

ST. PETER'S CONNECTIONS

APRIL, 2025



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL
AND
IMPACTING GENERATIONS

125 YEARS
1900 — 2025



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St. Peter's Connections for April, 2025

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This Joyful Eastertide

"This Joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow, Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen!" (LSB #482 v. 1)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You might be reading this before we gather to shout those glorious words in church on Easter Sunday, and that's just fine. Let these lines stir your heart with anticipation for the joy that awaits us. Easter isn't like any other celebration, it's the heartbeat of our faith.

As the hymn says, Easter isn't just a single day of joy; it's a season—*Eastertide*—stretching 50 days long! One day simply isn't enough to contain the magnitude of Christ's victory. Without His resurrection, as St. Paul echoes in 1 Corinthians 15:14, our faith would be empty. But Christ *has* risen, and because He lives, we too will rise with Him to eternal life. That's why we'll keep singing Easter hymns every Sunday through June 1st this year. Some might find that odd, but that's OK. We'll keep rejoicing in our Savior's triumph.

Eastertide has its own rhythm. The first three Sundays spotlight the risen Jesus appearing to His disciples, proving He's truly alive, body and all, while teaching them what His resurrection means. He sends them out with the forgiveness He's given them and unlocks the Old Testament to show how He's fulfilled it, equipping them to preach this good news.

Then, on the Fourth Sunday, we celebrate *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Jesus, our risen Shepherd, tends and feeds us, His sheep, not just for now, but forever. What comfort!

The final three weeks shift our gaze forward. We move from reflecting on Easter's events to anticipating the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send after His ascension. This year, we'll hear how Jesus has welcomed us into His Holy family, telling us that God the Father has claimed us as His own. United to Christ, our brother, we're kept safe until He returns to bring us home in glory.

That's a lot to unpack, and even more to celebrate! So even after the Easter baskets are stashed away and the candy's long gone, we'll still be savoring Easter's joy in worship. I hope you'll be there with us, not just on Easter Sunday, but every Sunday of this season. Let's fill the church with voices raised in praise!

"Alleluia! Now we cry to our King Immortal, who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness!" (LSB #487 v. 5)

In Christ,

Pastor Schneider



¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:16

St. Peter's Lutheran Church February 28, 2025				
	Balance 01/01/2025	January Activity	February Activity	Balance 02/28/2025
Assets				
Jackson County Bank Checking				
General	297.90	(9,760.58)	3,661.17	(5,801.51)
Dedicated to Family Assistance	547.78			547.78
Prayer Garden	2,290.75	100.00	125.00	2,515.75
Special Trustee Projects	9,730.18			9,730.18
	<u>12,866.61</u>			<u>6,992.20</u>
Jackson County Bank Savings				
Handbell & Music	363.68			363.68
Live Stream	1,730.00			1,730.00
Alter Guild	4,959.08	(2,370.40)	150.00	2,738.68
Capital Improvements	50.00			50.00
Interest	3,638.65	(6,500.00)	6,500.00	3,638.65
	<u>10,741.41</u>			<u>8,521.01</u>
Liabilities				
Payroll Taxes Withheld	330.27	8.76	-	339.03
Jackson County Bank Line of Credit	-	-	-	-
Owe Lutheran Central \$30,363.95 for February				



"I remain rather convinced of a few simple biblical principles of stewardship (Luke 14:28; Prov. 22:7). A significant one is that we should not spend more than we take in. In fact, we should make an effort to spend slightly less than we receive. 'We took some in. We spent some. And we had some left over at the end of the year.' That's an ideal financial report in my book!"
 – Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

St. Peter's Lutheran Church February 28, 2025

Offerings

	January Activity	February Activity	Balance Totals
Envelope Contributions	23,738.12	75,594.46	99,332.58
Loose Collection	1,027.00	2,298.50	3,325.50
General (Non Envelope)	343.00	852.00	1,195.00
Vacation Bible School		-	-
Fair Booth	20.00	-	20.00
Soup Supper			-
Cookbook Income			-
	25,128.12	78,744.96	103,873.08

Offering percentage change from last year (positive means offerings are higher) **-5.84%**

