

# GOOD NEWS



## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

1490 AM or 92.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad - 361-564-2335

Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;  
As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our  
Faith through studying God's Word and  
Worshipping God.*

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### REMINDER:

Please pick up your dishes left after a funeral reception. Those not picked up will be donated to YAM the first week in June. Thank you.



The Social Concerns Committee will host a Blood Drive - May 21, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the church. Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others.



In the Apostles' Creed we say, "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father." On May 25, forty days after Easter, we remember the Ascension of Our Lord, and it has a special meaning in our Christian lives.

The Biblical accounts of the Ascension are recorded in Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; and Acts 1:6-11. Jesus leaves this earth, and the universe is ruled through the crucified and resurrected Christ. Christ won a decisive victory through the cross and resurrection over the forces of this world, but in the Ascension he leaves the world, surrendering it to itself. The final coming of God's kingdom has not yet come, thus we live in this time in between the victorious resurrection and the Second Coming. We live in a world that still contains evil and death, and yet live in a world that contains hope, the hope that comes from knowing that Christ is the final victor who rules the universe, and the hope that comes from believing that we will be a part of the final kingdom when it comes. As Christians

living in this in between world, we are given the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the mission to spread the message of that hope to the world full of despair.

Your Pastor,  
Tim W. Muehlbrad



*Sullivan*

"Don't get me wrong -- I love it here. It's just that I'm a little disappointed about the harp thing being a myth."



## Vicar's Page

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen  
Indeed! Alleluia!”

From the Festival of the Resurrection until Pentecost this greeting (or a variation of it) has been the long standing, customary greeting among Christians during Eastertide. Throughout this great 50 days, we, as the Church, are living in one long, continuous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. With Pentecost falling 50 days after Easter (when you count the day of Easter itself), this allows for us to have a week—7 days—of Easter celebrations here at church. One of the key elements in our celebration of the Lord’s resurrection is Holy Communion. It is in Holy Communion that the centrality of the resurrection in the Christian life is demonstrated for us. The promise of the forgiveness of sins and new life is delivered to us in the body and blood of the resurrected Christ. Every time we receive communion we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. So it is quite fitting, that this year, as we celebrate Eastertide here at St Paul, we have the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection feast every time we come to church.

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

Vicar Hans





## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2017

The Church Council meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Bill Klaevemann, president. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Vicar Hans Tolpingrud, Bill Klaevemann, Christopher Gohmert, Linda Hurta, John Frels, Judy Taylor, Rebecca Innocenti, Wayne Smith and Dorothy Mayfield. The devotion was given by Dorothy Mayfield.

**Minutes** - With no additions or corrections, the minutes of March 9, 2017 stand approved as printed.

### Reports

- A. Treasurer** - John noted a \$12,000 donation was posted under building gifts designated for handrail placement and renewal. John made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Stewardship** – According to our by-laws, at the end of the year some of our assets must be reclassified. The changes, now in effect, include Unrestricted funds - \$302,686.12; Temporarily restricted funds - \$158,814.34; and Permanently restricted funds \$179,311.04; for a total of \$640,811.50. The main objective is to move interest from Temporarily Restricted funds to Restricted funds. John made a motion to reclassify the funds as noted above. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried. These totals will be posted as of December 31, 2016.
- C. Youth** – On March 12, ten youth participated in the Easter egg stuffing party. These eggs will be used at the Saturday Easter Egg hunt prior to Easter Sunday. Parts were assigned for a short skit to be performed at the Easter egg hunt on April 15. Tina Boehm will head up the Easter Breakfast preparation and cleanup with the youth. On April 16th, eleven youth and some parents prepared the Easter Breakfast which was attended by approximately 120 people. On April 2 the Youth Director Task Force met to draw up a job description for a Youth Director that would fit St. Paul Lutheran

Church. Kim Hahn typed the draft for the Job Description and presented it to the committee on April 19th. On April 26, the Task Force will meet again to review that job description before it becomes policy.

