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Welcome 2023

A Ship’s Rudder

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One of the most important components of a ship is its’ rudder. The rudder gives the helmsman the ability to steer the vessel in any direction. The same rudder that sails the ship through smooth waters is the same rudder that turns a ship into destructive ones. The helmsman can sail with the current, or sail against it, as all is dependent upon the destination.

In James 3:4-5, a ship’s rudder is compared to the tongue of a man: *Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.*

The rudder navigates water just as the tongue navigates words. The tongue is made up of eight different muscles, is 3-4 inches long, and weighs between 60 and 70 grams. It is the hardest working muscle in the body, but not the strongest.⁽¹⁾ A ship’s rudder is “a device used for steering and maneuvering a vessel. Rudders are hydrofoils which are pivoting on a vertical axis.”⁽²⁾ The rudder and the tongue are small in comparison to the entirety of the ship/body and yet, *a slip of the tongue or throwing a rudder can be detrimental.*

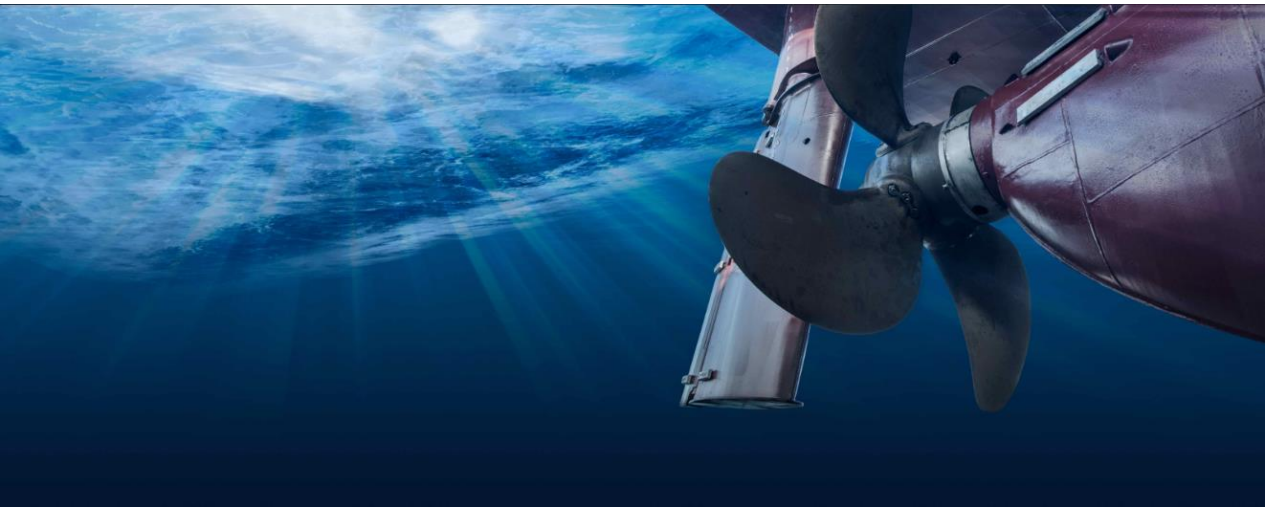


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That being said, how can we as Christians at the helm of our tongues guide ourselves in the right direction? What guidance does the Bible give us?

- *The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.* (Proverbs 15:2)
- *Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.* (Proverbs 21:23)
- *The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary...* (Isaiah 50:4)

Bridle your tongue ^(James 1:26), and be encouraging to others. Remember, as we are now in 2023, don’t be afraid to sail into the wind, or cross rough waters, as it’s the destination that matters. If the waters become too much, use your tongue to call on Jesus.

Jesus used His tongue to calm the storm, which calmed the waters. Isn’t it futile to chase the waves when Jesus found it fit to stop the storm? Including stopping the worst storm of all, the sin that swirls around us! Jesus will steer you through any rough waters to the glorious destination. God’s blessings and a happy new year to you and your family.