Expenses

	Budget	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	To Date % of Budget
Salaries - Preaching & Teaching				
Pastor Expenses				
Pastor Salary	74,631.00	12,438.50	10,105.20	16.7%
Housing Allowance			2,333.40	
Health Care Assistance (1/2 self, family)	24,405.84	4,067.64	4,067.64	16.7%
Health Savings (HSA)	2,800.00	466.67	466.60	16.7%
Retirement & Disability	8,918.40	1,486.40	1,683.56	18.9%
Health (1/2 self)	5,086.44	847.74	847.74	16.7%
Reimbursement Expense	3,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Substitute Pastor	3,000.00	500.00	175.00	5.8%
Organists	12,700.00	2,116.67	1,200.00	9.4%

Expenses (continued)		Budget	Budget to Date	To Date Totals	To Date % of Budget
Operating Cost					
Parsonage Expenses (repairs & utilities)	8,000.00	1,333.33	1,222.39	15.3%	
Business Manager Salary	52,000.00	8,666.67	0.00	0.0%	
Secretary Salary	25,965.00	4,327.50	4,327.50	16.7%	
Janitor Pay	10,700.00	1,783.33	2,199.95	20.6%	
Social Security Taxes	5,964.32	994.05	331.04	5.6%	
Retirement & Disability Employee	9,316.82	1,552.80	517.14	5.6%	
Conference/Education Expenses	1,000.00	166.67	0.00	0.0%	
Office Supplies	10,000.00	1,666.67	1,198.06	12.0%	
Copier Contract	14,500.00	2,416.67	0.00	0.0%	
Technology	300.00	50.00	0.00	0.0%	
Worship Expenses	7,500.00	1,250.00	181.63	2.4%	
Music/Choir Expenses	200.00	33.33	0.00	0.0%	
Cleaning Supplies	1,000.00	166.67	63.32	6.3%	
Utilities	25,000.00	4,166.67	4,895.83	19.6%	
Maintenance and Repairs	20,000.00	3,333.33	4,131.80	20.7%	
Church Office Remodel	35,000.00	5,833.33	1,343.98	3.8%	
Landscaping, Yard, Snow Removal	6,000.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	23.3%	
Insurance (Property, Liability, WC)	12,000.00	2,000.00	3,008.00	25.1%	
Education Supplies	300.00	50.00	0.00	0.0%	
Christmas Expenses	500.00	83.33	0.00	0.0%	
Convention Expense	1,500.00	250.00	0.00	0.0%	
125th Anniversary Supplies	5,000.00	833.33	155.90	3.1%	
Mom's Group Supplies	600.00	100.00	275.00	45.8%	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00	250.00	0.00	0.0%	
Congregational Outreach					
Child Care Staff Retirement & Disability	20,000.00	-	5,218.90	26.1%	
Child Care Ministry Assistance	25,000.00	4,166.67	0.00	0.0%	
Vacation Bible School	500.00	83.33	0.00	0.0%	
School Operation					
Lutheran Central	365,000.00	60,833.33	30,863.95	8.5%	
Trinity Lutheran High School	10,400.00	1,733.33	5,200.00	50.0%	
Expenses Not Listed In Budget					
Fair Stand - Operations	0.00		0.00		
Fair Stand - Building			2,976.52		
At Home	809,287.82	131,547.97	90,390.05	11.2%	
Missions					
Indiana District LCMS (0.95%)	7,688.23	1,281.37	975.25	12.7%	
Lutheran Mission Federation (0.4%)	3,237.15	539.53	410.63	12.7%	
Haiti Mission (0.2%)	1,618.58	269.76	205.32	12.7%	
Totals	821,831.78	133,638.63	91,981.25	11.2%	
Expenses percentage change from last year (negative means spent more)			16.91%		
Respectfully submitted,	Offerings to Date		103,873.08		
Carol Hayden, Treasurer	Expenses to Date		(91,981.25)		
Robert Pottschmidt, Financial Secretary					

March Trustee Meeting

3/12/2025 6:00pm

LC Playground:

Project still in LC's hands. They are back on track with getting the playground installed. Goal is this summer to begin breaking ground between the gym and St Peter's lot. Brad is going to be working with Dan Blann on storm water drainage plans with lots and the school.

