



# Trinity United Methodist Church

April 2025 Newsletter

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## About Easter

We are story-telling people. And at the heart of the stories that we tell is the death and resurrection of Jesus. That makes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter the high point of the Christian year; they have been observed and celebrated by the church since earliest times.

The early Christians, like their Jewish forebears, remembered God's act of deliverance by re-telling and re-enacting the story through narrative and ritual, especially in a great annual feast. What the Exodus event was to the Jews, the cross and resurrection event was to Christians.

As Jews annually celebrated Passover, recalling their deliverance from bondage, so Christians annually celebrated Good Friday and Easter, recalling God's saving acts in Christ. Through worship and liturgical celebration, the crucial events are retold, remembered, recovered, and brought into the present.

So in this season of Lent and Easter, we come to the heart of the Christian story and the Christian faith: Maundy-Thursday, Good Friday and Easter observances. We prepare for it during Lent and we continue to celebrate through the Sundays of Easter, which culminate in Pentecost. Easter is truly celebrated when we tell and re-tell the story of salvation in Jesus Christ.

## Palm Sunday

The celebration of Palm Sunday originated in Jerusalem in the fourth century. Helena, the Emperor Constantine's mother, had established churches on the various sites in the Holy Land which were traditionally held to mark the earthly life of Jesus. Gradually celebrations arose around these churches that re-enacted, in dramatic fashion, the events of Jesus' passion. On Sunday before Easter, for instance, people gathered on Mount of Olive and gospel narrative describing the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was read and the people proceeded down the Mount and into the city, children and adults alike waving palm and olive branches and singing psalms. Come and join us for Palm Sunday worship on April 13, 9:30am.

## Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the night when we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper. "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another even as I have loved you," (John 13: 34). Maundy Thursday service will be on Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm.

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Good Friday is probably the second oldest "special day" of the Christian year, predated only by the celebration of Vigil on Easter Eve. The appropriate liturgical color is, in fact, no color at all. This is highlighted by stripping the sanctuary of the paraments, banners, and candles. Come and worship on Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm.

## Easter Service

Our traditional Easter service will be at 9:30 am. The service will present inspiring music, familiar hymns and scriptures, and contemporary message of faith and hope that will touch your heart. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the joy of Easter. Easter is the greatest event in the world, and we need your presence to make it complete.







## Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily has long been a symbol of Christ's resurrection. For as the bulb dies before springing forth to new life so Jesus died before being raised to new life. Please donate a plant for Easter Sunday.



## Communion Sunday

Communion Sunday, April 6  
The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 6. Come and celebrate the sacrament with your church family.

## Brown Bag Sunday

Help those in need by bringing a bag of groceries to the church on the third Sunday, April 20. Non-Perishable food items will be donated to Clothing Closet. Thank you for your generosity.

## Noisy Offering Sunday

Noisy Offering Sunday is April 20. Please bring your change to help support Heifer International and the NOW committee supply an Animal Health Worker Kit and a Goat to those in need.

Richard McCrady  
from the McCrady Family  
Dennis Parmenter  
from Kathy Parmenter and Family  
Kathy & Vernle Johnson, Laura & Keith Lyon  
from Ron & Vicki Lyon  
Dick Kirtley  
from Brian and Traci Kirtley  
Bob Kelley  
from Jean Kelley  
Dan Hall  
from the Hall Family

Paul & Opal Hornung and Kenny & May McKenna  
from Steve & Gayle Hornung  
in memory of their parent and grandparents  
from Craig and Jeanie Henry  
in memory of in memory of their family and our  
church family from Dick & Linda Fawcetts  
In memory of their loved ones  
from The Weber Family, Burdette & Loa  
Christensen and Doug & Martha Brown

## Easter Breakfast

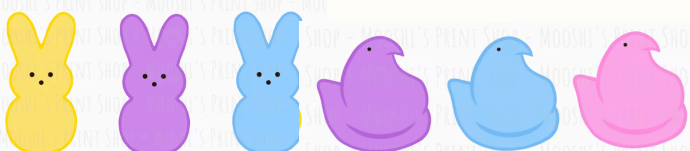
The Now committee will be hosting an Easter/Think Spring Breakfast on April 13th after worship. Please sign up on the sheet to bring something to share with the group.

