

The Overisel Overview

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Today

April 2021

	Morning Service	Evening Services
April 4	9:30 Rev. Mike Pitsenberger Easter Sunday Offering: General Fund/ Hand2Hand	5:00 - No Revolution Service/ Rolling Stones In the Hall 5:00 Evening Service in the Sanctuary Rev. Mike Pitsenberger
April 11	9:30 Rev. Mike Pitsenberger Offering: General Fund/ Open	No Revolution Service 6:00-7:00 Rolling Stones Activity Night in the Hall 5:00 Evening Service in the Sanctuary Rev. Mike Pitsenberger
April 18	9:30 Rev. Mike Pitsenberger Offering: General Fund/ Al and Lisa Gemmen	5:00 - 7:00 Revolution Service/Rolling Stones In the Hall 5:00 Evening Service in the Sanctuary Rev. Mike Pitsenberger
April 25	9:30 Rev. Mike Pitsenberger Offering: General Fund/ Forgotten Man's Ministries	5:00 Revolution Service/Rolling Stone In the Hall 5:00 Evening Service in the Sanctuary Rev. Mike Pitsenberger

*"The very first Easter taught us this:
 That life never ends and love never dies."
 Kate Mc Gahan*

Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 1
MIP College and Career
9:30 in Lounge

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Communion
7:00 in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 2 to Sunday, April 11
Spring Break

Sunday April 4
Easter
9:30 Morning Worship
No Sunday School and Small Groups
No Revolution Service-Spring Break
5:00 Evening Worship Service
in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 5
Men's Morning Bible Study
Hall at 8:30
No Women's Evening Bible Study
Until fall

Tuesday, April 6
Ladies' Bible Study
9:30 in Choir Room

Wednesday, April 7
No Wednesdays@ORC
Until fall
Praise Team Practice

Thursday, April 8
MIP College and Career
9:30 in Lounge

Sunday, April 11
9:30 Morning Worship
No Sunday School and Small Groups
5:00 Revolution Service (See bulletin)
5:00 Evening Worship Service
in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 12
Men's Morning Bible Study

8:30 at the Hall

Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, April 13
"Ruth" Bible Study
Choir room – 7:00

Wednesday, April 14
No Wednesdays@ORC
Praise Team Practice

Thursday, April 15
Sandyview Moms in Prayer
MIP College and Career
9:30 in Lounge

Sunday, April 18
9:30 Morning Worship
Sunday School, Small Groups
5:00 Revolution Service & Rolling Stones
in Hall
5:00 Evening Worship Service
In the Sanctuary

Monday, April 19
Men's morning Bible Study
8:30 at the Hall

Tuesday, APRIL 20
Book Discussion Group
Choir room – 7:00
No Life for a Lady (Women of the West)
By Agnes Cleaveland

Wednesday, April 21
No Wednesdays@ORC
Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 22
MIP College and Career
9:30 in Lounge

Friday, April 23
Train Show in the FLC
Fundraiser for Jars of Clay

Saturday, April 24
Train Show in the FLC

Sunday, April 25
 9:30 Morning Worship
 Sunday School and small groups
 5:00 Revolution Service & Rolling Stones
 At the Hall
 5:00 Evening Worship Service

Monday, April 26
 Men's Morning Bible Study
 8:30 at the Hall

Tuesday, April 27
 "Ruth" Bible Study
 7:00 in the Choir Room

Wednesday, APRIL 28
 No Wednesdays@ORC
 Praise Team Practice

Thursday, April 29
 College and Career Moms in Prayer
 10:00 in the Lounge

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mom2Mom Spring Sale
 Saturday, May
 Church Parking Lot

Jars of Clay Summer Work Week
 Hardewyk CRC
 July 25 -30

Rolling Stones Work Week
 In the UP - June 13-20



Historical Note

Recently, Pastor Mike mentioned that the time for the evening worship service has changed over the years. By looking at the bulletin collection located in the Historical Room, we see that the first bulletins were printed in 1941 and that the evening meeting began at 7:30. In the late 1950's, the time was 7:00. This continued into the 1970's when the time was changed to 6:00. Some forty years later it was changed to 5:00. History was made in 2020 when the evening services were cancelled completely due to the Covid-19 virus. They were reinstated in February of 2021. If anyone is interested in more details, the old bulletins are available!

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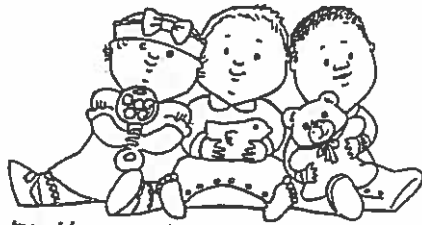
Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Grady and Sandy Kooiker who became grandparents of twins on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Abigail Jean Kooiker and William Alan Kooiker are the new children of Tim and Amy Kooiker. Abigail weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. William weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. The Kooikers also have a 3 year old daughter, Margaret. That makes 7 grandchildren for Grady and Sandy, 4 girls and 3 boys. They are getting anxious to be able to see them. Congratulations to all of you!



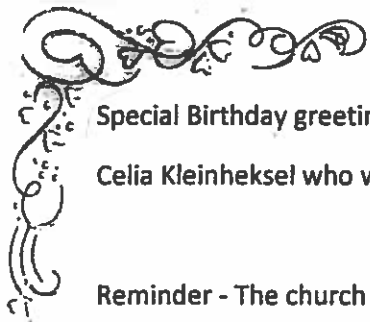
Congratulations to Jared Broekhuis and Paula Shields, who were married at Baypoint in Wayland on February 13, 2021. A reception followed.

They are the children of Chris and Nicole Broekhuis and Missi Broekhuis and Gordon and Colleen Shields of Cascade. Jared is the grandson of Marilyn Broekhuis and the late Lyle Broekhuis and Bill and Vicky Stickley.

