

PASTOR'S CORNER



“The air crackled with a nervous energy. The hallways, once quiet, buzzed with the chatter of reunited friends and the anticipation of new beginnings. Backpacks, brimming with fresh notebooks and sharpened pencils, bounced against legs as students navigated the familiar corridors. The promise of crisp autumn days hung in the air, a welcome contrast to the lazy days of summer. A mix of excitement and trepidation filled the faces of returning students. September, with its vibrant colors and crisp air, marked a turning point, a fresh start for learning and growth” (WriterHand).

We are soon saying goodbye to the summer and entering fall programming. Sunday, September 1 will have worship in the fellowship hall with the “last blast of summer.” Rally Sunday with the Backpack Blessing is September 8 and there will be a meal following worship. Confirmation and Sunday School begin and we take on new routines. As the air turns cooler, it might seem like the time for shiny new school supplies but *not* the time for planting. But *it is* the time for planting learning and growth.

School youth have their fresh starts for learning and growth. Why shouldn't others? God challenges us to dwell in the Word but it's often hard to start from scratch. Talk about trepidation! Where should a person begin? How about day two? Courtesy of Zion Lutheran, here is a Psalm challenge. Each day has a Psalm to read and a question to consider for our growth and learning.

Psalm Challenge

1 Psalm 4 Ask God to have mercy & hear our prayers of our community	2 Psalm 5 Ask God to lead us to do His will & for His way to be made plain to follow	3 Psalm 6 Pray for those who are weary & worn that God would give them strength	4 Psalm 7 Pray for God's justice to reign in our community & nation	5 Psalm 8 Praise God for His greatness & His love for mankind	6 Psalm 9 Thank the Lord that He is our refuge & ask for His mercy to reign	7 Psalm 10 Ask God to listen to our prayers & teach us how to pray
8 Psalm 11 Ask God to show you what good deeds you can do in the community	9 Psalm 12 Ask God to help us trust in His promises	10 Psalm 13 Pray the God would bring restoration to this world	11 Psalm 14 Pray for those who don't yet know the love of Christ & His work on the cross	12 Psalm 16 Praise God for He is unshakeable & ask Him to help us share His love	13 Psalm 17 Ask God to help us each examine our own hearts through His eyes	14 Psalm 18 Pray that we would look to the Lord for salvation & light in the darkness
15 Psalm 23 Thank the Lord for His guidance, provision & protection	16 Psalm 25 Pray that God would teach us his ways & to forgive us our sins	17 Psalm 26 Ask God to examine & test you. That he may guide you in all you do & say	18 Psalm 27 Ask God to help us share our faith & trust in Lord with someone today	19 Psalm 28 Thank the Lord that He is our defender & help us to also defend the weak	20 Psalm 30 Thank God for healing in your life & ask Him to heal our land	21 Psalm 31 Ask God to place our community in His care & protection
22 Psalm 32 Confess to God your wrongdoings & rejoice in what Christ has done	23 Psalm 34 Pray that God would teach us his ways & to forgive us our sins	24 Psalm 37 Ask God to examine & test you. That he may guide you in all you do & say	25 Psalm 38 Ask God to help us share our faith & trust in Lord with someone today	26 Psalm 45 Thank the Lord that He is our defender & help us to also defend the weak	27 Psalm 46 Thank God for healing in your life & ask Him to heal our land	28 Psalm 51 Ask God to place our community in His care & protection
29 Psalm 74 Pray for the poor & needy. Ask God to show you how you can help	30 Psalm 75 Praise God He is great & tell other's of the wonderful things He has done	31 Psalm 92 Praise God for His constant love every morning & that the Lord is just				

Soli Deo Gloria!
Pastor Jean