Security:

Daycare basement/downstairs door had been left open/unlocked. A new handle is being ordered. Checking with regulations on how the door should open with emergency situations. Going to install a latch that can be always opened from the inside to get out and will automatically lock from the outside after being opened.

A2Z Solutions (Keith Miller) deposit has been made for the installation of the interior and exterior cameras for the church.

The South/Main entrance door has had some issues latching. Adjustment needed with temperature changes with expanding/contracting.

Daycare mulch:

Install to occur on 3/22 or 3/23, depending on the weather. Matt Stuckwisch is organizing this job as well as working on the gravel lot while his tractor is here.

Tree removal:

Reid to call a new company to provide him with a quote. Vendors recommended from Trustees for quotes were Townsend, Barry's, and CMT.

Downstairs bathroom/office windows:

Quote from Kenny Glass to replace the 5 downstairs windows on the east side of the church (\$13,847)
Quote from Kenny Glas to replace the 4 ground level windows on the east side of the church (\$20,256)
Brad is going to see if they are quoted together if that would positively affect the price

Office remodel:

Still ongoing with drywall and paint work being worked on.

Mowing bids:

Only bid received was from Charlie Stevens with Stevens Mowing for \$160/cut. Trustees approved Stevens Mowing to continue mowing at the church.

Plumbing:

Burch's looked at drains and cleaned the existing lines that were backing up
With the addition, there were a lot of 45-degree junctions that may be causing our issues
Cast pipes are going to be cleaned in the future to help alleviate some of these issues as well
Quoted \$15k-\$20k to go in and fix all the issues we are currently seeing to not have issues in the past

Paving:

Looking at getting north lot and west side of church paved with a 6" curb next to school line
All Star quoted job at \$120,000
OK Fleetwood quoted job at \$105,000
Current cracks in lot and daycare lot were filled in by Fleetwoods

Monthly Bills

Quill for office supplies: \$415.95
Brownstown Hardware for office remodel supplies: \$45.67
Stevens Mowing for snow and salt removal: \$480.00
Cleaning: Christy \$462.00, Felicia \$400.00, Laura \$525.00
Carol Blackwell Postage: \$81.85
Postage: \$404.45
Pastor Conference: \$406.00

Special Projects

Potentially thinking about going to the congregation/voters about grouping together multiple projects
such as parking lot paving, windows, and plumbing together
See if this is something voters are interested in doing

Next Trustee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025.

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Please Join Us For
**St. Peter's
Lutheran Church**

Mom's Group

9:30 - 11:00 AM

March 12 & 26

April 9 & 23

May 7 & 21

Child Care Available Infant - 5yrs

**For Questions Call or Text
Felicia Schneider 270-219-2106**



Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

I hope this letter finds you well and rejoicing in our shared faith. I'm excited to share the wonderful impact our "Mom's Group" is having on mothers in our community. It's a blessing to see this ministry thrive and touch so many lives.

Every other week, the Mom's Group meets at St. Peter's, bringing a wave of excitement. For local moms, it's a cherished chance to connect, find belonging, and take a break from the demands of motherhood. They've shared how much they value this time to relax, laugh, and enjoy creative crafts that spark joy. Meanwhile, their children play happily in our childcare, offering moms a moment of peace.

The moms' gratitude is heartfelt. They often express thanks for the warm, welcoming space St. Peter's provides. This ministry wouldn't flourish without our congregation's generosity in opening our doors and the dedication of our volunteers. These individuals tirelessly set up crafts and care for the kids, embodying Christ's love through their service.

Please keep the Mom's Group in your prayers as it strengthens our community—one mom, one child, one craft at a time. If you can, stop by a meeting; the moms would love to thank you in person.

Thank you for supporting ministries like this. Together, we're making a real difference in families' lives right here in our neighborhood.

With gratitude and blessings,
Pastor & Felicia Schneider

*Mom's
Group*



April 2025

St. Peter's Lutheran Childcare Ministry
saintpeterschildcare@gmail.com
 812-358-7034



"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Bible Stories

The Last Supper
 Jesus is Arrested
 and Crucified
 Jesus is Risen
 Jesus Returns

In the classroom

Each class when also
 enjoy an Easter egg
 hunt on Thursday
 April 17th



We will be CLOSED on Friday April 18th in observance of Good Friday



Happy Birthday to Liam O, Eleanor, Brooks B, Grayson, Lyndi and Owen W!