(1) <https://dentaluxpa.com/all-about-the-tongue-one-of-the-strongest-muscle-in-your-body/>
(2) <https://www.wartsila.com/encyclopedia/term/rudder>

Church Family News



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Cindy Allen	01/01
Darold Steinke	01/02
Lee Yeske	01/02
Becky Russell	01/03
Chuck Strohacker	01/03
Pat Jaeger	01/04
Chloe Koehn	01/05
Janet Zielke	01/05
Gabby Parker	01/06
Mark Quardokus	01/08
Melissa Parker	01/09
Thomas Ulmer	01/09
Jill Measel	01/10
Sherry Larson	01/13
Kaeden Lies	01/14
Julia Flood	01/16
Robert Gambill	01/16
Jeri Essig	01/19
Gayle Froehlich	01/19
Lori Drews	01/20
Connie Schwanger	01/20

Alex Leshar	01/21
Matthew Mast	01/21
Jennifer Hunt	01/21
Ruth Cornwell	01/22
Mason Freehling	01/22
Loren Gerber	01/22
Jeanne Huff	01/22
Tamara Paulun	01/22
Robert Brunke	01/23
Jacqueline Harris	01/24
Elizabeth Sellke	01/24
Molly Ross	01/26
Rebecca Shembarger	01/27
Nathan Scowcroft	01/29
Taylor Smith	01/29
Ellen Machemer	01/30
Sharon McCalla	01/30
Debra Tietz	01/30
Sharon Nystuen	01/31
David Radke	01/31

Robert & Diana Brunke
01/01/1973
<i>50 years</i>
Don & Pat Hutter
01/08/1965
<i>58 years</i>
Joseph & Nancy Judkins
01/28/1967
<i>56 years</i>
Mark & Becky Russell
1/28/1977
<i>46 years</i>

Remembering

HARRIET A. GOTSCH

May 21, 1918 - December 16, 2022

We celebrate the victory won for
all the faithful dead, but we
grieve for our beloved as well,
knowing that
God honors our tears.



A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on
Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Christ Lutheran Church.
Friends may visit with the family from 10-11 a.m.



Friends and family

Members

- Addie Scheffler
- Alli Wallace
- Allee Bauer
- Amanda Clark
- Amee Mantei
- Arlene Frobel
- Barbara Maul
- Barb Rodgers
- Connie Schwanger
- Dave Knuth
- Don Jeschke
- Don “Mick” Yeske
- Elliot Measel
- Faith Timm
- Ferny Rantz
- Jan Kalinas
- Joan Shembarger
- Joseph Klupp
- Lee Yeske
- Miro Virsik
- Nancy Duke
- Nathan Gerken
- Pat Jaeger
- Susan Jackemeyer

- Ada Green** - friend of Mary Spaulding
- Angie Chester** - sister of Susan Jackemeyer
- Al Miranda**- grandfather of Aubrey Cochran
- Ann Rausch** – mother of Lance Rausch
- Arturo Villafane** - friend of Sara Dixon
- Aubrey Hamby** - nephew of Dee Payovich
- Cate Reed** - granddaughter of Doris Beezley
- Donna Arndt** – daughter of Linda Steinke
- Derek Bober** – relative of Laurie Ulmer
- Gary Wright** – brother of Carol Matheny
- Grace Gerken** - niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken
- Heather Hunnell** - daughter of Barb Radde
- Jackie Klepper** – mother of Patty Allred
- Joe Lhotka** – grandson of Judy Jackemeyer
- Jim Russell** - brother of Mark Russell
- Karol Syring** - daughter of Ken Vieregge
- Kyle Brentana** - family friend of Denise McClintock
- Les Lamarre**- friend & neighbor of Mary Spaulding
- Lynn Beezley** - daughter-in-law of Doris Beezley
- Marian Gerken** – mother of Andrew Gerken
- Nancy Gerald** - daughter of Gerry & Wilma Malinasky
- Paul Glick**- grandson of Mark & Becky Russell
- Paula Hicks** - niece of Dee Payovich
- Phil Oberhaus** - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
- Rev. Rodney Morrison, Jr.** – former vicar of Christ Lutheran Church
- Robert White** – father of David White
- Ron Szweda** – brother of Kathryn Robinson
- Richard Stelter** – cousin to Doris Beezley
- Sandy Spaulding** – daughter-in-law of Mary Spaulding
- Sharon Oberhaus** – mother of Susan Jackemeyer
- Sherry Orchard** – sister-in-law of Susan Collins
- Stacy Green** - cousin of Jill Measel
- Tom Loucks** – father of Taylor Loucks
- Valerie Watson** - daughter of Barbara Rodgers
- Veronica Wilkinson** – mother of Cindy White

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country.
Allison Blake, Luc Whitman – grandson of Don & Pat Hutter, **James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge, **Joseph Schaffer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff
All those that are unemployed
Our Church and School

For our Stephen Ministries, For the Grief Share Ministry, LWML, Ladies League, Altar Guild, Men’s Network.
For *Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone* LWML Mission Grant.



