



# The Shepherd's Voice

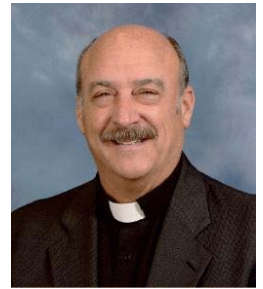
March 2024

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

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Five years ago this past December 1<sup>st</sup>, I became your Pastor. It was the beginning of a wonderful journey with our Lord and the Good Shepherd family. Now it is time for me to share with you some words about our future.

As you know, my first career was in sales and service. I answered the call to ordained ministry and completed my seminary training in 1998. In the following 26 years, my ministry started in a two-point call in Greensburg, Indiana. From there, God led me to West Jefferson, Ohio. As Michael's senior year of high school was winding down, I was led to Tucson, Arizona, and in 2011, God led me to Ormond Beach, Florida where I served prior to coming here.

After much prayerful consideration over the past year, it is time for me to transition into retirement from full-time ministry. My last Sunday leading worship will be July 28, 2024, with my last day in the office being July 31, 2024.

As I reflect on the last five years, words are not adequate to express the joy, blessing, comfort, and support you have been to Linda and me. And, you were with us through Michael's health challenges for which we are deeply grateful.

I realize this may seem sudden to you. Let us not look back, but forward. I pray that God will in his time bless this church with a new Pastor. As I look ahead, I am excited at the opportunity of being more available to my family, going fishing, and enjoying time off! I know the Holy Spirit will

continue to guide my path. In the meantime, we will remain in Citrus County while Linda continues her work at ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lecanto. And, as you all know, we are blessed with a fine team of deacons and a council who will help the congregation in this transition with the aid of our synod staff.

I leave you this month with this verse from Philippians 4:6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Pastor Dennis



# Church Council News



The Council took the following actions:

- Approved replacing the battery backup for the two computers in the Media Center.
- Approved purchase of concrete table with three benches using interest from the Enduring Gifts. Placement will be in the courtyard.
- Approved a building use request for the WELCA speaker program on May 24 from 1 – 4 p.m.
- Recognize May 26th as Rachel's Day.
- Approved a building use request for the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby on March 2nd.
- Approved Deacons Bonomo and Mainster to serve their internships at Good Shepherd. This would need to be approved by the Florida Bahamas Synod.
- Approved a signup sheet for volunteers to assist at the PGA Valspar Championship to benefit Serving Our Savior (SOS).
- Approved a reverse Lenten calendar to collect food and/or donations to benefit SOS. *Editor's Note: See Deacon Bob's note on page 11.*



## Executive Council Meeting

March 7th @ 9:30 AM

## Council Meeting

March 14th @ 3:00 PM



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."



## Council President's Message

Since becoming the Council President in January, I have had the opportunity to attend most of the committee meetings. One thing I have heard consistently is all of the committees need volunteers. The one committee with the most urgent need is the **Fellowship Committee**. One of the major duties of this committee is the setting up of snacks and making coffee for all of us to enjoy after worship service. The way the committee is currently operating is for one group to set up everything before worship service and another group then pours the coffee and cleans up afterwards. While historically the ladies have taken care of these duties, it is not gender specific. Men are strongly encouraged to sign up as a volunteer. While we did have some recent new signups we are still critically short of the folks we need. I think we all can agree that we do not want to see our coffee hour end, but that is how critical it is. Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer. To sign up please email or call Elaine Giammasi at [egiammasi@gmail.com](mailto:egiammasi@gmail.com) or (352) 527-8706.

Peace be with you,

Joe



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## Bible Quiz

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What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples – twice – when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"





*Stewardship is living  
out our commitment  
to Christ.*

## Applying Bible Principles

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: “But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.”

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we “. . . strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: “God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, God instructs us to put him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money.”

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God’s rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance his kingdom and his righteousness?

*Tom Stickler, Stewardship*

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FOR GOD  
has not given us  
a Spirit of fear  
but of  
POWER  
LOVE  
& self-discipline.  
2 Timothy 1:7

## ***Is Jesus calling you to serve? Bear Fruit for Jesus!***

A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex. We need many helping hands to carry out the mission of our church.

