

# St Luke UMC

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# THE BI-WEEKLY Flame CATCH THE FIRE!

## 2022 Apportionments

**\$14,313**



## Financial Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of St Luke ministries. These offerings were received in the month of March:

Total of \$12,704 which included:

- \$ 605 - Building Fund
- \$ 120 - Apportionments
- \$ 145 - UMCOR Sunday
- \$ 213 - Jane Kies
- \$ 300 - Easter Offering
- \$ 2,065 - UMCOR (Ukraine)

## Holy Week

**Sunday, April 10:** Palm Sunday  
9:30 am Worship at St Luke  
**Thursday, April 14:** Maundy Thursday  
6:30 pm Worship at St Luke  
**Friday, April 15:** Good Friday  
(No Service)  
**Sunday, April 17:** Easter Sunday  
9:30 am Worship at St Luke

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



APRIL 14 | 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

## EASTER SUNDAY



**Easter Sunday  
Service**  
**April 17 | 9:30 AM**

**Celebrate the Good  
News of our Risen Savior!**



## My Story

With heads full of wild hair and sleepy eyes, the search was on! It was Easter morning and the hunt had begun, somewhere in our home each of us had an Easter basket and we needed to find them. In the living room the couch cushions were off kilter...no basket. The door to the closet was ajar... no basket. Oh look, the curtain is sticking out funny... basket? Nope, not mine. The linen closet door wasn't closed... basket? One by one we each located the Easter basket full of colorful treasures, with our name on it.

While our search for baskets full of colored eggs and chocolate was a joyful search, for Mary Magdalene on the first Easter, the search began as one full of sorrow. Until she found the best Easter Surprise of all... an Empty tomb AND a Risen Savior.

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"*

*<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"*

*"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."*

*<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to*



*me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"* <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the

*news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-2, 11-18*

This Easter, may we all search for the Joy that comes from finding the Risen Lord. And may we, like Mary, GO and tell others about Jesus.

Corinne Kleppe



## Resurrection Joy

JOHN 20:1-18

*Celebrating  
the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection*

The followers of Jesus gathered in secret after His death. In shock, grieving loss of their beloved, they did not know if they, next, would be executed. On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion a small number returned to the scene of his burial in the tomb donated by Joseph of Arimathea, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb and in the near darkness noticed its covering had been removed. She then darted out of the surrounding garden, finding Simon Peter and John. After telling them "They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find him," they all headed straight for the tomb. John, then Simon Peter arrived; then another disciple came to the scene, observing no corpse, only carefully folded linen cloths. It was only after this moment that they began to understand that of which Jesus had (long) been speaking, and why he must be raised from the dead. The men then went to their homes.



Mary, however, stayed behind kneeling and crying at the tomb's entrance. Two heavenly messengers appeared and asked Mary why she was weeping. "They have taken away my Lord, and I cannot find Him." She then turned around to see Jesus, but did not recognize Him. Again Mary was questioned why she was sobbing, and for whom was she looking. Mary thought He was the gardener. "If you are the one who carried Him away, then tell me where He is and I will retrieve Him.

At this point Jesus revealed Himself: *Mary!* Mary Magdalene responded, "Rabbi, my Teacher!

Jesus directed Mary that she could not hold Him; that He needed to "rise above this world to be with My Father, who is also your Father... your God." Mary was given directions to share this information with all of Jesus' brothers. Mary obeyed and went directly to His disciples. The hope of resurrection was real.

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 church service. To honor and respect all present we are immunized and wear face masks. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings.

∞ **Lectionary Readings for April 2022** ∞

• **April 3: John 12:1-8** | Gracious Ministries

*To explore both the receiving and giving of extravagant love*

• **April 10: Luke 19:28-40 & Luke 22:14-23:56**

Palm, Passion Sunday

*To explore together the stories of Holy Week*

• **April 17: John 20:1-18** | Easter Day

*To celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection*

• **April 24: Acts 5:27-32** | Resurrection Witness

*To grow in confidence to witness our experiences of God,  
and openness in listening to the witness of others*





