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# New Life News



#### **NLLC COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Bruce Brenden, President

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Lorin Hansen, Property Committee



#### **LITTLE BETHANY WELCA**

2:00 pm Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **NEW LIFE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY**

1:30 pm Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **NLLC COUNCIL**

7:30 pm Wednesday, August 8th

#### **SUMMER OF EXODUS**

5:45 pm Wednesdays August 1, 8, 15, 22

#### CAMPFIRE

7:00 pm Wednesdays August 1, 8, 15, 22

### NEW LIFE & LITTLE BETHANY WORSHIP OPPORTUNTIES

#### Sunday Worship Times Little Bethany - 8:45 a.m.

New Life Lutheran 10:00 a.m.

#### **Holy Communion:**

Little Bethany ~ First Sunday each month
New Life ~ First and Third

Sunday each month

#### Coffee Fellowship:

9:00 a.m. at NLLC 9:35 a.m. at LBLC, 1st Sun. only

#### **Sunday School**

Kids Power in Christ at NLLC 9:00 a.m. Sept-May

#### Youth Group at NLLC

Check the Youth Page

#### **WELCA/Bible Studies:**

2nd Tuesday of the Month 1:30 NLLC 2:00 Little Bethany

#### SERVICE GROUP LEADERS

August Marvin & Joyce Peterson

Orrin & Bonnie Sorum

September Elaine L. Balken

Charles & Nita Neulieb



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One day a space ship landed in the middle of a huge field just outside a small, rural Minnesota community. The aliens looked friendly enough, so some farmers approached them, hoping to establish a good relationship. The aliens greeted the earthlings warmly and said, "We are on a mission from the planet Zuron of the galaxy Andromeda. We have been assigned to explore your planet and to discover what you have learned. We are here to learn as much as we can about the planet earth and its people. So tell us, has anything significant happened here on earth that you can tell us about?

The farmers thought for a moment and then one spoke up and said, "Well we have radio and TV to inform and keep us entertained. We witnessed Ari choosing Becca, then dump her for Lauren. He's an idiot for dumping her, but now Becca is the new Bachelorette and doing her own picking. Television is pretty awesome! What did we ever do before radio and TV?"

"Really?" replied one of the aliens, "We've had that sort of stuff for thousands of years. In fact, that technology has become quite obsolete. What else has happened here?"

"Well that technology is kind of obsolete here, too," said one of the farmers. "Now we've got computers, the internet, and cell phones. We can send signals all over the planet using satellites. I can even hop in my tractor, push a few of buttons and the tractor will practically drive itself! The next thing is self-driving cars! We've got some great technology."

"Huh," said one of the aliens, "that's old news, too. Hasn't anything extraordinary happened here?"

The farmers were still thinking when one of the aliens asked, "We have heard rumors that God visited your planet many years ago. Is that true?"

"Well," replied a farmer, "there was a man named Jesus Christ. He claimed . . ."

"Yes! That's it!" broke in one of the aliens. "Jesus Christ! Did he really come?" asked the alien excitedly. "Yes," said another farmer, "but . . ."

"What an extraordinary thing!" exclaimed the alien before the farmer could continue. "What a wonderful thing! Tell us, what did you do when God visited your planet? Did you bring gifts and throw them at his feet? Did you run through the streets celebrating and singing his praises? Did all your world finally realize how much God loves them? Please, tell us, what did you do?"

The farmers pondered for a moment and then sheepishly said, "Um . . . we, um, . . . we killed him."

This story might bring a chuckle, but it also makes

us think, doesn't it? It begs the question, "What am I, what are you, doing with Christ Jesus? Are we celebrating? Are we telling the world? Is Jesus alive in our lives? Are we enthusiastically living in God and for God?

In some ways, maybe we are. But, tragically, in many other ways, we aren't. If we were, I'm guessing the world would look and sound a lot different.

Instead of seeing hungry people or pictures of hungry people, all would be fed—study after study tells us we have enough food for all to be fed.

Instead of political parties spending tens and hundreds of millions of dollars on ads tearing down their opponents for a full six months (or more) leading up to an election every two years, tens and hundreds of millions, even billions of dollars would be going to solving real, but, also, manageable problems in our communities and nation and world.

Instead of our worshiping communities limping along just trying to make budget to stay open one more year, our ministries would be expanding to make life better not just for "our own," but for all. To answer Cain's question in Genesis, chapter 4, "Yes, we are our brother's and our sister's and our neighbor's keeper. That's how God has set it all up. God has created us and gifted us all in various ways that *together* we might, in our God-given and God-mandated creativity, work together to provide an environment where all might thrive.