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### ***Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange.***

It is neither inherently good nor evil. “But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

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Make sure that your character  
is free from the love of money,  
being content with what you have;  
for He Himself has said,



***“I will never desert you,  
nor will I ever abandon you.”***

Hebrews 13:5, NASB

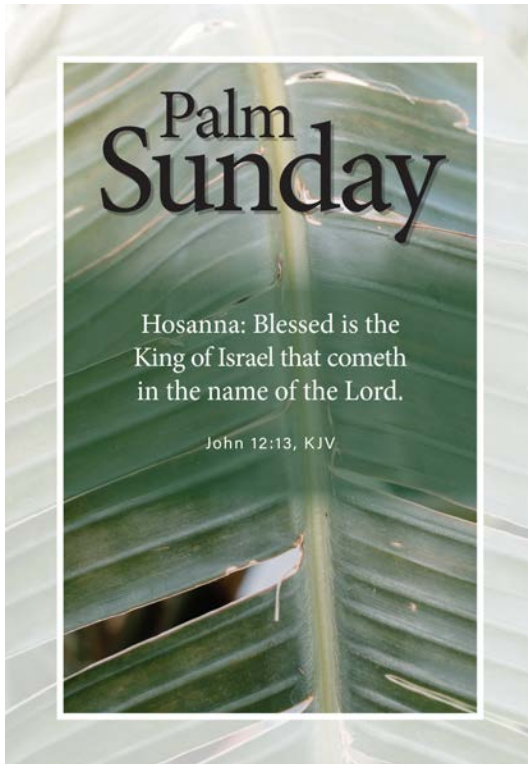
# WELCA NEWS

*As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

The WELCA Board will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 11AM. On Wednesday, March 13, Lynn Bechdolt will lead the circle Bible study in discussing Scripture and nature: 'Teachers of Faith' from the *Gather Magazine* (January/February 2024). All women are welcome.

**Beginning in April, the circle Bible study will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1 pm.**

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader



*Worship begins in Courtyard*

**10:00AM  
March 24th**



**Holy Week**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday**  
March 29th  
6:30 PM

**Good Friday**  
March 29th  
NOON

**Easter Sunday**  
March 31st  
10:00 AM



## Adopt a Highway Program

Our next Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick-up will be Saturday, March 2nd. We will meet at the church at 8 AM and expect the pick-up to take 1.5-2 hours. Thanks to a Thrivent Grant, this month we will have new pickers, new trash bags, more buckets, and new Thrivent t-shirts! Come and experience the fellowship while we clean up a 2 mile portion of Norvell Bryant Highway. If you have any questions, email Linda Koch at [LCK1164@gmail.com](mailto:LCK1164@gmail.com) or text/call 386-589-4727.

In addition, our group is in search of a new coordinator. If you are interested, Linda can fill you in on the responsibilities each quarter.

## Thrivent Choice

*The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed their months Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.*

Joseph E Baker  
Lois L Johnston  
Linda C Koch  
Betty D Sanger  
Anne R Storan

## Social Ministry



  
**Publix**  
**Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**  
  
**John & Sandy Spencer**



MARCH 2024

## Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)



SOS is in dire need, due to the lack of funds to pay for groceries to feed everyone on a weekly basis. The number of families increases daily. During this Lenten Season, instead of giving up something please give in the form of a donation. Please make your check payable to “S.O.S.”

OR

One item that has become expensive and is in high demand from SOS is canned soup. They cannot seem to get enough of a supply of canned soup. Please bring in ANY kind or ANY make of canned soup only.

Let's start on Ash Wednesday. Cans may be placed in the Food Share Box in the fellowship hall.

*PSALM 24:1-6* reminds us that each of us are stewards and everything we have belongs to God. You manage it, but you do not own it. Your responsibility is to use what God has entrusted to you so it will bring a profitable return. In turn, blessings from our God come for your stewardship based your profitable use of what God entrusted to your care.

Blessings and Peace be with you,  
Deacon Robert





We will next meet WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.

