

## Church Council

The Solid Rock Church Council met on May 19. Some highlights:

- Council learned that weekly offerings have been falling considerably below levels that are needed to sustain the current budget. Information regarding our current financial status will be shared with the congregation.
- Outdoor worship services are tentatively planned for July 19, August 16, and September 13.
- Nine children are currently participating in the children's praise team. They are considering a fundraiser.
- The youth will conduct a car wash following the worship service on May 31.
- The following statements were adopted:
  - Mission Statement: Solid Rock Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness in our community and beyond.
  - Vision Statement: We seek to be a Christ-centered church family where every person is equipped to discover and use their God-given gifts to serve and to share God's love.
- We are still looking for individuals willing to help plan this fall's veterans recognition program.
- Solid Rock Sunday school and worship service will be cancelled on the day of the Salamonie Summer Festival community worship.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 6-9.



*Youth Group Car Wash*

**May 31 • 11:30-3:00**

## Susan, Mr. Sock and Miss Annie

By Becky Brown

I am familiar with people having dogs, cats, birds, snakes, and other small animals for pets. I was taken aback the first time I saw Susan Mills with llamas as pets. This past month, I had the privilege and honor of sitting with her and discussing her pets. I wanted to know more about her interest in them.

They had adopted a girl from Bogota, Colombia. Their daughter was about 12 or 13 when the interest in llamas hit. To make her feel at home, they decided to go to some llama shows. The people were so nice, and it was so much fun. Some people down the road bought some llamas. She would drive by and watch them. She figured that at that time, she could never afford to get one or two. Then the neighbor's father, right next door, became interested in them. They continued attending llama shows and watching how well they were put on.

The bug hit, and she went to talk with her neighbor down the road about purchasing one. The neighbor sold her a five-month-old. At the time, their daughter had goats. Llamas are a herd animals. After reading much about llamas, she knew she was supposed to have two. The neighbor said the llama would be fine since she had goats. She wanted to buy two at the time, but thought she couldn't afford them. She brought the llama home at five months, and he became more goat than llama. She named him Maverick. She had Maverick for about two to three

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**Carry-in Lunch  
June 14**

Grilled hot dogs and coney dogs  
will be provided.

*Stay for friendly card games!*

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years. She realized there were 4-H clubs that catered to llamas. She went to the 4-H fair in Ft. Wayne for llama shows.

This was back in the day when you could run ads in the newspaper. She ran an ad asking if anyone would be interested in a Llama 4-H Club in Huntington County. She named the date, time, and place. She was not sure if anyone would show up. That first year, approximately five people showed interest. Karen McClintock, from a neighboring county, came that night to help her get the club started. The name of the club was The Huntington Hummers 4-H Club. The 4-H club was started in 1997 and ran for 20 years until 2017. Over the course of 20 years, she had 86 kids in her club showing llamas. A lot of those kids were ten-year members and were siblings. Karen and Susan became lifelong friends. Karen McClintock was there the day I went to help with the shearing. At one time, Susan and John had seven llamas.

Most of the kids in the 4-H club did not own their own llamas. The llamas were provided for them. At the March meeting, they would bring their books and complete the 4-H book work. When they got outside, each student had to touch and halter their own llama. They would work on leading, backing up, and lining them, activities that would require showmanship. Afterward, they were required to put the llamas away, sometimes brush them, put their halters away, and give them fresh water.

Once a week, they were expected to come and work with their llama and help out in the barn, whatever needed to be done. Susan wanted them to learn it was not all about fun and games; there was work in taking care of the llamas.

They did obstacle courses with them. One was a PR (Public Relations) course, simulating what you would find if you took the llamas to a public place (school, library, etc.). The other course was the Woodlands Obstacle course, simulating things found on a hike. One was a bridge obstacle course where they had to cross a bridge; another was a water obstacle course, which they loved. One evening, the llamas went in through the back door of the house and walked out the front door.



She still had Maverick, but he did not do well at shows. He did not have the personality to show. She sold him as a guard llama. Llamas are good at guarding sheep and goats. They keep the coyotes away.

She named all of them: Defiant, Glory, Candy, Sox, Dustin, Maverick, and Lana. A couple of them were given to Susan because their kids had aged out. Sometimes they had to borrow a llama so each 4-H kid could have their own. Candy was the one who stood out the most to her. She was a really good llama.

