

The Redeemer Revelation

April 2024

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4330 Crow Road, Beaumont TX
77706



The joy of Jesus

The joy that Jesus offers his disciples in his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine give that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, Lifesigns



PRAYERS FOR SICKNESS AND OTHER CONCERNS...

Victoria Werbisky (daughter of Michael Smith)

Joyce Marks

Continued prayers for Redeemer through the CALL Process

Pastor Harkey

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

DEATHS...

Raymond Jones (former member)

SHUT-INS...

Doris Fouts

Mark Turner

To request a prayer on the Prayer Chain please contact:

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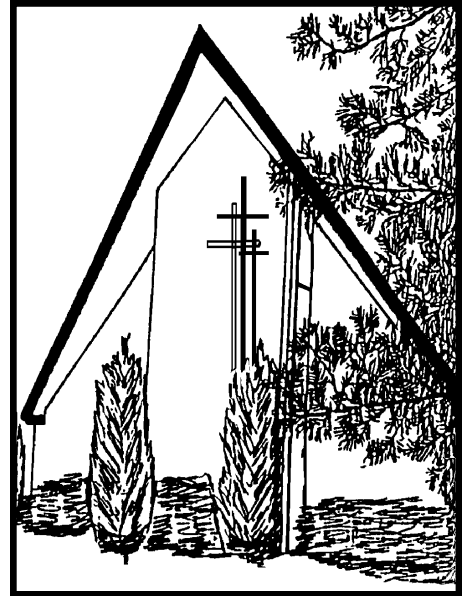


2024 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY	2 9 am Crafty Christians 11:30 am Sack Lunch Bunch	3 10 am RLCC Chapel 6 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED STEPHEN MINISTRY RETREAT @ CAMP LONE STAR APRIL 5-7, 2024	6
7 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Contemporary Worship Pastor David Bahn Lunch at Luby's	8	9 9 am Crafty Christians 5:30 pm RLCC Board Meeting	10 10 am RLCC Chapel	11	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Traditional Worship/Communion Pastor David Bahn	15	16 9 am Crafty Christians	17 10 am RLCC Chapel 6 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED 6 pm Yahtzee	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Contemporary Worship FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Pastor James Menke	22	23 9 am Crafty Christians	24 10 am RLCC Chapel	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Traditional Worship/Communion Pastor Stephen Sohns	29	30 9:30 am Crafty Christians Group: Roses/Jason's Deli				

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MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS

Dylan Elizabeth Ann Meredith—Infant Baptism, March 24, 2024

GIFTS RECEIVED

Alfrieda Koehnen, gift toward Landscaping Fund in memory of Lloyd Koehnen

DIRECTORY UPDATES

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR CARE ... Ann Holt

ORGANIST ... (14) (28)

COUNTER ... Roxanna Aydelotte

ELDER ... Michael Smith

READERS ... (7) Jim Costello (14) Courtney Aydelotte (21) Kelly Holman-Smith (28) Richard Blake

USHERS ... (7) Lance Smith (14) Michael Standley (21) Ted Mitchell (28) Terry Rodeheaver

GREETERS ... (7) Richard & Liz Blake (14) Camrin & Jennifer Koenig (21) Janice Wilson; Glenda Letsinger (28) Alfrieda Koehnen; Michael Lohr

SPECIAL DATES THIS MONTH

- Administrative Professionals Day, April 24

Birthdays

April 3	Karon Huebel	April 11	Will Matlock
April 4	Chandler Pileggi	April 19	Janice Wilson
April 5	Angie Hayden	April 21	Stephanie Blalock; Shelby Tyus
April 8	Kaylee Leviner	April 26	Berith Kelm
April 9	Dave Sanders	April 27	James Wolff; Lisa Kattelman
April 10	Diane Falb; Adrianna Pierce		

Wedding Anniversaries



April 16	Jeff & Karon Huebel (25 yrs)
April 19	Dave & Wanita Sanders (39 yrs)
April 25	George & Rose Outlaw (37 yrs)

Baptismal Birthdays

April 1	Adam Pileggi
April 2	Wanita Sanders; Christina Williams; Aasyn Copeland; Sophia Frugia; Alex Bryan
April 4	Raleigh Cunningham; Harry Wilson
April 12	Roxanna Aydelotte
April 17	Richard Blake
April 19	Margaret Hamilton
April 27	James Wolff
April 28	Bailey Smith
April 30	Janice Wilson



SACK LUNCH BUNCH




If you enjoy some good Christian fellowship ... come join the **Sack Lunch Bunch** on Tuesday, **April 2nd** at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, fellowship and games. Guests are always welcome so bring a friend!

