

FEBRUARY 2023



The Mountain Top Messenger

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ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, LCMS ASHLAND, WI

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Let all that you do be done in Love</i></p> <p>1 Corinthians 16:14 -</p>						
<p>ELDERs - February 1 Scott 5 John 8 Darryl 12 Andy 15 Doug 19 John 22 Ash Wednesday Scott 26 Andy</p> <p>March 1 Darryl 5 Doug</p>						
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February Altar Guild



Kathy Osmak 715-292-6207
Sandy Nutt 715-663-1110

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms

Clayton Blaine Curtiss Rich 01-14-2023

Addison Jean Johnson 01-15-2023

Transfer to Zion

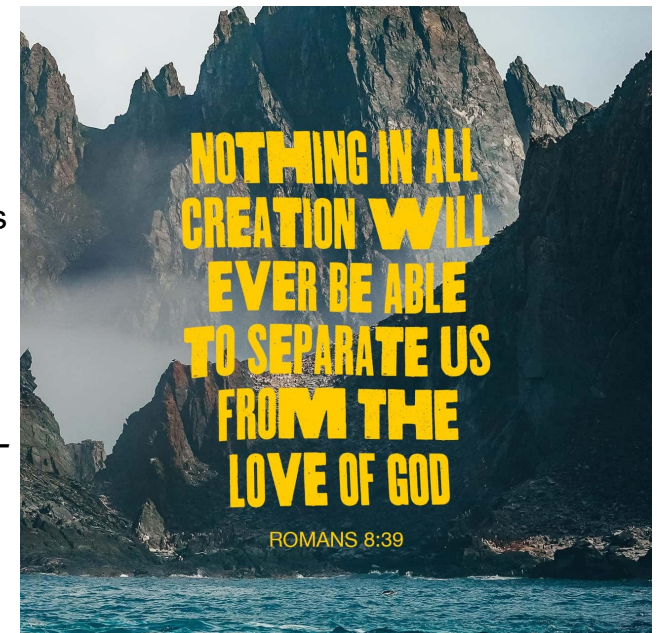
Jeffrey, Vicki, Jacob & Joel Sumba from St. Martin's
Lutheran Church, Winona, MN 01-16-2023

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

How's that for an opening thought? I have found this verse of scripture to be both reassuring as well as a bit scary. Reassuring because while I know I will be tested I know that the Lord knows, and he will provide me with a way through whatever temptation it is that I am facing. It is scary in that I must realize that I will be tempted, and I must rely not just on myself but on the Lord to see me through it. I will not make it on my own.

The other point I think we have to understand is that the word temptation can be replaced with the word test. No test has overtaken you that is not common to man. He will not let you be tested beyond your capability. We are often tested in life. Sometimes we realize it, sometimes we don't see or at least don't recognize the test until it is over. The big thing to remember whether you realize it or not, is that you are never tested alone, the Lord is always with you. I have heard some people say life is just one big test, and who knows maybe that is true to a point. And if it is true that is okay. Why do I say that it is okay, well, because if it is true, I know that throughout that test, from beginning to end, the Lord is with me. And with the Lord by my side, even if I falter, even if I don't get 100% on the test, and with God's grace and forgiveness, I will still pass. So I trust in the Lord and do my best and he will see me through. I believe that is the attitude that the Apostle Paul took, he shared that understanding with the Christians in Roman and with us when he said this:

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)



As long as we have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and repent for our sins, we are forgiven and nothing, I repeat nothing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Now there is a thought to take home with you as this winter turns cold and continues on. It should warm your heart and help see you through the struggles of this life, the little tests we face each day and the big tests that drop on us from out of nowhere. Whether big or small we are not forgotten and He will always be with us.

While none of that has anything to do with it being February, it was just something I felt a need to share. I also feel it has some bearing on the prayer chain group that I hope to be meeting with in the next week or two. When in times of testing or temptation there is nothing more beneficial than prayer. So, if you haven't signed up already I hope you would still consider being a part of our prayer team.

Just a reminder, June and I will be making our annual trek to Phoenix for Best Practices Ministry conference and a little bit of down time. We appreciate your prayers for safe travels and we will leave you in the good hands of Pastor Hallobek and our Elders for 10 days.