Jared works for Broekhuis Brothers Well Drilling and Paula is a recruiter for the Army National Guard, presently working in Holland. They are establishing their home at 1607 W. 32nd Street in Holland.

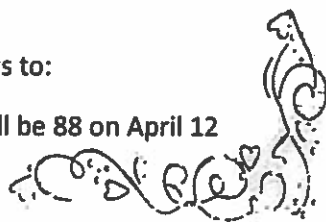


Congratulations to Maryn Taber and Foster Kooyers who were married at Overisel Reformed Church on March 6. The parents of the couple are Gregg and Audrey Taber of Irons, Angie and Matt Johnson of Holland, and Chris and Cindi Kooyers of Holland. Foster is also the grandson of Mary Kooyers. Pastor Ken Kleinheksel officiated and Linda Hemmeke provided the music. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville. Maryn is employed by Giiden Woods Childcare and Preschool; Foster is an engineer at Magna Mirrors. They are making their home at 671 East 13th Street, Holland, MI.



Special Birthday greetings to:

Celia Kleinheksel who will be 88 on April 12



Reminder - The church building will be locked every evening at 5:00 except Sundays and Wednesdays, when it will remain open until after that evening's activities. The church will be locked all day on Saturday. If you have scheduled a meeting on another day please let the office know so that we can make arrangements for you to get in.

Wednesdays@ORC met for the final time this spring on March 31. We hope to resume in the fall; hopefully with fewer restrictions.

The Ruth Bible Study begins on Tuesday, April 13 in the choir room at 7:00.

Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, April 20 to discuss the book "No Life for a Lady" by Agnes Cleaveland. This is part of the Women of the West series. Why not read it and come join in the discussion? We'll be in the choir room at 7:00.

Save the Date

We will be having a Spring Yard Clean-Up Day at Church on Saturday, April 17. More details coming.

Easter Sunrise Service – 6:50 – at the Hall

Hosted by Revolution We will meet in the field behind the Hall at 6:50 AM. Bring your own lawn chairs and dress for the weather. If there is rain, we will meet inside. We will serve coffee, juice, and pigs afterwards.

There will be no Revolution Service on Easter Sunday evening and no Jars of Clay on April 7 during Spring Break. Rolling Stones will have an

activity night from 6-7 on Sunday night, April 11—No Revolution Service.

Train Show –Jars of Clay Fundraiser April 23 and 24 in the Family Life Center. Please come and support our students.

Mom2Mom Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 in the church parking lot. A rain date is set for May 29. Save the date. More details soon.

Nursery to reopen. Volunteers needed!

The nursery committee is excited to announce the reopening of the nursery (hopefully on Sunday, April 11). We have families with little ones that would love to come back and worship in person more regularly but find it difficult without the nursery open. The following policies/guidelines to keep the children and helpers healthy and safe are as follows; no snacks will be given, nursery helpers will need to wear a mask (no youth helpers at this time), the temperature of children coming into the nursery will be taken and recorded, and toys will be cleaned each week. (We will be removing the harder to clean toys for the time being.) In order for us to open, we need your help! Adults (male or female) with a heart or caring and ministering to our youngest children are invited to help in the nursery (includes disinfecting toys for a few minutes after each service). Please fill out a form on the information table and return it in the "baby bag". If you have any questions, feel free to call Jessica Nagelkirk or Mary Lubbers.

Items and articles for the May issue of the Overisel Overview are due on Sunday, April 25. Please put items in the wooden marked Overview Articles located on the wall outside the church office, or email them to marciaimmink@yahoo.com Please put your name on anything you submit. Thank you.

Weather Cancellation Policy

Answers to the April game

1. Celia Kleinheksel
2. Mabel Zurita
3. Carl and Shirley Van Order
4. Tim and Carla Borr
5. Roger and Marcia Slotman
Cal and Jill Kroeze
6. Evan and Megan Dangremond
Jennifer and Hannah TenPas
Liz and Megan Dangemond
7. Kevin Kruienga, Tim Borr,
Chad Blaukamp, Dean Jipping, Tim
Boeve
9. Rebecca Laarman, Rebekah
Harrington
10. Glenda Peters
11. Dangremond-anniversary
birthdays-Liz, Travis, Megan, Evan
12. Bob Vanden Bosch
13. Hannah and Audrey Bronson
Zach and Ashley Postma
Travis, Megan and Evan Dangremond
14. Bob Vanden Bosch and Carl Van Order
15. Todd and Carrie Klaasen
16. Celia Kleinheksel, Rich Hoving

Answer to Puzzle:

"He is risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

Answers to the Kid's Page:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he is risen."

Luke 24:5-6

Answer to "Will It Grow?"

"But the seed on good soil stands or those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." Luke 8:15

The primary goals of the weather cancellation policy are:

To aid in the safety of the members by preventing unnecessary travel to Overisel in times of unsafe weather conditions, and To aid in the general understanding for the ORC members regarding when church activities will be cancelled due to severe weather.

The responsibility for cancelling church activities will rest with the weather committee made up of at least 3 members of the ORC family. The Vice President of the Consistory will serve on this committee and will generally serve as the Chair of this committee. The other members will be from different locations represented by the ORC family. Decisions regarding cancelling church activities will generally be made no less than 2.5 hours before the event begins – for example: by 7:00 on Sunday mornings or 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. This gives the praise teams enough time to know before they come to practice before the service. For Wednesday afternoons, due to food preparation considerations, and in keeping with the secretaries' work schedule, cancellations will generally be made by 2:00.

Weather cancellation notices will be sent via our Remind text message app and email, and will be posted on the ORC website, the ORC Facebook page, and local TV and radio stations.

