
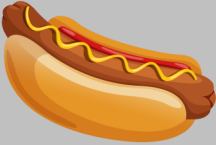
































VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA  
**Roots & Wings**

<p>National Blueberry Month</p> 	<p>National Hot Dog Month</p> 	<p>National Ice Cream Month</p> 	<p>National Picnic Month</p> 	<p>National Cell Phone Courtesy Month</p> 	<p>Resources: Unique Holidays used from Holiday Insights</p> 	<p>1 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>2 Read Matthew 10:40-42</p>  <p>And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... he will certainly not lose his reward. Matthew 10:42</p>	<p>3 Beware of the harmful rays of the sun. Wear a hat, sunglasses, sun screen, drink plenty of water and find some cool shade to relax in.</p> <p>Stay Out of the Sun Day</p> 	<p>4 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Today we celebrate our nation's birth. Attend a parade, have a picnic, and watch some fireworks!</p> <p>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day</p> 	<p>5 Jesus wants us to serve those who are in need. During family devotions, decide on one way to help someone this week.</p> <p>National Fried Chicken Day</p> 	<p>6 Celebrate this day by dining in at your favorite fried chicken restaurant, or getting it to go and having an outdoor picnic. Enjoy!</p> <p>National Strawberry Sundae Day</p> 	<p>7 Gather the fixings for a strawberry sundae, or go to the ice cream store and order one. Enjoy!</p> <p>National Strawberry Sundae Day</p>	<p>8 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>9 Read Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</p>  <p>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28</p>	<p>10 Jesus gives praise to God in His prayer. Talk with your family about different ways of praising God, other than in worship on Sunday.</p> <p>Praise GOD!</p>	<p>11 Get the name of someone from your church who is shut-in or in a nursing facility. With your family, go to visit them.</p> <p>Cheer up the Lonely Day</p> 	<p>12 Ask a parent to help you search the internet for a pecan pie recipe that you can make together. Don't forget a side of vanilla ice cream!</p> <p>Pecan Pie Day</p> 	<p>13 Jesus asks us to learn from Him. During family devotions, share what we can learn from Jesus' actions with other people.</p> <p>HOLY BIBLE</p> 	<p>14 Jesus says that if we put our trust in Him, He will give us "rest". Talk with your family about how trusting in Jesus helps us to feel at ease.</p> <p>Trust</p>	<p>15 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>16 Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</p>  <p>The Parable of the Sower</p>	<p>17 Jesus was a wonderful teacher. Use construction paper and coloring supplies to make your Sunday School teacher a "thank you" card for teaching God's Word.</p> <p>Thank You!</p> 	<p>18 Jesus uses the example of a seed to show us how we are to grow in Him. During family devotions, share ways that you are growing in Christ.</p> <p>Growing in CHRIST</p> 	<p>19 Our faith grows when we hear God's Word. Use construction paper and coloring supplies to make your Pastor a "thank you" card for sharing God's Word.</p> <p>A great big THANK YOU</p> 	<p>20 Take a family trip to the local candy store and enjoy your favorite lollipop!</p> <p>"Lollipop, lollipop, oh, lollipop, lollipop!"</p> <p>National Lollipop Day</p> 	<p>21 Have your favorite burger or hotdog, fries, chips, candy and soda for lunch today. Enjoy!</p> <p>National Junk Food Day</p> 	<p>22 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>23 Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p>  <p>THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS Matthew 13:24-30</p>	<p>24 Use construction paper and coloring supplies to make your cousin a card to let them know how much you love them.</p> <p>Cousins Day</p> 	<p>25 Hot Diggity Dog! Have your favorite type of hot dog for supper tonight. Don't forget all of the delicious toppings! Enjoy!</p> 	<p>26 Use construction paper and coloring supplies to make your Aunt and Uncle a card to let them know how much you love them.</p> <p>I ♥ my aunt &amp; uncle</p> <p>Aunt and Uncle Day</p>	<p>27 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>28 I scream! You scream! We all scream for ice cream! Go to your local ice cream store and enjoy your favorite flavor or try a new flavor.</p> 	<p>29 Get the family together and make a pan of this delicious pasta for supper tonight. Ask a parent to help you search the internet for a recipe.</p> <p>National Lasagna Day</p> 