## United Methodist Women

April 20 - 1:15 pm  
At St Luke UMC

*But thanks be to God!*

*He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:57

April 17 - Easter

April 22 - Earth Day

### Easter Lilies Welcome



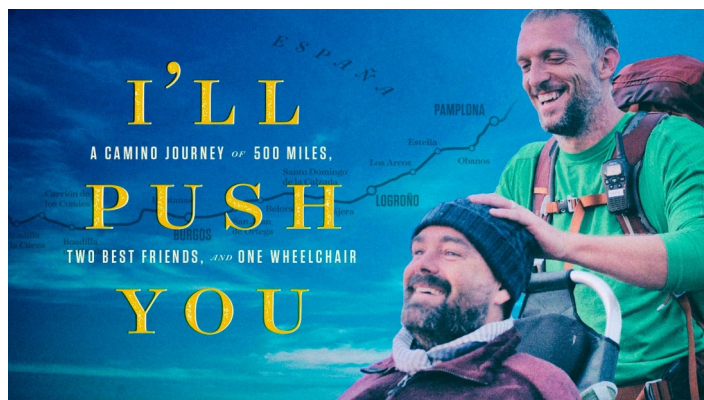
Easter  
Lilies

If you would like to share an Easter lily to decorate the altar for Easter in honor or memory of someone, please write your name and theirs in an email or note and send it to the church office or Pastor Chad. If you order the lilies to be delivered, have the florist call ahead before delivering to be sure someone is available at the church to receive them.

### Days For Girls Update

There are some St. Luke members who participate in the Newton Team of Days For Girls International which empowers women and girls around the globe by providing sustainable menstrual hygiene products and health education. We meet monthly at First Presbyterian Church where we produce and assemble these kits. The following is some information about our year with the Team. If you are interested in working with the team you are welcome to join us. If you are interested in supporting you can mark your check with Days For Girls.

Our Newton IA Team did not meet January through March 2021. Even though we hadn't had a workshop since March 2020, many volunteers continued to work at home. Because of that our Team was able to contribute to the USA Chad Humanitarian Response Project with 67 complete DfG menstrual hygiene kits along with 100 additional shields. Beginning Thursday, April 22, DfG held workshops every month with a combined workshop for November/December workshop. In October our Team was able to contribute to the Jordan Humanitarian Response a total of 51 complete DfG menstrual hygiene kits along with 69 additional liners, 63 additional drawstring bags, 126 additional underwear (various sizes), and 149 additional washcloths. DfG International Newton IA Team is an ecumenical group of about 35 active volunteers and open to all. Those who have been active with this group are: Rose Evans, Pat Patty, Katie Jones, Barb Kaldenberg, Hiap Thongvanh, Joyce Stonehocker, and Karen Clark.



### All Church Activity

We will be showing the movie "I'll Push You" on Sunday, April 10 from 2-4 pm at St Luke. All are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us for this time of fun and fellowship together.

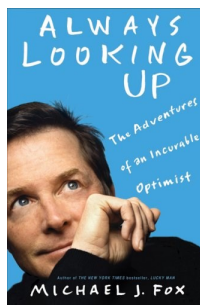
### Diaper Sewing Days

Our Baby Diaper Sewing Team will meet in Fellowship Hall to cut and sew diapers together on Tuesday and Wednesday May 3rd and 4th from 9 AM till 4 PM. We will be cutting and sewing, but we can also use folks who are willing to turn and press the diapers or even pin them to be ready for the sewing machines. Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing tools and bring a sack lunch and your own drinks. If you have questions please contact Karen Clark.



### Adult-2 Sunday School Class

The Adult 2 Sunday School class is reading and discussing the book *Always Looking Up* by Michael J. Fox. In this memoir, Michael shares the themes of his life as he deals with Parkinson's Disease. He covers work, faith, and family. "With humor and wit, Michael describes how he became a happier, more satisfied person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life".



If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. We read the book together, so there is no "homework". There is always room for more to join the conversation. We meet in Room 5 in the education wing right after Worship.

Christ Is Risen!  
CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED *Alleluia*

## Lenten/Easter Mission Offering

This year the NOW committee chose to split our Lent/Easter offering between two ministries that we have worked with and supported in the past.

The first mission is The Women at the Well United Methodist church. The Women at the Well UMC is located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. They are a diverse community composed of women incarcerated at ICIW, men and women from around the state of



Iowa who choose to worship with them, and many volunteers who regularly support their ministries and programs. As their website notes, "We gather together to share the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to experience the life transforming Spirit of God". This congregation worships on Thursday Evenings, at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live. For more information about this congregation, check out their website at [womenatthewellumc.org](http://womenatthewellumc.org).