- D. Worship** - Christopher expressed appreciation to everyone involved with the Lent and Easter activities and services.
- E. Social Concerns-** A blood drive will be held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30. YAM will be in their new building in May or June. No money was paid out in March for assistance. Judy also mentioned having publicity on the blood drive from now until May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- F. Property** - Wayne reported the overhead lights at the elevator drive-through were replaced, welded mower hitch for church grounds, bought lawn sweeper, bought vacuum for Ed building, solicited proposals for electric contractor and other minor items.
- G. Parish Education** - The Children's Sunday School teachers met on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Easter egg hunt, skit practice times, Summer Sunday School plans, and Vacation Bible School information. They will meet again on April 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize the summer Sunday School schedule and begin Rally Day and Fall planning.

Three members of St. Paul attended the Safe Sanctuary Training at First Methodist Church in Yorktown on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All VBS lead teaching positions have been filled, but additional volunteers are still needed. The Community VBS is scheduled for June 26-30. Contact Tina Boehm for more information and to volunteer. Rebecca also reported that during the summer Sunday school, the children will be learning about the different ways to serve in the church such as ushers, alter guild, and other opportunities.
- H. C. E. M.** The cook attended training to obtain a food handler license.
- I. Evangelism/Outreach** – Ads were placed in the Victoria Advocate and the DeWitt County View/News concerning Easter activities at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**J. Christian Life** – Linda reported the Christian Life committee met on April 18<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following events; April 30<sup>th</sup> Meal on-a-stick

June 11<sup>th</sup> Afternoon movie

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Brunch for Vicar Hans' new bride

July 30<sup>th</sup> Pot Luck

August 27<sup>th</sup> Rally Day

**K. Cemetery** – About 3 weeks ago one of the large tombstones had been knocked over. A lady called the office to say she accidentally knocked it over while trying to back their camper up. Surface Burial put the tombstone back and the individual will pay the cost.

**L. Vicar Hans -**

1. Professional Activities:            a. 15 worship services   b. 3  
pastoral visits   c. 5 Hospital visits   d. 2 church meetings

**M. Pastor Tim**

1. Professional activities during March 2017:   13 Worship Services, 10 Hospital Visits, 4 Home Visits, 11 Education events, 7 Church meetings and events, and 4 Community events
2. Official Acts:     3/18 Memorial Service for Bobbie Jaeger
3. South Texas Mission District Convocation to be held Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church LaVernia from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. The keynote speaker will be Bassam Abdalla. Business items will also be addressed.

Pastor Tim especially noted the South Texas Convocation on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in LaVernia and said people were welcome to attend.

He also reported the total YAM offering during the Lent services totaled \$3,359.70

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Covered Entrance at Fellowship Hall** - A bid was received from Don Krueger Construction Company for \$82,084 to construct the covered entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Lauger

Construction of Victoria has inspected the location and will submit a bid.

- B. Elevator parking lot expansion** The following two bids will be presented to the congregation when all details have been addressed. Option 1: spaces will be added only on the east side of the existing parking lot and parallel parking spots marked along 5<sup>th</sup> street. Garcia Masonry bid \$12,053 and Schumacher Concrete bid \$11,900. The lot would be 22 feet by 93 feet by 5 inches.

Option 2: Would include the items included above, plus having the curbing removed along parts of 5<sup>th</sup> street and making drive in parking spaces. The bids for this option are Garcia Masonry - \$19,261 and Schumacher Concrete - \$19,400.

No action will be taken on Option 1 or Option 2 by the Church Council regarding marking the streets for parallel parking until approved by the City Council.

- C. Hand rail locations** In March there was a motion to table the hand rail question. Chris made a motion to take that question off the table and reconsider the issue. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried. The council made an inspection of all handrails outside the Sanctuary, Annex, Education building and Fellowship Hall. Rebecca made a motion to solicit bids to replace, add, sand blast, and paint the hand rails, as needed. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- D. Cemetery Tree dispute** Bill read a letter from each family concerning their feelings about the tree and the cemetery plots below the tree. No action will be taken at this time by the church council. Additional information from a lawyer versed in this type of litigation may prove beneficial.