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday,
April 3rd & 17th in the church
Fellowship Hall



REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHILDREN'S CENTER

RLCC Board of Directors will meet on
Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the
Church Fellowship Hall.

Crafty
 *Christians*

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center ... Come Join The Fun!

The Crafty Christian group will meet on April 30th @ 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Project: Roses

Lunch: Jason's Deli

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not *whether* a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, "How much should I give?" But this question really means, "Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?"

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn't necessary because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no "Thus saith the Lord," or "should" concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won't be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians *should* tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one's income—terms similar to a tithe (2 Corinthians 8:7-23; 2 Corinthians 9:2-7).

But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? "The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways—time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God—Old and New Testament alike—promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HOSTING A LANDSCAPING WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13

WE WILL BE CLEANING UP THE FLOWER BEDS AND PLANTING NEW FLOWERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PAUL STADEL



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN
FILLING THE 2024 ALTAR
FLOWER SCHEDULE**

**LOTS OF DATES AVAILABLE
IN APRIL—JUNE**

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE
HALLWAY ...**

**SAVE YOUR IMPORTANT DATE BY WRITING
YOUR NAME & SPECIAL OCCASION OR
MEMORY NEXT TO IT.
THE COST IS \$30.00 PER ARRANGEMENT.**

APRIL 2024



**Bear one another's burdens,
and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ.
(Gal 6:2, NRSV).**

**Stephen Ministers are
the "After People".**

If life has given you challenges that are difficult to deal with alone, please contact the church office or any of the Stephen Ministers to have someone share your burden as God intended.

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Might God Be Calling You?

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, contact any member of the Stephen Ministry Team.

**Stephen Ministry –
Meeting the Needs of People**

There are times when each of us needs the care of another person...a Christian friend...a Stephen Minister. If you are dealing with any of the following challenges in your life, please contact us so that we can help:

- Hospitalized
- In spiritual crisis
- In job crisis
- Aging and elderly
- Separated / Divorced
- Life transitions
- Disabled (and their families)
- Terminally ill and their families
- Moving into or out of our community
- Grieving a death or serious loss
- Homebound and institutionalized
- Prisoners, ex-offenders and their families
- Needing the support of a Christian friend
- Experiencing birth or adoption

**Our Stephen Ministry Team
is ready to bring God's love
and care into your life.**

Stephen Leaders:

Dan Dapp, Fritz Koehnen, Ted Mitchell

Stephen Ministers:

Liz Blake, Kelly Holman-Smith, Camrin Koenig,
Glenda Letsigner, Wanita Sanders, Lance Smith

Referrals: Help a Friend or Family Member Who Is in Need

***You Can Play an Important Role in Our Stephen Ministry:
Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker,
or relative who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement,
and support of a Stephen Minister.***

Love One Another as I Have Loved You:

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend:

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood or is going through any of countless other life challenges?

Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

***If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers.
It's a great way for you to show how much you care!***

A Prayer for When the Hurt Is Heavy

By Christine Perry

**“From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:2 NKJV**

I don't know what is going on in your life, but I do know that no one goes through life unscathed. Some of my darkest and heaviest moments were moments of loss — the loss of a dream job, the loss of a relationship, the loss of family members. The Lord does not promise an easy life. In fact, in John 16:33, Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

But where do we go when our hearts are heavy? Did you see the first part of John 16:33? It says, “that in Me you may have peace.” Deuteronomy 33:27 says, “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms...” Although we may wrestle with why God has allowed certain things to take place, He offers Himself as a refuge. He is not scared or unprepared for your questions, tears, or anger. His hands are strong enough to hold us when we are falling apart.

I want to encourage you to do what David did and wrote about in Psalm 62:8, “Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”

Pour out your heart and your hurt to God. And when You are struggling to trust Him, like we all do, ask Him to help you trust Him. 2 Timothy 2:13 says, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” If you find yourself struggling to pray today, I understand. Life hurts. It sometimes leaves us incapacitated and speechless. I want to encourage you that God never stops working. John 5:17 says, “In his defense Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.’” And God does restore and heal. I want to pray for you, even if you cannot join me. I want you to know you are not alone.

Let's pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray for my brothers and sisters who read this prayer today. Father, You see exactly what they've gone through and what they're currently going through. You also see their hearts and the hurts they are carrying. Father, You made our hearts, and You know how to heal them. Father, I pray that You would give them the strength to pour their heart out to You. Help them to trust that You still work all things together for good and that this is not the end of their stories.