We will continue to make teddy bears for Citrus County baby shower. We have a wash cloth version to assemble - no sewing needed; and a fabric version to cut out to be sewn and stuffed..

We received a new supply of pillow cases. We can assemble pillowcase dress kits. We have precut bias and elastic for these. So there is something for all to work on. Some are working on Pocket Prayer cloths.

We thank the Pastor, the Deacons, and the Eucharistic Ministers for delivering the felt Valentine pockets to our shut-ins. This month we will be addressing Easter cards for the shut-ins.

Thanks also to Pat Howard who made several more prayer shawls. Several have been given to people in rehab. We received a large donation of yarn and craft supplies from Gerry Kauth. Contact me if you need 4-ply yarn. She made beautiful granny square lap robes. We have directions for other knitting or crocheting patterns for lap robes also. If you know of someone who could use a shawl or lap robe, please call me.

Look forward to seeing you this month.

Maggie Bregger  
352-860-2215

## Property/Security

This is to all people of GSLC, when leaving the building please check to see that the door is **closed behind you**, especially if you are the last one or only one exiting the building.

Like when you leave your home.

**PLEASE  
CLOSE  
DOOR  
WHEN LEAVING**

# Worship and Music

March 5th @ 1 PM - Meeting

See page 7 for Worship Services



**\$12 Easter Lily**

**\$17 Hydrangea**

*Envelopes are in the Narthex. Please only take an envelope if you are going to purchase a plant.*

# Health Ministry



*Health Ministry*

Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings after worship. **See you March 17th.**



WE KNOW THAT *All Things*  
work together for good  
FOR THOSE WHO ←  
→ LOVE *God*  
- ROMANS 8:28

**CHURCH CLOSED**  
Presidential Preference Primary  
Election  
**March 19th**

**Supper @ 5:30 PM**

Followed by Worship

March 6th, 13th, & 20th

## Fellowship

Our next month's Fellowship Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:30 PM in one of the classrooms. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

The agenda for this meeting will be the continuation of our Lenten Pot Luck suppers for March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th menus and a possible Easter brunch. Lenten suppers begin at 5:30 and worship begins at 6:30. We encourage our church members to sign up on the clip boards in the Narthex so that we may have food available for all who attend.

Join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats. We are always looking for new items to share.

We have new sign-up sheets for additional helpers to set up, serve and help with clean up after coffee hour. If you are available and would like to give 1 hour of your time before or after worship, please see me. New helpers will be given a tour of the kitchen and there will always be someone there to guide you. Thank you for considering!

Elaine Giammasi



“For where two or three are  
*gathered in my name,*  
 there am I among them.”

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

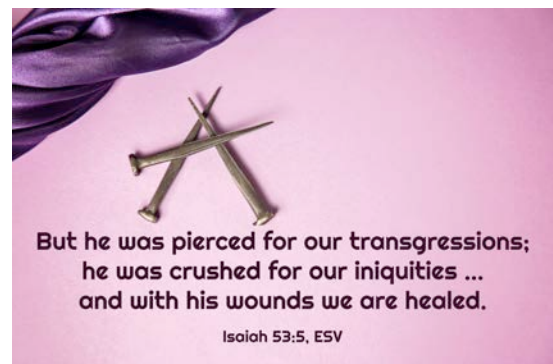




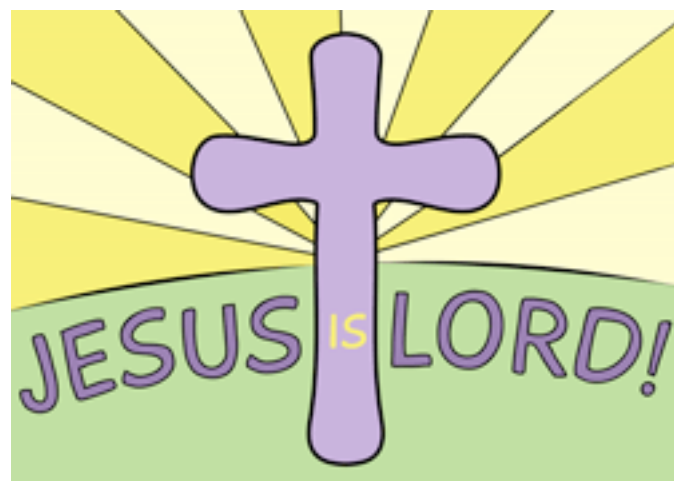
# Special Dates



- 1 - World Day of Prayer
- 10 - Daylight Saving Time begins
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 19 - Spring/Presidential Primary
- 24 - Palm Sunday
- 28 - Maundy Thursday
- 29 - Good Friday
- 31 - Easter



