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*A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service*

# *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*

**MARCH 2025**

PASTOR: Rev. David Walsh

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





## St. Patrick's Day

On March 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a day commonly celebrated by wearing green, drinking beer, and having corned beef and cabbage (which I recommend having in a bowl). But who is St. Patrick? St. Patrick was a Bishop born in 389 A.D. in a Roman controlled part of Britain during the end of the Roman Empire. When he was young, he was taken by Irish raiders to Ireland to be a slave, where he was a pig herder for six years. One night he was guided by a dream that allowed him to escape his captivity. The dream guided him to the Irish shore where he encountered sailors who were heading to Britain, who though they tried to get him to do lewd acts in exchange, gave him safe passage. St. Patrick did not waiver in his faith.

St. Patrick would eventually find his way to France, where he became a monk and a priest. He later was elevated to Bishop; upon his appointment he had made the decision in 433 A.D. to head back to the country where he was a slave. His mission in Ireland was to bring freedom from the slavery to idolatry. He would spend the rest of his life in Ireland, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, founding communities, and inspiring the country to have the same zeal for missions as he had. On the later work he wrote in his book *Confession*, "This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to His great wonders before every nation under Heaven."

St. Patrick is also known for strict confession of the Trinity, of which he often uttered the phrase, "Three in One and One in Three." It is believed that he died on March 17<sup>th</sup>, hence the date of the holiday. It is also believed that on his death bed sang this stanza from the hymn he wrote, Hymn 604 v. 5, "I bind unto myself the Name, The strong Name of the Trinity By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; Salvation is of Christ, the Lord!"

Christ blessings

Rev. David J. Walsh





# SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

## MARCH 2025

**(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

WEEKEND OF	Mar. 1-2	Mar. 8-9	Mar. 15-16	Mar. 22-23	Mar. 29-30
READER (Sat/Sun)	Rhonda Mohr/Eric Fellner	Ruth Whitmer/Carolyn Alessi	Doreen Griebel/Mary Werth	Rhonda Mohr/Rich Loster	Ruth Whitmer/Kathy Farkas
USHERS	Mike and Dianne Wuerch	Melody Keef/Jim Hartz	Ed Walsh/Eric Fellner	Mike Wuerch/Tim McGuan	Dianne Wuerch/Eric Fellner
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ed Walsh	Eric Fellner	Mike Wuerch	Jim Hartz	Ed Walsh

**(If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please notify Tim McGuan (716) 418-5484, Ed Walsh (585) 747-1503 or Dan Griebel (716) 259-9704. ALSO, PLEASE CALL AMBER SO SHE CAN CORRECTLY PUT THE CHANGE IN THE BULLETIN. Thank you.)**

### Amid life's storms

The hurricanes that battered the East Coast in fall 2024 also battered my soul. I was over the rain and humidity. I was tired of lugging my two preschoolers through the downpours and driving through flash floods at night. Yet I had no reason to complain. Our house was still standing, with no damage.

The news around us was worrying and heartbreaking. "What if that was us?" I wondered. "Would I be strong enough?"

Then the kids asked to play outside. Even though I knew they'd get wet and muddy, I gave in. When a rainbow appeared, I'd never been more humbled as I remembered: I don't need to be anxious. I don't need to be strong enough. God watches over us all. He knows the hurt and sorrow. And he promises to be "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1, ESV).

Lord, forgive my unbelief. "Hear my cry, O God ... when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:1-2, ESV).

—Kristen Greene



Madison Porter	Mar. 1
Karen Smith	Mar. 5
Rev. David Walsh	Mar. 8
Carter Gempko	Mar. 9
Chrystal Gempko	Mar. 9
Wes Wiers	Mar. 20
Sarah Walsh	Mar. 22
Rhonda Mohr	Mar. 23
Naomi George	Mar. 26
Tim McGuan	Mar. 30



**Q: Why did the elephant stand on the marshmallow?**

**A: So he wouldn't fall into the hot chocolate.**

**Q: How can you tell if an elephant is hiding in your bathtub?**

**A: You can smell the peanuts on his breath.**

**Q: How do you fit six elephants in a Volkswagen?**

**A: Two in the front, two in the back, and two in the glove compartment.**

**Q: How do you know if there is an elephant under the bed?**

**A: Your nose is touching the ceiling.**





## **ESTHER CIRCLE**

This month's meeting is not on the usual second Monday of the month. It will be on **MONDAY, MARCH 17th. AT 12:30 pm AT THE CHURCH.** All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend.