WE'RE HIRING



**INFANT
TEACHER**

**EVENING
HOURS**



**TODDLER
TEACHER**

**EVENING
HOURS**



**FULL TIME
POSITIONS**

401K BENEFITS

**POSITIVE WORK
ENVIRONMENT**



We're looking for you if you
*enjoy working with children
*are patient
*love spreading the good word of
Jesus



send your resume to
saintpeterschildcare@gmail.com





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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

ORIGINAL SIN & FREE WILL



A correct understanding of sin is foundational to understanding the Gospel. The more we come to realize the severity of our condition, the more our appreciation of the Gospel's beauty grows. The Bible tells us that we are "dead in trespasses and sins." This means that salvation must be God's work. In this series of Bible Studies we will let the Formula of Concord (1577) lead us into the Scripture's teaching on Original Sin & Free Will.

Sundays: 9:20-10:15 AM
March 9 - May 4
Pastor Schneider

We are celebrating!

125 years of Proclaiming the

Gospel! We started on January 12, followed by a special service on February 2 with Pastor Keller preaching. Then on March 2 Pastor Jeff Nehrt preached on Trust in the Lord.

We are not having any special celebrations during the season of Lent. On Easter Sunday we will proclaim that "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Our next special 10:00 AM service will be June 8 with Rev. Michael Pottschmidt preaching and a meal afterward.

As part of our celebrations, meals will follow each of these special services. We wish to thank the different boards and committees for sponsoring these meals. The March 2nd meal will be served by our Board of Christian Education. The plan is to serve the June meal at the new Taco/Pizza House. A table of mementos will be in the Gathering Area at different times during the year. Special refrigerator magnets, pens, coloring books, and a very special sketch of our church by Kathy Nichols are available. We are also planning on a couple more special items in the near future. Please stop by and donate for the small items and purchase the special sketch for \$10.00.

Finally, banners are also out for this year of celebrating. The banner on the left is our anniversary banner, made to commemorate this celebration. The banner on the right side has the official seal of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod with brief information on the next page of this edition. The balcony banners are designed to be opened one at a time for each of our special anniversary services.



This banner has the official LC-MS seal designed by the Reverend A.R. Kretzmann and drawn by Walter Geweke, both of Chicago, which emerged several decades after the synod's founding. It was designed when folks wanted to say a lot in a small space so it needs to be explained to retain any merit.

In the center of the seal, a tongue-like, blue shield represents the Christian's faith. A prominent gold cross on the shield proclaims that we preach Jesus Christ crucified. Rays emanating from the crooks of the cross make it a "Resurrection cross," proclaiming that we also preach Christ risen from the dead. Nearby Latin words declare "Jesus Christus Dominus Est" ("Jesus Christ is Lord"), and three gold crosses symbolize the Holy Trinity. Three gold stars on the shield represent the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. Six gold stars on a white field stand for the six Lutheran Confessions contained in the 1580 book, "Concordia." Grape vines symbolize Christ's words in John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches." Dividing the white field are the three 'solas' on which Lutheranism is founded: Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide (Scripture alone, Grace alone, Faith alone). The exterior circle contains the proper [although grammatically incorrect] name of the church synod and the year it was founded – 1847.

Beneath the shield is Luther's Seal. That particular emblem is, of course, centuries old, and has never been eclipsed by either the synod's logo or its official seal. It is a visual rallying point for a group of confessional Christians who were initially slandered as "Lutherans." We still wear the name with distinction. *Credit: The Art Curmudgeon*



125TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR *UPDATED*

January 12, 2025 125th Opening Services & Commissioning of new communion ware
Holy Communion at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 services

February 2, 2025 Rev. Martin Keller
10:00 AM *with Holy Communion* Meal to follow

March 2, 2025 Rev. Jeff Nehrt
10:00 AM *with Holy Communion* Meal to follow — Day Care Board

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday
8:00 & 10:30 *with Holy Communion*

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday
7:00 & 10:30 *with Holy Communion* Easter breakfast

April 27, 2025 Outdoor Congregational picture

June 8, 2025 Rev. Michael Pottschmidt
10:00 AM *with Holy Communion* Meal at new Taco/Pizza House