Add your frustrations with the way things are and God's preferred way things should be here.

So what can we do about it? First, it's not about exercising control. That is fruitless, for we are never really in control. Rather, it's about having the courage to surrender control--to allow God's Holy Spirit to embrace us with God's mercy and grace, and then lead us into an incredible future of love and hope and mutual caring.

Second, it's not about survival of the fittest, but rather about the fittest survival (of us *all*)—a survival that allows all people the opportunity to thrive and rejoice, to sing of and celebrate God and the life that God gives. That can only happen when the immediate needs of all people are addressed and the walls and roadblocks that hinder some of these people are broken down.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of **all** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28:18-20]

Take care and God bless!

Pastor Randy

#### New Life Lutheran Church Unapproved Minutes July 11, 2018

New Life Lutheran Church Council met at 7:30 p.m. on July 11, 2018 at NLLC in Rothsay, MN. Present were: Bruce Brenden, John Reber, Jessica Nelson, Lorin Hansen, Diane Kunze, Randy Whitehead, and Renae Froslie.

The meeting opened with devotions from Jessica Nelson.

- 1.0 John made a motion to approve the agenda, Diane seconded it, motion carried.
- 2.0 John made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2018, Jessica seconded it, motion carried.
- 3.0 John made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Lorin seconded it, motion carried. Renae mentioned that Hailey has about \$14,000 in her account.
- 4.0 Ongoing Business
  - 4.1 Bells & Signage

There was no update. They will be meeting soon.

- 4.2 Membership Information letter
- 4.3 Quarterly Reports

Bruce will touch base with Kristi to find out when membership info/quarterly reports will be sent out this month.

4.4 Budget

Stewardship will have a fall campaign.

4.5 Meatball Supper

Jen & Julie will determine the date for the meatball supper.

#### 5.0 New Business

5.1 Correspondence

Hang flyer and make an announcement about donations to Harman's Heart to sponsor an individual with disabilities to a Twins game on August 25th.

Possibly will have a Rostered Ministers Appreciation Event this fall.

Lutheran Disaster response. Information will be placed in the newsletter and on the bulletin board so that congregation members can participate if they so choose.

5.2 Upcoming events

July 29th Worship in the park joint service with Little Bethany. Potluck dinner afterwards.

6.0 Pastor's Report-

Thank you to John for installing new computer. Randy has found a few different stewardship campaigns and will be giving them to the stewardship committee. He had two weddings and two funerals in June. He felt that the Prairie Days community service went very well.

7.0 Youth Director's Report -

Youth Gathering was incredible. Hope to sell youth stocks again and talk to someone about how to manage those separate accounts.

- 8.0 Office Manager's Report- No Report
- 9.0 WELCA No Report -

10. NLLC Foundation Report-No report

13. Committee Reports

Worship and Music: Worship and music will be meeting on Sunday July 15th.

Education: No Report.

<u>Evangelism and Mission/Family Life and Social Concerns:</u>
No report.

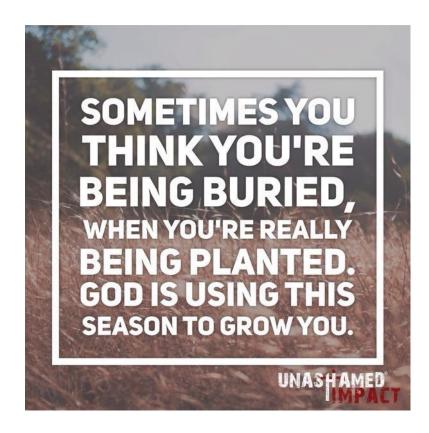
<u>Church Property</u>: There is a drippy faucet in the men's bathroom. Hot water dispenser on the coffee machine is plugged up.

<u>Stewardship</u>: It is NLLC's turn to help out with the food pantry in Barnesville. There will be a sign up sheet available.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,







As you begin School Shopping, WELCA is in need of these items for kits:

Bath Towels (27x42 dark colors)
Hand Towels (dark colors)
Notebooks 4 per kit
(70 or 80 wide or college ruled)
Blunt Scissors
Pencil Sharpeners
Pencils (5 per kit)
16 or 24 Crayon Box
Eraser

6-24 months size of the following:

Sleepers with no feet

Cotton t-shirts (long or short sleeved)

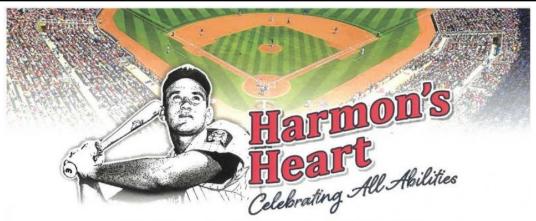
Children's sweater or jacket



Circle Meetings

**Little Bethany WELCA** 2:00pm Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

NLLC WELCA MEETING 2:00pm Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>



### Join us at Target Field!

Saturday, August 25, 2018

**Purpose:** To proudly carry on Harmon Killebrew's legacy of being a champion for people with disabilities by coming together to celebrate and advocate for ALL abilities. *Disability* does not mean *Inability*.

