



VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA  
**Roots & Wings**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Resources used and adapted from:</p> <p><b>Sundays and Seasons Year C – Augsburg Fortress</b></p> <p><b>Holiday Insights</b></p>					<p><b>1</b> Today is the day to play practical jokes and pranks on others. Talk with your family about “safe” jokes and pranks you can share with others.</p> <p><b>APRIL FOOLS' DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Take a field trip to the library and check out some of your favorite books. Take turns reading the books tonight during family time.</p> <p><b>Children's Book Day</b></p>
<p><b>3</b> Read: John 20:19-31</p>	<p><b>4</b> With your parent's permission, use construction paper and coloring supplies to make a “Thank You” card for your school librarian.</p> <p><b>School Librarian Day</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Make tonight a <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b>. Plan a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p>	<p><b>6</b> When the risen Lord appeared to His disciples, He said to them, “Peace be with you.” Talk with your family about this ritual that is performed each Sunday in many churches.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Today is the day to give in to your “sweet tooth”. Find a simple recipe to make your own or go to the store and buy your favorite. If you want something with peanuts and a prize, try “Cracker Jacks”.</p> <p><b>Carmel Popcorn Day</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Have a family creative drawing experience tonight. Use construction paper and coloring supplies to draw and color pictures of all kinds of birds, real and imaginary! Remember to display your bird creations!</p> <p><b>Draw a Picture of a Bird Day</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Ever wanted to try out a new name? Well, you can today. Get your family together and make “new” name tags for yourself so everyone will remember their “new” name. Have fun!</p> <p><b>Name Yourself Day</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> Read: John 21:1-19</p>	<p><b>11</b> Nope, we are not talking about sandwiches today, but a type of underwater vehicle. With an adult's help, search the internet to find out about submarines.</p> <p><b>National Submarine Day</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Jesus says to His disciples, “Follow Me!” During your family time, make a list of ways to show the love of Jesus to others through your service.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Celebrate by playing this family friendly game tonight. See who can come up with the most interesting words (that are actually found in the dictionary). Have fun!</p>	<p><b>14</b> In a pie, on top of an ice cream sundae, or in a salad, pecans are delicious! Whether chopped, whole, or in halves, pecans can be put in most any recipe. Have some for supper tonight.</p> <p><b>National Pecan Day</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> From the list that your family made earlier in the week, choose one service activity you can do together as a family to show others the love of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Make tonight a <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b>. Plan a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p>
<p><b>17</b> Read: John 10:22-30</p>	<p><b>18</b> Do you have the skill to toss objects in the air and keep them there? Try starting out with something soft; like tennis balls. Have a family friendly competition.</p> <p><b>International Juggler's Day</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> The scriptures tell us that the good works we do in the name of Jesus, bears witness to Him. Talk about how your service activity was a witnessing opportunity to the love of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>20</b> As a family, celebrate this day by giving your time to a local charity; answering phones, stocking the food pantry, or organizing the clothing closet.</p> <p><b>Volunteer Recognition Day</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> “Gimme Five” – Up High/Down Low. Celebrate today by giving someone a “High Five!” Be careful not to slap hands too hard! You don't want to hurt anyone. Have fun!</p> <p><b>National High Five Day</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Ask mom or dad to buy some jelly beans, put them in a small jar and challenge the rest of the family to guess how many beans are in the jar! The winner gets to share the jelly beans with the rest of the family.</p> <p><b>National Jelly Bean Day</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Make tonight a <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b>. Plan a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p>
<p><b>24</b> Read: John 13:31-35</p>	<p><b>25</b> This week is a perfect time to memorize a simple but powerful passage of scripture. Together as a family, memorize John 13:34. This scripture speaks of the new commandment based on love for each other as Christ loves us.</p>	<p><b>26</b> You can have your choice of a crunchy, salty pretzel or a warm, soft, cinnamon pretzel or make your own creation! You could even have pretzel dogs for supper! Together as a family decide how to celebrate this delicious day!</p> <p><b>National Pretzel Day</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Show your appreciation to your church secretary today. With your parent's permission, use construction paper and coloring supplies to make a “thank you” card in recognition of their service to the church.</p> <p><b>Administrative Professionals Day</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> With an adult's help, search the internet to find poems or go to the library to check out books of poetry. Select a few favorites and read them during family time.</p> <p><b>Great Poetry Reading Day</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Put your poetry skills in action. Write a poem about the importance of protecting and preserving our trees. Be sure to draw a picture to illustrate your poem.</p> <p><b>Arbor Day</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Make tonight a <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b>. Plan a special dinner, play games together, and/or watch a movie. Share your blessings of being a family.</p>