The 2nd mission is Worldwide Mobility is an organization that builds hand cranked mobility carts for some of the 70+ million leg disabled persons worldwide. These vehicles allow their recipients to go where ordinary wheelchairs won't go. Since 1994, 100,000 mobility carts have been built by hundreds of volunteers, and have been distributed in 106 countries.



Worldwide Mobility started out as Personal Energy Transportation (PET) after Larry Hills, a missionary in Zaire (now Congo) Africa told Rev. Mel West of the great need for 3 wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Over the years the design of these hand-cranked carts have been improved and there are now 3 versions of the carts. For more information about Worldwide Mobility, check out their website at [mobilityworldwide.org](http://mobilityworldwide.org).

We will split our Lent/Easter offering between these two worthy missions in 2022. Through our offering, we can be a small part of the life changing work done by both The Women At the Well UMC and Worldwide Mobility.

Corinne, NOW Missions



**2022  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**June 27 - July 1**

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

Please email ([annericleonard@gmail.com](mailto:annericleonard@gmail.com)) or call  
(641-521-2463) Ann Leonard if you are interested in helping.

## Smart Cookie Fundraiser

Do you have a student in your life who is a smart cookie? Our student ministry is hosting a fundraiser to encourage your favorite students **and** support those studying at Africa University. A box of 2 dozen homemade, made-from-scratch cookies can be ordered and delivered to your favorite student(s). Cookies can be ordered and sent to students of any age! You can place your orders through April 17 with a paper form at the church or the online order form here:



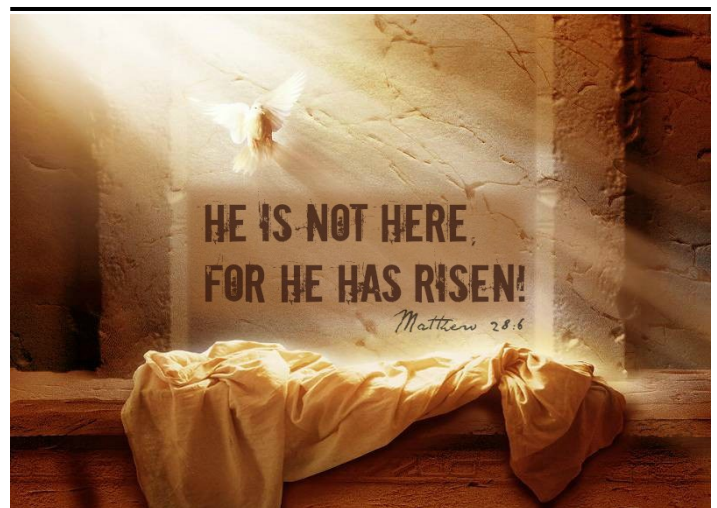
<https://forms.gle/zeoerWYptaNUqesr9>

There will be a choice of a combination of four kinds of cookies for \$20. A small personalized card of encouragement is also included.

If you don't have a student to send cookies to, you can help in several other ways:

- SHARE this opportunity with any friends and family; anywhere in the country!
- PLAN to volunteer with the baking and packing at the St Luke kitchen on April 23
- DONATE ingredients

Direct any questions to Wendy Jennings  
email: [wenjen1@gmail.com](mailto:wenjen1@gmail.com)  
text or call: 319-929-4195

