

AUGUST



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

AUGUST 2024

## Trinity Lutheran Pickers Paradise Sale

**Saturday  
August 3rd, 2024  
7 am– 2 pm**

**Come join the fun!**



### A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

Teacher  
Dedication  
& Blessing

**August 11** –All classroom staff will be commissioned at the 8 am service. Come greet our staff: Brenda, Virginia, Renee, Lydia, Debbie, Joyce, Jadyn, Tonaira, Angela, and Gwen. Pray that we will be equipped for the year ahead and that God continues to bless this mission throughout the year!

**August 14** –The Big Day arrives. You are invited to join us as we kick off the new school year with an Opening Chapel service in the sanctuary at 8:30 am. Come and lend your support to students and staff for a great new school year!



# *A Man and a Fork*

There was a young man who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as he was getting his things 'in order,' he contacted his Priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes.

He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him. 'There's one more thing,' he said excitedly. 'What's that?' came the Priest's reply. 'This is very important,' the young man continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say. 'That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young man asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Priest.

The young man explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' 'It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!'

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

The Priest's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death. But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did. He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. He KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing and the fork placed in his right hand. Over and over, the Priest heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Priest told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.


He was right. So, the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility. And just remember ... keep your fork!

The BEST is yet to come!

God Bless You

*Submitted by a member of Trinity!*





# From the Pastor's Desk

Peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is our King, our Shepherd, our Head; we are his people, his flock, his body; and he leads us in peace. May his peace guard your heart and mind. May his peace hold us together in unity and harmony as we together look to Him and live in Him.

Even as we give our attention to Jesus, we must pay attention to matters in our daily life, community, and world. Bills must be paid and mouths fed. People around you need your diligent work and kind attention. As you attend to such matters, don't forget the Lord who lives in you, who has promised to be with you and will never leave you. Whatever you do, do it with the Lord; remember He is doing it with you, and the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

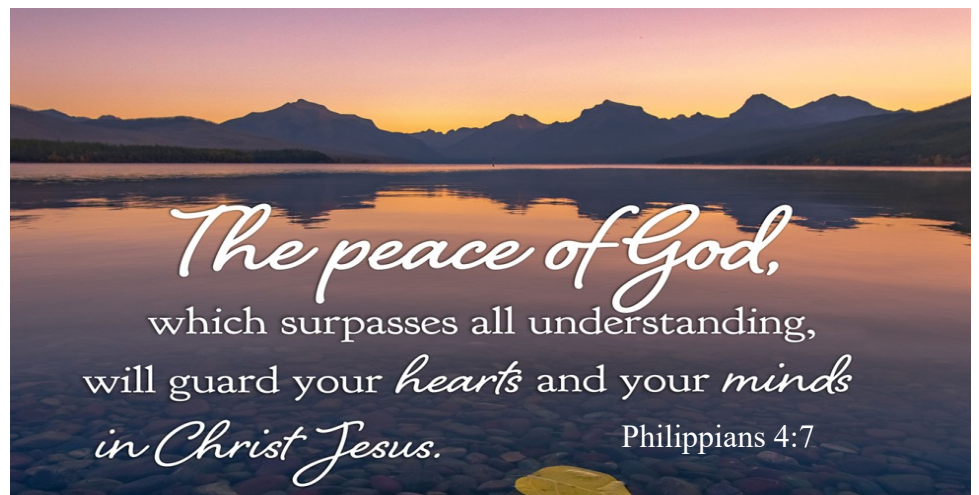
Election season approaches. Enter it with the Lord. Remember Jesus is with you as you watch the news or listen to speeches. Let him rule your heart with peace and joy, whether circumstances appear promising or threatening. He was tortured and killed as an enemy of the state by a Roman governor, but it didn't rob him of hope and joy. He embodied love, patience, humility, and kindness even in death. Death did not frazzle him. No earthly power could rile him up or halt his enthusiasm or freeze his love or drag his heart down to the pits. His heart remained firmly beyond all earthly powers and authorities even as he laid down his life for our sake. Invest time and attention in the election, but do it with the Lord, and the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

