

# **Salem / Zion Tidings**

**April 2024**

Spring

shows what God  
can do with a drab and dirty world.

-Virgil A. Kraft



# Together in Christ

## **Salem Lutheran Church**

333 E. Aurora St.  
Ironwood, MI 49938  
906-932-1510

## **Zion Lutheran Church**

100 W. Midland Ave.  
P.O. Box 705  
Ironwood, MI 49938  
906-932-1320

## **Service Times**

<b>Salem</b>	9:00 am	1st and 3rd Sundays
	5:00 pm	Midweek Service
<b>Zion</b>	9:00 am	2nd and 4th Sundays
	5:00 pm	Saturday Praise Service

All services will continue to be live streamed on each church's website and Facebook page.

## **Pastor**

### **Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn**

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## **Pastor Nicole' Office Hours**

Note that these are planned hours in the office. Emergencies and other meetings may cause variations in this schedule. Home visits are usually scheduled in the afternoons.

Tuesday – Zion 9am – 12pm

Wednesday – Salem 10am – 12pm, 1pm-2pm

Thursday – Zion 9am – 12pm

Friday – Salem 9am – 12pm

## **Salem Council Members**

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Grace and peace!

Christ is risen! He is risen  
indeed. Alleluia!



Welcome to this season of celebration, this season of feasting and joy. Our sisters and brothers in the Eastern Orthodox tradition call the first Sunday after Easter “Holy Hilarity Sunday,” as they celebrate God’s triumph after tricking the forces of evil. In our Western traditions, we engage in the shift from the somber season of fasting, praying, and almsgiving of Lent to the celebratory season of feasting, praising, and generosity in Easter. We listen with joy for all the ways that Christ’s passion has transformed the world.

In this year of Mark, we remember that joy and happiness are not always the same thing. Mark tells us of the fear of the first Easter morning: that moment when the good news is far too good to be true, when the women at the tomb, the last ones left who have not fled yet, finally do flee in terror and tell no one what they saw. It’s a moment when all the human efforts in the gospel have hit their wall; no human effort is able to move forward after the tragedy of the death of their teacher. And yet, it is celebration because that failure of human effort is not the focus at all.

God has transformed the grave, and God continues to give us this gift again and again. When all of our efforts

fail, when we cannot live into the promise of God, when we let go of the covenant, when we join the disciples, the crowds who had followed Jesus, and the small group who made it to the tomb, and we flee in terror... God's love continues. God's love continues seeking after us, "hounding us" in the words of Psalm 23. God is the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his own life for the sheep, even when the sheep do not deserve such honor. God is the victor, who defeats Sin, Death, and the Devil. God is the lover who reaches out to us when we reach our limits.

And for that, we give praise.

Shalom

## **What's in a color?**

April is a month of celebration this year. The entire month, we will be in the festival season of Easter. In all our festival seasons, we dress the church in white and gold, inviting us into a time of praise and celebration.

**Thank you to everyone who helped with leading worship in our Holy Week worships!**

## A Walk through a Worship Service

The next part of the gathering of worship is a time for self-reflection. For most of the year, we confess our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. We confess these sins together, and we confess the sins of all the ways we live in the ways of this world, not the ways of the kingdom of God, even things that are beyond our control. We are not confessing for the sake of shaming ourselves or making ourselves feel bad, but we are confessing the gap between who God calls us to be and who we are. We are confessing our dual identity as Saint and Sinner, and we are confessing our helplessness in the face of Sin. We are confessing that we cannot fix ourselves, but that we need to wholly rely on God's grace and mercy. During festival seasons, we switch from the obvious confession to a thanksgiving for the gift of baptism. It does still have a reminder of our need for God's grace, but here we are focusing on giving thanks for God saving us when we cannot save ourselves. On Sundays, a Kyrie and canticle of praise will follow. The Kyrie comes from Greek *kyrie eleison, christe eleison, kyrie eleison*, which means "O Lord have mercy, O Christ have mercy, O Lord have mercy." It is not a hopeless begging for God to turn and give us mercy that God would not otherwise give, but rather it is a reminder of who God is. God is the one who is merciful and just, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. On Saturdays, our confession song does not usually use those words, but it fills the same purpose in reminding us of who God is.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The shawls that we have been making will be available in the fellowship hall of Salem and the narthex of Zion. If you know someone who could use a shawl to wrap in for a little extra comfort during a difficult time, grab a shawl and bring it to them. We will be continuing to collect shawls. Feel free to make shawls by crocheting, knitting, weaving, sewing, etc. The sky is the limit. Drop new shawls off at either shawl tree; make sure to attach the prayer available at the tree to the shawl somehow too. Talk to Pr. Nicole if you have any questions about this new ministry.