After discussing the llamas, I had the privilege of being there that day they sheared them for the summer. Mr. Sox was the first to be sheared. They were put in a stanchion. Then the process of cutting the wool off the body began. Karen, as mentioned earlier, came to help. Susan took one side, and she took the other. Because they were not showing the animals, the neck area and the back end were not shaved. They also clipped the llamas' toenails that day. The wool coming off the llamas can be used on a spinning wheel.


One thing I learned is that if you have to feed a baby llama, you have to be business-like. You can love and touch them at other times, but feeding is a serious business. You face him toward his momma or toward the other llamas, with him between your knees. You feed him from the back, holding the bottle up toward his mouth. You

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Online Giving 

**April Financial Update**

General Fund Contributions.....	\$10,622
General Fund Budgeted Disbursements.....	\$10,585

**News for the July newsletter is due June 21**

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custodial personnel/youth director, office supplies, education material, building upkeep (lawn care, snow removal, upkeep of the church/parsonage, replacements of items (light bulbs, sound equipment, appliances, etc.), office supplies, landscaping upkeep (different from lawn care), supplies for Sunday School classes, nursery supplies, worship supplies (music rights/licenses, sheet music, etc), special repairs as needed, and more. Your tithes also provide funds to create budgets for these groups: the trustees, continuing education for staff, travel expenses, Global Methodist Conference, and more. All of these are necessary for Solid Rock Church to provide the services each week to you, the congregation and the community.

**Designated Ministries:** these ministries do not have budgeted funds from the general budget yet are vital for Solid Rock Church and the community. These include missions, funeral dinners, wedding coordinators, Hallelujah Hands, Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, Veteran's Dinner, WAMA, A Helping Hand (formerly the Christmas Year-Round), emergency funds for community crises (help with utilities, gas, etc.), ministries that you, the congregation, designate as a worthwhile ministry to develop. Yes, some of these might receive funds from the church body to help meet needs, but the majority of these are dependent on the generosity of the congregation.

**What you should know:** the funds that you give with a designation (missions, for example) are a wonderful blessing; however, if you are taking away from the general giving/offering to present this gift, it takes away from the general budget. The general budget can always give to the designated ministries, but the designated ministries funds **can't be/won't be** used for the general budget. If this trend continues, the general budget suffers. Should the budget for the church not be met, then the various budgeted ministries will need revamping or, possibly be removed from said budget, which causes loss of services we have grown accustomed to. This not only hurts the services in these budgeted areas, but funding earmarked for designated ministries will also suffer if budgets are not met.

The church has specific guidelines to follow with the state, with the district, and with the Global Methodist Conference. The church must be insured. Background checks for all paid employees and people working with youth/at-risk adults must take place. Building upkeep/maintenance must be done to give us a safe and comfortable place to worship and grow.

It has always been the mindset of Solid Rock Church that you give according to what God places on your heart, and to do so with a glad heart:

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you,*

*so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Co 9:7-15*

We want you to feel good in your giving. We want you to not give when you need funds to supply the needs of your family – we want you to not worry about these things. God will supply all your needs. When you give, we would like it to reflect your gratefulness of God meeting those needs.

Why tithe? Because it helps the church to bring God/Jesus/Holy Spirit into your world and the world around us. Please be mindful when you give that the general budget is what cares for the operations of the church. For the year, the budget is down approximately 33% in offerings. We are not in financial crisis, but should this trend continue, we could deplete our funds to function on which the church is ministering. We, the leaders of Solid Rock are being faithful stewards with what God has provided through your giving. Please give as God directs. Thank you!

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have to be careful he doesn't imprint on you. If he does, the llama will think you are his momma or another llama, and in certain conditions, that is not a good thing.

From this experience, I learned that showing llamas requires more work than just the event itself. Regular brushing and grooming are necessary, and shearing takes considerable time and effort. Points can be deducted if llamas aren't well-groomed, so maintaining their appearance is crucial for success in shows.

I really enjoyed being with Susan and her llamas. I learned more and have come to appreciate the llamas and the work it takes to raise them. I am looking forward to learning to shear them next year. The time with John, Susan, the llamas, and Miss Karen won't be forgotten.