Father, please remind them that You will help us, sustain us, and uphold us with Your righteous right hand. Remind us that we are never out of your sight. Please remind us that You have not forgotten us and that our names are engraved in the palm of Your hand. Father, I ask that You help us come to You with all the hurt in our hearts. I pray that when we don't have the words to pray, Your Spirit will make intercession for us. God, we need You. I ask that You will carry us and all our hurts when it gets too heavy. I pray that You would heal the hurt and strengthen the hearts reading this prayer today.

Lord, I know You love us, and You are for us. Please remind us of this truth when we have forgotten it. Would You also give us a tangible reminder of this today? Please pick us up when we have fallen or been knocked down by life. Please also hold us close when we try to run away. Allow us to have the strength to wrestle through things in our hearts with you. You are our Father, and You know exactly what we need. Please be our refuge and our very present help in time of need. Thank You for hearing our prayers and being a good Father, even when we doubt it. You are good, and You do good. Thank You.

I pray all this in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus. Amen!

Fellowship: April 2024

 <p>Thank you</p>	<p><i>The Easter Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt were a big success. It would not have been possible without the time and donations from so many people.</i></p> <p><u>Future Ideas for Community Sharing:</u> The Fellowship Team is looking for ways to engage the congregation more in the community. Please keep your eyes and ears open to an event that may need our help or if you have an idea for a community event to be held at our church.</p>
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2024 Potluck Fellowship Sundays: Bring your favorite breakfast dish

Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 & Dec 20.

5th Sunday Fellowship Meals: Jun 30, Sep 29 & Dec 29

Game Night:

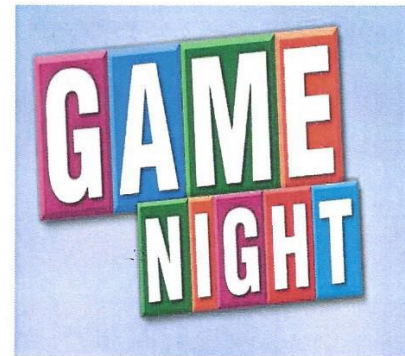
BUNKO: Jul 19, Nov 15

Yahtzee: **Apr 19,** Aug 16, Dec 13

5 Crowns: May 17, Sep 20

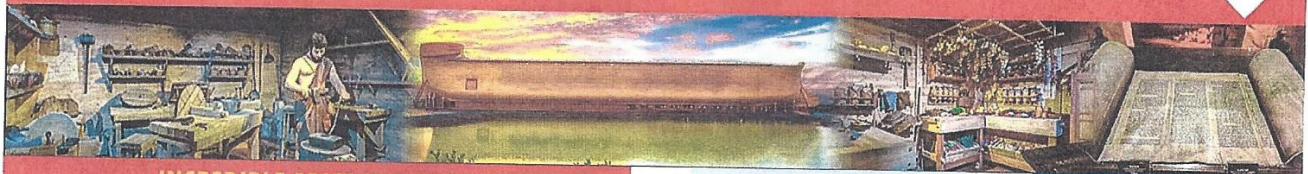
Farkle: Jun 21, Oct 18

**\$5 donation and bring your favorite snacks to share.
Iced Tea and water will be provided.**



If you have ideas on outreach or would like to assist would like to assist with these events, please contact Kelly Holman

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8 Days 7 Nights

*PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Sat - Sat)
Oct 12 - 19
2024

Departure: Jasper, TX @ 8 am

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off on your exciting trip! Tonight, settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 2: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for the Cotton Museum at the Memphis Cotton Exchange. Later in the day, enjoy Dinner and check into your en route hotel.

Day 3: Today after a Continental Breakfast, you'll arrive in your destination. Later that day, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your accommodations in the Cincinnati area for a three-night stay.

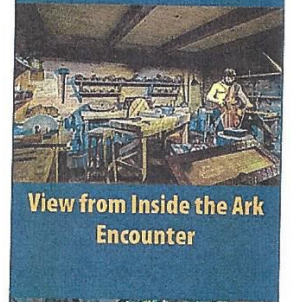
Day 4: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before the big event you've been waiting for: THE ARK ENCOUNTER! Bigger than imagination, this life-sized Noah's Ark Experience will amaze you. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, or the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel.

Day 5: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before you head to The Ark Encounter's sister attraction: THE CREATION MUSEUM. Prepare to believe as you explore 75,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibits, full-size Allosaurus skeleton, stunning botanical gardens, petting zoo, and more. The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel.

Day 6: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville, KY. Later that day, after a relaxing Dinner, you'll check into your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today you will have Continental Breakfast and then go to the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, TN. Tonight, relax in your en route hotel.

Day 8: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you!



View from Inside the Ark Encounter



Visit to the Amazing Creation Museum!



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2024 GOLDEN TRIANGLE SPRING RALLY

Holy Cross Lutheran
Church
Nederland, Texas

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration Begins
at 9:30 a.m.
Program Begins
at 10:00 a.m.

