

*“When you turn your worries  
into worship, God will turn  
your battles into blessings”*



*Holy Humor Sunday  
Sunday, April 27, 2025*

Bell Tolling - Welcome to Worship (*\* = all who are able, please stand*)

Prelude

Introduction to Holy Humor Sunday      Pastor Tracey Harris

Our Holy Humor Helmsman

\*Call to Worship

The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people.**

Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the  
depths of every soul.

**We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God’s light wherever we go.**

**Praise God for this day!**

\*Hymn of Gathering      “We’ve Got That Joy, Joy, Joy”

*Prayer cards are collected during the Hymn.*

\*Gathering Prayer (unison)

**Last Sunday was Easter, a day where we celebrated the resurrection, the greatest act of life-saving imaginable. Through it God let us laugh at our death sentence by punctuating it with a living exclamation mark. On this day and in days to come may we remember that there are times when God restates the joyful resurrection. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace

The Peace, Joy and Love of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Holy Humor Interlude – Holy Humor Helmsman, Sue and Betty

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading      Genesis 21: 1-6

Thoughts      Pastor Tracey Harris

Song of Reflection      “The House of the Lord”

Holy Humor Interlude

More Pastoral Sharing            Pastor Tracey Harris

\*Song of Response            “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Offertory

Lord, we thank you for your abundant blessings in our lives. As we bring our tithes and offerings before you today, we ask that you bless these gifts and use them for your glory. May they further your kingdom and bring hope to those in need.

\*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, grant us a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor. Give us the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach us to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, not to the future with apprehension. Let love be our guide, our way in the world, and our lives be a prayer. Bless these gifts, and us, that they may further your loving, creative work in the world. Amen.**

Skit            SaVanna Daniels and Philip Songer

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Faith in Action

Holy Humor Helmsman Closing Shots

\*Song of Sending            “Sing Clap Shout”

\*Commission and Blessing

Hear the resurrection blessing Jesus offered his disciples when they were dwelling in fear: “I am here. We are here together. Peace be with you.”

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Postlude

***Thank you to Jim Anderson, Sue Lienemann, Betty Schippers, SaVanna Daniels, and Philip Songer for their help in Holy Humor Sunday.***



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**NEXT SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR** . . . Consistory

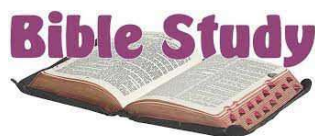
**COUNTERS** . . . Ron & Laurie Buenemann



**PLACE DONATIONS IN THE WELL OF HOPE OR IN  
BLACK CONTAINER OUTSIDE OF THE VESTIBULE.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup  
Can Pears  
Applesauce  
Instant Pudding Mix  
Rice  
Dry Beans  
Hamburger Helper  
Tuna Helper

Canned Tuna  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Women's Deodorant  
Bar Soap  
Adult Toothpaste  
Kids Toothpaste



**Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Wednesday morning at 9 am.  
Bible Study is held in the Conference room. Please bring your bibles.**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
 Sunday, May 4 after Worship  
 Regarding possible Sausage Supper this fall

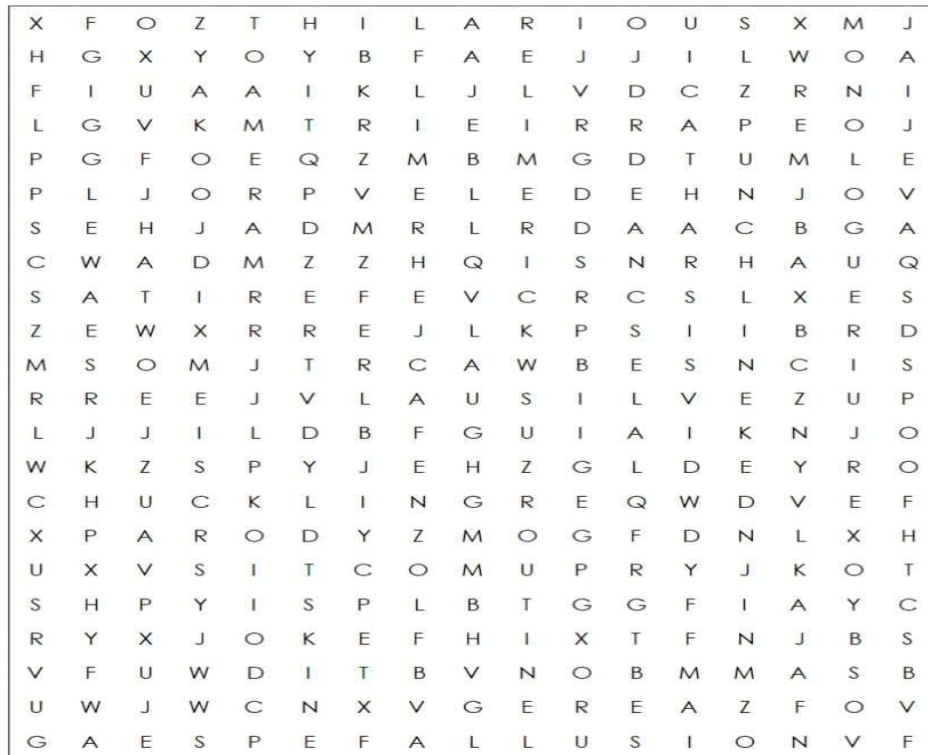
*CHURCH WORK DAY*  
*Saturday, May 17*  
*More details to follow*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY ~ MAY 18  
 PICNIC @ WAPELHORST PARK @ 10:30 AM  
 SIGN UP SHEET IS LOCATED ON THE CHURCH OFFICE WINDOW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Humor Word Search



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| PARODY   | ROUTINE    | CATHARSIS |
| SITCOM   | LAUGH      | SPOOF     |
| LIMERICK | MONOLOGUE  | ALLUSION  |
| GIGGLE   | PUNCH LINE | HILARIOUS |
| SATIRE   | JOKE       | CHUCKLING |

