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SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday - 9:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday-
Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday
6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.org

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to

firststjohns@verizon.net



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597

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Patrick

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me from snares of the devil, temptations, and every one who desires me ill.

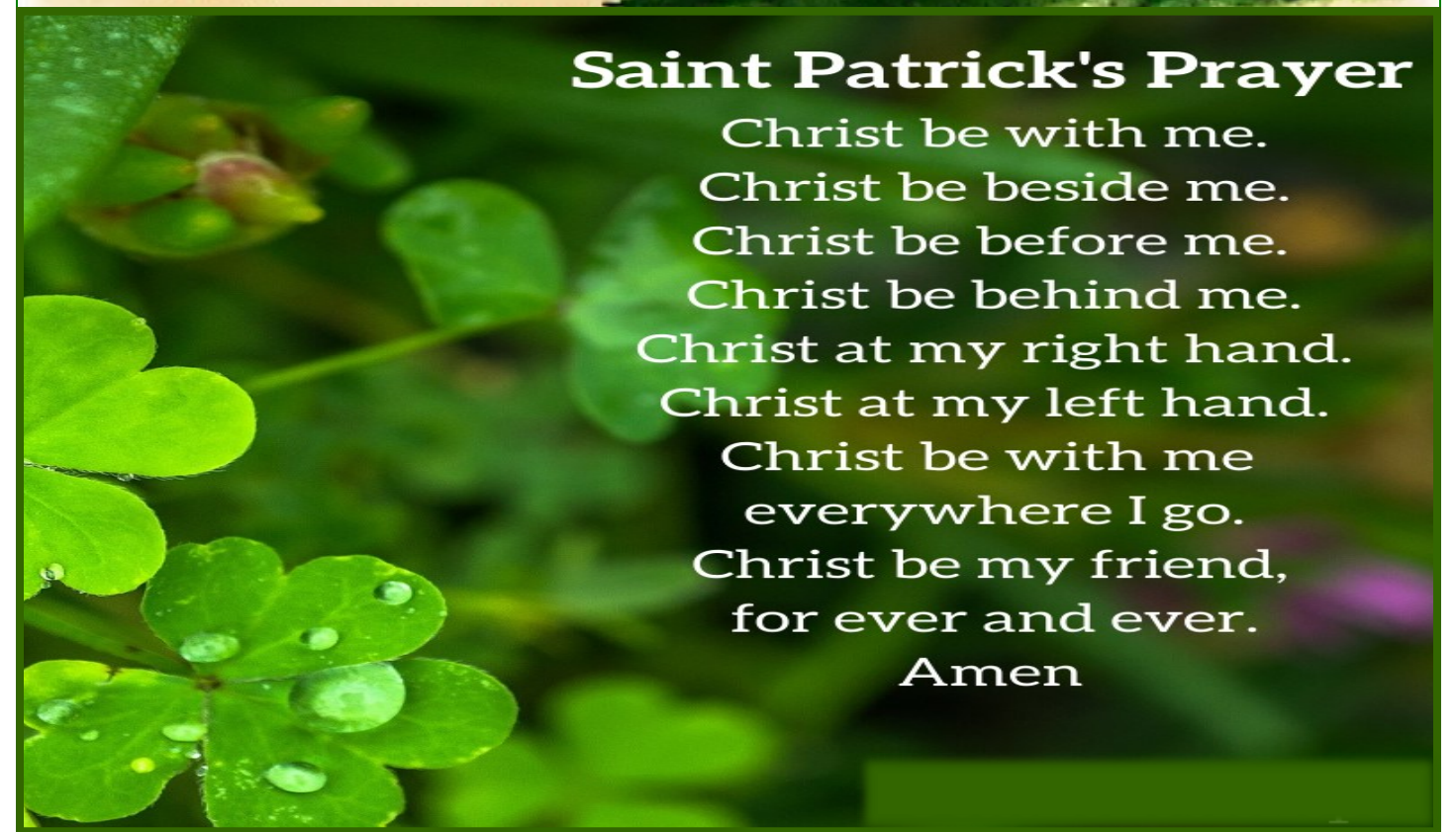
Amen



Saint Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me.
Christ be beside me.
Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me.
Christ at my right hand.
Christ at my left hand.
Christ be with me everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend,
for ever and ever.

Amen



Guided to the Cross: Holy Week

Holy Week guides us ever closer to the cross of Jesus. In our journey to his crucifixion, we draw nearer to humility, service, sacrifice and new life. Each of the services in this series reveals how Christ and his cross exemplify for us how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior, who now lives and reigns with God.

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday and ends with Easter. There are four opportunities to worship: Palm/ Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

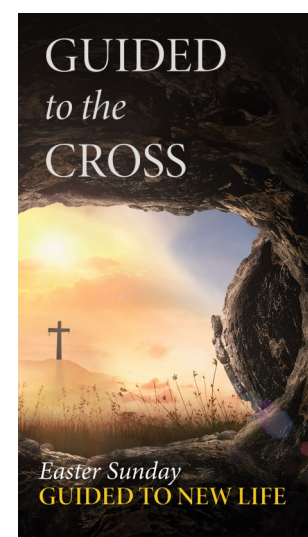
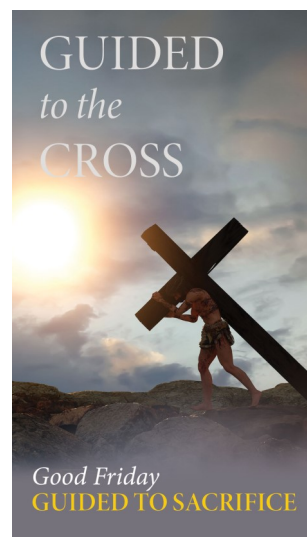
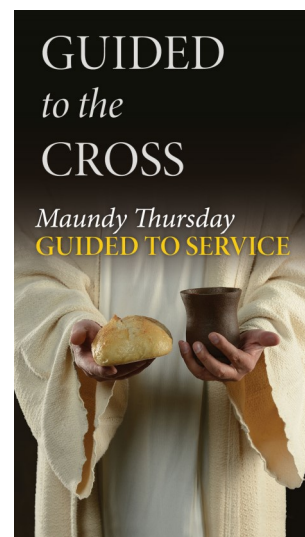
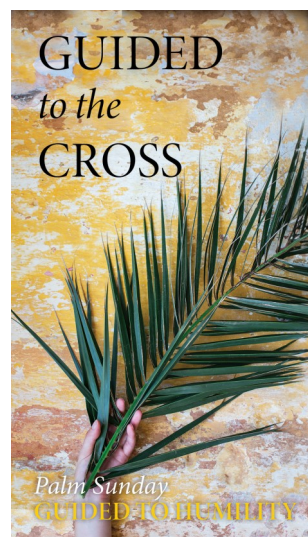
The themes for this year for those respective days are:

Palm/ Passion Sunday: Guided to Humility

Maundy Thursday: Guided to Service

Good Friday: Guided to Sacrifice

Easter Sunday: Guided to New Life



ANSWER TO FEBRUARY PUZZLE

The Greatest of These



Bible Study

9:00 AM

**MARCH 2024
PARISH VISITOR
APRIL 2024 DEADLINE**

[Articles Due](#) Friday, March 22nd
[Send Date](#) Thursday, March 28th

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN MARCH

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council –

Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 PM



March 3rd-Communion (3rd Sunday In Lent).

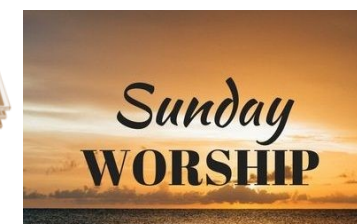
March 10rd-Non-Communion (4th Sunday In Lent).

March 17th-Communion (5th Sunday In Lent).

March 24th-Non-Communion (Palm Sunday). Sunday of the Passion.

March 31st- Communion (Resurrection / Easter Sunday).

MARCH



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MARCH 2024

OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 3rd Sunday In Lent C/Purple	4 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	5	6 Lenten Service 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Service Adult Choir Rehearsal after Service	7	8	9
10 4th Sunday In Lent NC/Purple	11 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	12	13 Lenten Service 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Service Adult Choir Rehearsal after Service	14	15	16
17 5th Sunday In Lent ST PATRICKS DAY C/Purple	18 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	19	20 Lenten Service 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Service Adult Choir Rehearsal after Service	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday NC/Red	25 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM	30
31 Resurrection / Easter Sunday C/White		<u>LAY READER</u> Amy Williams	<u>USHERS</u> Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Lois Stambaugh		

FEBRUARY 2024

The CTSFW SMP Program: The Winter 2023 "Prophets-Christ & His Mission Fore-told" course wraps up this Friday.

School tuition for the Winter semester has been remitted, and medical premiums are paid through April 2024.

Ordination/Installation update - Call documents were signed and arrived in St. Louis this morning for review and approval.

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework. In addition, we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 a.m., focusing on the book of Matthew.

The next Winkel meeting will be in May at St. John Lutheran Church in York, PA. Midweek Lenten services, "Guided to the Cross," continue.

Visits to hospitalized and homebound members during January.

Please reach out on Sundays and welcome Jack Robertson, who started attending FSJ a few weeks ago. He is here from Kansas City for work, and I believe he will be here for the immediate future. He's a young LCMS gentleman seeking to strengthen his walk with the Lord.

Physical challenges continue to present themselves but praise God; they have not interrupted my ability to carry out my duties.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicar Geoff Abendschoen

VICAR REPORT



CHERISH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.



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118 Pleasant Acres Rd
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Joyce Devan
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Karen Hildebrand
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285 Hillside Terrace
York, PA 17408

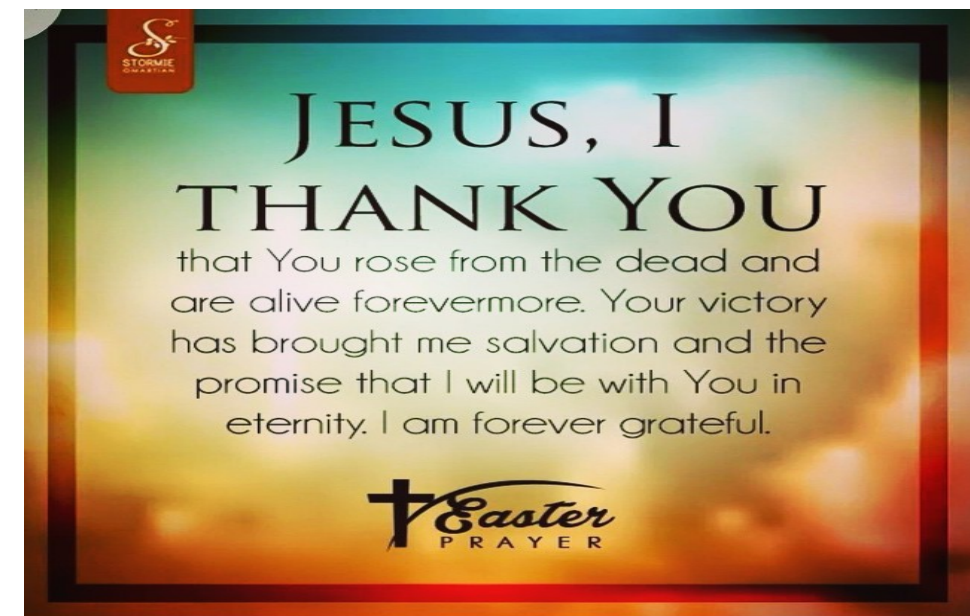
If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

SHUT-INS

IN MEMORIAM

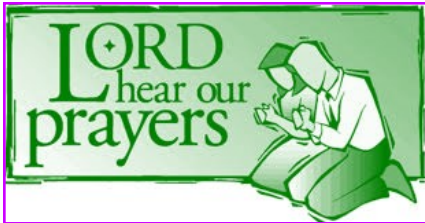
David Peregoy went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 16, 2024. David was the husband of our Sister in Christ, the late Susan Peregoy. Our condolences to the family of David. A memorial graveside service for both David and Susan Peregoy is planned for April.



NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Ken Linebaugh
Room 653
Rest Haven
Nursing Home

Karl vanDyk
Room 202
SpiriTrust



PRAYERS

Prayers as of February 4, 2024

CONTINUING NEEDS

Christians especially in the Middle East—persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Joyce Devan-Health issues
 Susan vanDyk-Baum
 Jeanne Noll-Health issue
 Ed Abendschoen-Health issues
 Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues
 David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen).
 Fran Shoff-Health issues
 Tom Gibson-Health issues
 Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent, (Bill Lupp's niece)-Heart Trans-plant recovery
 Lois Stambaugh-Health issue
 Dave Stambaugh-Health issue
 Dawn Frey-Health issue
 Pierre-Paul Rodriguez-Health issues
 George Card-Health issues
 Sandra Hinkle-Health issues
 Jolene Schoff
 Amy (Stambaugh) Williams
 Carl Flandermeyer
 Jerry Allison-Surgery recovery
 Austin Shroud-Health issues. *name corrected
 Carla Allison-Prayers for comfort
 Mark Reeve-Health issue. Pray for Mark, his wife and children
 Ken Linebaugh-Health issues
 Nancy Hildebrand-Health issues
 Karen Hildebrand-Health issues-in hospital
 Janet Heath-Health issues
 Edward Hanes-Health issues
 Talmadge Hanes-Health issues
 Vicar Geoff Abendschoen-Health issues

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Anna vanDyk-Health issues
 Karl vanDyk-Health issue

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Joyce Devan
Dawn Frey	Marguerite Beck
Becky Lupp	Karen Hildebrand

LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President Bill Harmon



- 7th - Jerry Allison**
- 7th - Dane Smith**
- 13th - Rebecca Lupp**
- 18th - Ken Sanders**
- 20th - Lisa Crabtree**
- 25th - Barbara Klahold**
- 25th - Dave Stambaugh**



Early April Birthdays

- 11th - Carlos Beck**



PRAYER LIST (cont.)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
 For our "action" committees/task forces
 Our Community and Families

MILITARY

POLICE

Jonathan



LENTEN WORSHIP-FIRST ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Mornings

Come, worship with us and hear about our Savior's ultimate gift of love for us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M.

- March 3
- March 10
- March 17



Wednesday Evenings

Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship room. Then join in a special series of sermons for Lent at 7:00 P.M.

- March 6
- March 13
- March 20



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

There will be three opportunities to worship the "suffering Savior."

Palm / Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 11:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Friday March 29, 7:00 P.M.

This evening worship will be a choral Tenebrae service. The hymn, "Were You There" will be the focus.

LENTEN WORSHIP-ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Mornings

Come, worship with us and hear about our Savior's ultimate gift of love for us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M.

March 3

March 10

March 17



Wednesday Noon

Begin in the sanctuary for worship at 12:00 P.M. Then, have lunch in the fellowship hall.

March 6

March 13

March 20



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

There will be three opportunities to worship the "suffering Savior."

Palm / Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 9:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 12:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Friday March 29, 12:00 P.M.

**FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS
DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD**

**to First St. John's Lutheran Church
140 W. King St., York, PA 17401**

EVERY MONDAY

From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

**FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS
WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU.
ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.**

Women's Care Center
Pregnant?

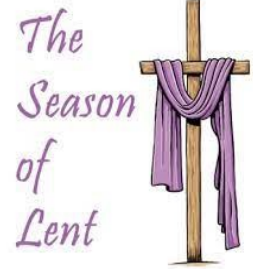
WOMEN'S CARE CENTER
Formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center
40 South Richland Avenue
York, PA 17404
Phone: (717) 854-6285

**1ST QUARTER
ALMS

CHURCH
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**



Music & Worship Notes



We are well into the season of Lent. The series we are using this year for all the mid week services and Holy week is titled: "Guided to the Cross." We are again sharing with our sister congregations in a rotation of the pastors and vicar. The mid week services will be in the Bible study room beginning with supper at 6 and the service at 7. Choir rehearsal will take place after the service. The Holy week services will take place in the sanctuary.

At the end of the Palm/Passion Sunday service, we will be sharing in the passion reading from the Gospel of Mark. You will receive a booklet with your bulletin that day that gets returned after the service.

Maundy Thursday, as always, will be a communion service. At the end of the service, the stripping of the altar takes place during which time, Psalm 22 is chanted. Then everyone leaves in silence.

Good Friday is the Tenebrae service of Readings and music. Choir anthems and congregational hymns will be sung. This is a service of darkness, which means the church will slowly get darker with each reading. You might want to have a flashlight with you so you can see to sing the hymns. There will be a loud noise at the end of the service, which symbolizes the closing of the tomb. Everyone will leave in silence as the bell tolls 33 times.

Then we get to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. We get to sing the joyous hymns of Easter, hear the uplifting choir anthems, and hear the organ and trumpet lead the singing and provide special music.

March is the end of the first quarter of the Alms Fund. The next Quarter will be designation for the Harvest of Blessing group.



**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh,
Dave Stambaugh, Beverly Card,
Zihong (Andy) Su.**

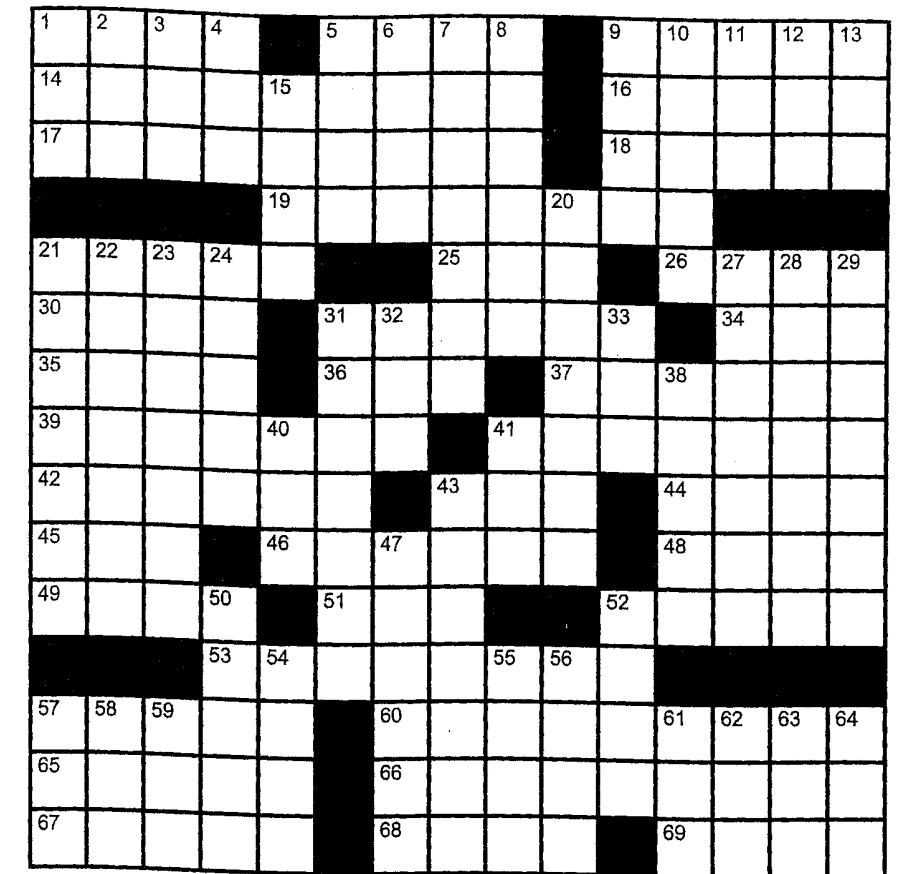
**Ken Sanders,
MINISTER OF MUSIC**



Getting There MEDIUM ■ Solution on page 24

ACROSS

- "The highway of the upright avoids ____; those who guard their ways preserve their lives" (Proverbs 16:17 NIV)
- Beaver constructions
- Speck of land in the sea
- "Jesus answered, '____ and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 4:6 NIV)
- Perhaps
- "Hold on, I'll be right with you..."
- West Point or Annapolis newbie
- "And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of ____; it will be for those who walk on that Way" (Isaiah 35:8a NIV)
- Supermarket carriers
- Book after Exodus: Abbr.
- "Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to ____ or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices" (Song of Solomon 8:14 KJV)
- Mixed bag
- Beaches, *en español*
- One (beach, for example), *en español*
- Light-switch settings
- "____ in apple"
- "Build up, build up the highway! Remove the _____. Raise a banner for the nations" (Isaiah 62:10b NIV)
- With 41-Across, Top 10 hit from the Pixar "Cars" soundtrack whose title also reflects a biblical truth (see bolded clues)
- See 39-Across
- "A voice of one calling in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way for the LORD, make straight in the _____ a highway for our God'" (Isaiah 40:3 NIV)
- LeBron James, from 2003-2010 and again from 2014-2018
- ____ Féin (Irish political party)
- Venezuelan river (anagram of OAR)
- Digestive enzyme (anagram of IS PALE)
- Designer Gucci
- Eat in style
- Letter after kay
- Actor Max von ___, who played Jesus in the 1965 movie "The Greatest Story Ever Told"
- "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make _____ paths for him'" (Mark 1:3 NIV)
- This and this
- Mixes up, as eggs or as letters in an anagram
- Hearing-related
- "I will turn all my _____ into roads, and my highways will be raised up" (Isaiah 49:11 NIV)
- Gemstone in the first row of the High Priest's breastplate, in Exodus 28



- Out on the waves
- "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; In whose heart are the highways to ____" (Psalm 84:5 ASV)
- Go crazy, with no boundaries
- Early ball/strike count, in a baseball at-bat
- "Alright, slow down, big fella..."
- More sallow-looking
- "____, note to follow Sew..."
- British money: Abbr.
- Opening words of America's national anthem
- Online abbreviation for "in real life"
- Possesses
- Cats with tri-color coats
- Liquid part of blood
- College application attachment, perhaps
- Monthly checking account summary: Abbr.
- Spill the beans
- Fit of shivering (anagram of URGE)
- Four-time Grand Slam tennis champion Mandlíková
- Computer key near Caps Lock
- Blue, e.g. ... or a rhyme for "blue"
- Slip up
- Director Luhrmann, who directed 2002 Best Picture nominee Moulin Rouge!
- 52, in Roman numerals
- Musician Brian who co-founded Roxy Music (anagram of ONE)
- Nine-digit government ID: Abbr.
- Down
- "Old MacDonald" ending letters
- Scooby Doo Gang's "Mystery Machine", e.g.
- "____ Mine" (Beatles tune in the "Let It Be" album)
- Sgts.' superiors
- Art ____ (1920's-30's architectural style)
- GI who's way off-base?
- Brown mailing envelopes
- 2000 Olympics city
- Little rascals
- Chip dip
- Chemical in Drano
- Flow out, as the tide
- Letter after ess
- Snickering sounds
- Hard to pin down
- Parent who tries to be "one of the boys"
- Italian tragic poet Vittorio (anagram of AIR LIFE)
- Quotes improvisationally, as in jazz solos or stand-up comedy
- "We're off ____ the Wizard..."