June 22, 2025 9:30 AM Commissioning of new Prayer Garden
8:00 & 10:30 *with Holy Communion*

June 23—26, 2025 Vacation Bible School

**** July 6, 2025** **Hymn Festival** *(Rescheduled from May 18)*
8:00 & 10:30 *no communion* **Robert Pottschmidt, Organist**

August 3, 2025 Blessing the Back Packs
8:00 & 10:30 *with Holy Communion*

September 7, 2025 Rev. Tom Moyer
10:00 AM *with Holy Communion* Meal to follow — Elders

October 19, 2025 Rev. Dr. D Richard Stuckwisch
10:00 AM *with Holy Communion* Indiana District LCMS President
Meal to follow — Board of Christian Education & Trustees

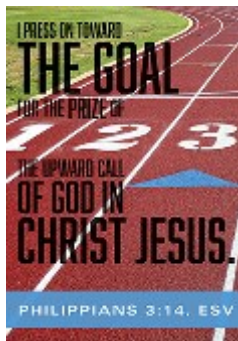
(Dates subject to change)

Please note changes in the communion schedule.



APRIL 2 Wednesday Lenten Service

Acolyte: Morgan Wessel



APRIL 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

Luke 20 9-20

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone *"through faith in Christ"* (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we *"know him and the power of his resurrection"* (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a *"new thing"* for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become *"the stone that the builders rejected."* Yet, the One rejected by men *"has become the cornerstone"* of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, *"a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"* (Is. 43:19).

Acolytes: 8:00 Owen Kellermeier

10:30: Avery Robertson & Reace Norman

Holy Communion @ 8:00



APRIL 9 Wednesday Lenten Service

Acolyte: Avery Robertson



APRIL 13 Palm Sunday/Confirmation

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:1-23:56

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). He *“goes as it has been determined”* (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing *“that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Phil. 2:11).

Acolytes: 8:00: Lauren Campbell

10:30: Lily Wessel & Cult Burcham

Holy Communion @ 10:30



APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 10:15-25

Luke 22:7-20

By Holy Baptism, *“with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water”* (Heb. 10:22), we enter the holy place with Jesus. For Jesus is our Passover Lamb who has been sacrificed for us. He reclines at table with us and feeds us with His own flesh and blood: *“the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain”* (Heb. 10:20). In Christ, the Lord remembers us in mercy and remembers our sin no more; He forgives us all our iniquity (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 10:17). With such love, He *“loved his own who were in the world,”* and He even loves us *“to the end”* (John 13:1). As He washes us and feeds us in love, let us love one another, just as He has loved us (John 13:34).

Acolyte: Lily Wessel

Holy Communion



APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae (Service of darkness)

Acolyte: Owen Kellermeier



APRIL 20 EASTER DAY

Christ's Resurrection Is the Firstfruits of the New Creation

Isaiah 65:17-25

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

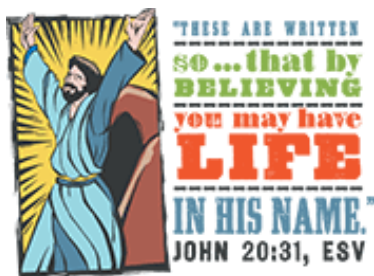
Luke 24:1-12

The Lord has promised to “*create new heavens and a new earth*” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “*the offspring of the blessed of the LORD*” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “*if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied*” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “*perplexed about this*” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “*idle tale*” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

Acolytes: 7:00 **Sunrise:** Ava Brock

10:30: Festival: Mack Pendleton & Brady England

Holy Communion @ 10:30



APRIL 27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

Acts 5:12-20

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, “*the firstborn of the dead*” (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has “*the keys of Death and Hades*” (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The “*sharp two-edged sword*” of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to “*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,*” that by such faith “*you may have life in his name*” (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, “*to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*” (Acts 5:31).

Acolytes: 8:00: Lauren Campbell

10:30: Graeme Hehman & Evan Baker

Holy Communion @ 8:00

LENT

MIDWEEK FOCUS

Preparing For Easter

The season of Lent is a penitential period of preparation. But what are we preparing for? Lent points us in the direction of Easter. So as Easter approaches, we will be preparing by studying our Lord's Passion Narrative in the form of consecutive Easter Vigils.