# Vote



**Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM**  
 Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe



Wednesdays @ 9 AM  
**A Time for Prayer**

**First Thursday @ Noon**  
 Lunch @ Angelotti's

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	2 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
3 10 A Worship Sunday School	4 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	5 11 A - WELCA Board Meeting  1P - Worship & Music Meeting 6:00P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	6 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	7 7:30 A- SOS  9:30 A Executive Council	8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	9 
10 10 A Worship Sunday School	11 1:30P Fellowship Meeting	12  6:30P - Bells	13 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00 P - WELCA Circle Bible Study  6:30P -Worship	14 7:30 A - SOS  3:00 P Council	15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	16 
17 10 A Worship 	18	19 <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b> Presidential Primary Election 	20 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 5:30P- Dinner 6:30P - Worship	21 7:30A - SOS 	22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	23
24  10 A	25	26 6:30P - Bells	27 7:30A-SOS 10:00A - Craft n Share 11:00A - Bible Study	28 7:30A - SOS 6:30P- Worship 	29 NOON Worship 	30
31 10A - Worship 					OFFICE CLOSED  Good Friday	14

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Deacon Rick & Pat Mainster

03/07/1983

Joe & Stephanie Adams

03/17/2007

Marty & Judy McMahon

03/27/1981



2 - Lois Lenhart  
Tom Stickler

15 - John Fischer  
Cara Stickler

27 - Louise Osborn

4 - Wendy Wolber

18 - Nicholas Schenk

28 - Sandra Kampschroer

6 - Betty Sanger

20 - Tom Fowler

29 - Ted Seefeld

9 - Jake Bahner

23 - Diane Meltesen

30 - Phyllis Powell  
Jillian Swartz

14 - Carol Chacon  
Ann Serafin

25 - Glenna Wagner

*He is not here;  
he has Risen!*

*Luke 24:6*



**Let us remember:**

Bendtsen, Elin	Fowler, Bob	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Mongardi, Eloise
Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Giamassi, Elaine	Lauer, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Goetter, Lisbeth	Lawrence, Ivalee	Pawelko, Diane
Cashman, Dan	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lepore, Linda	Peterson, Gloria
Clark, Dawn	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Masters, Leith	Wagner, Carole
Costa, Denise	Jimenez, Jeanette	Meltesen Family	Whitcomb, Ray
Drennen, Rose & Family	Johnson, Carol Lee	Miles, Ilse	Wildman, Joe

**Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:**

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Moll, Bob	Lowe, Faye	Philipp, Dick
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**All who serve our country in the military:**

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
Day, Kenneth	McCann, Jim	Swain, Jr., Terry
Harrington, Bryan	Miller, Tyler	Thomas, Peter Chris
Heinz, Karinne	Much, Jason	Thompson, David
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Timpe, Chris
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymicheal	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Campano, Thomas	Fratto, Joseph	Kraft, Carter
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Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Bluver, Linda & son	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Blyth, Ruby	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Graves, Janice &Declan	Loftin, Tracy
Brugger, Tristan	Farmer, Tom	Hertel, Karl	Longworth, Kathy
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fidwell, Eloise	Iudiciani, Georgia	Lublemon family
Cahoone, Bill	Fowler family	Johnson, Jim	Lundsford, Victoria