The LWML Buffalo Zone Event was hosted at Pilgrim on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, had about 30 in attendance. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about two Summer outreach missions in this area, Camp J.O.Y. at Our Savior Church in Buffalo and the one week VBS at Pioneer on the Lake in Angola. We had great fellowship, food and praise for JESUS! There is a flyer with more information regarding Camp J.O.Y. If you have more questions, you can also contact Carol Obot at (cell) 218-349-3397 or e-mail: [carolobot1@aol.com](mailto:carolobot1@aol.com). Thank you to all the ladies who attended this event!

**REMINDER:** Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; cancelled stamps with a half inch border go to Sharon McGuan; and mites (loose change) go to Karen Smith. Note, there is a Mite drop box at the rear of the sanctuary. Again, these collections help various mission outreach programs. Thank you for your support.

Here it is March, the beginning of Lent and the first days of Spring. Lent is a time of reflection and spring a time of rebirth. Take time to be in "silence" as you reflect on Jesus's journey to Calvary  for our salvation and enjoy the rebirth beauty that spring  brings.

AMEN 

Carol Obot



Sunday school will be celebrated on March 9th at 9:00 am. Children will meet in the Sunday school room and adults in the Fellowship Hall. The lesson, Living Water, from John 4:1-42, is Jesus' life giving and life changing conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in Sychar. In the lesson, Jesus proclaims His wondrous invitation, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. Indeed the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4 vs 10 and 14). We invite all who are thirsty to come!



I've got that  
**JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY**  
Down in my heart! YOU DO??!!



Then I have a way you can share it with kids!  
**CAMP JOY SUMMER PROGRAM**

Since its inception, **Camp J.O.Y.** has played a significant role in the transformation of children with unproductive and unsupervised time - into children with real life experiences and creative interactivity during and after **Camp J.O. Y.**

The acronym for **JOY** is **J**esus, **O**thers, **Y**ou!

Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
26 Brunswick Blvd.  
Buffalo, New York

When: July 7, 2025 through August 15, 2025  
Monday through Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm

**FORGET IT, THAT'S TOO MUCH TIME FOR ME TO VOLUNTEER!**

**WRONG.... COULD YOU GIVE JUST 1 HOUR IN THAT 6 WEEK CAMP??**

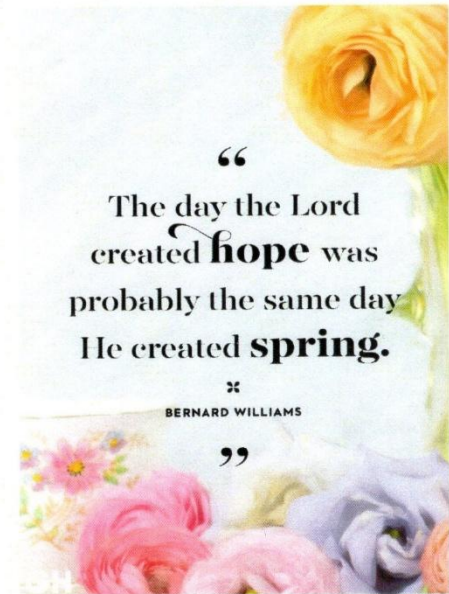
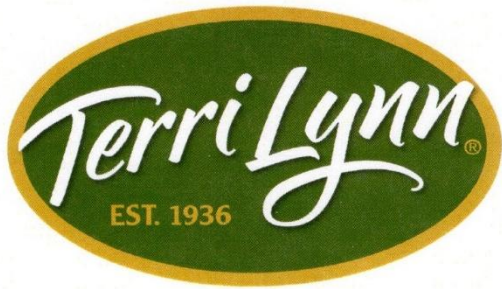
**CAMP JOY** is looking for high school students to active senior citizens that would like to help as few or as many hours as possible. Help relieve the staff doing 6 weeks and 8 hours a day. **HOW?** One hour of teaching any activity you enjoy now. Recreational games, music hour, arts and crafts, helping children in academic needs: reading, writing and math too. Monetary donations are always appreciated for a very small budgeted program. Always appreciate prayers for a successful Christian Program.

You pick the day, the hour and the activity!!! All that is needed is for you to care enough for our future generations of young people hearing **GOD'S WORD**, and being witnessed to by real Christians, giving and sharing the talents God gave you!

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God bless this **JOY SUMMER CAMP** and keep you always in his care!