There is coffee fellowship on Sundays after worship at both Salem and Zion.

We are in need of volunteers to help this continue. As a reminder, it doesn't have to be an elaborate spread. Some sort of treat, maybe some veggies or cheese for those who can't have sweets. The treats can be homemade or store bought, whatever you prefer. Sign up sheets are on the kitchen counter in the Fellowship Hall at each church. Thank you for considering this important ministry.



April 2	Sophie Halverson
April 3	Jacob Hautanen
April 5	Dana Brown
April 6	Helen Ademino, Marcia Nelson, Stacey Saari, Jack Santini
April 8	Gus Matrella, Karen Newman
April 9	Madden Sommer
April 10	James Maffesanti
April 13	Brant Swartz, Zach Taivalmaa
April 14	Patti Hagstrom, Sally Nelson, Paityn Santini, Ryan Tibaldo
April 15	Tom Bergquist, Jane Waitanek
April 16	Megan Noren, Joel Villnow
April 17	Gusty Forslund, Sally Johnson, Ted Minier, Ken Nikula, Kay Pellinen
April 18	Jody Allen, Jim Dean, Matthew A. Weber
April 19	Todd Heczko, Robin Kafczynski, Betsy Wesselhoft
April 20	Nick Backlund
April 21	Karen Mattson, Owen Niemi
April 22	Ryan Sobolewski, Mark Wesenberg
April 23	Dean Anderson, Jim Lorensen, Gordon Pekuri
April 24	Kathy Harma
April 25	Sandy Palomaki Taylor
April 26	Mara Maher



April 27	Kathy Grbavcich, Ardy Patritto, Elvira Zalewski
April 28	Katie Dean
April 29	Matthew H. Weber
April 30	Einar Manki, Yvonne Novascone



April 8	Matt & Georgia Weber
April 14	Ken & Leah Nikula
April 18	Ron & Dorinne Saari
April 25	Paul & Donna Heikkila
April 26	Cheri Hoff & Kenneth Backlund

**Keep your eyes open!** The Synod Assembly workshops will be available to everyone again this year via Zoom. Watch the bulletins and weekly emails as we get closer!

**Bible Study and Tabitha Circle** will both be done by in person, with online video conferencing available for those who need it.

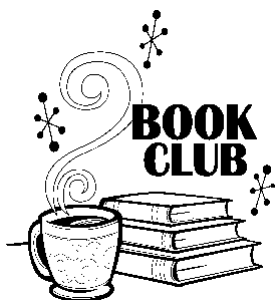
**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 9:30 am at Zion.

**Tabitha Circle:** Tuesdays April 2nd, 16th and 30th at 10:00 am at Zion.





April's Stewardship will be for **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**. If you would like to contribute to this, please designate this on your envelope.



**Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, April 18**, at 1:30 pm at Salem.

April's book will be:  
The Violin Conspiracy  
by Brendon Slocum

## Card Making Group

There is a newly formed group that hopes to send a card to all members of Salem and Zion. However, this is a very small group and it will take a while to get a card to everyone.

Watch for a card but please be patient! This group meets the first Thursday of each month with the Creative Hearts and Hands at 11:00 am at Zion. New people are always welcome to join.