In the event that Hamilton public schools are closed for afternoon classes due to severe weather, all church activities will be assumed to be canceled unless the affected church members are notified otherwise.

In the event that a tornado warning or watch is in effect within one hour of the beginning of a church activity will be cancelled. Other types of severe weather advisories will be considered by the Weather Committee on a case by case basis.

If the Weather Committee has decided to hold services during inclement weather,



2021 Consistory

Rev. Mike Pitsenberger

Pastor Ken Kleinheksel

Pastor Ty Hogue

Kevin Kruizenga

Elders

Loren Brouwer Zone 4

Dave Koopman, Clerk Zone 6

Jeff Snay Zone 9

Jerry Broekhuis Zone 8

*Ken Kreuze, V. Pres. Zone 3

Chris Postma Zone 1

Tim Boeve, Asst. V. Pres Zone 5

*Dave Jurries, Elder at Large Zone 2

John Zoet, Asst. Clerk Zone 7

Deacons

Dean Jipping Zone 2

Ryan Goodman Zone 4

*Nate Genzink, Chair of Deacons Zone 7

Mike Heavener, Benevolent Fund Treasurer Zone 5

Rob Flokstra, General Fund Treasurer Zone 6

Tim Borr Zone 9

Chad Blauwkamp Zone 1

*Matt Helmus, Asst. Chair of Deacons Zone 3

Mike Verkaik Zone 8

*Denotes members of Executive Team

Dirk Weeldreyer – Interim

Administrator

Date:	Nursery Lead/Mom	Helper
4/11/2021	Jessica Nagelkirk	Michelle Dozeman
4/18/2021	Jessica Nagelkirk	Krista Kleinheksel
4/25/2021	Mary Lubbers	Hannah Tenpas
5/2/2021	Emily Heavener	Gina Pitsenberger
5/9/2021	Kim Dalman	Aryn Machiela
5/16/2021	Ruth Verkaik	Joyln Smallegan
5/16/2021	Keri Boeve	Nicole Meyer
5/23/2021	Jessica Nagelkirk	Lee Lubbers
5/30/2021	Mary Lubbers	Laura Boeve

Nursery Schedule for April



Nursery Schedule for May



This Easter we enjoy the beautiful flowers at the foot of the cross.
The flowers were purchased in honor or memory of loved ones.

Donated by

Alden Barkel
Lloyd Becksvoort
Dawn Boeve
Tim & Jodi Boeve

Tim Borr Family
Deborah Bos

Jerry & LuAnn Broekhuis

Loren Brouwer
Jim & Jamie Bussis

Ken & Ruth Dannenberg
Brent, Kerri, Elliott, Clay, Ahmed DeWeerdt
Bob & Belva Dubbink

Dale & Marilyn Folkert

Laura Folkert
Terry, Amy & Tara Genzink

Jo Hoffman
Ty, Dawn, Ella & Megan Hogue
Linda Johnston

Dave Jurries Family

Gord & Laurel Kempkers
Celia Kleinheksel
Norma Kleinheksel

Robb, Krista, Paige, Lola, Silas Kleinheksel

In Honor/Memory of

Hester Barkel
Bonnie Becksvoort
Wayne Boeve
Wayne Boeve

Robert DeJonge
Linda Kleinheksel
Herk & Zona Bos
Doc & Joy Grysen

Hester Barkel
Connie Kleinheksel

Gerald & Frances Broekhuis
Grandparents
John & Judy Bussis

Justin & Margaret Dannenberg
Karin Lucas
Leslie Hoffman

Leon & Herena Dubbink
Ed & Henrietta Harmsen
Glenn & Minnie Folkert
Wallace Folkert

Julie Genzink
Leslie Hoffman
C. Ray Hogue

George Johnston
Leslie Hoffman
Alvin & Joan Folkert

Justin & Angeline Jurries
Judy Kempkers
Lloyd Kleinheksel

Norman Kleinheksel
Grandma Connie Kleinheksel

Great Grandma Hester Barkel

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Dave Koopman Family
Mary Kooyers
Ken & Sally Kreuze

Mitch, Amber, Azlan, McKoy Lohman
McDonald & Kooyers Families
Henry & Rose Moore

Jessica Nagelkirk
Brian Nyhof Family
Chris Postma Family

Juella Schrottenboer

Steve, Amy, Matt, Mikayla, Madison
Makenze Schrottenboer
Fran Slotman
Roger & Marcia Slotman

Phil & Cindy Sneller

Ruth Verkaik
Your family

In Honor/Memory of

Don & Caryl Koopman
Foster Kooyers
Jim & Orma Nyhof
Bert & Caroline Kreuze

Judy Kempkers
Paul Schaap
Jereen & Gladys

Jameson Mather
Ruth Saar

Kelly Fogerty
Rick Postma

Lloyd Schrottenboer,
Lloyd Schrottenboer Jr.,
Laurie Strowenjans

Dave Schrottenboer
Bill & Ruth Knoll
Paul Slotman

Raymond & Angeline Slotman
Henry & Hermine VanRhee
Alvin Sneller

Lois Genzink
Bill Serie

Carolyn Thomas
Alex

How well do you know your fellow church members?

The answers to these questions will all have birthdays or anniversaries in April.

Use the calendar for your eligible names.