A new school year begins this month. We embark on this journey with the Lord. Many students will have new teachers; many teachers hold new positions; others will be navigating change. We go with the Lord. And the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Many of you have experienced major change during the past year. For some of you, circumstances are continually a challenge. Remember that Jesus Christ is with you. He loves you. Cast "all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

I thank God for all of you and for our life together. I am encouraged by the love you share with one another and with me in the Holy Spirit, and I am excited to see how God blesses our ministry together at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. May God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus as we look to him through trials and transitions. May he go with us in all our endeavors, direct our every thought, and unite our hearts to praise him in everything.  
To him be glory forever.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde



Happy August, Trinity! I want to take a moment to give you an overview of what has been happening at Trinity. As most of you know, I hold the volunteer position of Business Manager. The job description is still being defined, but suffice it to say, I work with staff and volunteers to coordinate and keep things running smoothly. Initially, I am taking on the giant project of accessing, prioritizing, and financing the needs that have come from several years of deferred maintenance. While others are handling the day-to-day items of getting toilets fixed or paying the bills, I am concentrating on the big picture of the things that need to be done versus the things we want to get done. I have received assistance from other volunteers in getting quotes for those needs.



With the guidance of the property team, a project plan is being prepared. Top of the list is the sprinkler systems that water our grasses. Paradise Landscaping has put a lot of work in to the area south of the parking lot and the area around the bell tower. We are converting those areas to natural grass allowing them to grow taller resulting in less need for water and less mowing which in turn saves us money. These areas are watered by the pump in the ditch. The rest of the property is fed by City of Greeley water and it is the next area to get repaired. This will allow us to complete the landscaping along 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the west side of the school. We have very specific guidelines laid out by the city as to what can be done with that area. Our goal is to cut the amount of water needed and still have a great curb appeal.

Other priorities are getting the metal exterior doors of the church repaired, replacing windows in the church building, painting classrooms and other interior areas. We would also like to improve the signage, making us more visible. Of course, all these items come at a price. Having quotes will help guide us with our priorities, there is a lot of work to be done. Some projects are large enough that they may need additional fundraising to accomplish.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving of time, talents, and treasure as we embark on this journey together. We are in the throws of summer and our cash flow is always less without the school tuition payments. Take a moment to look at the year-end financial report also in this newsletter. Please also give thanks and praise to God for all those who already give of their time and talents handling the day to day business of our ministry.

*Cheri Carsten*  
Business Manager



# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-8

### School News – August 2024

Where did summer go???? We had some activity in the school building for the summer (VBS, Three Trees Youth Volunteers, our summer childcare class), but life was relatively quiet. Angela Horton and her assistant Anna have the building sparkling clean, ready for teachers to set up rooms and a new crop of kids to arrive.

Teachers will begin their meetings on August 5. Pray for that time spent preparing for this upcoming school year, especially since we won't have an elementary administrator in place. While Pastor and I take on some tasks, elementary teachers will also take on extra responsibilities and need to work closer together than ever. Implementing new curriculum resources for Math, Reading and Religion will add another layer of challenges. We have fabulous people, so I'm certain that it will be another great year.

On August 8, parents may bring their students to visit classrooms and we will have parent orientation. Much of July was spent with Debi, the Board and I working on handbooks and calendars and enrollment forms and a variety of resources to prepare our families for 2024-25. We will have 4 elementary classrooms plus music/art/library specials and 2 early childhood classes plus childcare.

On August 11, all classroom personnel will be commissioned at early service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall during the Bible study hour. Come greet Brenda, Virginia, Renee, Lydia, Debbie, Joyce, Jadyn, Tonaira, Angela and me and pray that we will be equipped for the year ahead. Keep praying that we add a couple names to this list. We need a new afternoon classroom assistant in the childcare room (Jadyn is moving to the PreK room). We would like to find someone to teach PE 1 or 2 afternoons each week.