## Spring & Easter Are Coming

DARK CHOCOLATE SEA SALT



GUMMIE BEARS



MILK CHOCOLATE PEACANS



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. Please help us support them. Thank you!

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

<https://pilgrimsthercircle.terri Lynn.com>

Catechesis page: We encourage you to put this on your fridge and learn God's Word and things that help us better understand it together.

March 2025

Did you know? The last part of our Bible verse for this month is what the pastor says when he puts the ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. It's a reminder of the fact that death is what happens because there is sin in the world. If there was no sin, there would be no death. Praise God for Jesus who saves us from the final death!

Bible verse of the month: "By the seat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." -Genesis 3:19

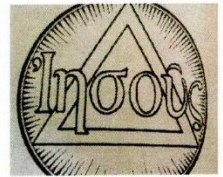
Catechism: The Third commandment and it's explanation:

What is the Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?: We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Liturgical seasons and colors (look on the altar and pastor) for March: Transfiguration- white, Ash Wednesday-black, Lent-purple

Christian symbol of the month: If you look at the symbol to the right you will see Greek letters.



These letters spell Jesus in Greek. Whenever the word Jesus appears in the Bible, this is what it looks like in the Greek. Greek is the language that the New Testament was originally written in.

Hymn of the month: (definitely check out the other verses in the hymnal, for the sake of space we have v. 1 only here) O Lord, throughout These Forty Days LSB #418

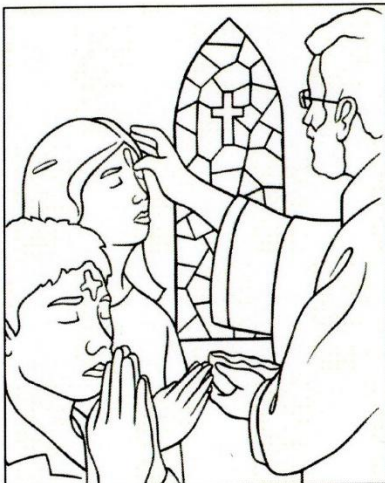
v. 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

Church festivals, observances, Saint Days in March

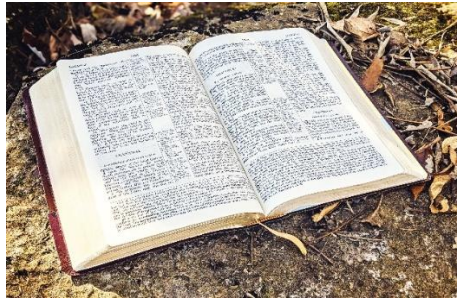
2<sup>nd</sup>-Transfiguration (this changes every year) 5<sup>th</sup>-Ash Wednesday (this changes every year)

7<sup>th</sup>-Perpetua & Felicitas (martyrs) 17<sup>th</sup>-St. Patrick 19<sup>th</sup>-Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

25<sup>th</sup>-Annunciation of our Lord 31<sup>st</sup>- Joseph (Patriarch)







This month we finish the book of John. That means we've read many things reminding us of how Jesus is God. We will be starting the book of Psalms next. The book of Psalms is considered the songbook of the Bible.

Mar. 1 – John 19:17-30	Mar. 9 – Psalm 2	Mar. 17 – Psalm 10	Mar. 25 – Ps.18:1-12
Mar. 2 – John 19:31-42	Mar. 10 – Psalm 3	Mar. 18 – Psalm 11	Mar. 26 – Ps. 18:13-30
Mar. 3 – John 20:1-10	Mar. 11 – Psalm 4	Mar. 19 – Psalm 12	Mar. 27 – Ps. 18:31-40
Mar. 4 – John 20:11-18	Mar. 12 – Psalm 5	Mar. 20 – Psalm 13	Mar. 28 – Ps. 18:41-50
Mar. 5 – John 20:19-31	Mar. 13 – Psalm 6	Mar. 21 – Psalm 14	Mar. 29 – Psalm 19
Mar. 6 – John 21:1-14	Mar. 14 – Psalm 7	Mar. 22 – Psalm 15	Mar. 30 – Psalm 20
Mar. 7 – John 21:15-25	Mar. 15 – Psalm 8	Mar. 23 – Psalm 16	Mar. 31 – Psalm 21
Mar. 8 – Psalm 1	Mar. 16 – Psalm 9	Mar. 24 – Psalm 17	



## **Fasting and feasting**

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.

Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.

Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.

Fast from pride, and feast on humility.

Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.

Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

## 2023–2025 Mission Grant #17

### Nurturing Faith for the Aging

#### Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew)

##### About This Mission Grant

Lutheran Ministries Media (DBA Worship Anew) is well-known and established in the Lutheran community. It already reaches thousands of people throughout the United States with its 30-minute worship broadcasts and *Hope-Full Living* daily devotionals. It takes God's Word to a growing population of aging, unchurched, and those in desperate need of hearing the Gospel.

Worship Anew is rapidly growing each year and exceptionally positioned to reach a mass audience with the bold proclamation of our Lutheran doctrine through an expansion of printed and web-based resources. It seeks to nurture and strengthen the faith of aging adults by creating Biblical resources that address the concerns and difficulties of this critical stage of life.

This grant will help develop and continue to provide Gospel-centered resources to our aging population and many others.



*Worship Anew is well-known and established in the Lutheran community. Launched as Worship for Shut-Ins in 1965 with one pastor and one camera on one station in Toledo, Worship Anew has become a worldwide broadcast ministry. Having aired over 2,000 programs since 1980, Worship Anew has seen tremendous growth over the years. In addition to its 30-minute broadcast, the ministry reaches thousands every day with Hope-Full Living, a much-loved daily devotional written for seniors, by seniors.*



*Many aging adults are deeply concerned about the welfare of their loved ones. Worship Anew frequently receives prayer requests for children and grandchildren who do not attend church.*



*Other aging adults are experiencing loneliness and isolation. In 2018, before the pandemic, 27% of adults over 65 reported feeling isolated. This isolation is caused by a number of things, such as the death of a spouse, the absence of or estrangement from children and grandchildren, or an illness that imposes limitations on mobility and/or the ability to communicate.*



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## [New Learning Path for LHM Learn Addresses Anxiety](#)

Has anxiety been getting the best of you lately-or maybe for quite a while now? A new Learning Path called *Journey Through Anxiety*, composed of two parts from **LHM Learn**, is now available. Based on the **Project Connect** booklet of the same title by AmyRuth Bartlett, these courses offer insights in defining anxiety and help in moving through it. In Part 1, "The Landscape of Fear," users chart a pathway toward understanding anxiety. In Part 2, "Freedom to Flourish," users apply strategies to getting *unstuck* in anxiety in the move to a confident and flourishing life.

Anxiety is a real problem in the world today. Created in God's image, we are made to *relate* and *create*, to be in intimate relationship with God and each other. But anxiety (relentless worries, perceived threats, panic attacks, irrational fears) disrupts this harmony, replacing it instead with shame, self-doubt, and avoidance. It's a vicious cycle that can continue as long as we allow it to, but we don't have to allow it to.

This is where *Journey Through Anxiety* can help. "These courses are designed with rigorous, scientific foundations, but presented in a way that is completely understandable, and even with a bit of fun," says Chris Macky, LHM's content development manager. "The game board illustration with signposts along the way lets users know how they're progressing through anxiety-based obstacles and barriers in their journey toward their ultimate objective: freedom to flourish," he adds.

Naturally, we want to move past our anxieties and leave them in the rearview mirror. To do that requires an honest, no-nonsense self-appraisal and then resisting the urge to quick fix our way out of discomfort. Course exercises prompt users to explore their anxieties and to consider creative approaches for navigating through them. "By doing this the user is escorted through each barrier via very practical activities they can do right now," Macky says.

In whatever level of anxiety we live in, Christ is there with us. As the author of Hebrews says, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

You can find more about LHM Learn's course offerings by going to [lhm.org/learn](http://lhm.org/learn). There you will see these courses plus several others. They are categorized under the headings of *Christian Foundations*, *Cultural Concepts*, *Everyday Insights*, *Outreach Essentials*, and *Spiritual Reflections*.

**THE WEATHER**

Partly cloudy Tuesday; Wednesday mostly cloudy, with rising temperature; fresh variable winds, mostly easterly.

# Buffalo Courier.

Greatest Morning Circulation in Buffalo

**YOUR BOY—YOUR GIRL**

Dr. Dean Helps in Instruction  
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## BLAST ROCKS CHURCH, INJURES THREE

### PASTOR, TWO CHILDREN BURNED

**Clergyman Suffers Severe Burns on Face and Hands in Oil Furnace Explosion at Kenmore—Two Small Boys Slightly Scorched.**

Explosion of an oil furnace in the basement of Pilgrim Lutheran church, Kenmore, last night, resulted in the Rev. F. J. Muhlhauser, pastor of the church, suffering severe burns about the face and hands, and two small boys receiving lesser injuries. The blast shattered every window in the basement and pushed out three walls, two in the furnace room and one in an adjoining chamber. The explosion occurred shortly before the scheduled hour of a Washington's birthday entertainment which would have filled the chapel with children.