Thank you for all your support and remember Ash Wednesday is February 22 and marks the beginning of Lent.
God Bless You all!



**Sunday
February 12th
Following the
service.**

Celebrating Love On Valentine's Day
What the world needs more of is love. It's a precious gift we have been blessed with. Sadly, there are some who refuse to use it.

The world must become a much better place
Where more people dwell with a smile on their face
Living together in kinship and peace
A world full of hope where joys never cease.

Wearing our heart on our sleeve everywhere
Will show all mankind that we really care
Thus shining a light that's warming and bright
Love's a splendid way to make the world right.

Live for the moment, our time here won't last
Life is too precious to live in the past
The dawn of each day gives us all a fresh start
To those whom you love, tell them straight from your heart.

Today is a day that's made for romance
Cast cares aside, let us all sing and dance
Kissing any doubts and heartaches away
Raise our glasses to love on Valentine's Day.

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When the mechanic gave a thumbs-up, everyone called out in unison, "Try 'er now!"

I said a quick prayer and turned the key. The engine turned over immediately. A cheer

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I backed my car out of the space, then paused to wave at the crowd of people who'd saved the day.

My Honda never stalled again. Turns out, my waiting room team had done a better job than my garage ever did. I guess that's just what happens when people come together. And there's no better valentine than that.



Everyday Miracles
By Martin Luther (Faith Alone - 365 Devotional Readings)

The Lord's deeds are spectacular. They should be studied by all who enjoy them.
Psalm 111:2

What the Lord does is spectacular. But in this passage, the psalmist points out that only a few devout people notice what God has done. Most people don't praise God or thank Him. They never say, "The Lord's deeds are spectacular." Though they are completely surrounded by His gifts, they have gotten used to them. They take advantage of what God has given them, rooting around in God's gifts like a hog in a bag of feed. They say, "What's so special about the fact that the sun shines, fire gives warmth, the ocean provides fish, the earth yields grain, cows have calves, women give birth to children, and hens lay eggs? These things happen every day!"

Is something insignificant just because it happens every day? If fire only existed in one place on earth, I think it would be more precious than gold or silver. If there were only one well in the world, I imagine that a drop of water would be worth more than a thousand dollars.

God showers people with rich and wonderful blessings. But how ungrateful and blind people are! They don't recognize these blessings as amazing miracles from God, so they won't admire them, give thanks for them, or act happy about them. However, if a clown can walk a tightrope or train monkeys, people are ready to admire and praise him for it. The psalmist points out that the Lord's deeds are spectacular, But those deeds are only appreciated in the eye's of God's faithful followers.

Kindness Brought a Group of Strangers Together on Valentine’s Day

ROBERTA L. MESSNER

Was there anything more lonely than sitting in a doctor’s waiting room on Valentine’s Day?

I looked around at the other patients waiting to see the doctor. Maybe they all had more romantic plans for the evening on this Valentine’s Day, but for now the group seemed downright antisocial. Three people had their heads down, staring at cell phones. Another was engrossed in a magazine. The receptionist tapped at her computer. Behind her, the clerk who dealt with insurance was sifting through papers. Everyone was in their own little world.

Not that I could judge them for it. I’d probably be distracting myself with my cell phone too—if I hadn’t forgotten to charge it before I left home. It would have been nice to strike up a conversation to pass the time on [this day dedicated to love and friendship](#). Instead, I sat patiently in my plastic chair as a couple of new people took distant seats.

“Roberta? The doctor’s ready for you,” the nurse called. *At least I’ll have some kind of human connection*, I thought.

My checkup went well, and I breezed out of the office to my little Honda in a space right out front. I got in and turned the key in the ignition. Nothing. *Oh, no. Not again.* I’d brought the car in several times already for this very problem and thought it had finally been fixed.

Instinctively, I reached for my cell phone to call AAA—then remembered. *Dead, like my car.* I would have to use the phone inside. A few people glanced up when I came back into the waiting room, then quickly went back to what they were doing. I went straight to the reception desk, hoping to whisper my request, but neither the receptionist nor the clerk were there. So I turned back to the people in the waiting room.

“I wouldn’t normally do this,” I said to the group, hoping that I sounded apologetic. Several people turned toward me to listen. “But my car won’t start....”

The nurse popped her head into the room. “You in trouble, Roberta?” she said. “I’ll get my jumper cables.”

“Pop your hood!” someone called. I pressed the first button I saw.

“That was your fuel door,” said the farmer. Everyone laughed—including me. This time I got it right.

The open hood pretty much blocked my view, but I could see that several people were bent at the hip, presumably leaning in to check the engine. I caught a flash of white coat and pointed to the doctor in the doorway of his empty office. “We’ll all be back in a sec,” the nurse called to him.

“In my better days, I used to be a mechanic,” one of the patients said. “I see the problem. Battery terminal’s loose. I have some tools in my trunk.”

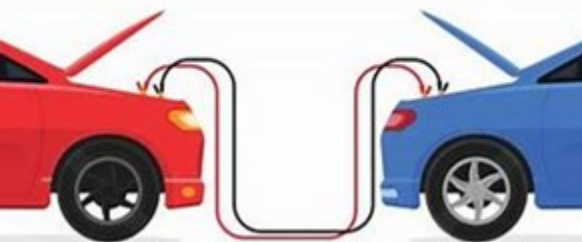
“It’s a simple fix,” the farmer assured me.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School - 1st - 7th grade Sunday 8:45am
Confirmation Sunday 9:45am
Bible Studies— Sundays 10:15am Mondays 10:00am
Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479
Office Hours: M-T-TR 9-5 W 12-8 F off
Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.
Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075 Office Hours Typically M-W 8:30-2:30
Days and times may change.
Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 **Head Elder:** Darryl Warren 715-492-0488
Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center: 715-682-5185
LFOJ Administrator: Autumn Heidrick 715-682-6075



HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

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| Brad Prill | Riley Bretting | Cindy Lazorik |
| Alice Balmer | Doug Preuter | Mike Trimble |
| Penny Larson | Jamie Klema | Mike Ariens |
| Vi Basina | Randy Spangle | Frances Balmer |
| Dave Pearson | Randy Mashlan | Nancy Zehe |
| James Fletcher | | |
| Sheryl Hildebrandt | | |
| Harold Larson | | |
| Diane Beiersdorff | | |
| Linda Stenroos | | |
| Ann Williams | | |
| Dave Anderson | | |



For Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home
Those who aren’t able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.
Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina
Nancy Zehe
Ann Williams
Alice Balmer
Francis Balmer



For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.
David Wright
Jordan Thimm
Andrew Pruss

Do you know who I am?

One day a famous old celebrity went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again and see how everyone was doing. When he got there he was immediately greeted by everyone because they recognized him instantly. He said hi to all of his friends warmly, but then noticed one man didn't say anything to him, or even give him a glance.

This was puzzling. Didn't the man know who he was? Surely he'd seen some of his movies or his TV show! He finally decided to talk to the man.

The celebrity went up to the old man and stood in front of him, asking, "Do you know who I am?"

The old man looked at him, and quickly "No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you."



It's that time of the year again. Do you think we'll ever have a season that we don't have the high snowbanks? The guessing sheet is on the big bulletin board. You have until March 5th to guess.

A Cop Pulled Over an Elderly Man..

An elderly man was spotted driving erratically down the street. When he passed a police car, he was quickly stopped. The time was 2 a.m.

The cop got out and came to the driver's window. "Where are you going this late?"

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."

Here's something to think about:

The following answers are from a student who obtained 0% on an exam (they seem logical to me!)

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?
* his last battle

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
* at the bottom of the page

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?
* liquid

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?
* marriage

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?
* exams

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?
* Lunch & dinner

Q7. What looks like half an apple?
* The other half

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?
* It will simply become wet

Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?
* No problem, he sleeps at night.

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?
* You will never find an elephant that has only one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have ?
* Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?
* No time at all, the wall is already built.

Q13. How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
* Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.