## Community Choir & Band

Ballard Community Performing Arts Assn. will be starting Choir and Band practice for the upcoming summer music season on April 14 at the High School Rm 2. The band rehearsal is at 6:30 and choir at 7:40

The summer concerts are:

Cambridge Jubilee Days – June 13th  
Slater 4th of July Celebration – July 4th  
The 33rd Annual Iowa Municipal  
Band Festival – July 12th  
Huxley Prairie Festival – August 23  
Other Performances maybe scheduled



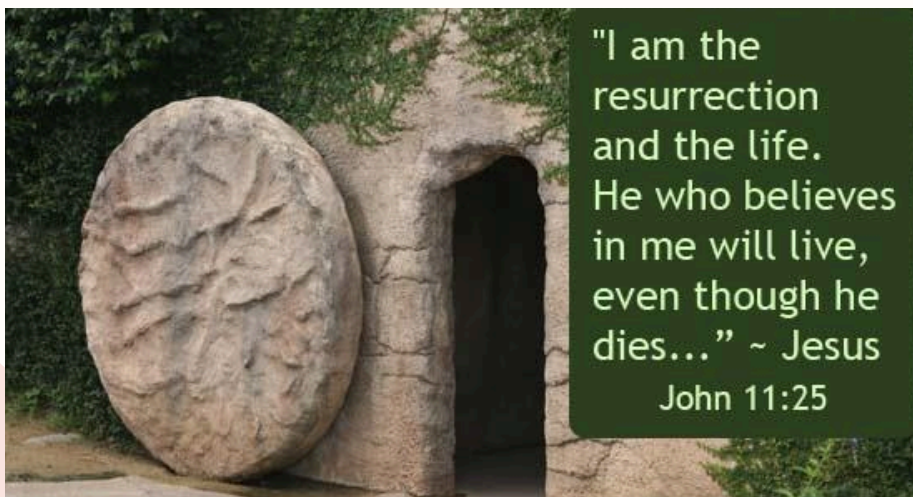
# NOW Committee Activities



Did You Know Sunday – April 13th Recap of all NOW Projects/Events.

- The NOW Committee is hosting our Easter/Think Spring Breakfast on April 13th. A sign-up sheet is at the church for you to let us know what you would like to bring.
- Noisy Offering to Benefit Heifer Project – Sunday, April 20th Our current project is an Animal Health Worker Kit and a Goat. This is also Brown Bag Sunday.
- Our Mission Focus for April will continue to be the personal hygiene products, see list below. Please place them in the tub in the Narthex.
  - Shampoo/Conditioner
  - Bodywash
  - Bar Soap
  - Comb/Brush
  - Shaving cream
  - Deodorant
  - Lotion
  - Washcloth/loofah sponge
  - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
  - Tampons/Pads
- On-going projects: Pop tab collection for Ronald McDonald House, plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, school supplies, and stuffed animals.
- The next Social Dinner is being planned for April 24th. Let us know where you would like to go.
- We will have two events in May. On May 4th we will have a breakfast to honor our graduates and.....
- Plans are in place to host a garage sale on May 10 that will include lunch and a bake sale. Good time to clean closets and basement again. You can begin to bring items (no large ones yet) and place them in the furnace room behind the sanctuary. We will need workers for set up on Friday (5/9) and on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the NOW Committee projects and events.



*Happy  
Easter*



# Spring Cleaning

You Probably thought spring cleaning was only for your house. Well, no, we have some projects that need to be taken care of here at church. Below is a list of items that need to be taken care of. We would appreciate it if you could sign up for an item and complete it before Palm Sunday, April 13th. That is assuming that the weather will cooperate with everyone.

## Trinity United Methodist Church Spring Work List

Please sign up for one and complete your task list by April 12th, weather permitting

### EXTERIOR:

Doug B\_\_\_\_\_Clear gutters, check down spouts for proper drainage,  
clear away all debris.

\_\_\_\_\_Clean playground area and check playground equipment

\_\_\_\_\_Rake leaves where needed

\_\_\_\_\_Wash windows if needed

\_Pat\_\_\_\_\_Prune low hanging branches on all trees, especially over  
sidewalks and driveway

\_\_\_\_\_Prune shrubs and bushes

\_Weeks\_\_\_\_\_Clean out flower beds along Fellowship Hall

\_\_\_\_\_Clean out flower beds on west side of the church between  
two double entry doors

\_Kathy\_\_\_\_\_Clean out flower beds in memorial garden and around  
pastor's Office along with trimming the bushes

Note: We need lawn and leaf bags, a trailer and someone to dispose of the yard waste.