- E. Electric Provider** Wayne made a motion to go with Summer Electric Provider for 26 months. John seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wayne will turn in his resignation, effective June 12, 2017. John made a motion to accept his resignation. Judy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**F. Scholarship Presentation** Rebecca made a motion to approve the Scholarship Presentation to seniors be scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried. The reception following, will either be held in the Fellowship Hall or in the Basement of the Sanctuary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. May Council Meeting** - A motion was made by John and seconded by Chris to dismiss the May meeting. The motion carried. Next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Travel expenses** Dorothy made a motion to approve the travel expenses for Dr. Amy Schiffrin. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C. Task Force for 500 year celebration** A task force of Linda Hurta, Chris, and Rebecca will begin planning for the celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Tim will also be a member of the task force.

**D. South Texas Mission District Convocation** Bill and Pastor Tim will be going to the Convocation held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Additional people may attend.

**E. New members** Chris made a motion to accept C. B. Suggs, Alma Suggs, and Cecil Boniface as new members. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. Retiring** Sandra Heil will be retiring from her job as Cemetery Administrator as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT** Judy made a motion to adjourn; Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Closing** - The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Mayfield





## 2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753  
 SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136  
 PARISH ED - Rebecca Innocenti – 649-6163  
 STEWARDSHIP - John Frels – 550-7382  
 WORSHIP - Christopher Gohmert – 579-8803  
 CHRISTIAN LIFE - Linda Hurta - 564-2363  
 PROPERTY - Wayne Smith – 564-3742  
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894  
 YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115  
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Lois Kelch - 361-401-0150

FINANCIAL REPORT		
GENERAL FUND	YTD 2017	Mar. 2017
Income	93,652.14	32,427.40
Expenses	(88,005.73)	(29,926.09)
NET	5,646.41	2,501.31
BUILDING FUND	YTD 2017	Mar.2017
Income	52,948.79	18,430.57
Expense	(15,631.85)	(2,584.91)
NET	37,316.94	15,845.66

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JOIN US FOR CRADLE  
 WORKSHOP MAY 9, 2017 AT 1:30  
 P.M. IN THE LOUNGE IN THE  
 EDUCATION BUILDING.



“SUMMER BREAK” – NO  
 MEETINGS WILL BE HELD DURING THE MONTHS  
 OF JUNE, JULY & AUGUST AND WILL RESUME  
 SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:30 P.M.



Tuesday,  
MAY 2, 2017

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Group	Time	Study Leader	Hostess
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Donna Seidel	Judy Taylor
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Hope Jendrzey	Shirley Janssen
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Judy Wolpman	Meeting Room

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Frances Hartmann and her family would like to thank everyone who attended, sent cards and wishes, thoughts and prayers for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on March 11, 2017. It made her day very enjoyable. Thank you very much.  
The Hartmann Family.



After ten years, Jay and Sandra Heil will be stepping down as Administrators of the Cemetery effective December 31, 2017.

We will need a dedicated person or persons to continue the work that is necessary to maintain cemetery records, sell gravesites, and take care of any issues that arise.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the church office or Sandra Heil at 564-3780.

## **PARISH EDUCATION NEWS**

Attention mothers of K-8th grade Sunday School students! You are cordially invited to join your children for Sunday School during the month of May. We will enjoy having you sing along with us and look forward to learning more about God's Word with you, too.



### **Thank You Note**

I'd like to thank the children's Sunday School Staff and the 4th-7th grade students who helped with all the Easter egg hunt preparations. The hunt was fun, the snacks were tasty, and "The Empty Tomb" skit was a real treat! He is risen indeed!

With gratitude, Rebecca Innocenti

## **YOUTH EVENT NEWS!!!**

Party in the Fellowship Hall!

ALL students in grades 5th-12th are invited to a BUNCO party on Sunday, May 7th from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Don't know how to play? Don't worry, we'll teach you in less time than it takes you to yell BUNCO!

Light refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Text/Call your RSVP to Rebecca Innocenti 361-649-6163 by Friday, May 5th.

**BUNCO! BUNCO!! BUNCO!!!**



Head's up all you K-8th grade students! It's time to Serve the Lord with Gladness! We will have Sunday School outside under the big tree on Sunday June 4, so make sure to wear casually cool red attire to celebrate Pentecost.