*Know a Solid Rock attendee with a story to tell?  
Contact Becky Brown or the church office.*



# Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

## Why Tithe?

**TITHE, TITHING** Words deriving from Old English for “tenth” and representing a charge upon produce or labor levied for the maintenance of religious activities. The custom is very ancient (Abraham paid a tithe of the spoils of war to Melchizedek; see Genesis 14:20) and widely practiced.

Please read Numbers 18:21-32 for a clearer understanding of tithes.

I write this article, not for the purpose of being another one of those churches that try to fleece their congregations of more money just to store it away, but to give all of us the understanding of what tithes are, what they are used for, how should we tithe, and if/what we should tithe.

I want to start off by saying *THANK YOU* for the tithes and offerings you give to Solid Rock Church of Warren; they are the reason we have a church like ours. We offer a wide variety of services and ministries that would never

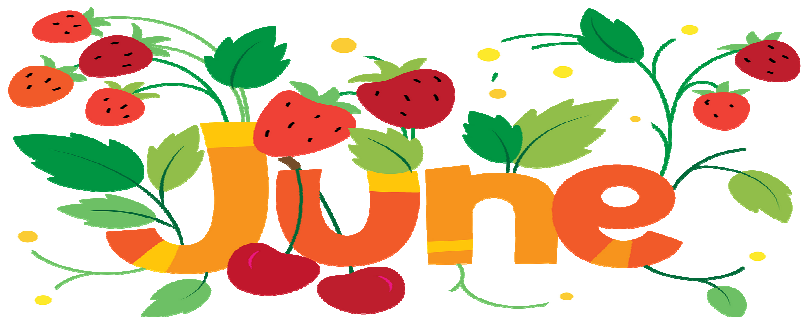
take place without these gifts. Lately, people are questioning whether they should tithe to the church, give to other organizations/charities, or keep it to live off of (with the prices the way they are). I can't and won't tell you what you should do – this is between you and whatever God places on your hearts. It is solely up to you what and how you give.

Some people think that giving to the church all goes into one big pool and the funds are dispersed to each ministry as needed. Yes and no. Yes, what finances come in do get used for the church; however, it depends on what goes into the general fund and what goes to designated ministries (like missions, youth groups, etc.) that determines how these are utilized.

**General Budget:** For this, all funds that are not designated to a special fund/group are collected for the general budget and are used for the needs of the church. These needs include (but are not limited to) insurance for the church properties, the utilities (lights, heat/AC, water, etc.), paying salaries for pastor/administrative assistant/

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## June Helpers

### Liturgist

- 7 Debb Smitley
- 14 Mindy Rider
- 21 Billie Horrell-Jackson
- 28 Addy Wiley



### Greeter

- 7 Christine Tudor
- 14 Debb Smitley
- 21 Dave & Jorita Banter
- 28 Marg Bentley

### Nursery 10 a.m.

- 7 Addy Wiley
- 14 Jane Hitzfield
- 21 Lyvonne Nightenhelser
- 28 Libby Wiley

### Children's S. S. Teachers

- 7 Jazmine Plummer
- 14 Marie DeWeese
- 21 Jazmine Plummer
- 28 Brenda Conner

### Snacks

- 7 Marg Bentley & Susan-John Mills
- 14 Ryan-Danielle Goodspeed
- 21 Sharon-Ted Williams & Jane Hitzfield
- 28 Mike-Rita Bolinger

### Acolytes

- 7 Kaley Campbell & Malcolm Voght
- 14 Kinley & Kerrigan Goodspeed
- 21 Kalin Elliot & Paizley Nightenhelser
- 28 Lily Lichtenberger & Kodi Craig

Please contact the church office at 375-3873 by Wednesday prior to Sunday, if you are unable to be an above helper. Thank you!