Wednesday Services **7:00 PM**



March 5 - Ash Wednesday

March 12 - Creation and Recreation

March 19 - The Ark of the Church

March 26 - Walking through the Water

April 2 - Through the Belly of the Tomb

April 9 - Walking through the Fire



Looking Ahead to
HOLY WEEK
AT ST. PETER'S

April 13



8:00 AM Palm Sunday
10:30 AM Confirmation



April 17

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday



April 18

7:00 PM Good Friday



April 20

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise
8:00 AM Breakfast at LC
9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
(Meet in Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Easter Service



JOIN OUR EASTER EVENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY APRIL 20
8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM



EASTER EGG HUNT
9:30 AM
MEET IN SANCTUARY



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
HE IS RISEN!

Some of my memories of St. Peter's by Bob Millman

D 2025 marks the 125th year of the founding of our church. My wife's grandfather, William Miller, was one of the charter members of St. Peter's. The 1st church building cost \$1500 to build in 1900. Several of our senior members were adults who witnessed and participated in many changes over the last 60 + years in our church, all to the glory of God. They surely have many interesting stories to tell, if asked.

Y Can you remember the steps from the front sidewalk and side doors getting into church? Every entry requires you to climb stairs. Going to church was not handicap accessible.

O Can you remember the 3 houses between Elm Street and the church? Over the years the church purchased property (and sometimes paid more than what the property was worth). The 1st house was quickly torn down and made part of the parking lot. The 2nd house was a shot gun house and was emptied and demolished in one day and the remains were put in the park with Park Board's permission. The 3rd house was bigger and better than the first two and was used as a Youth Center and then became the building for our Preschools. Much remodeling both on the inside and outside helped to make our PreSchool a success for many years.

E Later, the house on the east side of the church became available. It was purchased and remodeled to meet the state requirements to become the new Day Care Ministry. It lasted until the present-day care was built. The prior daycare ministry property was torn down and the house next to it was purchased and demolished. Today, the property is the east parking lot of the church.

M Between the Daycare and the school, our shelter house was built and a prayer garden with a bubbling fountain, restful benches and many beautiful flowers were constructed. A bad storm caused several limbs to fall in the shelter house and damaged the area, trees were removed and repairs made. This area is now a project for further improvement.

R Can you remember what it was like before our church had air conditioning? Going to church, especially with little ones, was really a challenge. There were hand fans, and the ladies would use them profusely trying to keep cool and quiet to listen to God's Word.

?? Later, side fans were added. They stirred the air and messed with women's hair. Soon, after much discussion, it was voted to purchase air conditioning for the church. The 1st AC units had a compressor unit above the sacristy, and it malfunctioned and flooded the entire area. Eventually, the entire church was air conditioned and remains so today.

Another serious problem that took years to fix was the leaky roof over the church offices, side hall and east sanctuary wall. Finally, after years of much trial and error, a rubberized structure was put in the area and the problem was solved.

Can you remember the old 8 pipe rank organ? It lasted many years and finally went kaput. A used organ was found for sale in St. Louis. A committee of us went to St. Louis to the church to remove it from the balcony and loaded it in 2 box trucks and brought it to Brownstown. And an organ restorer from Louisville was hired and revived the organ to an 18-rank pipe organ. It lasted several years until our present organ was purchased.

Can you remember the cry room, hat rack and coat rack in the narthex area?

Can you remember what our church was like before we added the hanging lights? It was difficult on a cloudy morning to read the hymnals and bulletins. The voters did not regret the expense of their installation.

Can you remember our church before the carpet? At 1st, only the altar area, the front and aisles were carpeted. The area under the pews was not. After years of wear, the entire sanctuary was carpeted.

Can you remember the church choir? They sat in front of the church in black robes. Our church had many excellent singers.

Can you remember the time before pew cushions? The pews were hard.

Can you remember when the church ceiling tiles were dark, and the trustees took on the task of painting them? It was truly a team effort, and it really lightened up our church.

Can you remember when we did not have an upstairs restroom? The basement restrooms were hard to get to, especially with little children. Thank God for our upstairs restrooms!