The celebration was to have begun at 8 o'clock. Shortly after 7 o'clock the Rev. Mr. Muhlhauser arrived at the chapel and went to the basement to turn up the oil furnace, which had been burning low.

### Cause Not Ascertained.

Kneeling before the heating plant, the clergyman turned the small flame down and then up nearly to full force. Whether the explosion was caused by fumes which had collected during the day from the slow burning oil heater or whether it was caused by spontaneous combustion of the carbon in the flues could not be ascertained.

There was a sudden gust of flames, which completely enveloped the clergyman. Two children, Gordon Isenberger, eleven years old, 85 Tremaine avenue, and Ralph Monrad, ten years old, 85 Crosby road, were standing nearby, but were only slightly scorched.

### Saves Entire Structure.

Before quitting the blazing furnace, the clergyman, retaining his presence of mind, turned the flame out. Police say this probably saved the entire structure from destruction.

Dr. E. R. Linklater, 2770 Delaware avenue, Kenmore, who treated the Rev. Mr. Muhlhauser, declared the clergyman's eyes would have been burned out had it not been for his glasses. As it was, the clergyman suffered severe burns in face and hands. It is feared he may be scarred for life. He was resting easily last night.

He laughed while he told how ten-year-old Ralph Monrad ran to his mother for aid when someone dispatched him for a physician.

"Lenten services will be continued Wednesday," he declared. "I'll be there, but not in the pulpit. I am going to try and get an old friend of mine, the Rev. Henry Woidke of the Nazareth Lutheran church, to take my place."

# Compassion International

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for writing a letter to your sponsored child. Your words have the power to change a young person's day, week, year — even life. If you have questions about letter writing, [see our FAQ page](#). You'll also find inspiration and ideas for what to share in your messages.

Thanks for making a difference in a young person's life!

The following is the letter you sent to Aril on 2/18/2025.

**HAPPY 19th BIRTHDAY!!!!!! God's Blessings To You!!**

We pray you are doing well and were able to enjoy your 19th Birthday with family and friends.

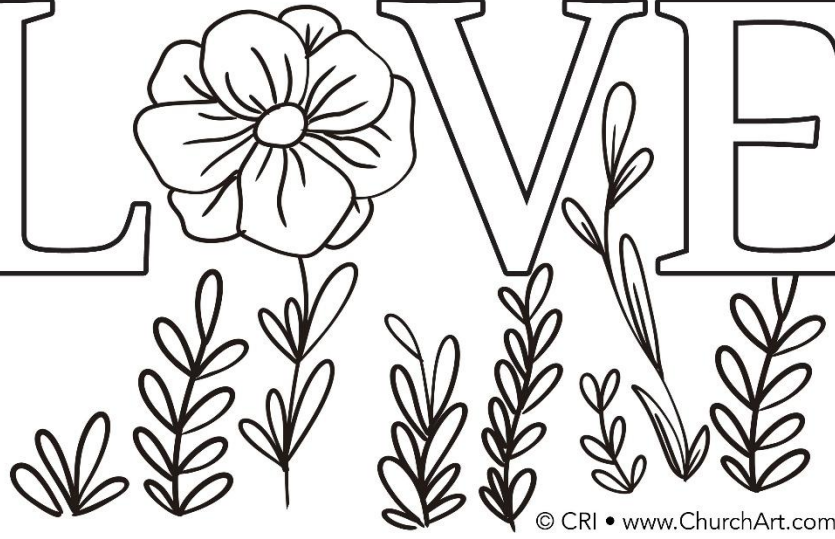
I have been sharing your letters with the congregation at Pilgrim Lutheran. Everyone is happy to hear you are doing well and in college. How fast you have grown up! We all continue to send our love and prayers to you and your family.

The weather here is very cold with snow and ice. Everyone is looking forward to Spring and warmer weather, including Lent and the Easter Season!

Continued God's Blessings



God is  
LOVE





# Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6

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Psalms 78:45

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Matthew 23:24

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Judges 14:8b

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Acts 12:23

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Leviticus 11:22

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Deuteronomy 7:20

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Exodus 16:20

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1 Samuel 24:14

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Isaiah 50:9

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Isaiah 59:5

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Leviticus 11:22

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G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket