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Newsletter Deadline

All items for the monthly Newsletter must be submitted in writing no later than the ***Monday after the second Sunday*** of the month and are subject to editing. No exceptions.

Messiah Lutheran Church **is on...** facebook

March Celebrations

3 Madison Bartlett
Laydon Schuler
7 Doug Wolf
8 Jacie Rosthauser
10 Bethany Schuler
12 J. J. Conner
15 James Proper
17 Nolan Mikotowicz
18 Madelyn Frick
21 Betty Kiehl
Pat Schell
24 Joshua Bartlett
26 Jim Van Dyne
27 Gail Harman
28 Jennifer Miller
30 Pam Van Horn

"Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit."

1 Robin Curtis
4 Ashley Rogala
13 Chase Brown
14 Lois Hollenbeck
16 Linda Porada
18 Madelyn Frick
Bonnie Magee
22 Gemma Brainard
Zachary Brown
28 Karen Conner
29 Sandy Lee
31 Cynthia Needham

If we missed your Birth, Baptism, or Marriage Anniversary we apologize.
Please contact the church office to provide us with that information.

"Bless them so that all may see in their lives together within the community of your people a vision of your kingdom on earth."

From the Nuptial Blessing in the Marriage ceremony

27 Douglas and Kristine Edwards

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH

1	Job 17-18	18	1 Corinthians 5-6
2	Isaiah 45-50	19	Genesis 44-47
3	Matthew 23-25	20	1 Samuel 6-10
4	1 Corinthians 1-2	21	Psalms 33-35
5	Genesis 36-39	22	Job 23-24
6	Ruth	23	Isaiah 62-66
7	Psalms 27-29	24	Mark 3-4
8	Job 19-20	25	1 Corinthians 7-8
9	Isaiah 51-55	26	Genesis 48-50
10	Matthew 26-28	27	1 Samuel 11-15
11	1 Corinthians 3-4	28	Psalms 36-38
12	Genesis 40-43	29	Job 25-26
13	1 Samuel 1-5	30	Jeremiah 1-6
14	Psalms 30-32	31	Mark 5-6
15	Job 21-22		
16	Isaiah 56-61		
17	Mark 1-2		

Messiah Messenger

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Our Mission:

Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Church Life

Wednesdays
March 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6
5:45pm
Right After Vespers
in Fellowship Hall
All are invited!!

Mardi Gras!
Reminder
at
Messiah Lutheran Church
Tuesday, March 1
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
In Fellowship Hall
Let the good times roll!

Worship

Ash Wednesday
March 2
Noon - Traditional
7:00PM - Contemporary Style
Holy Communion with
Imposition of Ashes

Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays in Lent, March 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6
5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
(right before the Soup Supper!) This is a GREAT opportunity to pray midweek during Lent.

Covid-19 Public Worship Guideline Update

In keeping with the CDC guidelines for in person gatherings, we strongly recommend all attendees to wear a mask, whether or not one is vaccinated.
Physical distancing has been removed as have capacity limits.

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by station.

Online Worship Update

We purchased a faster computer from which to live stream our services.
It should be in use by Ash Wednesday.
By the end of March we hope to be live streaming from our web page!

If you would like to be part of the live streaming ministry, contact the church office.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a very important "behind the scenes" ministry!

The people in this ministry make sure that our worship space is properly prepared for Sunday Worship and other special services.
To be part of this welcoming ministry please contact:
Linda Voigt at 899-8618

Assisting Ministers and Lectors

The blank schedule for **April** will be in the **Narthex** through **March 20.**
Please schedule yourself.

If you do not indicate your availability it will be presumed that you ARE available.

Videographers still needed

Would you like to help with videotaping the worship services on Sunday?

We need volunteers for both the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Contact Pr. Jeff or the Church Office!

Assisting Ministers and Lectors are needed for the 8:30 Worship Service!

Contact Pr. Jeff if interested!
Training will be provided.

Worship Ministry Team

The next meeting of the Worship Ministry Team will be Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00PM in the Study Lounge.
To be part of this vital ministry at Messiah please contact Pr. Jeff

Online Service Attendance			
Date	**8:30**	**11:00**	**Total**
Jan. 30	40	87	127
Feb. 6	44	38	82
Feb 13	47	66	113
Feb. 20	59	59	118

In-Person Service Attendance			
Date	**8:30**	**11:00**	**Total**
Jan. 30	40	50	90
Feb. 6	15	35	50
Feb 13	14	29	43
Feb. 20	13	28	41

Stewardship/Finance

The goal of our Stewardship/Finance Ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances that God has entrusted to them.

2nd Mile Giving Appeal

2nd Mile Giving is that support we offer above and beyond our regular giving.

Our 2nd Mile Giving recipient for **March** is:

Jr./Sr. Youth Ministry

You may contribute through your regular envelope marking how much to designate to 2nd Mile on the "other" line on your envelope, or by sending a separate donation.

Through **Feb 20, $10.00** has been donated for **Pastor Discretionary Fund!**

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued Financial Support.
Your generosity is most appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry

Please consider a financial gift for the Food Pantry.
Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line

Food Pantry Distribution:

Tuesday, Mar 1, 5-6:00pm *- Country Fair Items Only*
Tuesday, Mar 15, 10-11:30am and at 5-6:00pm

Thank you for your generosity!

Counter Ministry

Become part of the team of people who count the weekly offerings and take them to the bank.

Time commitment is about 30 minutes after worship.

Training will be provided! Contact the Church Office if interested.

DID YOU KNOW…

that your offerings to Messiah Lutheran Church can be made electronically while you're on vacation or if you prefer the convenience of scheduling a monthly/ weekly automatic withdrawal from your account? It's easy to set up the following option:

Electronic transfer from your bank account

For more information, call the Church Office, 899-6386.

Year to Date Financial Picture

(Through February 25)

	Feb.	Actual YTD	YTD Budget
Env. Giving	$10,099.00	$21,835.00	$30,000.00
Other Reg. Giv.	285.00	1,002.00	1,449.96
Misc. Income	169.00	865.78	5,760.96
Total Income	$10,553.00	$23,702.78	$37,210.92
Expenses:	$16,473.02	$29,970.04	$35,333.58
Net	($5,920.02)	($6,267.26)	$1,837.34

Put your Amazon purchases to greater use!

Follow the link on our webpage or go to:
http://smile.amazon.com
Choose Messiah Lutheran Church as your charity and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Messiah!
As of November 21 we have received $64.65

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Attention Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Members...

Thrivent Members can designate Messiah Lutheran Church as a recipient of the charitable giving that Thrivent offers through Choice Dollars. Visit their website, **www.thrivent.com**, or call your Thrivent representative, for more information.

To those that have designated Messiah as a recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars, ***we gratefully thank you!***

As of Feb 20 we have received $0 for 2022 through your designating Messiah as the recipient of your shares.

For more information about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contact Vince Kremer, Financial Associate, at 814-878-5727 or visit Thrivent.com

Pennies for Poverty

An ongoing project of the NWPA Women of the ELCA.

Consider dropping your spare change, or even bills, in the container in the narthex for this project.

Each year a charity is selected to receive the money collected by the participating churches.

Dynamic Giving Campaign 2022

It is not too late to return your 10% Challenge Commitment to the Church Office.
You are reminded that even if you are giving 10% of the income God's has placed in your care to the ministry of God through Messiah, and will continue to give 10%, you are asked to return the Challenge Commitment as well.
Thank you for your generosity!

We give MANY Thanks to Bob Pommer!

Bob Pommer has served in the Stewardship/Finance ministry for over 30 years. We appreciate all that he has done in this ministry area to help Messiah Lutheran Church throughout the years.

March Sponsors

	8:30 WA	11:00 WA	Flower (1)	Flower (2)	Candle
03/06	Jones				Mikotowicz
03/13	Jones		No Flowers During Lent		Mikotowicz
03/20	Jones	Sprouse			Mikotowicz
03/27	Jones				Mikotowicz

Please consider sponsoring the Worship Aids during the year.
Every sponsorship helps to defray the cost to the congregation. Thank you!

2022 Sponsorships

The completed form, and payment, are due prior to date of sponsorship

Altar Flowers: **$30/**1 vase
$50/2 vases *(for same day)**

Vigil Candle: **All have been sponsored for 2022**

Worship Aids: **$7**/service/week*
* (except Easter & Christmas)

The Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team will next meet on

March 8 at 4:00pm

in Fellowship Hall

Contact Craig Cunningham-882-4800
if you would like share your talents
as part of this important work of the congregation.

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The Reason for the Season

As we enter the most important season of the Christian year, let us remember why we celebrate. As Ash Wednesday approaches we need to take time to contemplate our own lives as well as the life of Jesus. We celebrate not the death, but the resurrections of Jesus!

Use the next few weeks to reflect on how we got to this place. We have enjoyed the time of Christ's birth. Our ancestors took a pagan holiday and changed it to celebrate the Christ child. We have followed his life story in our New Testament. We know of His baptism, and we hear of His miracles. He did nothing to deserve death, yet death was necessary.

Jesus used his last days to prepare. He fasted and prayed. He used his time to warn his disciples of the coming trauma. They believed he was the Son of God, yet they still had some doubt in his words. They didn't understand the depth of what was happening in those last days.

Aren't we much the same? We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, the Redeemer, the Son of God; we believe that he IS GOD. If we had been among the disciples when he was alive on the earth, would we have listened? Are we listening now?

Personally, I don't recognize the giving up of chocolate or whatever for Lent. Christ has already made the ultimate sacrifice--there is nothing equal. What I do believe--and maybe you do, too--is that Lent is a time to pray about that sacrifice in hopes that we might better understand why it was done to save sinners like us. It is a time for self-evaluation, to recognize our own sins. It is a time to sincerely repent and ask forgiveness.

We need only glance at the Ten Commandments to see how much we fail. Even knowing his word, we choose to obey when it is convenient. We rationalize the scripture, interpreting it to suit us--not thinking about the actual meaning, many times we scoff at those who truly LIVE their religion instead of practicing it on Sunday. We don't deserve

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Servant Outreach/PHM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Due to the Corona Virus, the Messiah Prayer Shawl group will not meet until it is safe to return. However, our group is working from home and doing the best we can.

During the pandemic it can be a blessing to you and to the person who receives a mantel.

If you are interested in helping us out with this ministry, please call Shirley Damon at 814-899-8805 with any questions or concerns. We can provide patterns, instruction if needed and yarn. Thank you!

Prayer Shawls are available at the Church office. Please contact Shirley Damon or the Church office.

Sewing Circle

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Project Linus sewing circle will not be meeting at this time. Instead we are sewing blankets at home! If anyone is interested, we are always in need of talented volunteers. We can provide material and blanket ideas if needed.

If you are interested in helping, please call Joyce Hauser with any questions at 814-825-3919. Thank you!

Do you like to sew? Need something to do? The sewing group is working on lap robes or blankets for the City Mission and Project Linus from home.

Bethany Outreach

The collection box for donations has been removed from the Narthex, but you can still drop off men's and boy's clothing!

Clothing can be dropped off at the office or in the Narthex.

Talk to Karen Pistner if you have any questions.

Parish Health Ministry

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5

BLOOD DRIVE

MESSIAH LUTHERAN @ CBB

March 14-19

M,TH,F: 8-5 W,T: 10-6 SAT.: 9:30-12

SIGN UP AT FOURHEARTS.ORG

WALK INS WELCOME!

DONORS MUST

- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- No tattoo or piercing in past 3 months
- Be in general good health and eat before donating
- Wear a mask
- PHOTO ID REQUIRED

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

We give Many Thanks to Anna Mae Van Dyne!