The big day is August 14. We start with a traditional event called "Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo". We often have more crying from mommies on the first day of school than children (especially in preschool and kindergarten). Most elementary parents are in the "woo hoo" category and happy to be dropping off their children for a full day of school. There will be coffee and donuts for parents to gather and commiserate from 8:00-8:30. At 8:30, we have our first chapel of the school year in the sanctuary. Please come join us any Wednesday through the school year. The theme for Lutheran schools this year is "Endure", based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

There is no Cook's Night Out in August, but in September watch for the details for the meal at the school. That event usually kicks off the annual Scholarship Drive. That evening is also a great opportunity to tour the school building since congregation members don't often have an excuse to check out anything other than the office.

Since I'm the only educator in the office this year, you will get to hear from me each month in the newsletter. Let me know if there is any topic you want me to write about. If you ever have questions about the school, you can ask me. I also wouldn't mind if you asked Renee, Virginia, Tonaira or Angela from our staff, who are also congregation members. But feel free to talk to Board members as well; Pam, Linda, Kathy, Terri, James, Laura and Margaret are always ready to talk about our school.

In Christ,  
*Gwen Marshall*





# Financial Report

Year End June 30, 2024

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Offerings & Other Income | \$ 630,002       |
| School Income            | \$ 378,281       |
| Gifts                    | <u>\$ 21,000</u> |
| Total Income (Cash In)   | \$1,029,283      |

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Expenses         | \$ 958,921       |
| Mortgage Interest         | \$ 80,976        |
| Mortgage Principal        | <u>\$ 35,874</u> |
| Total Expenses (Cash Out) | \$ 1,075,771     |

Expenses in Excess of Income ( \$ 46,488)

**Mortgage balance: \$1,733,895.85**

If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact Kristen Meritt or Cheri Carsten.

**Note from the Editor:** It has been a bittersweet summer for me this year. As many of you know, my mother was called home to glory at the end of May. Many of you also know the feelings that surround the loss of a loved one, whether expected or not. I felt God urging me to make a last minute trip to Nebraska to see my mom at the end of school, as it turned out, only days before her passing. God also gave me a path to peace by laying before me five steps to closure. First, I asked my mom for forgiveness for all the things I had ever done that hurt her, especially those that I still clung to and for letting the miles that separate us keep me from visiting more often. Second, I forgave her for any harsh words, unsolicited advice, or things that offended me and I forgave myself for letting them separate us. Third was to thank her for caring for me, teaching me, taking me to church, loving me and guiding me through all the ups and downs of my life. Fourth, was to tell her how much I loved her and finally, the fifth was to say goodbye. I knew in my heart it was my final goodbye and peace comes from knowing she is with our Lord, no doubts. *“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!” 1 Chronicles 16:11*



## Remembering Our Homebound Members

The following members of our church are currently either living at home or in a care facility and have limited capability of joining their church family at worship.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *Richard Beitz-Home          | *Ruth McGhghy - Life Care      |
| *Ellen Colegrove-Grace Point | *Ron Otto-Grace Point          |
| *Elaine Daubert-Home         | *Karen Rutt-Home               |
| *Melanie Davis - Home        | *Dave Schonek –Home            |
| *Teresa Detterer-Home        | *Esther Specht-Daughter's Home |
| *Rachel Einspahr-Grace Point | *Lorene Steele –Home           |
| *Mary Henneck-Home           | *Don & Dixie Wacker –Home      |
| *Caryle Kassahn –Home        | *Earl Weiss –Grace Point       |

Please keep them in your prayers and consider calling or sending cards or letters to let them know you are thinking of them. If you need an address or phone number, call the church office or pick up a directory at the church.