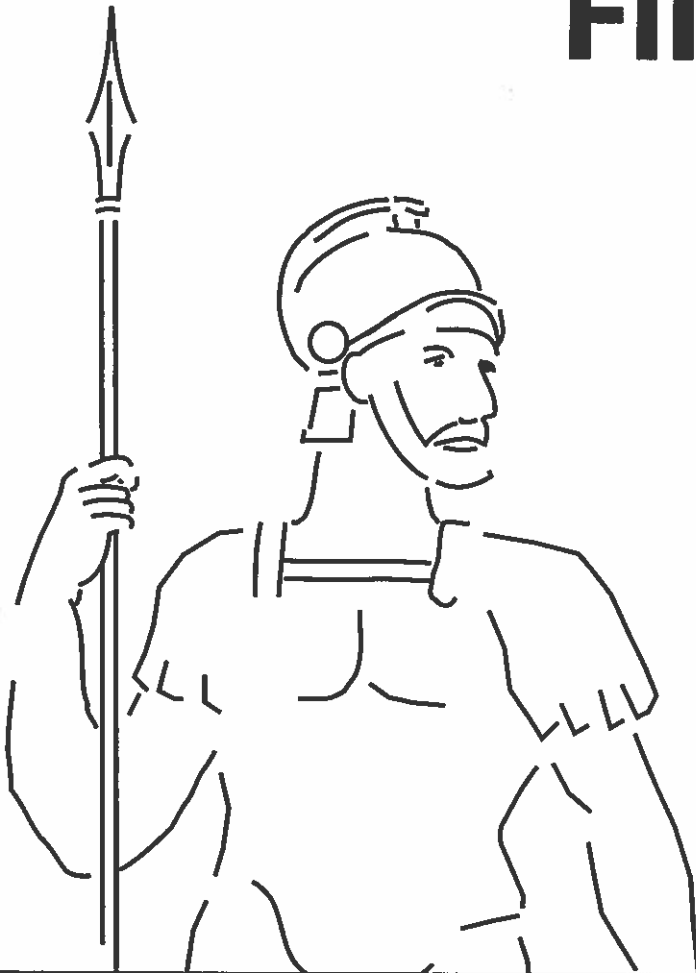
1. Who is the oldest church member born in April? _____
2. Who is the youngest church member born in April? _____
3. What couple married in April has been married the longest? _____
4. What couple married in April has been married the fewest years? _____
5. Do we have any couples married on the same day and year in April? _____
6. Do we have any twins born in April? _____
7. Name a mother and daughter both born in April. _____
8. Are there any consistory members who have birthdays or anniversaries in April? _____
9. Name someone with a April birthday who is a missionary or missionary spouse. _____
10. Name someone with an April birthday who directs the choir. _____
11. Name a couple with an April anniversary who has a child with an April birthday. _____
12. Name someone who used to raise sheep, flowers and vegetables. _____
13. Name siblings who have April birthdays. _____
14. Name 2 men who used to sing together often. _____
14. Which anniversary couple has the biggest family? _____

15. Who taught school for a long time? _____

Story Grid Fill-in

Centurion's Servant Healed

—Matthew 8



In this puzzle, color all the spaces containing letters needed to spell the word FAITH, and see the answer appear.

The centurion believed that Jesus could heal his sick servant with only a word! And Jesus saw that this man had great faith. Jesus hopes to see our faith in Him too.

E	K	C	Q	J	P	N	X	B	W	O	D	W	L	V	J	R	K	X	E	B			
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M	D	H	C	J	T	F	T	E	D	A	N	T	B	T	O	H	I	D	D	J	F	O	C
P	N	A	V	W	F	B	A	I	K	L	F	H	I	O	F	T	F	M	E	A	K	N	
C	K	R	D	B	G	L	P	J	M	E	G	C	K	Q	N	V	B	L	P	D			

Having faith means we _____ Jesus.

Parable of the Sower

—Luke 8



Will It Grow?

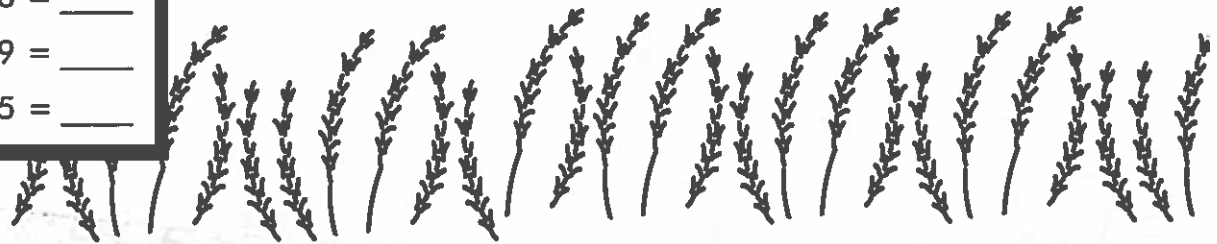
Add the numbers in the box to get the code number for each letter. Then solve the puzzle.

Farmers plant seeds in all types of soils. Fertilizer is used in order to grow a good crop. But the question is still there—will it grow? Christians spread the Word of God to all types of listeners. What is necessary for the seed of faith to grow in each person's heart?

- A 17+34 = _____
- B 28+44 = _____
- C 39+57 = _____
- D 16+65 = _____
- E 62+37 = _____
- F 41+38 = _____
- G 24+33 = _____
- H 47+29 = _____
- I 24+58 = _____
- L 41+25 = _____
- N 23+15 = _____
- O 29+49 = _____
- P 22+11 = _____
- R 55+34 = _____
- S 29+16 = _____
- T 44+26 = _____
- U 13+14 = _____
- V 23+68 = _____
- W 23+19 = _____
- Y 36+25 = _____