Anna Mae has decided to step down as Chairperson of the Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Team after serving many years in this capacity. We appreciate all that she has initiated and inspired!

New Co-Chairs of Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Team

Jean Parker and Joe Burwell have agreed to be the Co-Chairs for the current year. We thank them for their commitment!

Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Team will meet Mar 6 at 9:45am in the Study Lounge.

March is National Nutrition Month

Let's Eat for the Health of it!

Get Your Plate in Shape!

Most of us would agree that it is a daily challenge to "eat right" and make positive changes in our food choices. But, the research has found that a healthy eating plan can decrease the risk of chronic disease such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, and certain cancers. Eating healthy can also decrease the risk for obesity which can cause an increased risk for health problems.

These are a few tips to help you eat healthier.

- Build a healthy plate, cup or bowl. Before you eat think about what goes on your plate. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean protein foods contain the nutrients you need without too many calories. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables. Make at least half your grains whole grains. Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.
- Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars, and salt. Choose foods and drinks with little or no added sugars. Look out for salt! Be aware of the sodium content in the canned soup and choose a lower sodium option, or make your own with low sodium broth. Bake brownies with natural applesauce instead of vegetable oil.
- Enjoy your food, but eat less. Choose lower calorie options like fruit with low-fat yogurt and walnuts instead of an ice cream sundae.
- Drink plenty of water!

A good resource for nutrition information and tips on eating healthy is:

www.ChooseMyPlate.gov

One of the best ways to eat healthy is to plan your meals for the day. Don't give up when making changes. Look for ways to make your meals interesting. Smart shop for fruits and vegetables-buy what is in season. Keep meals simple by eating fruits and vegetables in their basic form. Stick to your shopping list. Pack your lunch!

Genesis 1:29: and God said "I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat." Why not give it a prayer and get your plate in shape and eat for the health of it!

The Parish Health Ministry Team

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his sacrifice, yet we are the recipients of a great gift.

If Aunt Theo was expected to leave us a great fortune, wouldn't we do our best to please her with obedience and respect? Why is it so hard to do it for Jesus?

Lent is the time to get over ourselves. It isn't about us. It's about obedience to his word, accepting his sacrifice and telling his word to the masses. It is about reflecting on our own lives as Jesus reflected on his. It should be a time of prayer, praise and commitment.

For guidance I respectfully suggest the reading of Psalm 119.

From my family to yours, we wish for you the gifts of wisdom and of faith.

Your servant in Christ,
Marilyn DiLuzio Rizzo

CYFM/FIA

Children, Youth & Family Ministry/Faith In Action Team

CYFM/Faith in Action Team
Will next meet Thursday, March 3
at 12:00PM In the Finance Room

BOUND TOGETHER
(BOOK REVIEW CLUB)

Wednesday, March 2 at 1:00pm
in the Study Lounge

Our March book is:

The Book of Longings - *by Sue Monk Kidd* (Sandy H.)

Our April book will be:

The Other Einstein-A Novel - *by Marie Benedict*Heather Terrell* (Karen P.)

COME AND JOIN US!

BYOB(ible) Study

First and Second Letters of Peter

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
(not Ash Wednesday)
in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
Sign up in the Narthex or Contact Pr. Jeff if you are interested!

In order to make a Prayer Chain request, please email or call the Church Office

PRAYER CHAIN
MINISTRY

In the event of emergency situations, contact Pr. Jeff and he will pass on the information!
Thank you for your cooperation!

Care Group #4 Bible Study
Mondays, March 14 & 28
at 1:00PM

Experience the Bible in Historical Context

Care Group #4 will be exploring how Paul communicated the good news of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshiped false gods, as we "travel" with Christian teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan through video and workbook discussion. This study begins at 1:00 on Monday, February 14 and continues on the first and second Monday of each month from 1:00 until about 2:30.

Please contact Linda Fryer at (814) 899-6899 or Jean Parker at (814) 528-5817 if you plan to attend and we will provide you with a workbook at a cost of $12.00 (used copies are available for purchase online). We have really enjoyed another video study by this author and feel sure that you will too!