Magnotta family	Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wells, Emmarie
Magrum, Corbin	Pufahl, Jean	Smrdel, Louis	Wierzel, Rosalee
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Queen, Max	Smrdel, Terri	Williams, Dorothy
McHugh, Mark	Rajotte, Keith	Stewart, Sam	Wilson, Karen
Meidl, Nancy	Ralph, Bruce	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Mena, Steve	Rambaldini, Jim	Thatcher, Jean	Wolff, Jack
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Reiner, Linda	Thompson, Lori	Wood, Harper
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Traywick, Edward	Woods, Donna Jean
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Tuegel, Chuck	Woolf, Nick
Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Vespa, Hazel	Wright, Matthew
Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Welch, George	

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

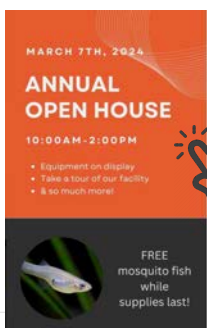
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**ALL** submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com). If you are interested in learning or need a refresher of symbols of Easter, click the lamb in this newsletter.

Remember, you can now donate online on the website with a QR code or by clicking the button. See the next page for links.

*Stephanie*

March deadline is **March 16th.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY**

Susan Fowler

**USHERS**

**10:00**

**March 3th & 10th**

Dan & Linda Cashman

+

Stephanie Adams

**March 13th, 17th, & 31st**

Gladys Kean

Lois Lenhart

Dennis Moore

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman



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**March 3th**

Marty Zacharczyk

**March 6th**

Tom Kranauer

**March 10th**

Shelly Fortin

**March 13th**

Linda Koch

**March 17th**

Ginny Godpadze

**March 20th**

John Giammasi

**March 24th**

Brenda Landfried

**Maundy Thursday**

Sharon Maxwell

**Good Friday**

Martie Zacharczyk

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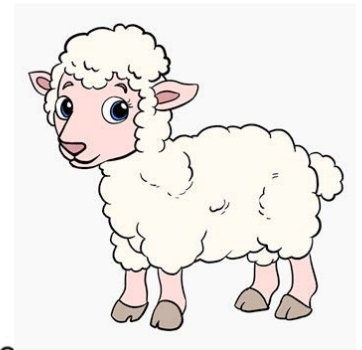
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NEWSLETTER

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# Kid's Corner



Click me



Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

**What you need:**

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY

	= God		= grow
	= seed		= one
	= planted		= anything
	= watered		= only

I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,  
 but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_,  
 but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, grow, God, grow, God, grow, God, grow, only, anything, one, one, one, one, grow, God, grow, watered, seed, planted, only, God, grow



# EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Make

your own design on these eggs. Then color them!

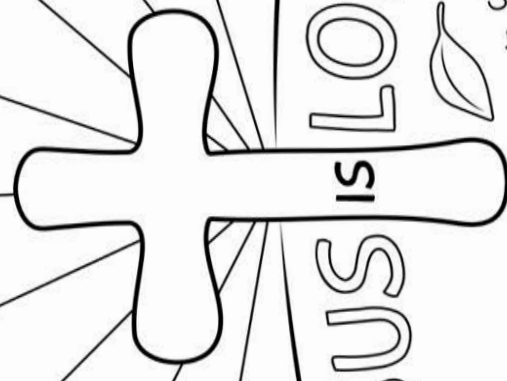


## DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

# LORD!

# JESUS



# HAPPY EASTER!

You can have new life too!

Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU C 3 15 14 6 5 19 19 WITH YOUR

MOUTH THAT 10 5 19 21 19 IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN

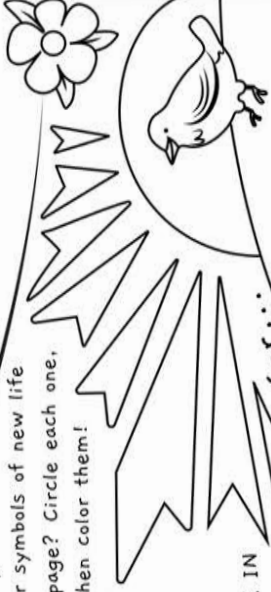
YOUR 8 5 1 18 20 THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE

DEAD, YOU WILL BE 19 1 22 5 4 "

ROMANS 10:9, ESV

Can you find

9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!



He is not here, for...

## HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

Use the grid to draw the other side!

