A rescue vehicle which can only be seen in the rearview mirror.

ELBONICS – The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater.

ELECELLERATION – The mistaken notion that the more you press an elevator button the faster it will arrive.

PHONESIA – The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

PUPKUS – The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct
blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

WORDS

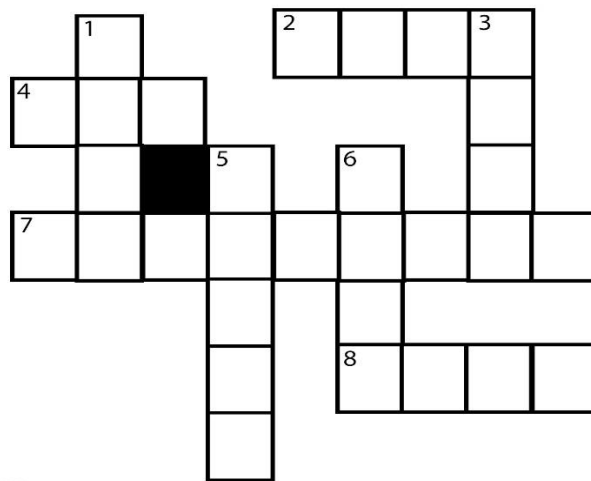
EARTH, CREATURES,
MADE, THEM,
FULL, HOW,
LORD, YOUR

ACROSS

- 2. Rhymes with gem.
- 4. Rhymes with cow.
- 7. Rhymes with features.
- 8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

- 1. Rhymes with pour.
- 3. Rhymes with fade.
- 5. Rhymes with worth.
- 6. Rhymes with pull.



_____ many are _____ works, _____ !
4 1 8
In wisdom you _____ all;
3 2
the _____ is _____ of your _____ .
5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answer: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures. Psalm 104:24, NIV

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 24TH.**