A Prayer to Come to Jesus as You Are

Lord, Thank you that you are the one that can change me. Thank you that I do not have to change myself. Thank you for dying so that we could have life. Help us not to judge others in sin, but to treat them with love and compassion. Help us come to you just as we are: broken, imperfect, but fully alive and healed by the power of your blood on the cross. Thank you Jesus! The gospel is such good news. Help me live into that each day. Amen.



Receipts	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Building Maint. & Ins.				
Property/ Work comp. Ins	\$ 7,379.50	\$ 8,145.00	\$ 7,603.50	\$ 8,145.00
Church Maint.	\$ 1,749.85	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,371.74	\$ 2,000.00
Snow Removal	1417.5	\$2,000.00	227.5	\$2,000.00
FOJ Maint.	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 24.46	\$ 2,000.00
Tot. Bldg. Maint. & Ins.	\$10,546.85	\$14,145.00	\$28,227.20	\$14,145.00
Supplies				
Norship	\$ 2,408.52	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,583.59	\$ 3,000.00
Office includes copiers	\$ 1,301.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 716.41	\$ 1,500.00
Technology - Marketing	\$ 9,437.99	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,428.59	\$ 3,000.00
Software Fee		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,509.02	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	\$ 364.28	\$ 400.00	\$ 257.32	\$ 400.00
Kitchen	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Music	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Sanitorial	\$ 548.25	\$ 500.00	\$ 328.27	\$ 500.00
Member Services in & out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Service Charges	\$ 104.53	100	\$ 39.00	100
Total Supplies	\$14,265.47	\$10,600.00	\$9,112.20	\$10,800.00
Ministry & Mission				
FOJ Child Care Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317.77	\$ -
Library		\$ 300.00	0	\$ 300.00
Evangelism	\$ (10.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 637.86	\$ 1,000.00
Education/S.School & Confirm.	\$ 980.22	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,279.60	\$ 3,000.00
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Youth Programs	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Conventions/Conferences	\$ 466.37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,994.51	\$ 2,000.00
Misc Publications etc.	\$ 458.90	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.38	\$ 750.00
Missions various		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The BRICK Mission	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,620.00
Missions to Synod	\$ 9,600.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$12,000.00
Total Mission Ministry	\$13,115.49	\$21,020.00	\$18,950.12	\$21,770.00
Debt Obligations				
CEF Loan Payments	\$ 11,397.94	\$ 12,425.00	\$ 11,082.29	\$ 12,425.00
Mort. & Credit Card Interest	\$ 2,079.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,362.05	\$ 1,000.00
Loan Fees	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Line of Credit Used	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Interest on line of credit		\$ -		\$ -
Total Debt Payments	\$13,477.20	\$15,425.00	\$12,444.34	\$13,425.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$157,571.09	\$179,299.41	\$181,011.72	\$179,766.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$169,434.33	\$179,299.41	\$174,543.28	\$179,766.23
Differ. From Receipts	\$11,863.24	\$0.00	(\$6,468.44)	\$0.00

Lyrics For The Hymn



Sir Robert Grant
 This hymn was written by Sir Robert Grant, a Scottish Anglican who, because of his father’s association with the East India Company, was born in India in 1779. Robert’s father, Charles Grant supported Wilberforce, an early and effective opponent of slavery. Both father and son served as members of Parliament and directors of the East India Company. Robert wrote this hymn in 1833, a year before being appointed Governor of Bombay, a position that he held until his death.



"O Worship The King" was first published in Henry Bickersteth’s *Christian Psalmody* of 1833. However, its antecedents date long before that time. It is taken from Psalm 104, although it is too free to be called a mere paraphrase. Furthermore, it is actually based on an earlier metrical version of the psalm which appeared in the 1561 *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* made by William Kethe (flourished c. 1555-1593). Later in 1833 Grant introduced a bill in the British House of Commons to remove all civil restrictions imposed against Jews. The following year, 1834, he was appointed Governor of Bombay, India, at which time he was also knighted. Returning to the land of his birth, he died on July 9, 1839, at Dalpoorie, western India, where a medical college which bears his name was erected as a memorial to him. Grant had produced a total of twelve hymns which were published posthumously by his brother Charles, Lord Glenelg, under the title *Sacred Poems* in 1839.

Tunes For The Hymn

The meter of the hymn “O Worship the King” is in 10:10:11:11 and the popular tune use to sing the text is LYONS. The tune was originally composed by Joseph Martin Kraus. Kraus is a classical era composer of German origin.

The **LYON** tune was adapted by **Michael Haydn** (1737-1806) from the **Kraus’ sonata**. This tune is great for the text with its steady rise and reasonable progressions. Each of the phrases of the tune ascent as the text exclaimed the supreme nature of God.

Another tune that is popular with the text of the hymn “O Worship the King” is called **HANOVER**. The tune composition is widely attributed to **William Croft**. This is the tune that our hymn is based on in Lutheran Service Book

Basically, the HANOVER tune is spirited and has beautiful harmony. Although the Hanover tune is an old tune and actually follows some pattern of old tunes.

In particular, the Hanover was first seen in Supplement to the New Version of Psalms published in 1708 by Dr. Nicholas Brady and Nahum Tate. The author of the hymn then was anonymous before the composer was ascribed to William Croft.

Kraus, Joseph Martin
 Joseph Martin Kraus (b. Miltenberg am Main, Germany, 1756; d. Stockholm, Sweden, 1792) spent his youth in Germany, but in 1778 moved to Stockholm. He was elected to the Swedish Academy of Music and became the conductor of the court orchestra and eventually the best-known composer associated with the court of Gustavus III. On his travels, Kraus did meet Franz Joseph Haydn, who considered Kraus “one of the greatest geniuses I have met.” Kraus wrote operas as well as many vocal and instrumental works.





Haydn, Michael

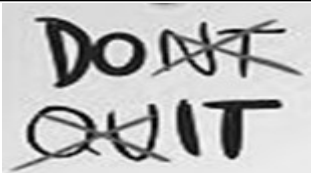
Johann Michael Hadyn Austria 1737-1806. Born at Rohrau, Austria, the son of a wheelwright and town mayor (a very religious man who also played the harp and was a great influence on his sons' religious thinking), and the younger brother of Franz Joseph Hadyn, he became a choirboy in his youth at the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Vienna, as did his brother, Joseph, an exceptional singer. For that reason boys both were taken into the church choir. Michael was a brighter student than Joseph, but was expelled from music school when his voice broke at age 17. The brothers remained close all their lives, and Joseph regarded Michael's religious works superior to his own. Michael played harpsichord, violin, and organ, earning a precarious living as a freelance musician in his early years. In 1757 he became kapellmeister to Archbishop, Sigismund of Grosswarden, in Hungary, and in 1762 concertmaster to Archbishop,

Hieronymous of Salzburg, where he remained the rest of his life (over 40 years), also assuming the duties of organist at the Church of St. Peter in Salzburg, presided over by the Benedictines. He also taught violin at the court. He succeeded Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, an intimate friend, as cathedral organist in 1781. He did not like seeing his works in print, and kept most in manuscript form. He never compiled or cataloged his works, but others did it later, after his death. Several of Michael Hadyn's works influenced Mozart. It has been said that Michael's brother, Joseph assisted him on "Worship the King".



Croft, William

William Croft, Mus. Doc. was born in the year 1677 and received his musical education in the Chapel Royal, under Dr. Blow. In 1700 he was admitted a Gentleman Extraordinary of the Chapel Boyd; and in 1707, upon the decease of Jeremiah Clarke, he was appointed joint organist with his mentor, Dr. Blow. In 1709 he was elected organist of Westminster Abbey. This amiable man and excellent musician died in 1727, in the fiftieth year of his age. A very large



A high school coach was attempting to motivate his players to persevere through a difficult schedule. Halfway through, he stood before his team and asked, "Did Michael Jordan ever quit?" The team shouted "No!" "Did Larry Bird ever quit?" The team responded "No!" "Did Magic Johnson ever quit?" Again the team responded "No!" Did Elmer McCallister ever quit?" There was a long silence. Finally one player was bold enough to ask, "Who was Elmer McCallister? We never heard of him." The coach snapped back, "Of course you never heard of him - he quit!"

Reaching careful and Godly goals in your life is a lot like a long basketball season with many opponents. You must face each goal for 2023 with determination and focus. Decide now that you will see it through to the end. "Don't Quit!" What did we say? "Don't Quit!" I can't hear you. What? **"DON'T QUIT!"**

	2021	2022	2022	2023
			12/31/2022	
Receipts	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General	\$ 171,328.06	179284.41	\$ 172,446.11	179751.23
Gen.Fund Interest Earned	19.44	15	15.42	15
Transfers in/out General Fd	-3067.17		6274.75	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	404		582	
Mission Misc IN/OUT	0		-4775	
Member Services in & out				
Special Gifts	750			
Trustee controlled receipt				
LFOJ Child Care Support				
Evangelism Fundraiser				
Youth Fundraiser				
Organ Fundraiser				
Building Cap Proj Fundraiser				

Total	\$169,434.33	\$179,299.41	\$174,543.28	\$179,766.23
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Operating Expenses

Salaries & personnel expenses

Pastor	\$ 48,585.35	\$ 49,636.41	\$ 49,636.34	\$ 50,753.23
Secretary	\$ 11,936.27	\$ 11,115.00	\$ 11,238.78	\$ 11,115.00
Employee Relations	\$ 520.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 500.00
Organist	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 4,280.00	\$ 4,040.00
Sexton Salary	\$ 2,358.13	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,113.15	\$ 3,300.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 192.50	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,166.00	\$ 2,500.00
Choir Director	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Youth Director	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Mileage for vacancy pastor	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Moving Expenses	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Guest Pastor	\$ 230.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 723.58	\$ 750.00
Church Portion taxes	\$ 5,197.44	\$ 5,677.00	\$ 5,235.24	\$ 5,677.00
Pastor's Retirement Savings		\$ -		\$ -
Pastor's Pension Plan	\$ 5,536.02	\$ 5,441.00	\$ 4,779.01	\$ 5,441.00
Health & Disability Ins	\$ 1,454.48	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,260.68	\$ 1,500.00
Professional Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Pastoral Travel Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 332.11	\$ 500.00
Housing Expense	\$ 15,576.84	\$15,000.00	\$ 14,999.92	\$15,000.00

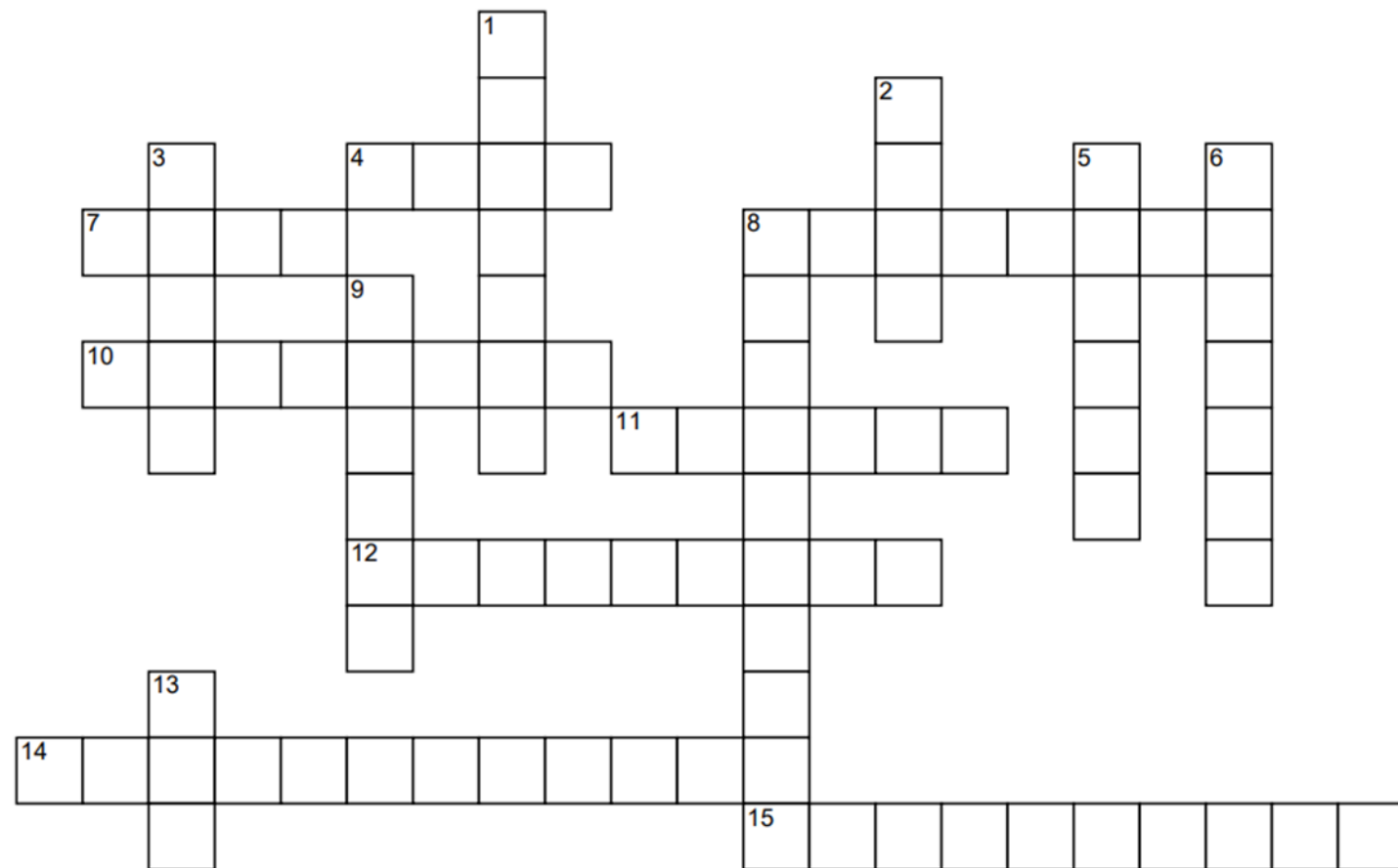
Total Personnel Exp.	\$94,627.03	\$100,809.41	\$96,049.81	\$101,576.23
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Church Utilities

Telephone	\$ 1,432.32	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,953.71	\$ 2,000.00
Internet Service	\$ 1,050.45	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,101.48	\$ 1,100.00
Water	\$ 1,270.68	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,563.47	\$ 1,700.00
Electricity	\$ 3,368.08	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,616.91	\$ 5,000.00
Fuel	\$ 2,785.26	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,582.00	\$ 6,500.00
Waste Disposal	\$ 1,632.26	\$1,750.00	\$ 2,410.48	\$1,750.00

Total Church Utilities	\$11,539.05	\$17,300.00	\$16,228.05	\$18,050.00
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Lenten Crossword



ACROSS

- 4 Catholics don't eat this on Fridays during Lent.
- 7 The Last Supper was on _____ Thursday
- 8 We don't say or sing this during Lent in the church.
- 10 _____ of the Cross
- 11 Jesus prayed for 40 days here
- 12 This sacrament started during the Last Supper
- 14 We spend Lent preparing for Jesus' death and _____.
- 15 The day Jesus died (two words)

DOWN

- 1 During Lent, we should spend more time doing this.
- 2 A week before Easter is _____ Sunday.
- 3 There are _____ days in Lent.
- 5 Palm _____
- 6 When you go without food
- 8 During Lent, we give to the poor.
- 9 The Liturgical color of Lent
- 13 _____ Wednesday