*The Gogebic Community College dorm students want to thank Salem Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches for their generous donations to their food pantry. Included in the seven, heavy bags of food they found a surprise. Baking pans, cake mixes, frosting and candles for use for their monthly dorm birthday parties.*

*Thanks you,*

*Kobe Lorenzo, manager of Campus Suites GCC*

## **Supper Eight**

### **It's not too late for Supper 8!**

We have had two active groups participating this past year with a mix of Salem and Zion members who are both couples and singles. We meet at member's homes or at either church on a monthly basis until we have gone through the entire rotation of the group. The group host for the month provides the main entrée and the other members bring sides, drinks, and dessert. The host is also responsible for providing a game or activity for the evening. This year we have had a variety of evenings – casual dinners at homes, backyard barbeques, church fellowship hall dining, and a combined group pot-luck picnic at Norrie Park. Activities included conversation, trivia games, outdoor yard games, nature scavenger hunt and just getting to know each other. New groups are forming for the 2024 year. Previous members are encouraged to participate, and everyone is invited to join. Names will be selected randomly for each group so that you get the opportunity to get to know different folks. Please think about this as something fun to add into your lives. In our technology driven world, social time with other humans is becoming less prevalent. Questions or interested call Zion or Salem offices to put your name on the list.



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# Thoughts and Prayers

## **Prayer List**

Paul Luppino-S, Bonnie Maki-S, Chris Forslund-Z, Melzee Jacobson-S, Jay Maki-S, Donna Wieneri-Z, Clyde Taivalmaa-Z, Joy Paquin-S, Nancy Hill-S, Karen Newman-Z, Deb Haustein-S, Janice and Scott Silanpa-Z, Jake Hautanen-Z, Nicole Rowe-S, Judy Holst-Z, John Barbacovi - Z, Steve Wesselhoft - S, Todd Heczko - Z, all homebound members

## **Family and Friends:**

Roy & Doreen Ahonen, Bridget Pirret, Tom Bartley, Derek Lindstrom, Charlene Lintonen, Ella Thomas, Eric Anderson, Pam Hey, Dave Kantala, Ron Trone, Cheryl Sokolowski, Annette Westrich, Beverly Aho, Tammy Gerber, Nellie Nezworski, Deb & Glen Wahlberg, Kevin Watson, Kasey Oliver, Elizabeth Elston, Brandon Becker, Jim Holden, Arlo Lesatz, Tyler McMabb, Percy Smith, Raney Smith, Gail Kniska, Larry Nezworski, Jan Eschbach, Marie Kangas, Jeff Chiapuzio, Lillian Pigg, Cathy Voyce, Theresa Koosmann, Liam Murphy, Gary Olkonen, Liz Peltier, Rob Rye, Steven Sacco, DeeDee Sawaski, Stevie Waukau, Dale Yurchak, Sandy Yurchak, Andrea Soltis, LeeAnn Bartlett, Lynn Niemi, Lynne Hautanen Dull, Fran Voyce, Ryan Niemi, Michelle Mieloszyk, Haley Wiebusch, Stacy Mock, Jerry Lenk, Rob Sobolewski

**Members of the military and their families:** Josh Rice, Justine Anderson, Einar Manki, Adam Miller, Nathan Stutz, Will Taylor, Nathan Warren, Sierra Pallin

Bishop Katherine Finegan, Pastor Jim Duehring and the NGLS staff, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

*Please contact the office for names to be added or removed from the list. Unless we are informed otherwise, names will remain 4 weeks.*



# Bible Readings *for the Month*

**April 7**

**Second Sunday after  
Easter**

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:-2:2

John 20:19-31

**April 21**

**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

**April 14**

**Third Sunday after Easter**

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

**April 28**

**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8





# ZION NEWS

**April 2024**

## **ZION FRONT DOORS**

Our new front doors were installed in February 2023. We continue to pay \$500 plus interest per month on the GRB loan. Your continued giving to the door project has helped to ensure that we have enough in our “door fund” to make our payments without dipping into the general fund. Thank you for your continued generosity to pay off the doors. We are already seeing a reduction in our heating bills since the new doors have been installed.

After 03/25/2024 - \$4,500.00 left on loan

## **ZION SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE**

“The new sound system at Zion was installed on February 21st with training that same evening. Contributions to the new sound system are still being accepted and appreciated.”

**Zion's website** is [www.zionlutheranchurchironwood.org](http://www.zionlutheranchurchironwood.org)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Participants in worship and events at Zion Lutheran Church may appear in photos or videos on social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Anyone wishing NOT to be depicted on sites administered by Zion Lutheran may opt out by submitting written notice to the church office.