To order tickets or inquire about sponsor opportunities, contact Mark Bjerke at 612-210-5525 or info@harmonsheart.com

A portion of your purchase will provide the gift of a full & happy life for many people with disabilities.

Tailgate Party: 11:00 - 3:00 • Gates Open: 4:00 • On-Field Program: 5:30 • Game: 6:10

www.harmonsheart.org

















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All Abilities

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Sponsor someone

with a disability.

Ticket
\$38
Ticket & T-shirt
\$50
Ticket, T-shirt &

Transportation \$150



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The following is a list of our members who are either in a nursing home or are homebound. If you are nearby and have a few minutes to spare, most of them would love to have you stop by and say Hello. You can always call ahead and see if a visit would be welcomed.

Berdella Sogn ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #109, Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)

Alvin Johnson ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #110, Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)

Jorolf Ronnevik ~ 394 Woodland Dr. #103, Fergus Falls. (Phone 998-7262)

Mail: 13855 28th St Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Debbie Faulkner ~ 1131 Mabelle Ave. Room B-209 Fergus Falls (Pioneer Care)

Cynthia, (Pioneer Care) Coordinator (218-739-7700)

Arvella Peterson ~ 222 N Whitford St. Apt. 315 Fergus Falls (218-998-0119)

Johnny Peterson ~ 500 Willow Creek Drive Apt. 110 Henning, MN 56551

Lonny Western ~ 117 E Hilltop Dr. Fergus Falls (218-739-5613)

Avis Zimmerman ~ 802 South Mill Street Apt 325 Fergus Falls (218-736-8849)

Nellie Lightowler ~ 1501 Belsly Blvd Apt. 205 Moorhead (218-287-2811)

Delores Lerbakken ~ Rosewood on Broadway, 1351 N. Broadway, Fargo, (701-277-7999)

Ida Aaberg ~ 119 N Broadway Apt. #107
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572
If you know of someone who should be on this list, please call Kristi at the church office.

# Wednesday Night Summer Fun



Summer of Exodus Bible Study Aug 1 – Aug. 22 5:45 pm

**NLLC Rothsay** 

Randy will bring the

brats and condiments.

Please feel free to bring a salad,

dessert or fruit to share.

#### **Summer Campfires**

Wednesday nights Aug 1- Aug. 22 7:00 pm

**New Life Lutheran Church** 



"Rest is not idleness and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

"Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine, Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper. Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray - even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him."

John Lubbock



Recently, a member gave the church stock shares as a donation. In order to sell these shares, the church opened a brokerage account. We now have one more venue for you to utilize as you prayfully consider your giving in the next year.

#### New Website/New App

New ways to connect while you are away relaxing this summer.

#### Website: www.newlifeparish.net

Devotions, song videos, parenting videos, inspirational videos for all ages, kid's Bible games, kid's song videos (actions included) newsletter, church calendar, event pictures, online giving

App: Download sharefaith app from google play

or the app store.



Open sharefaith app Church is

NLLC Rothsay

#### **Stewardship Opportunities**

#### Sunday School (Steph Curtis)

Bibles for Youth Teaching Song Leader Big Group Leader

#### Council (Bruce Brenden)

Vice President Mike Heidecker

#### Worship (Diane Kunze)

Choir Director Scripture Reader Sound System Communion Helper Contemporary Worship Song Leader

#### Youth (Jessica Nelson)

**Event Driver** Food for WOW Discussion Leader Service Event Leader Mission Trip Fund Raising Chaperones

#### **Building and Grounds** (Lorin Hansen)

Landscaping Minor Repairs

#### **Stewardship** (John Reber)

Foundation **Tithing** 

Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.



Registration begins at 5pm 5K Run at 6pm

Program / Guest Speaker 7-7:30pm

1/2 5K (1.55 Miles) Luminary Walk 7:30 pm (sunset)

Central Lakes Trail & DeLagoon Park Shelter #1 Pebble Lake Rd • Fergus Falls, MN (south side of town)

#### **REGISTRATION INCLUDES AN EVENT T-SHIRT!**

Registration forms & Luminary purchase \$20 25 & up information available upon request ontact: Maria C. Willits

PO Box 64 • Rothsay, MN 56579

Make checks payable to: Shatter the Silence or register online at www.active.com

Proceeds from this event will go to area schools and communities for suicide awareness and prevention education.