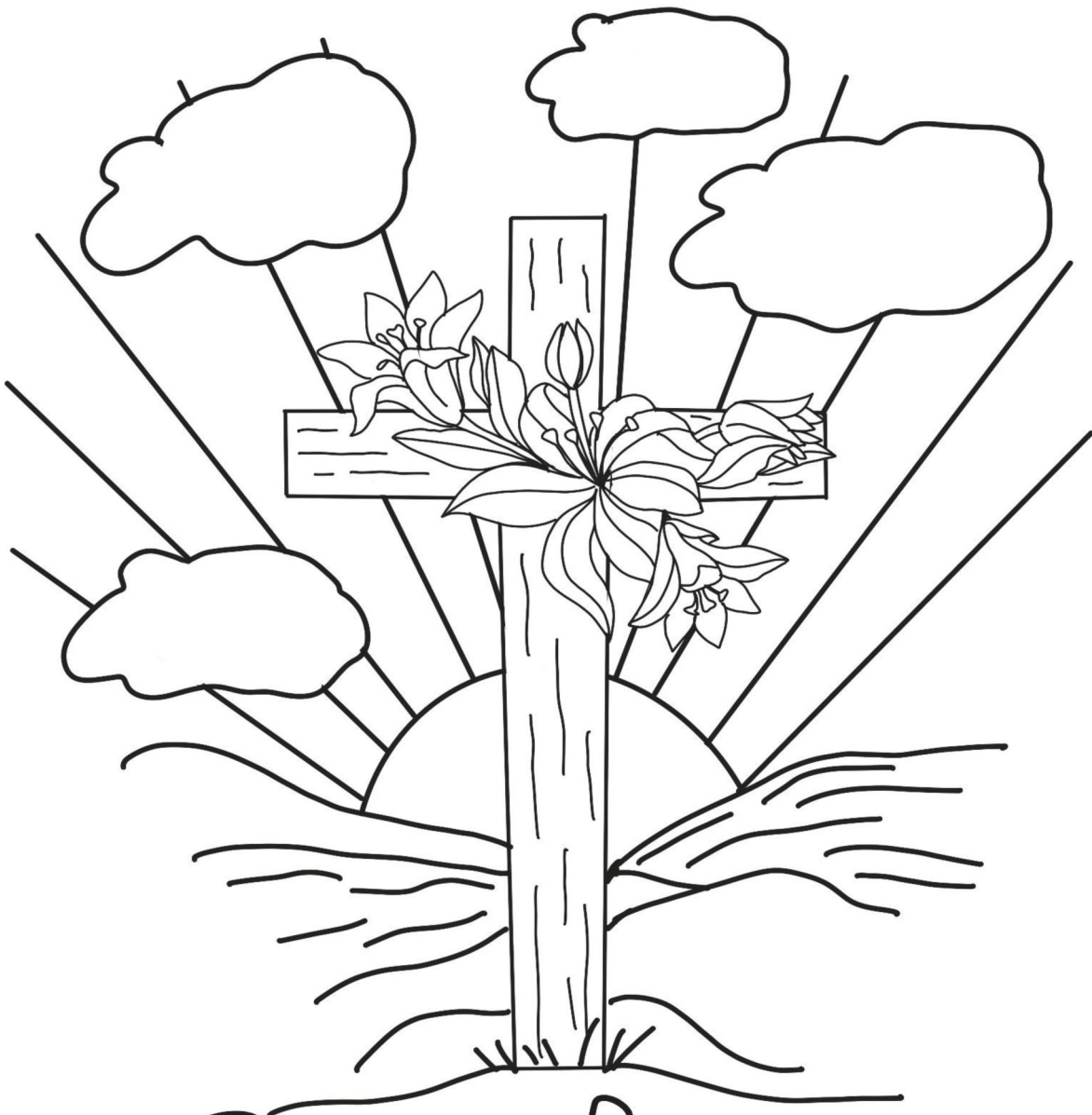


"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

—Martin Luther



# COLORING PAGE



He is Risen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>9:30 am Worship - Communion</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 pm Zoom Lenten Study</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 pm Discover Hope Supper</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:15 pm Choir Practice</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 pm CAT Meeting</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9am-4pm Quilt Guild Sew Day</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>  <b>2:00-4:00 pm All Church Activity</b> <b>"I'll Push You" Movie</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 pm Zoom Lenten Study</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:15 pm Choir Practice</b> 	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service</b> 	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7 pm Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>20</b> <b>1:15 pm UMW Meeting</b> <b>7:15 pm Choir Practice</b> <b>7 pm Page Turners FH Rsrvd</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm Quilt Guild FH Rsrvd</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>Smart Cookie Fundraiser Baking/Packing Day</b> <b>FH Rsrvd</b>
<b>24</b> <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <b>Sunday School to Follow</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:15 pm Choir Practice</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 3	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Marianne Spaur
Reader	Amy Murphy
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Barb Swihart, Amy Murphy
Coffee Time	Hiap Thongvanh
Counters (2)	

April 10	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	
Reader	Emily McConkey
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Jan Lewis
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Jenni Patty, Lisa Marston
Coffee Time	Wendy Jennings
Counters (2)	

April 17	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	Corinne Kleppe
Greeters (2)	
Reader	
Acolyte	Rachel Pageler
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ethan Pageler
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker, Karen Clark
Coffee Time	
Counters (2)	

April 24	9:30 AM
Ushers (2)	
Greeters (2)	Ann, Ben & Caleb Leonard
Reader	Dennis Smith
Acolyte	Nathan Figland
Keyboard	Bev Thomas
Projection	Ben Leonard
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg
Coffee Time	Karen Clark
Counters (2)	

## April Worship Assistants

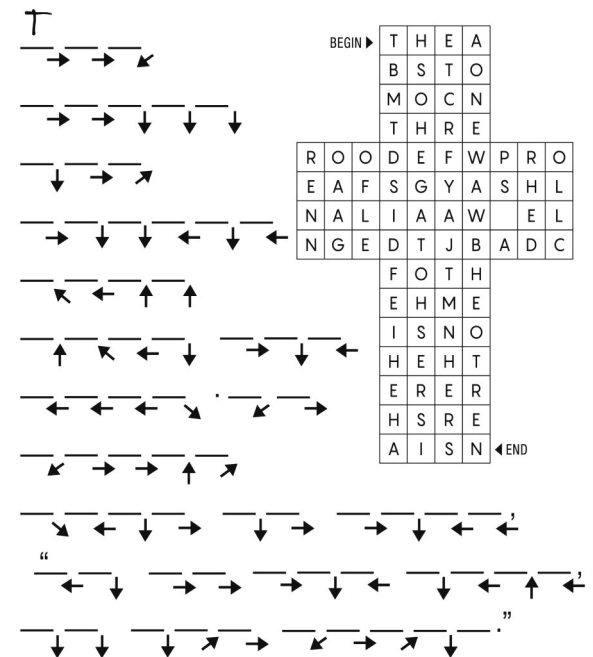
We are looking for volunteers to be worship assistants for the month of April. If you would like to volunteer you can email the church office at: [worship@stlukenewton.com](mailto:worship@stlukenewton.com), use the sign-up sheets on the coffee counter or you can add your name to our new online sign-up sheet. Here is the link to sign up online:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LV73f57lkMBVLyocfiFvS7GsvYM03YPBSzoXUhXQL7s/edit?usp=sharing>

We still have quite a few openings so please sign up if you are able. If we continue to have a lot of unfilled positions we may have to return to assigning worship assistants. We appreciate all those who have so willingly volunteered to help. Thank you!

# Puzzle!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.



## A Special Blessing for those with April Birthdays

April 1 - Ava Smith  
 April 5 - Jeffrey Guillaume  
 April 6 - Mary Nelson  
 April 8 - Kleo O'Brien, Dylan Wood,  
 Dawn Bleeker  
 April 10 - Jacob Murphy,  
 Pane Thongvanh  
 April 11 - Karen Clark, Kelly Murphy,  
 Payton Figland  
 April 13 - Paul Bleeker  
 April 16 - Mark Spaur  
 April 17 - Heuay Thongvanh  
 April 20 - Mary Onstot  
 April 21 - Dale Dorrell,  
 Jennifer Etter  
 April 28 - Barb Ponder



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.

## Have Household Goods or Furniture to Donate?

Contact Lori Leix



## April Salvation Army Food Pantry Request

Instant Potatoes  
Powdered Milk



# He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.  
 Rejoice in the resurrection of  
*Jesus Christ.*



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

# PUZZLE

## Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection,  
 and each one offers important details.

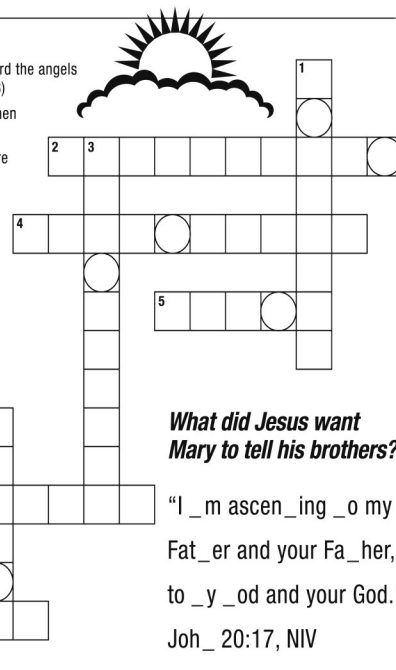
**Directions:** Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

### ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

### DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



**What did Jesus want  
 Mary to tell his brothers?**

"I \_ m ascen \_ ing \_ o my  
 Fat \_ er and your Fa \_ her,  
 to \_ y \_ od and your God."  
 Joh \_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;  
 DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;  
 your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Can't you guys at least PRETEND  
 that you're planning to stay awake?