## Giving is a MUST this AUGUST!



### with More Easy Lunch & Snack Items!

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| *CANNED TUNA | *MAYONNAISE   | *MAC 'N CHEESE  | *PEANUT BUTTER      |
| *JELLY       | *CANNED FRUIT | *BOXED JUICE    | *CANNED SPAGHETTIOS |
| *APPLESAUCE  | *PASTA        | *CANNED RAVIOLI | *CANNED VEGETABLES  |
| *TRAIL MIX   | *CRACKERS     | *FRUIT SNACKS   | *GRANOLA BARS       |

Did you know that right here in Weld County 1 in 4 people are going without food **today**? Or that 1 in 4 children are struggling with the effects of hunger **right now**? And with the cost of living increases, it's getting worse every day

So far this year (2024), Trinity has donated 195 pounds of food to Weld County Food Bank.

*Drop off your donations at the school M-F 8 am –4 pm or at the Church on Sunday mornings. If you would prefer to give money (cash or gift cards) give them to Barb Perusek. \$1 will feed 4 people \$25 will feed 100 people. Prayerfully consider giving.*

*Thank You, Trinity!*



1-Oren Nero  
2-Angie Serl  
2-Judy Hart  
2-Earl Weiss  
3-Daniel Vanderhyde  
3-Phyllis Klug  
5-Matthew Foster  
8-Jeanne Bliss  
11-Illyana Lenderink  
13-Ellen Colegrove  
13-William Heldt  
15-Tim Martin  
16-Marlo Wacker

18-Magdalena Foster  
19-Virtus Einspahr  
20-Carmen Holloway  
21-Lisa Fricke  
21-Ronald Otto  
23-Edris Heldt  
24-Karen Langhorn  
24-Alyssa Salazar  
26-Rachel Martin  
29-Mark Kassahn  
30-Caleb Jackson  
30-Mary Pfeif  
31-Lillian Duffield



John & Kristina Haberman-12 yrs.  
Scott & Michelle Butterworth-28 yrs.  
Bill & Michaelene Powell-28 yrs.  
Stephen & Sandra Cooper-44 yrs.  
Bruce & Melissa Kemp-44 yrs.  
Doug & Nita Schmidt-48 yrs.

(If we missed your special day, please let the office know.)





# August

## ALTAR FLOWER

~Schedule~

Please sign up to bring flowers. The chart is on the wall by door to the old church office or call the church office, 330-2485.

### August 4

Mike & Amanda Thuener

### August 11

Available

### August 18

Available

### August 25

Available

**Check out the flower  
Calendar for Sundays that are  
available to provide flowers for  
the altar.**

## ~ATTENDANCE~

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| June 16 | Early-96 | Late-45 |
| June 23 | Early-74 | Late-59 |
| June 30 | Early-83 | Late-53 |
| July 7  | Early-75 | Late-73 |
| July 14 | Early-87 | Late-46 |
| July 21 | Early-87 | Late-43 |

## In Loving Memory

*Kenneth Brockett*

*Born 3-28-47*

*Died 6-21-24*

*Come*  
**WORSHIP**  
*With Us*

## Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

*Holy Communion*

*2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays*

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*Go to: [tlgreeley.org](http://tlgreeley.org) to Live-stream*

*Give to the  
Lord as He has  
given to you!*

# **Ministry Assistants—August Schedule**

## **August 4**

**Elders** – 8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Ushers** –8:00 am Doug Reed; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

**Sound** –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

**Video** –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Terri Swanson

**Organist**– Debra Schwartz

**Security** –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## **August 11\***

**Elders** –8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Ushers** –8:00 am Doug Reed; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

**Sound** –8:00 am Aaron Riemer; 10:30 am Aaron Riemer

**Video** –8:00 am Angela Riemer; 10:30 am Angela Riemer

**Organist** – Debra Schwartz

**Security** – 8:00 am Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

## **August 18**

**Elders** – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Ushers** –8:00 m Cheri Carsten; 10:30 am Ken Einspahr

**Sound** –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Video** –8:00 am Josh Anderson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Organist**– Ken Streeb

**Security** –8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## **August 25\***

**Elders** –8:00 am Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Ushers** –8:00 m Cheri Carsten; 10:30 am Ken Einspahr