**Offering for Zion Lutheran Church**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **General Offering**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Building/Doors/Sound System**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly Stewardship**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Memorial/Special  
Offering**

**for** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZION FINANCIALS**

	<b>2/01/24- 02/29/24</b>	<b>1/01/24 - 02/29/23</b>
Revenue	\$7,679.83	\$16,967.83
Expenses	\$10,542.16	\$22,174.02
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,862.33)	(\$5,206.19)

# ZION MEMBERS IN SERVICE

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## **SATURDAY APRIL 6:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen & Brian Lintonen

**Reader:** Leah Nikula

**Live Streamer:** Leanna & Claire Nikula

**Communion Asst:** Ellen Metko

## **SATURDAY APRIL 13:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen

**Reader:** Jim Mildren

**Live Streamer:** Ellen Mildren

**Communion Asst:** Megan Noren

## **SATURDAY APRIL 20:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen & Jean Heczko

**Reader:** Mary Stauffer

**Live Streamer:** Gary Baron

**Communion Asst:** Leah Nikula

## **SATURDAY APRIL 27:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen

**Reader:** Ellen Metko

**Live Streamer:** Tracy Rowe

**Communion Asst:** Marcia Nelson



# ZION MEMBERS IN SERVICE

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## **SUNDAY APRIL 14:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen & Paul Niemi

**Reader:** Kathy Niemi

**Live Streamer:** Barb Ahnen

**Communion Assistant:** Dave Manki

**Fellowship Host:** STILL NEEDED

**Tellers:** Dave McDonell & Sherri Holmes

## **SUNDAY APRIL 28:**

**Ushers:** Jake Hautanen & Larry Kangas

**Reader:** Megan Noren

**Live Streamer:** Kris Kluhsman

**Communion Assistant:** Brian Lintonen

**Fellowship Host:** STILL NEEDED

**Teller:** Dave McDonell & Megan Noren

## **ALTAR CARE**

Thank you to all the altar care hosts! This year, we have many returning altar care hosts, and many new hosts as well. Thank you all for this ministry. There are still a few months we are looking for someone or a team to prepare the communion elements: April, November, & December 2024. Talk to the office or Pr. Nicole if you are interested.

**April Altar Care:** OPEN



**In Memory of  
Laura Niemi  
Steinmetz  
Nick Nelson  
Ken Heczko**  
by Paul & Kathy  
Niemi

**In Memory of  
Ken Heczko**  
by Dave & Tracy Rowe  
Greg & Ellen Metko  
Marcia Nelson  
Don & Judy Holst  
Mary Hitt

**In Memory of  
The Norman Holm Family**  
by Sherry L. Holm

## **ZION COUNCIL MEETING**

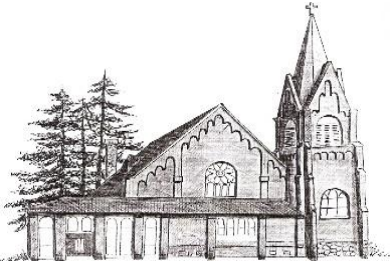
The next council meeting is April 14, 2024 at 10:45am.

### **MOTHER'S DAY & MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS**

Due to the significant cost increases in flowers and plants, along with allergy issues, the Zion church council has recommended that all memorials and honorariums for the above holidays be made to either/both the front door project and new sound system. Thank you in advance for your understanding and thoughtful contributions!

### **NEW SUNDAY COFFEE SERVICE POLICY**

The Zion church council recently updated the policy on Sunday coffee service after church. The deadline for signing up to host coffee after church is now 6 p.m. on the Saturday evening before. If no one has signed up, people can still gather in the fellowship hall after church for socializing but there will be no coffee & treats served. This would also be included in the Sunday morning announcements. Also, if someone is interested in contributing food items for coffee service, they are to call the church office by noon on the preceding Thursday to find out who, if anyone, has signed up to host coffee and to call the host(s) to discuss the food item(s) with them. This is to prevent the situation of either too much food brought in and/or duplication of items. Thank you!