The Grateful Prayer Group

THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
MEETS IN THE STUDY LOUNGE
CONTACT JEAN PARKER AT 814-528-5817
OR LINDA FRYER AT 814-899-6899.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Guided Meditation on Monday's is now a "traveling" group. Please call Bonnie Stearns to find out where each week's meeting will be held.

Every Monday - 6:30PM

Property

Property Team

Do you have an interest in helping to keep our church property in top condition?
Join the Property Team!

Next meeting will be Sunday, March 13 at 9:45am in the Study Lounge

To get information about any project for the church or to Inform us of something that needs to be repaired, please contact Art Anderson at 881-1680

Snow Shoveling Volunteers NEEDED!

We will be needing volunteers to commit to clearing our sidewalks, steps and wheelchair ramp during the week throughout winter.
Please contact the church office if you are willing to help!

Notes of Thanks

Dear Messiah:

We appreciate the generous gift to the Mercy Center for Women. Families trick-or-treated at Zoo Boo, camped at Camp Fitch and shared a delicious Thanksgiving meal together.

We also appreciate the beautiful Christmas provided by your church community to the Mercy Center for Women in 2021. The women and children enjoyed a beautiful season.

Blessings!

Smile, Pray, Be Kind,
Jennie Hagerty
Executive Director

Thank you so much for the hats and mittens. We have refugee children, coming from all over the world. These students have many needs and your donations are very much appreciated.

With Gratitude,
Douglas Keffer
ELL Teacher
Erie High School

About Our Members

Please keep the church office informed of any changes in your mailing address, phone number, and email address. It is important for us to keep our database up-to-date. Thank you for your cooperation.

I Have Moved…

Charlotte Fitch
209 Roberts Rd
Pittston PA 18640

Church Council

Church Leadership

Council:

Briana Alaniz-Secretary(2)
Art Anderson -Pres (3)
Joe Burwell (1)
Eugene Jones (2)
Kathy Kiehl (1)
Mike Mikotowicz-V-Pres (1)
Steve Porada (3)
Mary Rush (3)
Anna Mae Van Dyne (2)

Erie Conference Rep: *TBD*

Food Pantry Board Rep: *Mike Mikotowicz*

Team Chairpersons:

Church Life: *Cindy Anderson*
CYFM/FIA: *Candy Sprouse*
Mutual Ministry: *Jean Parker*
Property: *Art Anderson*
Servant Outreach/PHM: *Joe Burwell, Jean Parker*
Stewardship/Finance: *Craig Cunningham*
Worship: *TBD*

Unofficial Highlights

- Reviewed the Minutes of the January planning day and the Annual Meeting;
- Reviewed the Financial Reports, Pastor's Reports and Ministry Team Reports;
- Received a quote from Grisé Audio to replace the microphone jacks and wiring in the church; Their bid of $7,221.74 was approved by Church Council and was decided to approach BNY Mellon to approve the expenditure from the Davis Foundation;
- Received a quote from JDL Computers to build a faster computer to be used solely in the church for live streaming our services; Council approved the expenditure of $1,599.00 and approved payment from the Lincoln Financial Investment;
- Reviewed the report from the Community Garden Team;
- Joe Burwell has agreed to co-chair the Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Team along with Jean Parker; Mike Mikotowicz has agreed to be the Council Liaison to the Stewardship/Finance Team;
- Investing in the Ramsey + Financial Tool was approved for one year;
- A new to us electronic keyboard was purchased for use in the Fellowship Hall, since the piano that is there now does not hold a tuning; this was purchased from World of Music along with a stand, stole and sound wire at a cost of $615; this was paid for from the General Memorial Funds;
- Council was asked to participate in a somewhat new endeavor being started at Messiah - "Getting to Know You" - pictures and a brief synopsis of families will be post in the Narthex of the church over the course of the next 9 months;

Church Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10:00am-5:00pm
Friday	10:00am-5:00pm