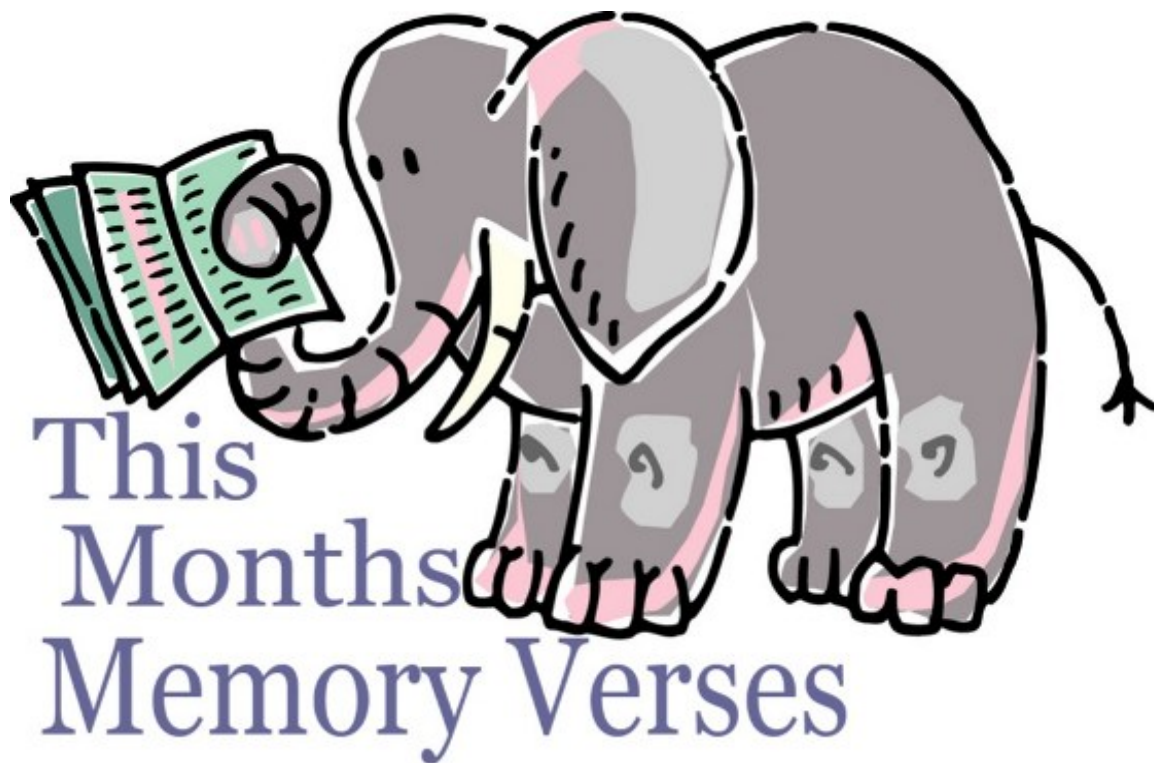
Can you remember when women were not allowed to vote? My mother-in-law, Lillian Miller, was concerned about how only men would make big monetary decisions. When the time came when women could vote, she was reluctant to go to the voter's meeting because she thought her voice wouldn't be heard. But now all members have an equal voice.

One project that was accomplished was putting the insulation in the attic. It paid for itself in one winter, as the bill was almost – cut in half. Ceiling fans were added to push down the heat.

There must be many more memories some of our people have from the past. It would be most interesting to listen and/or read about them. One thing is certain. The changes were blessings from God and His house is now better than ever.

Some of my fond memories of St. Peter's by Margie Millman

- When Pastor Moyer would bring OAFB to the church service and they'd participate in the service.
- Attending Sunday School as a young child and how a large number of kids and adults attended. And sang together in the opening session of Sunday School before being dismissed to their classes.
- Going Christmas caroling in large groups to hospital, nursing homes, and shut ins. We'd all meet back at the church for hot chocolate and cookies. I remember going even as a very young child with Pastor Moyer.
- Having a large paper drive at church to help fundraise for the LCMS Youth Gathering in Denver.
- Having a talent show in the basement and Pastor Belk and 2 other men dressed up as the Pointer Sisters to help fundraise for our Youth Gathering.
- Having an auction and I made cakes for fundraising. The church was very supportive.
- Having a large youth group, making many friends, and participating in lots of activities.
- Participating in 10 Christmas Eve services from a young child through 8th grade and getting a bag of peanuts, fruit, and candy after the service. Weekend practices at church in December.
- Helping with Ladies Aid and L.W.M.L. fundraising with my mom and grandma.
- As a young child, Pastor Moyer would give me a hug every Sunday after church.
- Singing in the children's choir and playing the handbells