# ***Salem News***

## ***April 2024***



### **Sunday, April 7**

**USHERS:** Steve Thomas Karen Thomas  
**LECTOR:** Dave Winkowski  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Linda Tilley Kaye Johnson  
**ORGANIST:** Chris Forslund  
**LIVE STREAM:** Kris Carlson

### **Sunday, April 21**

**USHERS:** Dan Soine Karen Soine  
**LECTOR:** Ellen Wyssling Alonen  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Jane Sobolewski Kris Carlson  
**ORGANIST:** Chris Forslund  
**LIVE STREAM:** Dave Winkowski

# SALEM FINANCE REPORT



Monthly Financial	2/1/2024 - 2/29/2024	1/1/2024 - 2/29/2024
Revenue	\$13,048.24	\$29,391.24
Expenses	\$14,869.10	\$34,270.98
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,820.86)	(\$4,879.74)

## Salem Lutheran Church

333 E. Aurora St.

Ironwood, MI 49938



General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Special Offering \_\_\_\_\_

Designated for \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Here is an offering form to use if you would like to send in your offering to Salem. You can cut this out, fill it in and return it to Salem with your offering. Thank you!*

*Thank you for your continued financial support. It is greatly appreciated.*

Salem is also accepting offerings online. You can give by using either a credit or debit card or a check. Go to [www.salemlutheranironwood.com](http://www.salemlutheranironwood.com). On the top right corner of the page you will see online giving.



We are in need of volunteers to serve for the coffee fellowship following the Sunday worship. If you would like to bring snacks and serve coffee on a Sunday, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen or just call the office.

**Sunday, April 7**

**Sunday, April 21**



**Sunday, April 7**    OPEN

**Sunday, April 21**    OPEN

*The cost of altar flowers is now \$60.00 each Sunday.*

## **Spring fever**

Four high school students afflicted with spring fever skipped their morning classes. After lunch, the boys told their teacher they'd had a flat tire.

Much to the boys' relief, the teacher smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test, so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said, "First question: Which tire was flat?"



***Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter flowers for our Easter Garden. Due to the fire at Lutey's we were uncertain as to what we could get for flowers. We pray for Julie in the tragedy of the fire.***

***Altar Flowers*** are given in memory of Evar & Elsie Forslund and Carl & Anna Carlson by Chris Forslund and Mark & Dianne Fiebrink.

***Given in Memory of:***

*Don & Joan Wesenberg by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with love (mum, tulip)*

*Donald & Bernadette Carlson by Jody & Richard Allen (lily)*

*Loved ones by Scott & Kathy Peterson (tulip)*

*Don & Lorraine Brown by the Dean family (tulip)*

*Donald & Bernice Stenstrom and Esther & Albert Stenstrom by Mary Ann Kallas, Lynne Arthur and Don Stenstrom (lily)*

*Leo & Jeanette Lahtinen by Carole & Bruce Eppolite (mum)*

*Helmi & Martin Taivalmaa by Cheryl and Zach (tulip)*

*Our parents, Bill & Jean Holst, and our brother, Dale, by the Vandevoorde and Zell families ( 2 tulips)*

*Family Members by Loretta and Gail (lily, tulip)*

*Betty & Eddie Blomquist and Karen Marczak by Jane & Rob Sobolewski (tulip)*

*Richard & Vivian Boyle, Richard M. Boyle and the Swan Larson family by Barbara Kilian (lily)*

*Departed Loved Ones by Janice & John Wyssling (kalanchoe)*

*Angelo Luppino and Betty & Lewis Recla by Nancy Luppino (lily)*

*Loved Ones by Gary & Sandy Bentley (mum)*

*Charles A. Lorensen by Mary Lou Lorensen (lily)*

*Joan & Don Wesenberg by Yvonne Valle Novascone (mum)*

*Pallin family by Yvonne Valle Novascone (kalanchoe)*

*Robert Paquin by Joy Paquin*

### ***Given in Honor of:***

*Our family by Pam & Keith Johnson*

*Our daughters and their families by Karen & Steve homas (lily)*

*Kris Carlson, Karin Carlson and Pastor Nicole by Janice & John Wyssling (kalanchoe)*

*Schmalz and Lorensen families by Mary Lou Lorensen (tulip)*

*Joy Paquin by Robin and Joe Kafczynski and family*



**Easter Breakfast will be served on  
Easter Sunday, March 31,  
from 9:30 am – 10:45 am  
at Salem.  
Everyone is welcome.**

**Thank you to everyone helping with Easter breakfast.**

**Easter Worship will follow at 11:00 am.**





*Dear Friends,*

*On behalf of the Salvation Army and the families and individuals what will be helped in Gogebic County Michigan and Iron County Wisconsin, we wish to thank you for your very generous donation.*