Lawn and Leaf bags \_\_\_\_Loa C\_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_Craig\_\_\_\_\_





**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRESENTS**

# **NAZARETH LIVE**



**COMEDY - SKETCHES - MUSIC**

**APRIL 4 AT 7:30 PM \$10   APRIL 5 DINNER AT 6:30, SHOW AT 7:30 PM \$25**

**APRIL 6 AT 2:00 PM \$10**

## **SPECIAL GUEST COMEDY OF MATT TWOMEY**

Presented at Trinity United Methodist Church at  
102 Lynwood Dr, Huxley IA



email for tickets:  
[nazarethchurchcambridge@gmail.com](mailto:nazarethchurchcambridge@gmail.com)

or call and leave message at  
515-383-4328

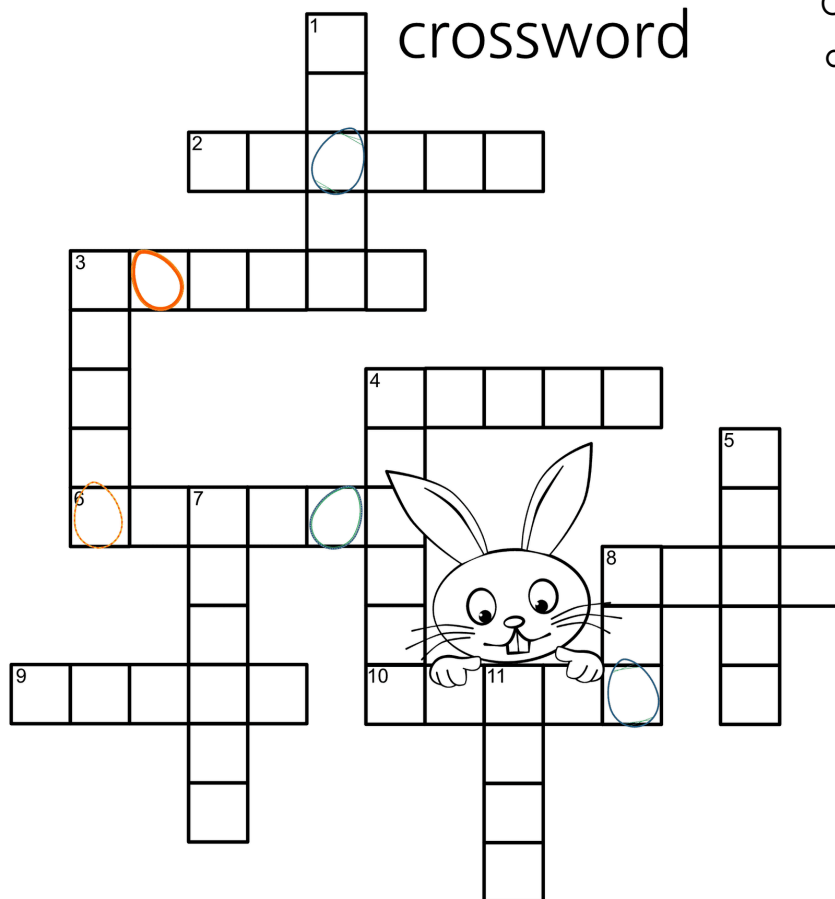






# EASTER Puzzles

## crossword



Add to 12

Circle each pair of numbers that add up to 12. Each pair must be side to side or one above the other.

There are 21 pairs.

4	4	6	8	7	2	6
3	8	1	11	5	10	6
2	10	6	6	4	8	4
3	3	1	11	8	9	3
5	9	7	1	3	7	5
5	7	5	9	3	2	8
1	11	4	4	5	10	6
3	6	6	8	4	8	6
2	10	2	9	3	1	2
10	4	5	6	7	11	4
2	8	4	8	5	8	5

- Down**
1. Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. They rolled away the \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. What a rabbit likes to eat
  5. A baby rabbit
  8. A Bunny may not walk but he can \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. The day of the week we celebrate Easter
  11. A baby sheep

- Across**
2. What you carry to gather eggs
  3. The season we celebrate Easter
  4. A newly hatched bird
  6. The day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus
  8. An Easter Egg \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. A tasty treat you may find in Easter eggs
  10. A flower that grows fr

## EASTER WORD SCRAMBLE



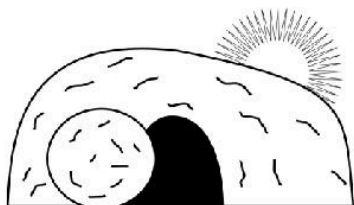
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BUNS  
CANDY

CARROT  
CHICK  
CHOCOLATE  
EASTER  
EGG

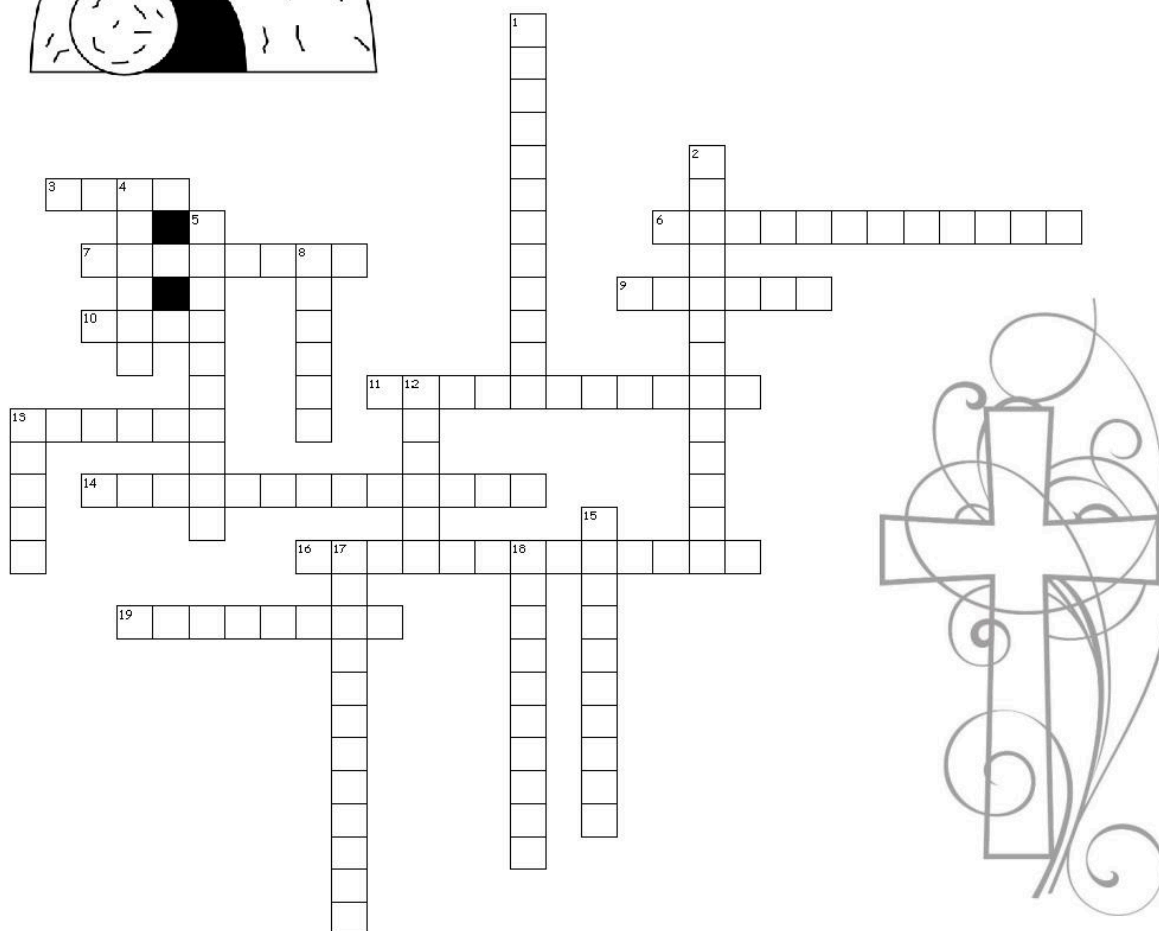
FLOWERS  
HUNT  
LAMB  
NEST  
RABBIT

1. TABKSE \_\_\_\_\_
2. NBYNU \_\_\_\_\_
3. HICCK \_\_\_\_\_
4. ALCOTECHO \_\_\_\_\_
5. ANYDC \_\_\_\_\_
6. OECETADR \_\_\_\_\_

C	A	R	R	O	T	Y	O	J	E	C	F
Z	Y	Y	Q	I	E	A	S	T	E	R	L
T	W	N	D	Z	K	K	M	G	C	A	O
H	S	Z	N	N	S	Y	G	H	M	B	W
Z	U	E	H	U	A	N	I	B	P	B	E
T	E	N	N	O	B	C	U	A	A	I	R
B	R	Z	T	A	K	P	J	B	S	T	S
C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	T	K	P



# Easter Crossword!



## Across

3. The only disciple to stay with Jesus when he was dying.
6. How Jesus died
7. The man whose life was saved when Jesus took his place on the cross.
9. The Thursday before Easter
10. The period of time before Easter
11. What Christians gain from Jesus' death.
13. The apostle who didn't believe Jesus had risen.
14. The man who betrayed Jesus.
16. One of three people to stay with Jesus during the crucifixion.
19. The place where Jesus is said to have been crucified.
18. The day the murder of Jesus took place.

## Down

1. What happened before the tombstone was moved
2. What some historians believe was Jesus' burial shroud
4. Where Jesus went after he rose from the dead
5. Mardi Gras
8. What Jesus did after he was resurrected
12. The number of silver pieces it took for his disciple to betray Jesus
13. The number of days between the crucifixion and the arising
15. What Jesus and his disciples shared prior to his execution.
17. The first day of Lent