HARRIET GOTSCH

Joan Shembarger
Don & Sharon Jeschke
Mary Spaulding
Darlene Hein

KEN ZIEBART

Joan Shembarger

DOLORES LYON

From her loving Family.

SHARON LOWMASTER

Vicki & Lance Rausch
Josh Lowmaster

GUY & BETH ARRANS

The Marzke Family Foundation



Words of Thanks



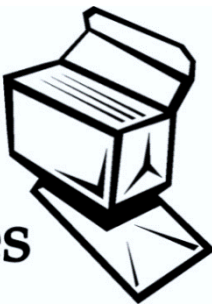
We Praise and Thank God for both of our surgeries going so well. We thank you, *our church family*, for all your prayers, cards, calls of encouragement, meals, our list of blessings is endless. You have to be on the receiving end of all those prayers to know how wonderful one feels. We cannot thank you enough for all your prayers! We are both coming along nicely.

Blessings and A Happy, Healthy New Year to each and every one of you!

Keep being Prayer Warriors!

Harry & Pat Jaeger

2023
Offering
Envelopes



New envelopes are available in the commons! Don't forget: *These envelopes are to be used in 2023* and it's possible your offering number has changed. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A few reminders from our bulletin...

GRIEF SUPPORT BREAKFAST GROUP - Our next gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10th** from **9 to 11AM** in the *all purpose room*. Please bring your own beverage and/or breakfast snack if you would like. Plan to join us to participate, to enjoy a supportive atmosphere for your grief, to learn, grow, and to have fun and fellowship.

CONSTANT CONTACT - The congregation is using a new email format, Constant Contact, to send out periodic emails. If you are not receiving these emails and want to be added to the recipient list text: CHRIST2022 to 22828 or email glenn.scowcroft@gmail.com. Don't forget to check your spam file as messages may not be making it to your inbox.

STAFF GIFTS – Throughout the year we are blessed by the ministry of our school faculty and church staff. Together they share the Good News of Jesus with us and our community. They bring us God's Words of encouragement and comfort. Each year we have an opportunity to express our appreciation for their work & ministry. We invite you to use the envelopes in the commons and by the offering plate and bless the staff of Christ Lutheran Church & School. Thank you! – *Board of Stewardship*