*We want you to know that your gift will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate in these communities, and it is through the generosity and efforts of friends like you, especially during these difficult times, that we are able to provide assistance to those who find themselves in need. Your support is a blessing to this ministry! Again, we thank you.*

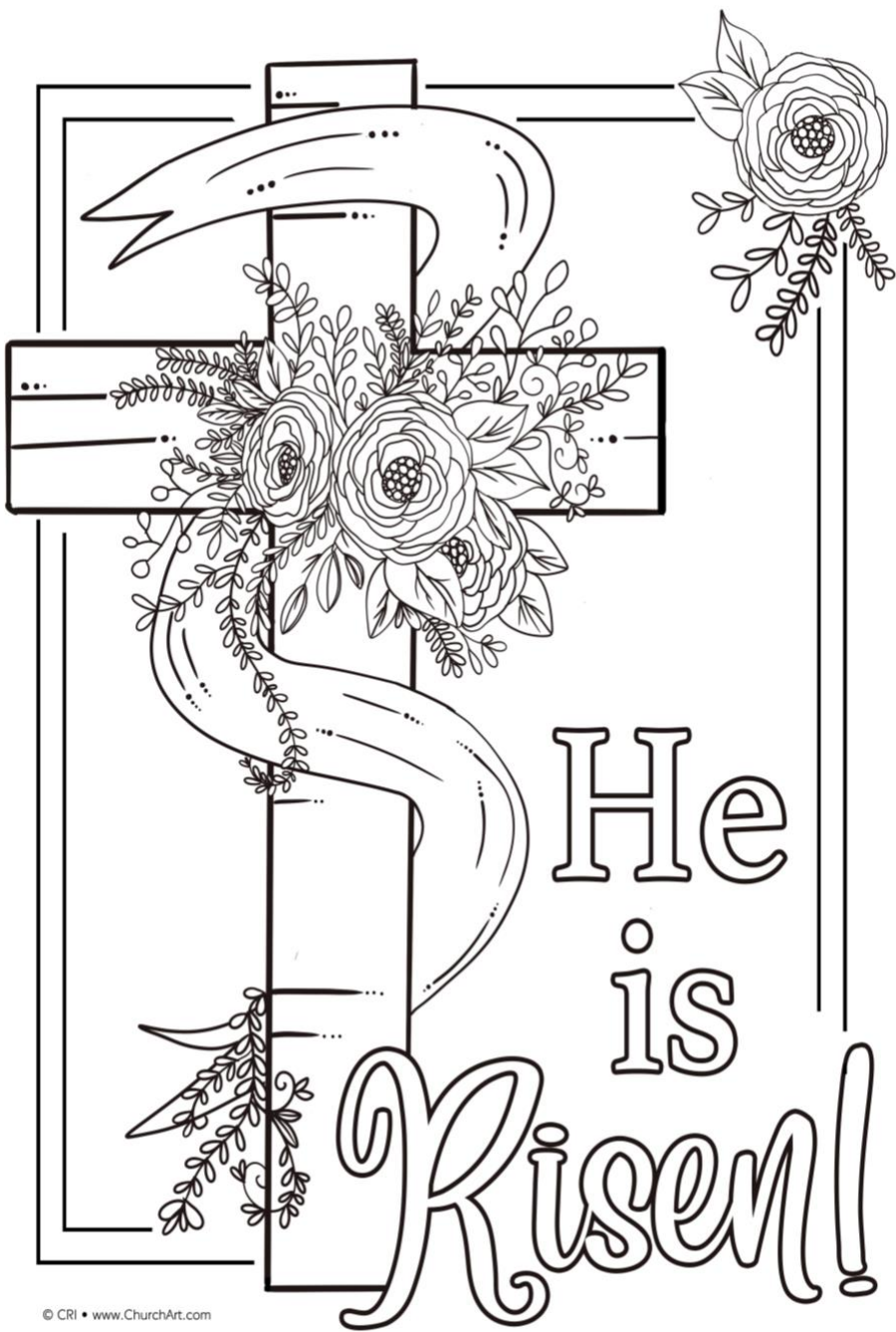
*God bless you in this new year!*

*Curt Spicer*

*The Salvation Army*

*Service Extension Regional Representative*





# 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 field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

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