#### Join Us in

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illuminating the evening to help promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide.

Learn more at:
Facebook: Shatter the Silence Irhc.org/shatterthesilence

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If you would like to give, the form below can be found on the usher's table in the narthex.

#### **Gulf Coast Flooding**



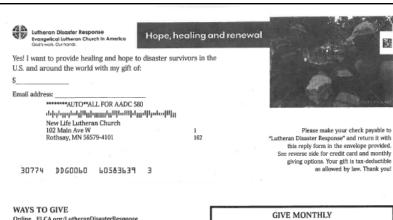


66 never could have imagined this; it is better than I ever could have dreamed. Now I have hope. 99

-Gilbert Johnson







Online ELCA.org/Lutt Phone 800-638-3522 Check Make your check payable to \*Lutheran Disaster Response." Credit card ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx Amount to be charged: \$ \_

Your name as it appears on the card

Make a monthly gift and join Monthly Partners, a dedicated group of ELCA members who provide consistent, ongoing support for ELCA churchwide ministries. It's convenient, simple and helps us keep administrative costs low.

- Yes, I want to join Monthly Partners!
- Please enroll me at this level: \$\_\_\_\_\_/n (\$10 minimum, deducted 15th day of every month)
- Charge the credit card indicated to the left.
  (OR)
  Deduct my gift from my checking account.
  My first check is enclosed.

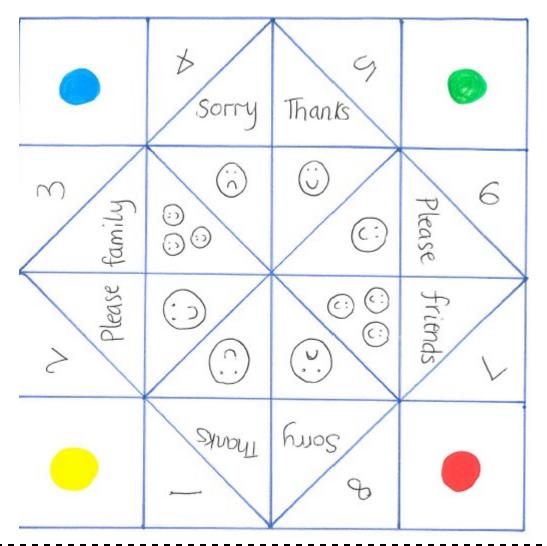
To find out more, visit ELCA.org/monthlyps

#### Mail to :

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ELCA Gifts Processing Center PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



# Kid's Page



Prayer Chatterbox
Print
Cut just the outside
Fold on the lines.

#### F is for Fish Craft

#### Supplies Needed:

- Pipe Cleaners
- Pony Beads

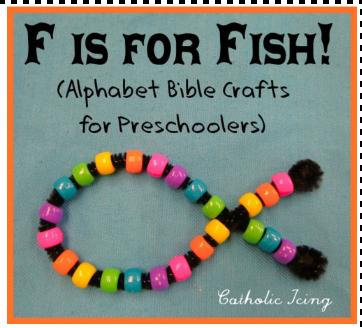
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First, fold over a short piece at the end of the pipe cleaner and give it a

■ twist. This is like tying a "knot" in the end of a string to hold the beads

on.

When the pipe cleaner gets nearly full, twist it into a Jesus fish shape,
and give the other open end another twisted "knot" (like the one you
started with) to hold the beads on.







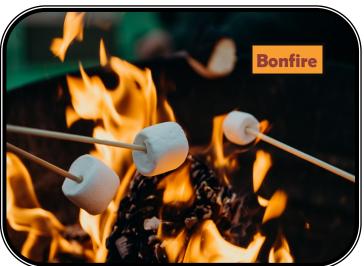
"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

- 1 Timothy 4:12

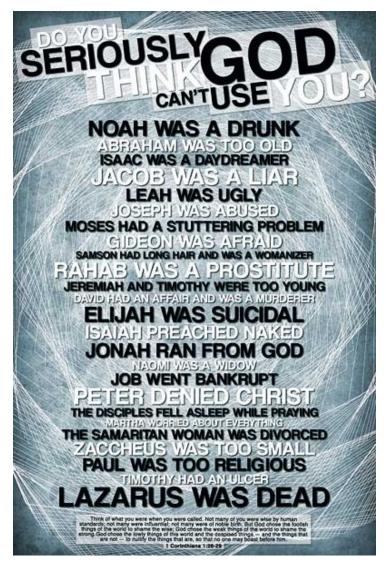


Let's do S'more for God!
National S'mores Day
Bonfire and Activities
August 10th
7-10 pm
The Pfingsten's
3210 120th St.
Rothsay, MN