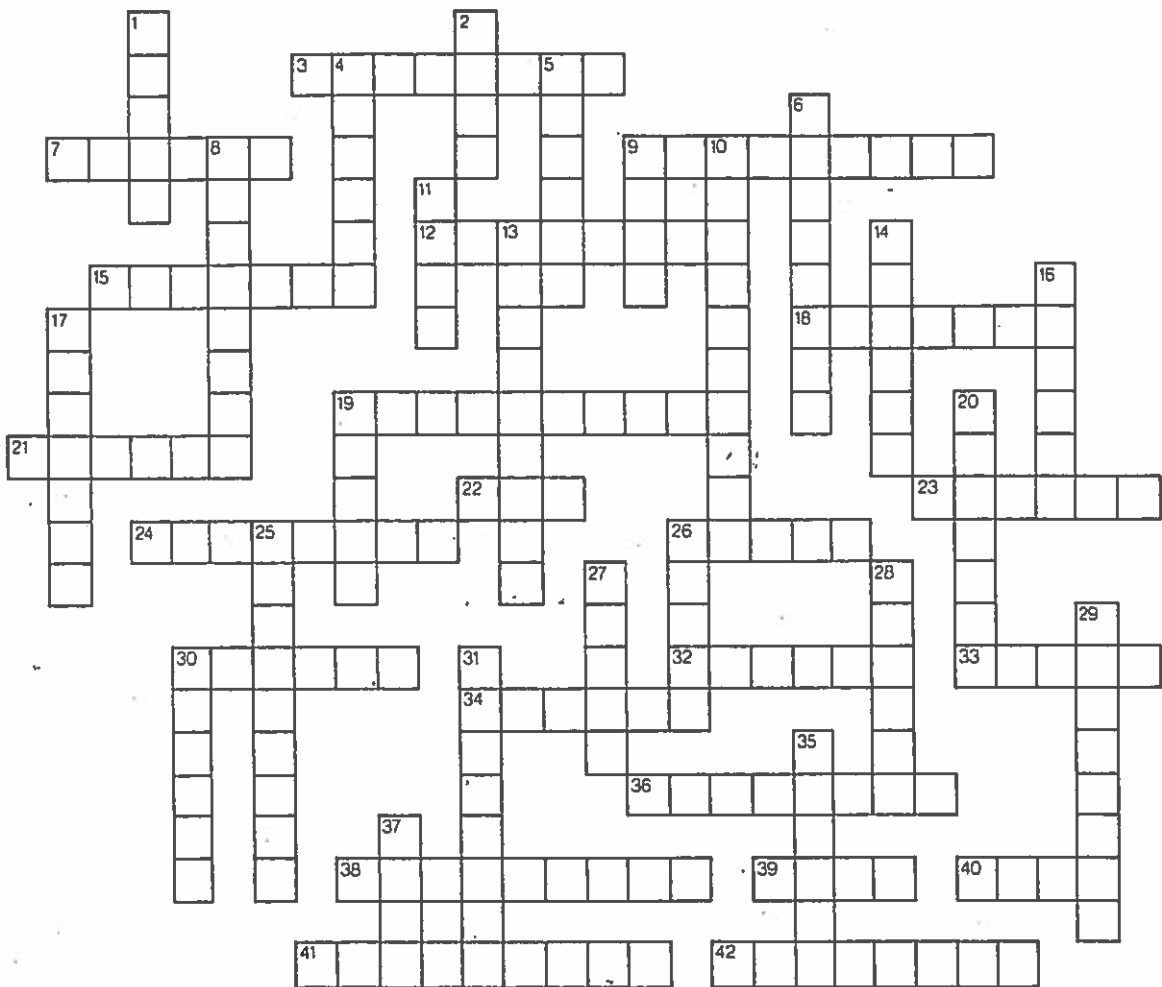
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The Book of Mark

People and Places of Passion Week -Mark 14 -16



DOWN

1. Opposite of man
2. _____ the Baptist
4. Thief
5. Elisha's master
6. Criminal released by Pilate
8. Follower of Jesus
9. Female servant
10. Garden of _____
11. Queen's husband
13. Where Peter denied Christ
14. Opposite of mother
16. Simon's city (who carried cross)
17. City where Christ went after resurrection
19. Disciple named Simon

20. Copiers of scripture
25. Joseph of _____
26. Brother of John
27. Opposite of free
28. Owner of slaves
29. Army men
30. Number of disciples
31. The mountain called the skull
35. Jesus _____
37. King of the _____

19. Palace
21. Pontius _____
22. Son of _____
23. High _____
24. Person from Jesus' home town
26. Who was crucified
30. Place of worship
32. Leaders of the church
33. Carried cross for Jesus

ACROSS

3. Captive
7. Protectors
9. Mary _____
12. Judas _____
15. Instructor
18. City of Simon the leper

34. Mount of _____
36. Guardian of sheep
38. Leader of 100 soldiers
39. Opposite of low
40. Not rich
41. Onlooker
42. Traitor



April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Easter 6:45 Easter Sunrise Service at the Hall - Bring a chair-Outside 9:30 Morning Service No Sunday School & Small Groups 5:00 No Revolution Service/RS 5:00 Evening Service-Sanctuary	5 Jodi Boeve Men's morning Bible Study No Evening Bible Study	6 Todd & Carrie Klaasen Ladies' AM Bible Study 9:30 in the Choir Room	3 Amamda Flokstra Hannah Tenpas Dean & Jill Jipping	1 Elhora Burton REBECCA LAARMAN Azlon Lohman Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 in the Sanctuary College/Career Moms in Prayer - 10:00 in Lounge	2 Travis Dangremond Good Friday Spring Break Begins	3 Amamda Flokstra Hannah Tenpas Dean & Jill Jipping
11 9:30 Morning Service No Sunday School, & Small Groups 5:00 Revolution Service/RS 5:00 Evening Service-Sanctuary	12 REBEKAH HARRINGTON Celia Kleinheksel Mary Mulder Men's am Bible Study School resumes Consistory	13 Adrianna Dekker Amy Genzink Ruth Bible Study 7:00 in the Choir room	7 Cal & Jill Kroeze Roger & Marcia Slotman NO Wednesdays@ORC Praise Band Practice	8 Chad Blauwkamp John De Neef College/Career Moms in Prayer - 10:00 in Lounge	9 Hannah Bronson Evan Dangremond Megan Dangremond Terry Genzink Earle Immink Bob Vanden Bosch	10
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SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