Bring a friend and double the celebration!

See you at the tree!

## Words of Wellness-May 2017

From the Wesley Nurse

### "Remembering That Which Is Sacred"



Did you know that it used to be common for families and friends to enjoy a fun Sunday afternoon outing, in of all places, the local cemetery? Up until the 1930's it was a regular practice for families and friends to visit cemeteries for a relaxing picnic, a nap, and a place to play ball together. This is why the grounds of older cemeteries often contain many trees, green spaces, and ponds. Many historic cemeteries were among the first public parks in their cities. When people would gather to relax and recreate in cemeteries it was simply a wonderful way to both honor family members who had died and to have fun together.

The idea of families playing together at the cemetery comes to mind as our nation prepares to celebrate Memorial Day weekend. I love Memorial Day weekend because it combines two of the things I value most in life: honoring that which is sacred and having fun with others. In many parts of our country Memorial Day weekend marks the official beginning of summer, the season we usually associate with recreation and having fun. For many Americans, this weekend is a three-day weekend, which certainly increases the fun factor.

Having fun is just half of what Memorial Day weekend is about though. The other half, honoring that which is sacred, has of course to do with the reason for Memorial Day itself. Memorial Day originated as a day to remember both the Confederate and Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. Over time it has become a day to honor all who gave the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in military service to our country.

The word sacrifice is derived from the word sacred. This makes perfect sense to me because when a person makes a sacrifice they are serving a higher good, something bigger than themselves--they are serving that which is sacred in life. People who make sacrifices inspire us because they are acting for a good that is far great than themselves.

This week alone I talked to several people who inspired me with their acts of sacrifice: I talked with two parents who care tirelessly for their children with special needs; a pastor who went out of his way to minister to a dying person who was not a member of his congregation; a woman who is caring for her aging parents; a trauma chaplain who works with the families of victims of violence, and a young woman whose husband is a Marine serving in Afghanistan. Each of these people reminds me of what is most sacred in this life.

Having fun can be sacred, too. When recreation is truly re-creative for us and our relationships there is a genuine, sacred quality to it. Henry David Thoreau said, “He enjoys true leisure that has time to improve his soul's estate.” Sabbath time, time for genuine rest and renewal, is holy time. We improve our soul's estate when we regularly take time to rest and play. We also improve our soul's estate when we take time to honor the sacred, to remember the sacrifices that others have made for our greater good.

Happy Memorial Day weekend to all of you! While most of us may not end up having a picnic or playing ball at a local cemetery, hopefully we will take time to both remember all who have sacrificed to make our lives sacred *and* free today and to have fun with friends and family, thus being sure to “improve our soul's estate”.

Your Wesley Nurse,



**Reference: LivingCompass.com.**

Samaritan Family Wellness Foundation. 500 W. Silver Spring Dr. K270, Glendale, WI 53217

## A PRAYER FOR MOM

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he'd prayed about the matter. "That's good," she replied. "If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he'll help you."

"Oh, I didn't pray for help behaving," said the boy. "I prayed for God to help you put up with me."



**The Christian Life** committee has planned the following events. Please come join us and other members of the church for delicious food and fellowship. Sharing a meal with other Christians gives nourishment to the soul as well as the body.

June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Afternoon Movie**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Pizza & Popcorn**  
(provided)

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Brunch**  
10:30 A.M.

**Meal provided**  
Welcome for Vicar Hans'  
new bride – Ann  
(More details later)

July 30<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Lunch**  
11:15 A.M.

**Pot Luck**  
(Bring your favorite dish)

Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

**Rally Day**

**Picnic Style Hamburger Meal**  
(bring your favorite dessert)

**MAY, 2017**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10



**Sunday, May 14, 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21



**Sunday, May 28, 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11





## **Care Facility Residents**



### **Yorktown Manor** –

Roman Baacke, Genell Flessner,  
Edwina Gaebler, June Nell  
Garner, Frances Hartmann, Lee  
Roy Jaeger, Lillie Mae Metting,  
Ernell Niemeier, Mary Ann

Pfeifer, Alice Potcinski, Linda Rabke, Norris Schulze, Jean Striedel,  
Myrlin Wagner, Helen Wieland, Roy Wild

### **Cuero Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** –

Joyce Audilet, Ruth Brandt, Junell Goehring, Troy Stuart

### **Whispering Oaks, Cuero** –

Katherine Brown

### **Alzcare – Cuero** – Melvin Straube, Nathan Mueller

*\*The church office appreciates your help in keeping this list up to date.  
Please notify us of any corrections or additions to this list. Thank you.*



### **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

Please get your articles, thank you notes, announcements, or anything else you would like published in the monthly newsletter into the church office by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.