**Sound** –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

**Video** –8:00 am Terri Swanson; 10:30 am Terri Swanson

**Organist**– Ken Streeb

**Security** –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## **\*Communion**



*Ministry assistants are always needed in each of the above areas.*

*If you are interested in serving, please call the following people.*

Elders - Ken Clavir, 352-4608

Ushers - Ken Einspahr, 454-1626

Sound/Video - Dan Swanson, 351-8815

August 2024

| August 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su          | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su             | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 4           | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 1  | 2  | 1              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 11          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 10 | 8              | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 18          | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 15             | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 22             | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY               | SATURDAY                                       |
|---|---|---------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Jul 28  | 29  | 30      | 31                            | Aug 1   | 2                    | 3  |
|   |   |         |                               | 6:30am Men's Group                                  | 6:00pm Young Marines | Pickers Paradise                               |
| 4   | 5   | 6       | 7                             | 8   | 9                    | 10   |
| Mite Sunday<br>8:00am & 10:30 am<br>Worship<br>9:20am SS & Bible Study                      | 9:00am Quilters Meet<br>6:00pm BOE Meeting<br>9:20am SS & Bible Study |         | 5:00pm Small Group            | 6:30am Men's Group                                  | 6:00pm Young Marines | 7:00am ELDERS Meeting<br>8:30am Church Council |
| 11  | 12  | 13      | 14                            | 15  | 16                   | 17   |
| 8:00am & 10:30 am<br>Worship<br>8:00am Commissioning<br>of Staff<br>9:20am SS & Bible Study | 9:00am Quilters Meet  |         | 8:00am First Day of<br>School | 6:30am Men's Group<br>3:00pm Newsletter<br>Deadline | 6:00pm Young Marines |  |
| 18  | 19  | 20      | 21                            | 22  | 23                   | 24   |
| Sunday School Rally Day<br>8:00am & 10:30 am<br>Worship<br>9:20am SS & Bible Study          | 9:00am Quilters Meet  |         | 5:30pm Small Group            | 6:30am Men's Group<br>12:00pm O.W.L.S.              | 6:00pm Young Marines | 8:00am Property Team<br>Meeting                |
| 25  | 26  | 27      | 28                            | 29  | 30                   | 31   |
| 8:00am & 10:30 am<br>Worship<br>9:20am SS & Bible Study                                     | 9:00am Quilters Meet  |         |                               | 6:30am Men's Group                                  | 6:00pm Young Marines |  |

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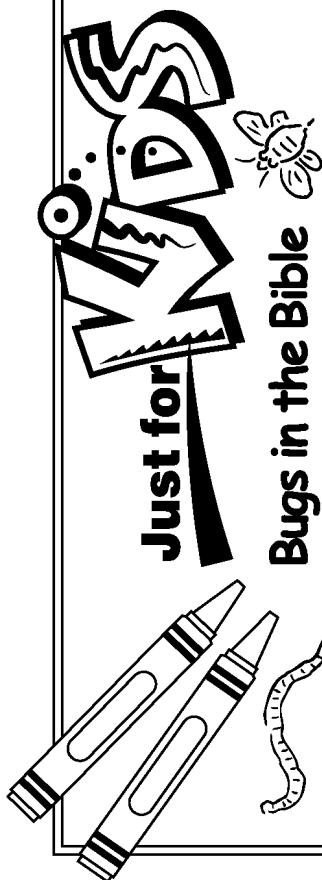


## Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485  
Church/School Email: [office@tlgreeley.com](mailto:office@tlgreeley.com)  
Website: [tlgreeley.org](http://tlgreeley.org)

## Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Adult Bible Classes  
Sunday School - 9:20 am



## Bugs in the Bible

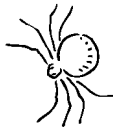
Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.  
Circle them in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalms 78:45 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Sam. 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 50:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Judges 14:8 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 59:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 12:23 \_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Leviticus 11:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy 7:20 \_\_\_\_\_



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

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