

THE JOURNEY JOURNAL



January 2022 Edition

Welcome to the January 2022 Edition of The Journey Journal! Here is a quick list of what you can find in this month's newsletter: Reminders, Pray With Us, and Riddles & Games.

Starting Off With a Couple of Reminders:

1. **Happy New Year:** Happy New Year! Somehow 2021 flew by and it is officially 2022. A new year means an opportunity to create new routines and hobbies. Especially since every year is as unpredictable as the next, having something that you love to do or go back to is always great! Linked below are a few hobbies that you can try out. After choosing your new hobby, a quick google search should give you lots of guidance towards achieving your goals. Remember that you do not have to be perfect at a hobby to have a hobby. All that matters is that you enjoy what you are doing!

https://hobbyhelp.com/inspiration/indoor-hobbies/#48_Making_Music_on_The_Computer

2. **Covid-19:** Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic is still an issue. Especially with the Omicron variant spreading rapidly throughout the country, Covid-19 cases are increasing. Protecting your health is important: get vaccinated, wash your hands and wear a mask in public spaces. Here is a link where you can access more information on Covid-19 and booster vaccines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

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Pray With Us

If there is one word that describes this time of year (other than “cold”), I would say that word is “darkness.” It gets dark well before when we think of “evening,” and the morning light does not come until quite late. Sure, Christmas brings beautiful lights and decorations, but when they are taken down, we are again left with darkness.

Into this darkness, we have the light of Epiphany shining on us. On Epiphany (January 6), we commemorate the Magi, or Wise Men, who followed a star that led them to worship the child Jesus. Epiphany usually does not have the same emphasis as Christmas, but its importance cannot be ignored. While the Christmas angels brought the Good News of Jesus’ birth to the shepherds in the nearby fields, the Epiphany star brought the Good News of Jesus, the newborn King, to the Magi, representing the rest of the world. A hymn that beautifully communicates this message is “The People That in Darkness Sat.”

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv’n
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow’r in earth and heav’n,

All pow’r in earth and heav’n (Lutheran Service Book, #412, v.1, 3)

My prayer for you is that the light of Christmas, and the light of Epiphany, bring light to you this month as you experience the warmth of God’s love for you.

Blessing Pastor Rick





Riddles & Games



Riddles

1. Fill in the gaps so the following equation makes sense:

$$10\ 9\ 8\ 7\ 6\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1\ 0 = 2022$$

You are allowed to use the mathematical symbols +, -, x, : and as many brackets as you like. In other words, your answer should be of the form, $10 \times 9 + (8 - 6) \times 5 \times 4 - ((3 \times 2) + 1)$, although not this one, which doesn't equal 2022.

2. What come once in a year, twice in every month, four times in every week?

3. I am four times as old as my daughter. In 20 years time I shall be twice as old as her. How old are we now?

4. What belongs to you but others use it more than you?

5. In what year did Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall in the same year?



Math Squares



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Fill in the missing numbers

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.

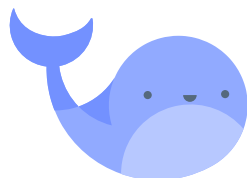
Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

Riddles & Games



Letter Tiles Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

Each tile is used only once.

Use spacing, punctuation and common words to find adjacent tiles.

Some words may be split into two lines.

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Word Search: National Holidays in January

All of the words in the list fit into the blank of "National _____ Day"

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- Bagel
- Chocolate Cake
- Trivia
- Spaghetti
- Bird
- Technology
- Bobblehead
- Apricot
- Sticker
- Popcorn
- Martin Luther King Jr
- Thesaurus



Answers to Riddles: 1. Here's one solution - $10 + (((9 \times 8 \times 7) - 6 + 5) \times (4 + 3 - 2 - 1)) \div 2$.

The letter E 3. 40 and 10 4. Your name 5. Every year

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