# Little Bethany Lutheran Church New Life Lutheran Church





Sunday

8:45am Worship at LB 9am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL

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8:45am Worship at LB 8am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL

August 12 August 19 August 26

August 5

8:45am Worship at LB 8am Coffee Hour NL 10am Worship at NL



The following is a list of the August birthdays as listed in our church records. If your name should be on the list and isn't (or is on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

8/01 ~ Eldon Brenden 8/01 ~ Eleanor Opsahl 8/03 ~ Casey Nordgaard 8/03 ~ Harold Opsahl 8/04 ~ Rebecca Olson 8/05 ~ Samuel Heidecker 8/05 ~ Kellsey Nord 8/06 ~ Cassie Brandt 8/06 ~ Courtney Erickson 8/06 ~ Todd Sorum 8/09 ~ Ashley Haugrud 8/10 ~ Marvin Peterson 8/12 ~ Paula Tenderholt 8/14 ~ Kendra Nord 8/14 ~ Tate Marich 8/15 ~ Janice Aaberg 8/15 ~ Patrick Jensen 8/16 ~ Zachery Christ 8/16 ~ Nicole Oien

8/17 ~ Renae Froslie

8/17 ~ Kristi Pfingsten
8/18 ~ Jim Estes
8/18 ~ Alise Moore
8/18 ~ Adeline Rudh
8/19 ~ Glenn Lankow
8/19 ~ Dan Pfingsten
8/19 ~ Lauren Reber
8/19 ~ Valerie Sohl
8/20 ~ James Nitz
8/24 ~ Kristiana Boyce
8/25 ~ Tatum Hanna
8/26 ~ Carrie Anderson
8/26 ~ Cheri Hanneman
8/26 ~ Samantha Lankow

8/27 ~ Beau Brandt

8/28 ~ Steven Ouse

8/29 ~ Julie Brenden

8/31 ~ Wayne Moen

8/31 ~ Carolyn Stabnow

8/27 ~ Mary Fronning



The following is a list of the August Anniversaries as listed in our church records. If your names should be on the list and aren't (or are on the list and shouldn't be), please call the church office.

8/03 ~ Lorin & Ruth Hansen 8/08 ~ James & Idella Nitz 8/08 ~ Eric & Jessica Nelson 8/15 ~ Gene & Holly Nord 8/26 ~ Gary & Colleen Brandt 8/27 ~ Brady & Katie Lee

8/29 ~ Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

#### **SCRIPTURE READERS FOR AUGUST**



August 5 August 12 August 19 August 26

## Please Notice This



## Office Manager New Hours

Monday 7am-11am Tuesday 10 am-6pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday 7am-11am Barnesville Food Shelf





August 6, 13, 20, 27

4-6 pm

Sign up sheet located outside of Kristi's Office



#### **FOOD SHELF SUNDAY:**

Remember to bring a food donation or a monetary donation the first Sunday of each month. There are many that need assistance, with children being the most vulnerable in many families. They should not be hungry if we can help.

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#### **CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

«FIRST NAME» «LAST NAME» «ADDRESS1» «CITY, STATE» «Z1P»

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Pastor: Office Manager: Youth Director

Rev. Randy Whitehead Kristi Pfingsten Jessica Nelson

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#### **August Bible Reading Schedule:**

Aug 1: Is 64-66

Aug 2: 2King 20-21

Aug 3: 2Chron 32-33

Aug 4: Nahum

Aug 5: 2King 22-23; 2Chron 34-35

Aug 6: Zephaniah

Aug 7: Jer 1-3

Aug 8: Jer 4-6

Aug 9: Jer 7-9

Aug 10: Jer 10-13

Aug 11: Jer 14-17 Aug 12: Jer 18-22

Aug 13: Jer 23-25

Aug 14: Jer 26-29

Aug 15: Jer 30-31

Aug 16: Jer 32-34 Aug 17: Jer 35-37

Aug 18: Jer 38-40; Ps 74/79

Aug 19: 2King 24-25; 2Chron 36

Aug 20: Habakkuk

Aug 21: Jer 41-45

Aug 22: Jer 46-48

Aug 23: Jer 49-50

Aug 24: Jer 51-52

Aug 25: Lam 1:1-3:36

Aug 26: Lam 3:37-5:22

Aug 27: Ezek 1-4

Aug 28: Ezek 5-8

Aug 29: Ezek 9-12

Aug 30: Ezek 13-15

Aug 31: Ezek 16-17

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