Contact Information

Messiah Lutheran Church

Contact Information

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secretary@messiah-erie.org

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey J. Piccirilli
pastorjeff@messiah-erie.org

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
please call Pastor Jeff at 431-5879

www.messiah-erie.org

Find out what is going on in the ELCA:

Church-wide - **www.elca.org**

NWPA Synod - ***www.northwesternpasynodelca.org***

Temptation of Christ Coloring Page

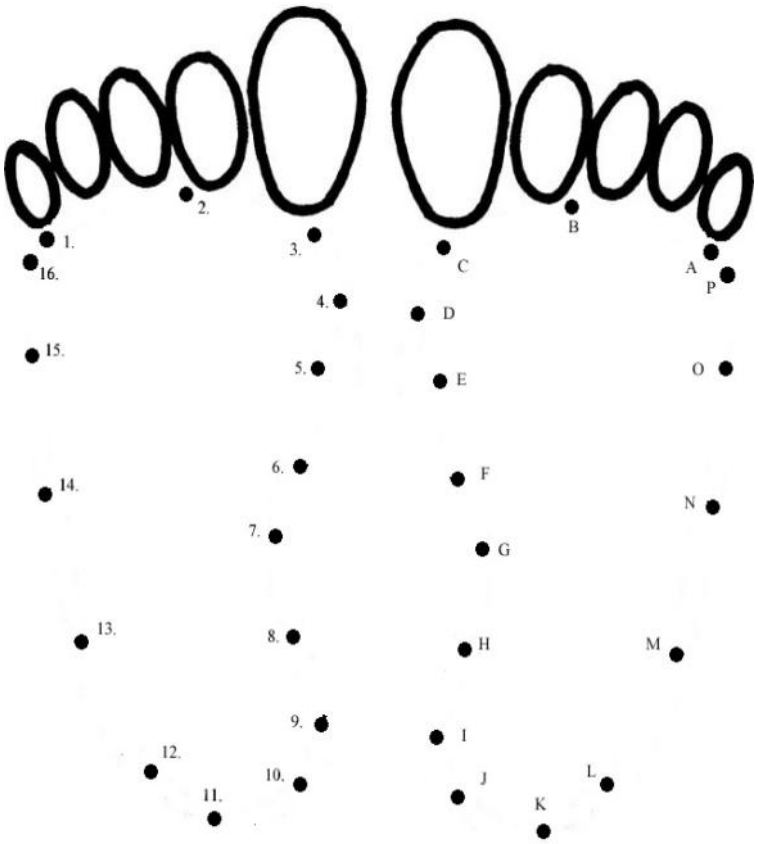
Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35 (NIV).

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

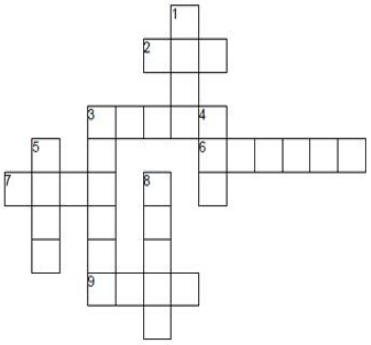
gather	Herod	hen	Jeus	chicks
prophet	blessed	goal	tomorrow	demons
heal	name	stone	Jerusalem	fox
today	house	kill	wings	Pharisees



The Parable of the Lost Son

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32



ACROSS

2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
7. To not be able to be found. (I ____ my dog.)
9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

DOWN

1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
3. A male parent.
4. The number that is equal to one plus one.
5. Your male children.
8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I _____ my dog).

TWO	KISS	RING	WEALTH	FATHER
FEAST	FOUND	LOST	PIG	SONS

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Jesus Tells a Story

Then he told this _____: "A man had a _____ tree, planted in his _____, and he went to look for _____ on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For _____ years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig _____ and haven't found any. _____ it down! Why should it use up the _____?'

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more _____, and I'll _____ around it and _____ it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it _____.'

Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)

cut	fertilize	parable	tree
dig	fig	soil	vineyard
down	fruit	three	year