In memory of Suzanne Audilet – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Mathilda Boehl – Building

Dale & Teresa Borgfeld

In memory of Dorine Leister – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich                      Roland & Gail Riedesel

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of Bobby Jaeger – C.E.M.

John D Hurst

In memory of Bobby Jaeger – Building

Kermit & Doris Koehler                      Iona Buchhorn

In memory of Helen Jendrzey – Building

Ricky & Judy Hilbrich                      Al & Myrlin Wagner

Boyd & Pam Weise

In memory of JoAnn Jares – Building

John & Ruth Roller

In memory of Alvin Laxton – Building

Barbara & Bert Biemer

In memory of Dorine Leister – Building

Emil & Bernice Geffert                      Mary Lou Gerhardt

Alton Ray & Earlen Jalufka                      Don & Debbie Janssen

In memory of Dorine Leister – Cemetery

Steven & Debbie Kneese

In memory of Charles Mattox – Building

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman                      Mary Lou Gerhardt

Glen & Judy Henze                      Victor & Gerry Riske

Don & Debbie Janssen

In memory of Gladys Mueller – Building

Edith Pulscak                      Ronnie Afflerbach

Verda Mae & Edgar J Foerster

In memory of Guy Riemenschneider – Building

Don & Debbie Janssen

In memory of Ervin Schley – Building

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of Shirley Schultz – Building

Ronnie Afflerbach                      Don & Debbie Janssen  
Iona Buchhorn

In memory of Mary Ann Styra – Building

Joe & Evelyn Barfield                      Melissa Stolle & boys  
Iona Buchhorn                      Manroy & Gracie Wolpman  
Roland & Gail Riedesel

In memory of Samuel Turner – Building

Margaret Krause

In memory of Catherine Wilems – Building

Ronnie Afflerbach

In memory of Ron Willis – Building

Joe & Evelyn Barfield                      Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Bolting  
Emil & Bernice Geffert                      Ricky & Judy Hilbrich  
Steven & Debbie Kneese                      Boyd & Pam Weise  
Dennis Henze                      Manroy & Gracie Wolpman  
Michael & Kim Blaschke

*\*Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of April 23, 2017.*

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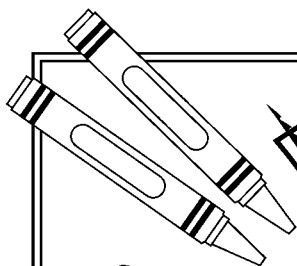
## SENIOR RECOGNITION

May 21<sup>st</sup> is Senior Recognition Sunday for all our seniors who are graduating from High School this year.

The 2017 Graduating Seniors are Garrett Rohan & Jacob Semper.

Please join us May 21<sup>st</sup> for a special worship service and reception to rejoice with our graduating seniors in their accomplishments and support them in their future endeavors.





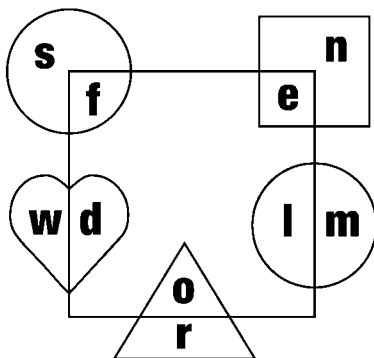
# PUZZLE

## GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.  
What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

**Directions:**

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild \_\_\_\_\_  
grow. They do not labor or spin.  
Yet I tell you, not even \_\_\_\_\_  
in all his splendor was \_\_\_\_\_  
like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

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