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S E H H R V R P U X P B F L C S H N Z T U C N F D T W N B Q
O T Z I Z A S A M B F D A M A R I O T V O Y T H P G X V B E
P E V W N B I S H Y O M Z C Z K U J L P I L A T E K J U E R
K R Z U L G O S S G R L Z R X S R C E Y X H R F K N K B T N
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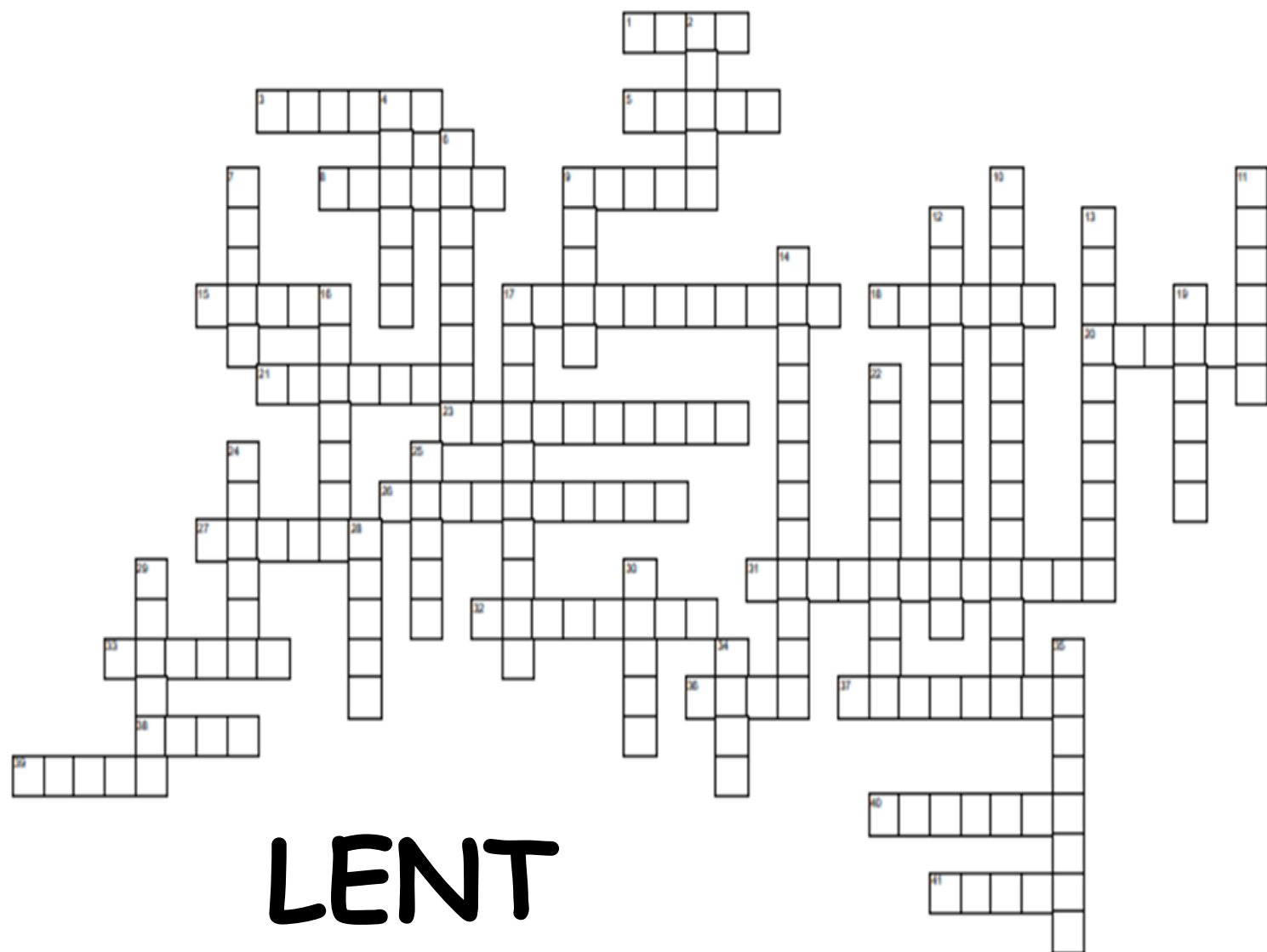
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February is mostly recognized for Valentine’s Day, flowers, and, depending on where you are, being incredibly cold!

Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.

The name of February comes from the Latin word “februum,” which means purification.

This month is also about purification. It’s a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days in the Northern hemisphere.

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word “February” before in a press release!

It’s also the only month that can go without having a full moon.