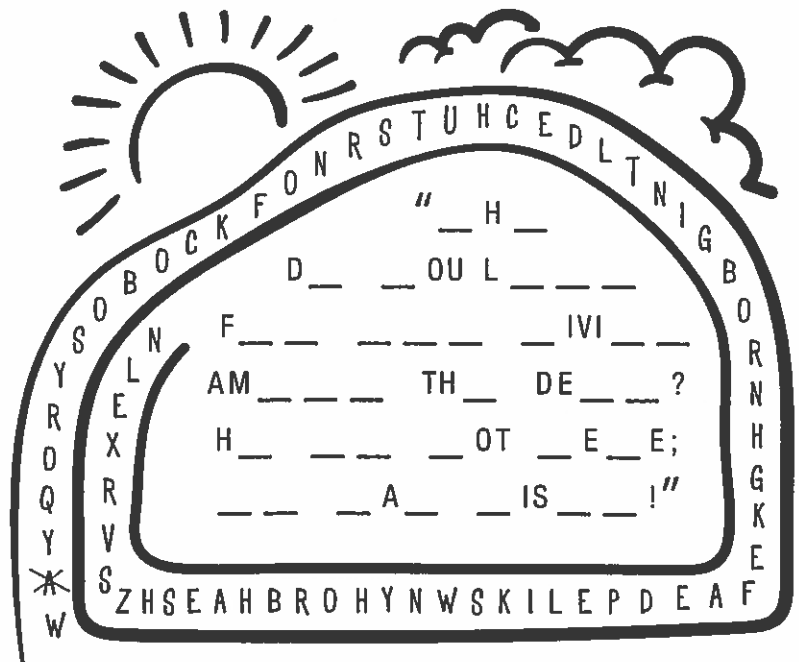
1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center – just like Jesus' empty tomb!



EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV



Share God's Word



April 2021

"Preparations for the Future"

2 Corinthians 5:2a – For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling.

I write this the day after receiving my second Covid vaccine. I felt no side effects until about 10-12 hours after getting the shot. Then I started to get full body aches and that lasted about 10-12 hours more, and after that I felt normal again. When my daughter, Carla, texted to ask how Nancee and I were doing I told her of the side effects I had experienced and she said that aches and tiredness were signs that my body was building its immune defense against the Covid virus. It was good to hear that the current pains and discomfort were preparing me for better things in the future when my body would have the immunity to fight off the virus and keep me healthy.

The verse above reminds me of that also. Here on this earth we go through many pains and discomforts because this world is not our eternal home. Romans 8 talks about this also when it says that the whole creation, and we ourselves, groan as we await the redemption of our bodies. In other words, we are not in our eternal dwelling place. There is a lot wrong and broken in this earth and all the systems that operate in it. But there also are glimpses of heaven along the way to remind us of what is to come when Christ returns and makes all things new. That's some of what the Holy Spirit does for us as a comforter and a counselor along life's way. We endure pain but he reminds us of better things to come and protects us from being completely defeated by the evil one.

It is my hope and prayer that someday soon we can get past this Covid virus stuff and return to full gatherings of family and friends. But the current limitations can also serve as a reminder of the great family gathering that is coming for the children of the Heavenly Father. We will again see those we have been separated from and the gathering will be eternal. The best is yet to come!

So let that reality bring you joy this April of 2021. When we are in the middle of a long term challenge we sometimes lose sight of the good things that are coming. And believe me, there are many good things to come, both in this world, and in the world to come.

God Bless you all and I'll see you on the journey!

Pastor Ken

"I will put salvation in Zion" (Isa. 46:13)

Dear friends,

Jesus Christ is alive! Today He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named" (Eph. 1:21).

With eyes of faith and hearts full of trust in God's infallible Scriptures, Christians rejoice in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ fill life with meaning. Because Christ arose, believers are no longer in their sins and will go to heaven when they die (1 Cor. 15:17-20); because Christ arose we will rise when Christ returns and live in a newly created heaven and earth (Jn. 11:24; Rev. 21:1); because Christ arose we will one day receive resurrection bodies that are imperishable and immortal (1 Cor. 15:53); because Christ arose, we will be reunited with loved ones who died in Christ (1 Thess. 4:13-14); and because Christ arose, He will wipe away every tear from our eyes and remove death, sorrow, and pain forever (Isa. 35:10; Rev. 21:4).

Every true Christian, in one degree or another, longs for their "blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Long before Christ conquered sin and death, God *said* that Christ would conquer sin and death. Take Isaiah 46:13 as one of many examples: "I will put salvation in Zion." Zion referred to the capital city of Israel, Jerusalem, and to the mountain upon which the city stood, and to some of the surrounding mountains as well (Ps. 125:2).

God said that He would one day put His salvation in Zion, and He did!

Consider, First of All, That God Put His Salvation in a Womb in Zion

The Bible says that Jesus was "born of a woman" (Gal. 4:4), and that Jesus was conceived within the womb of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit, and called "the Son of God" (Lk. 1:35).

God placed salvation in the womb of a young virgin in Zion! The union of deity and humanity in the person of Jesus Christ enabled Him to obey the Ten Commandments, to bear our sins on the cross, and to rise from the dead. The humanity of Christ is the reason our eyes will see Him when He returns (Rev. 1:7).

It's simply amazing to consider that God brought Jesus to earth in Zion through Mary's virgin womb.

Consider, Second of All, That God Put Salvation on a Cross in Zion

Scripture teaches in multiple places that Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross. Pointing to His Messiah, King David writes, "They have pierced my hands and feet" (Ps. 22:16). Thomas declared that unless he saw "the mark of the nails" (Jn. 20:25) he would never believe. And Jesus cried out, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (Jn. 12:32).