*Join us as we celebrate women
of diversity*



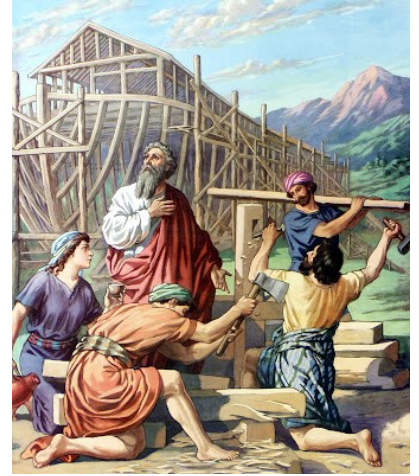
Come join us and bring a friend or two or three!

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

PLAN AHEAD! There wasn't a cloud in the sky when Noah started building the ark.

You need the clouds to appreciate the sunshine! Find some of the words from your weather forecaster's vocabulary below.

(Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically or diagonally. They may be read forward or backward)



- ARTIC BLAST
- ATMOSPHERE
- BAROMETER
- BLUSTERY
- CUMULUS CLOUD
- DEW POINT
- DUST DEVIL
- EL NINO
- FAHRENHEIT
- FLASH FLOOD
- FLURRIES
- FUNNEL CLOUD
- HUMIDITY
- INVERSION
- ISOBAR
- JET STREAM
- LIGHTNING
- METEOROLOGY
- RAINBOW
- SUNSHINE
- THUNDER SNOW
- THUNDERSTORMS
- WINTER MIX

V I V Z Z Q X S J E T S T R E A M W Q T A K
 A Y O J K F N Z T N I O P W E D H P M R A E
 R J F E G A D G Q S E I R R U L F X T T L R
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Christian Symbol

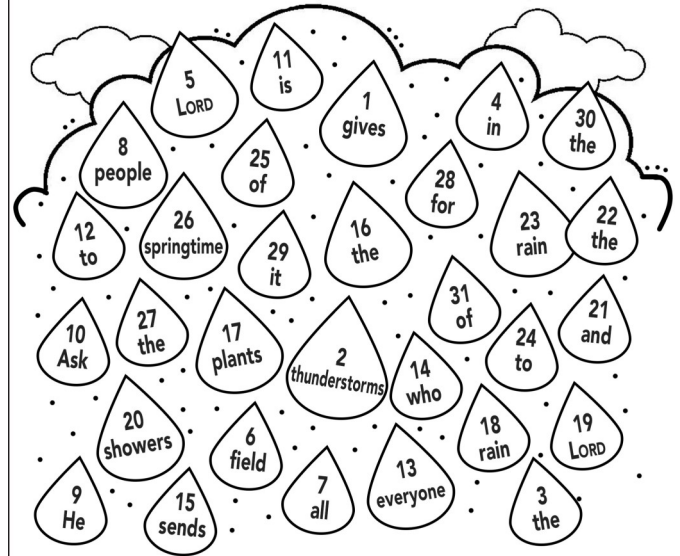
VICTOR'S CROSS —

Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left letters stand for *Jesus* and the top right letters stand for *Christ* (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for *conqueror*.



Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18 _____

_____ ;

4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____

29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____

_____ 27 _____ 2 _____

9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23 _____

12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25 _____

30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Bible Quiz

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!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

COLORING PAGE



Blessed are you

The Beatitudes receive little attention, lamented novelist Kurt Vonnegut. "But, often with tears in their eyes, [Christians] demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And, of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard [anyone] demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere."

Jesus' Beatitudes have much to teach about selflessness, mourning, peacemaking and more. Jim Berger, author of *Being Sermon on the Mount Christians*, explains that those teachings were once "viewed as a mandate for the faithful," Post-Reformation, they became less law-like and more of a "liberating directive." Berger writes, "For Jesus, being and doing are inseparable. The Sermon is at once theory and praxis. It is not enough to read it or hear it. Jesus intends it to be how we live."

THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND
FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.
REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN,
FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE
BEFORE YOU.

MATTHEW 5:3-12

* HELP REPORT THE NEWS *

Do you know about an upcoming event, program or other item of interest that should be included in the newsletter? Does your Board/Committee have a newsworthy item to report? If so, please fill out the following form completely and return it to Barbara Miller in the Church Office. The deadline for news articles is the 20th of each month. If you have a flyer about your event make sure you attach it to this form or email it to bmiller328@gt.rr.com

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of the event or activity _____

Date and time of event _____

Board or Group involved _____

Other information (Who? What? Where? When? Why?) _____



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