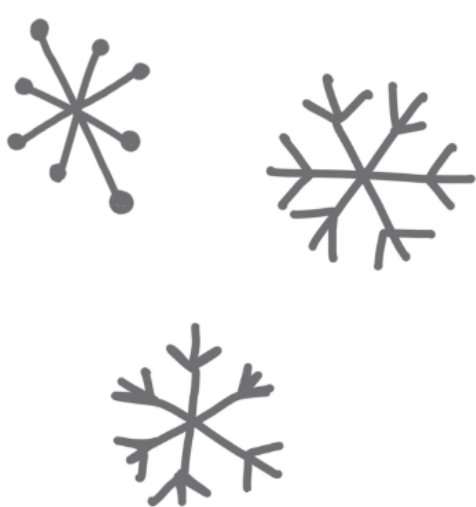
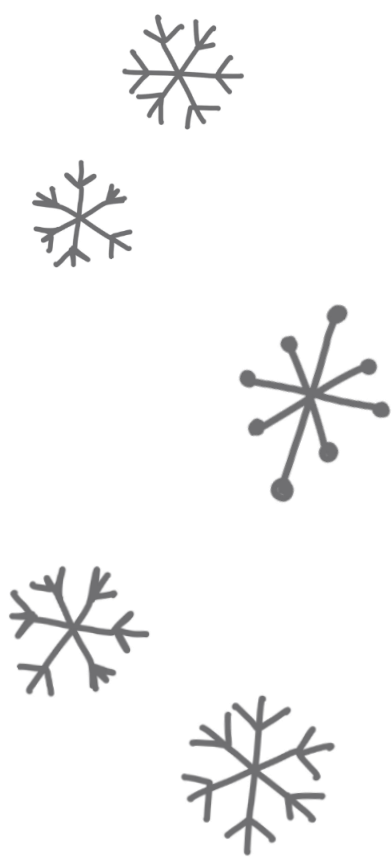
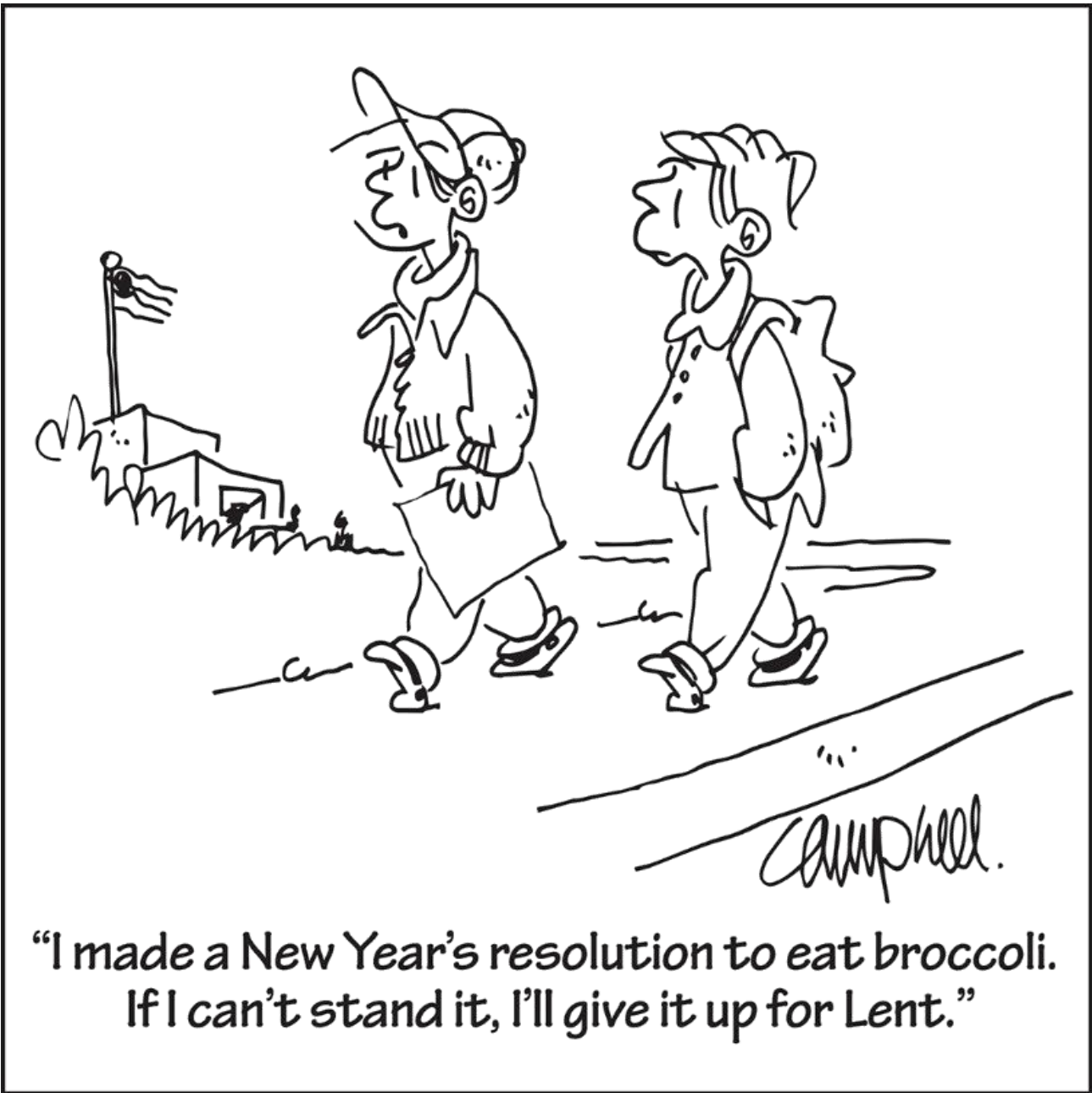
Upcoming  MEETINGS

All Boards & Parish Planning
Monday, January 9th @ 7PM & 8:15PM

Voters' Meeting
Sunday, January 15th @ 9:30AM

**Pastor Measel
will be in Israel
Jan 20th -
Jan 30th**





Puzzle!