God put salvation on a cross in Zion because "it was the will of the Lord to crush him" (Isa. 53:10)! The Bible teaches that Jesus was "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" and "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23).

Let's praise God for His plan of salvation! No human being could ever have imagined such a method of salvation. No human mind could ever have thought of such a humbling and marvelous way to rescue humanity from the dungeon of sin and death. Right now, people "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev. 7:9) are worshipping Jesus Christ in heaven because God placed salvation on a cross in Zion.

Oh, rejoice dear Christian friend – your sins were forgiven at Calvary! If you confess your sins, God is faithful and just to forgive you your sins, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 Jn. 1:9).

Consider, Third of All, That God Put Salvation in a Tomb in Zion

The Bible wants you to know that Jesus "was buried . . . in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:4). Jesus referred to this when He said, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights *in the heart of the earth*" (Matt. 12:40).

Mark is careful to state in his gospel that Joseph of Arimathea "wrapped [Jesus] in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled the stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses *saw where he was laid*" (Mk. 15:46-67). Mark wanted his readers to know that the ladies knew exactly where Jesus' mortal body had been placed, and that they didn't go to the wrong tomb on Sunday morning.

Oh, rejoice that God put salvation in a tomb in Zion! The burial of Jesus Christ focuses our attention on Jesus' humble servanthood and on His willingness to die for His people. Jesus' burial also reminds us that He truly died a real human death, and that God the Father honored His beloved Son with a dignified burial.

"How can salvation be in a tomb?" someone might ask. "Isn't a tomb a place of death and decay? Surely this idea is mistaken."

Ah, my friend. That's exactly the point. A cemetery is where *dead* people are placed, and God wants you to see that Jesus' tomb of death is also a tomb of hope. Perhaps you are an unbeliever. You scoff at the resurrection of Jesus Christ and view Him as merely a religious teacher-philosopher who taught the moral imperative of love.

If this is your take on Jesus, you have swallowed one of the oldest lies of the past 2000 years. Jesus, God's Son, went to the cross and died on the cross. Jesus' cold corpse was then taken down and placed in a tomb. Everybody knew that Jesus had died. People saw the crucifixion. They saw the sword plunge into His side (though He was already dead). And the women saw Jesus' limp body buried.

What further evidence do you need to believe that Jesus didn't faint? The truth of Scripture and the truth you must embrace today is that Jesus, dead as dead could be, could not remain dead because He was innocent before God of all sin. He bore our sin, to be sure. But Jesus Himself was blameless. This is why we read that "it was not possible for [Jesus] to be held by [death]" (Acts 2:24). You see, death could not hold Jesus Christ because He possessed "the power of an indestructible life" (Heb. 7:16). Jesus' sinless and innocent earthly life picked the lock of death and set Him free on the third day. No wonder the apostle Peter announced that we have been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Pt. 1:19).

Consider, Fourth of All, That God Put Salvation in Zion before the Eyes of Over 500 Believers

In 1 Corinthians 15:6 we read these glorious words: "Then [Jesus] appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep."

"I will put salvation in Zion" promised God centuries before Christ was born. Then, in the fullness of time, God put salvation in a womb, on a cross, in a tomb, and then *before the eyes of multitudes*.

Oh, hundreds of people saw Jesus alive after He died. Hallelujah! Glory, glory, glory! Our Savior is alive, and the evidence is unassailable! Read Psalm 110:7 with New Testament eyes and your heart will throb with hope: "He will drink from the brook by the way (Christ's humble humanity); therefore he will lift up his head" (Christ's powerful resurrection). And listen to Isaiah 53:10: "He (Jesus) shall see his offspring (believers) and prolong his days (because of His resurrection)."

Right now God is putting His salvation before *you*. Every church steeple, every gathered congregation on Sunday, every Christian radio station, and countless universities and hospitals, along with modern medicine and the Judeo-Christian foundations of Western civilization bear witness to Jesus Christ and His work in Zion.

Pay attention, as well, to how Christians live and how they die – with hope, joy, and peace. Why does Christianity and its rhythms of life continue in spite of "mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment" (Heb. 11:36)? Why are believers in Jesus Christ willing to die for the name of Jesus (Acts 21:13)? Why are young children in faraway countries confessing Jesus and unwilling to renounce His name when threatened with death in non-Christian lands? Why are Christians willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus in 2021?

There is only one answer. God is using every day of life to prepare Christians to enter their eternal rest and live forever in the presence of *the risen Lamb of God who took away their sin*.

The only thing left to consider is this: Do you see God's salvation? Do you recognize Jesus Christ as the Savior of sinners like you? Have you thought about your eternal state? Are you willing to repent of your sin and place true, sincere faith in Jesus Christ? Don't let another Good Friday and Easter Sunday pass without trusting Christ to save you. Time is short, eternity is unending. Heaven is forever, and so is hell. Why would you wait another moment to give your life to Christ?

Once you place your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you will join the ranks of countless millions of Christians over the centuries that declare these beautiful words:

Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?
(1 Cor. 15:54-55)

Indeed, God has put salvation in Zion. I plead with you to take hold of Jesus Christ and His eternal life today.

Pastor Mike

Cultivating kindness



Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Egg-stra Facts

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard boiling eggs in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In Medieval times, churches held egg throwing festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the Paas Dye Co. sells more than 10 million coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds—more than an elephant.



When God giggles

More churches lately have been resurrecting (pardon the pun!) the early-church tradition of celebrating the second Sunday of Easter as Holy Humor Sunday, affirming the season's joy. Need some jokes for April 11? Try these:

- Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.
- Knock knock. *Who's there?* Hatch. *Hatch who?* God bless you!
- What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? *Eggs-ercise!*
- Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? *It might crack up!*
- An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So *that's* why no one was in church today."