- 6/5 Brandon & Miranda Bolinger
- 6/6 Jay & Deb Shaw
- 6/15 Gary & Roaslie Walter
- 6/19 Donnie & Jen Plummer
- 6/21 Jack & Betty Green
- 6/25 Joh & Candy Smith
- Andy & Kodi Elliot
- Jimmy & Liz Rider



- 6/1 Greg Brown
- Jon Voght
- Mike Cox
- 6/11 Kerrigan Goodspeed
- 6/12 John Mills
- 6/16 Marie DeWeese
- 6/17 Pat Boxell
- 6/18 Becky Brown
- 6/22 Michelle Rans
- Tiffany Booher
- 6/23 Betty Green
- 6/30 Pat Davis
- Barbara Keplinger



## Stock the shelves in June

Solid Rock's monthly food pantry challenge

**Condiments, Mustard  
Catsup, Ranch Dressing**

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Thank you for all you do!



Monetary gifts are always appreciated.

**CARRY IN  
LUNCH 2025!**  
**Bring a dish ....**

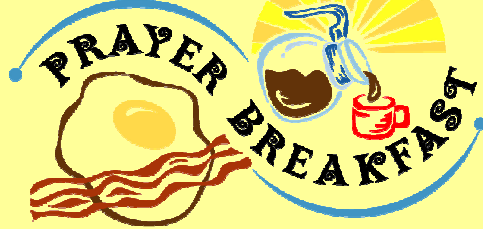


Sunday June 14th  
following Worship Service.

Great fellowship and food,  
what more could you ask for?

Eat and leave or stay until 1:30-2 p.m

## MEN'S



and fellowship

2nd Saturday each month 8 a.m.  
at Solid Rock Church.

All men welcome!



## Ladies' Breakfast

and fellowship

Last Saturday of each month  
8:30 a.m. at SonRise Bakery  
All women welcome!

Women's Widow Care & Share  
Meeting June 2nd & 16th @ 2 p.m.



Little Rockers  
Praise Team Party!

June 16 at 6:30 p.m.



## Card Rack for June

Graduation Cards  
half off



## Bible Study Groups

Each Monday morning at 10 a.m.  
led by Marsha Boyanowski  
and

Each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.  
**starting on August 12** - book of Hebrews  
led by Pastor John



Faith Circle for Women  
led by Marie DeWeese at 7 p.m.  
June 1st & 15th

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle Group 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 2 p.m. Trustee Mtg 7 p.m.	<b>3</b> John's Small Group 6 p.m.			
<b>7</b> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion TinCap Game 1:05 p.m.	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Sign Language 10 a.m.	<b>10</b>  Great Lake Conf	<b>11</b> S.O.S. 7 p.m.  Great Lake Conf	<b>12</b>  Great Lake Conf	<b>13</b> Men's Fellowship 8 a.m.  Great Lake Conf
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Carry-in Lunch 11:30 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m.	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m. Faith Circle Group 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> Sign Language 10 a.m. Widows Care & Share 9:45 a.m. Little Rockers Party 6:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> John's Small Group 6 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Card Ministry 5:30 p.m.	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Newsletter Info Due	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10 a.m. John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Sign Language 10 a.m. Mission Mtg 7 p.m.	<b>24</b> John's Small Group 6 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Church Reserved all day	<b>27</b> Ladies Breakfast at SonRise Bakery 8:30 a.m.
<b>28</b> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. June Birthdays-Anniversaries Rock Solid Youth 6 p.m.	<b>29</b> John's Small Group 11:30 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	<b>30</b> Sign Language 10 a.m.				

## SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

### Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries  
Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

### Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside John 3:16/Pastor Dan First  
Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Neviu  
Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT  
HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

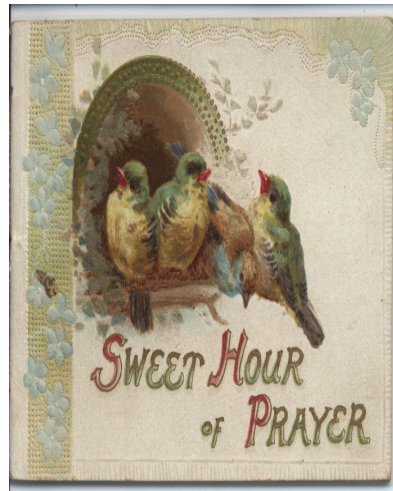
### Prayers for Health & Healing

Grace Anderson	Pam Cloud	Ethan McCray	Tom Tallman
Ute Anderson	Steve Cress	Mandy Ramsey	Unspoken
Marge Blair	Paul Fritz	Logan Roberts	Lou Ellen Vetor
Tiffany Booher	LaTishia Horrell	Joe Rodriguez	Mike Vogleman
Becky Brown	Mary Ann Jackson	Thea Rose	Ron Wartzok
Mike Carey	Angie Landrum	Lisa Shriver	
Sue Carpenter	Elias Martin	Eric Snively	
Matthew Carpenter	Jim Martin	Lois Spears	

**Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be moved to prayers answered or if someone needs added for prayers of health and healing.**

### Heritage Pointe

Darrell Blair	Dee Pattison
Jim & Jackie Blinn	Norma Smith
Bill Boxell	Doris Souers
Pat Boxell	Ann Spahr
Mary Clark	Dave & Wanda Spahr
Rochelle DeHaven	Alyce Tinkle
	Carolyn Winters



### Prayers Answered

Lisa Williams

Martha Stucky

Wanda Spahr

# Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for June 2026

Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:



- Blessed Heavenly Father, we come to You for Your guidance, mercy, and forgiveness. We know we sometimes fail You in being faithful; please forgive our sins and help us to be more attune to Your ways and Your will. Help us to seek You daily, to desire intimacy with You more than intimacy with the world. Bind us closer to one another and to show more love to the world around us. May we be Holy, Holy are You our Living God. Praise be to Your Name, Amen.
- Sweet Jesus, You came. You lived to connect with us. You died to save and forgive us. You rose again to give us eternal life and to restore our relationship with the Father. You gave us the Holy Spirit so we would never be alone and to guide us. How do we ever have the ability to match such love and devotion? Help us that You didn't do it so we would owe You anything in return. You did it because of Your love for us and the Father. And even though You don't require a "payment" in return may we turn our devotion and dedication to You as an offering of thanks and gratitude. Without You, forgiveness of sins and eternal life isn't possible? With a humble heart, we say thank You. Blessings are Yours, in Your Name we pray Amen.
- Holy Spirit, please renew our hearts and help us to be filled with Your presences. May we be led to do great things in Your Name: restorations, healings, forgiveness, growing in faith and sharing that faith with others, obtain holiness. Draw us close to God and to one another, sharing Your grace with those who are in our lives that they too can experiences God's mercy and rest. Continue to light our paths and be our guide. Thank You, in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.
- Blessed Trinity, have Your way in our lives. Help us to be obedient and let us change the world and hearts around us by Your power and leading. Glory and honor are Yours alone. Amen.

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# Books of the New Testament



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Word list:

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| CORINTHIANS | PETER         |
| EPHESIANS   | PHILEMON      |
| GALATIANS   | PHILIPPIANS   |
| HEBREWS     | REVELATION    |
| JAMES       | ROMANS        |
| JOHN        | THESSALONIANS |
| JUDE        | TIMOTHY       |
| LUKE        | TITUS         |





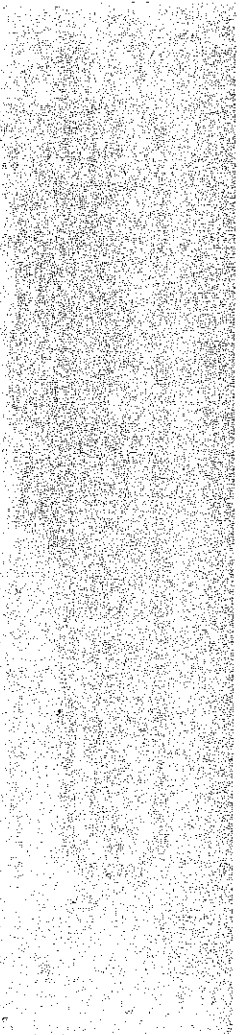
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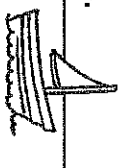


# Jesus Calms a Storm


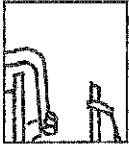

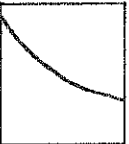
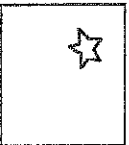

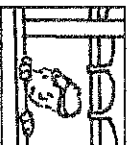


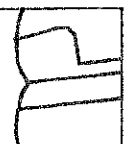



Jesus and His disciples were going to cross to the other side of the lake.

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