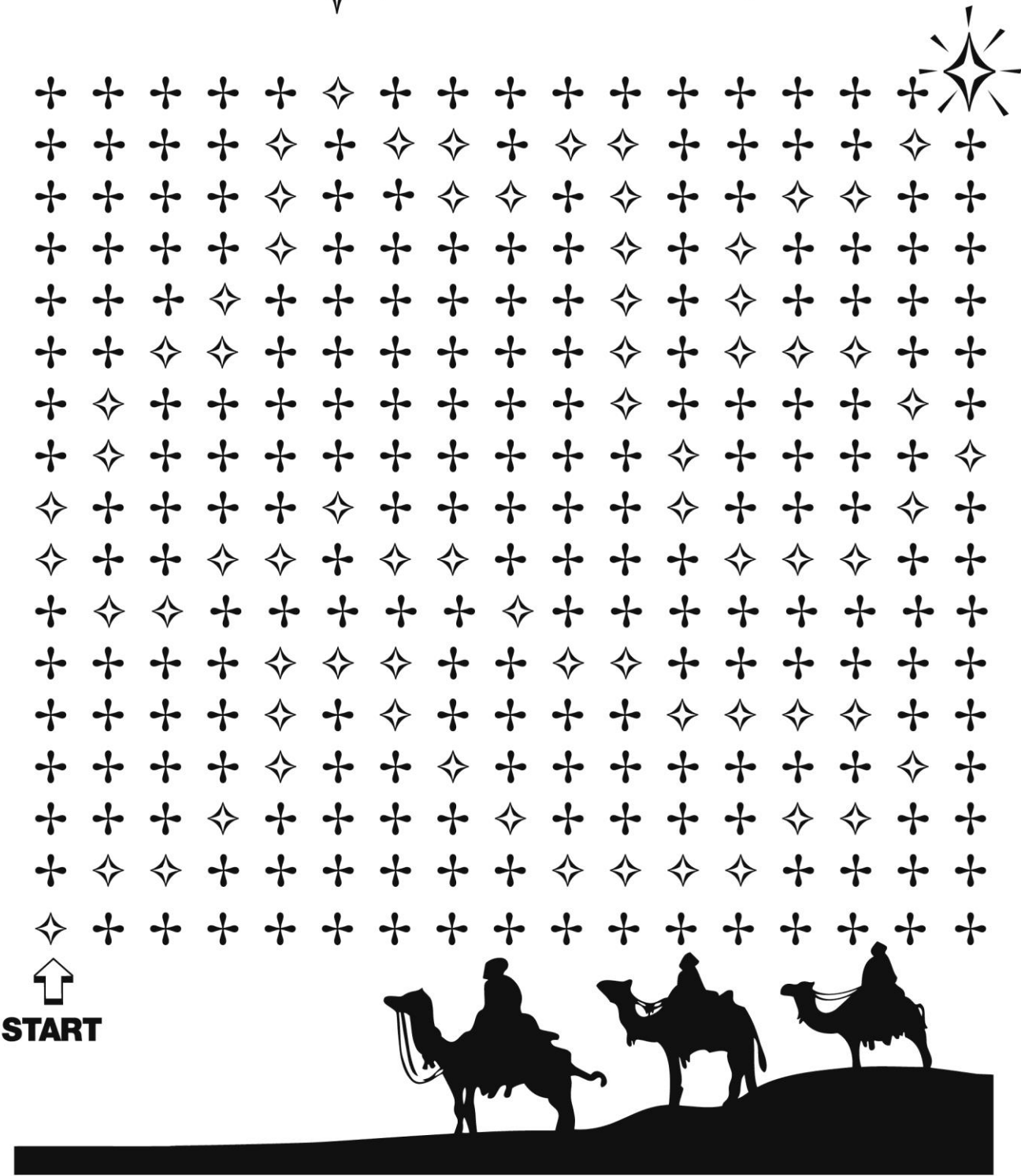
This matching challenge involves words from stories in John’s gospel. Draw lines to connect the pairs that *best* belong together.

ANDREW	WINE
DOVE	SIMON PETER
ELIJAH	JESUS
JOHN	CANA
LIGHT	MONEY CHANGERS
PHARISEE	NATHANAEL
PHILIP	NICODEMUS
RABBI	DARKNESS
TEMPLE	TEACHER
WATER	THE BAPTIST
WEDDING	PROPHET
WORD	SPIRIT

Answers: Andrew/Simon Peter; dove/Spirit, Elijah/prophet; John/the Baptist; light/darkness; Pharisee/Nicodemus; Philip/Nathanael; Rabbi/teacher; temple/money changers; water/wine; wedding/Cana; Word/Jesus

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✨ path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

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