Encourage wonder

For a new perspective on Bible accounts you've heard over and over, play "I Wonder" with children and adults alike. Similar to "I Spy," it encourages a deeper dive into familiar passages. Simply explore ideas that aren't detailed in the Bible, starting with the phrase "I wonder." For example:

- I wonder if any Roman soldier was standing in the back not mocking Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31). If so, what was he thinking as others threw about insults?
- I wonder how long it took Joseph of Arimathea to cut his own tomb out of the rock (Matthew 27:57-60). What did he think about as he worked?
- The day after Jesus' ascension, I wonder which disciple spoke first at breakfast — and what he said.

Scholars may have chimed in on some of these ponderings, but there's likely no right answer. Playing "I Wonder" can help you slow down to really pay attention and experience more of a Bible passage — especially one you seem to know by rote.

Add meaning to this year's Easter celebration by letting your wonder wander during Holy Week. Then continue the practice whenever you're eager to gain new insights on the "old, old story ... of Jesus and his love."

—Janna Firestone

A grand entrance

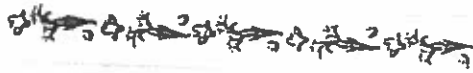


Decades ago, as English actress Gertrude Lawrence waited behind the curtain for a play to begin, the queen upstaged her by arriving at the royal box to much applause. "What an entrance," Lawrence remarked, to which her friend, playwright Noel Coward, replied, "What a part!"

Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts of "Hosanna!" But worldly glory and fame weren't his intent. Instead, our Lord knew that his Father had prepared a sacrificial role for him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair and death awaited — but that he must endure it all to fulfill prophecy for humanity's sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced a few short days later. Yet each event during Holy Week represents victory — for Jesus as well as for his beloved children.

Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The Savior has come. What an entrance! What a part!



Believing in

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it's more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn't have to know the precise roads to Grandma's house; he only needs to believe *in* his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief *in* the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L'Engle (*The Rock That Is Higher*): "The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid."



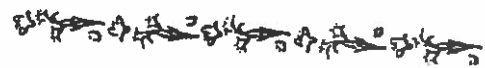
It's about us

Matuor Dot Alier is a social worker in North Dakota. A long, difficult journey — and the memory of his grandfather's words — brought him from a childhood in Africa to his life today.

Alier fled with his brother and thousands of other youths when Sudanese soldiers attacked South Sudan. The children walked hundreds of miles with little food or water to a refugee camp in Ethiopia. In 2006, Alier and his brother arrived in Philadelphia, where they were sponsored and supported by a Lutheran church. Upon moving to Fargo some years later, Alier helped start a church where people who had survived war, displacement and other traumas could find healing, joy and love.

"My grandfather used to say, 'I cannot be whole unless everyone is whole,'" Alier shares. "I use this saying a lot to help me stay in a close relationship with others. It means that we need each other's support to survive and thrive. I don't want to be the only one doing well if others aren't doing well. It's not just about me — it's about us."

—adapted from *Living Lutheran*



Tying together the Testaments

In most non-English-speaking nations, the holy day of Easter is known by a word derived from the Hebrew word for Passover: *Pesach*. In Greek, it's *Pasch*; in Latin, *Pascha*; in Spanish, *Pascua*; and in French, *Paques*.

Each spring, Jewish people observe the Passover festival to commemorate how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. The Christian observance of the Lord's Supper (the Eucharist, Holy Communion or the Lord's Table) originated with Jesus sharing the Passover Seder meal with his disciples the night Judas betrayed him. Jesus connected the exodus story with his own mission: becoming a "Paschal Lamb" to save his people from the slavery of sin and its consequences.

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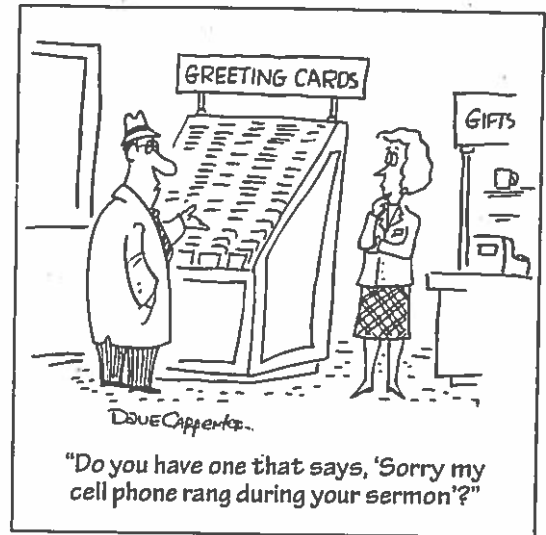
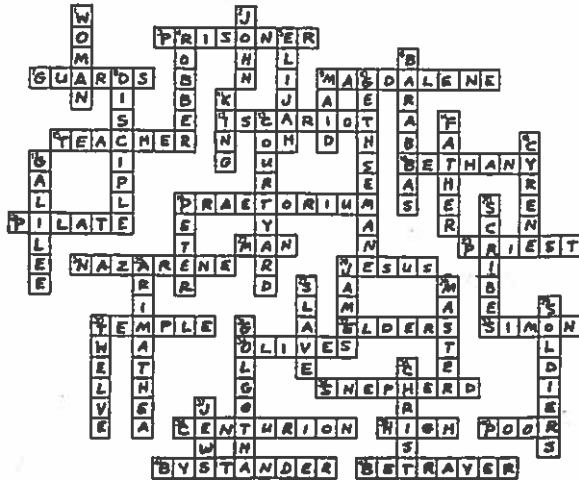
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