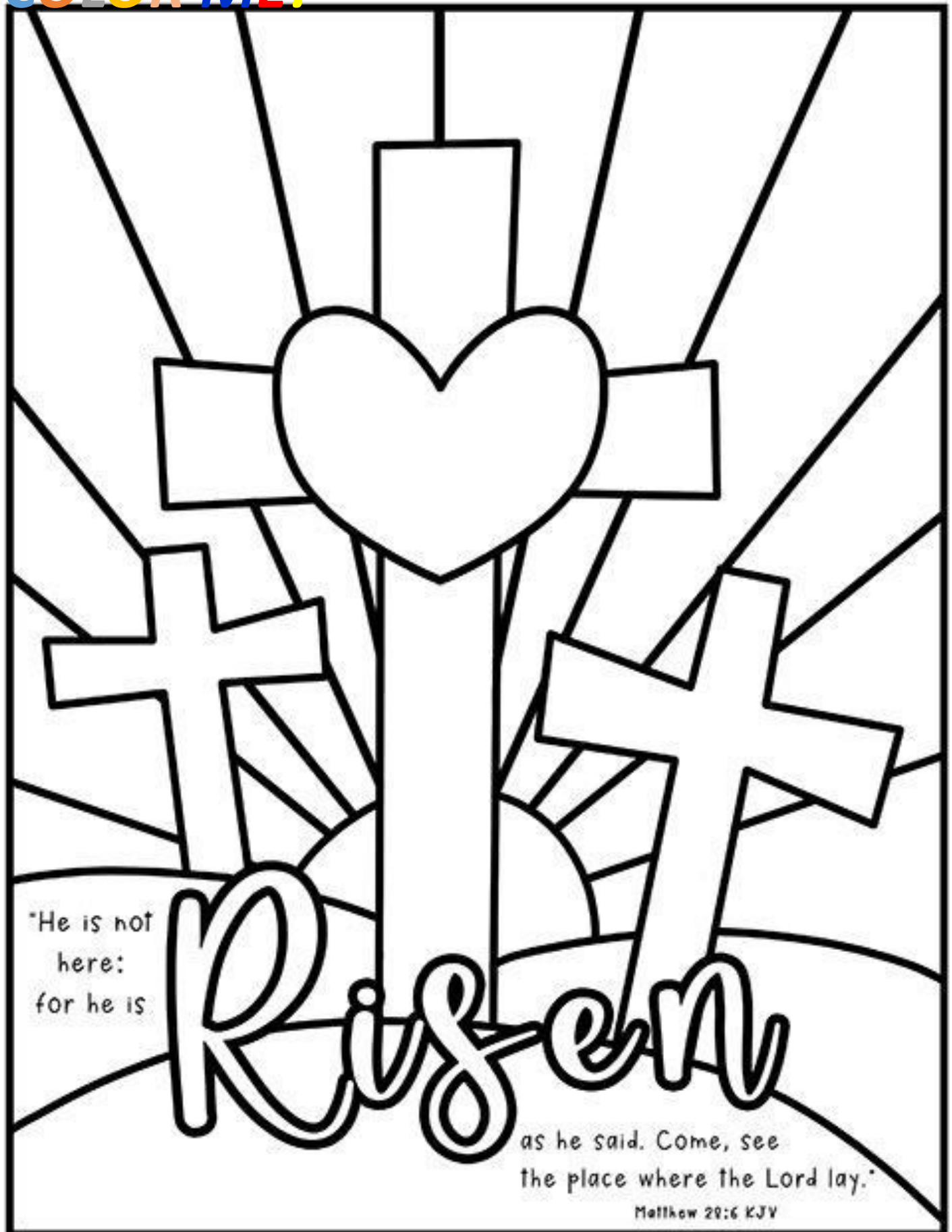
Philippians 3:8-9a

I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him....

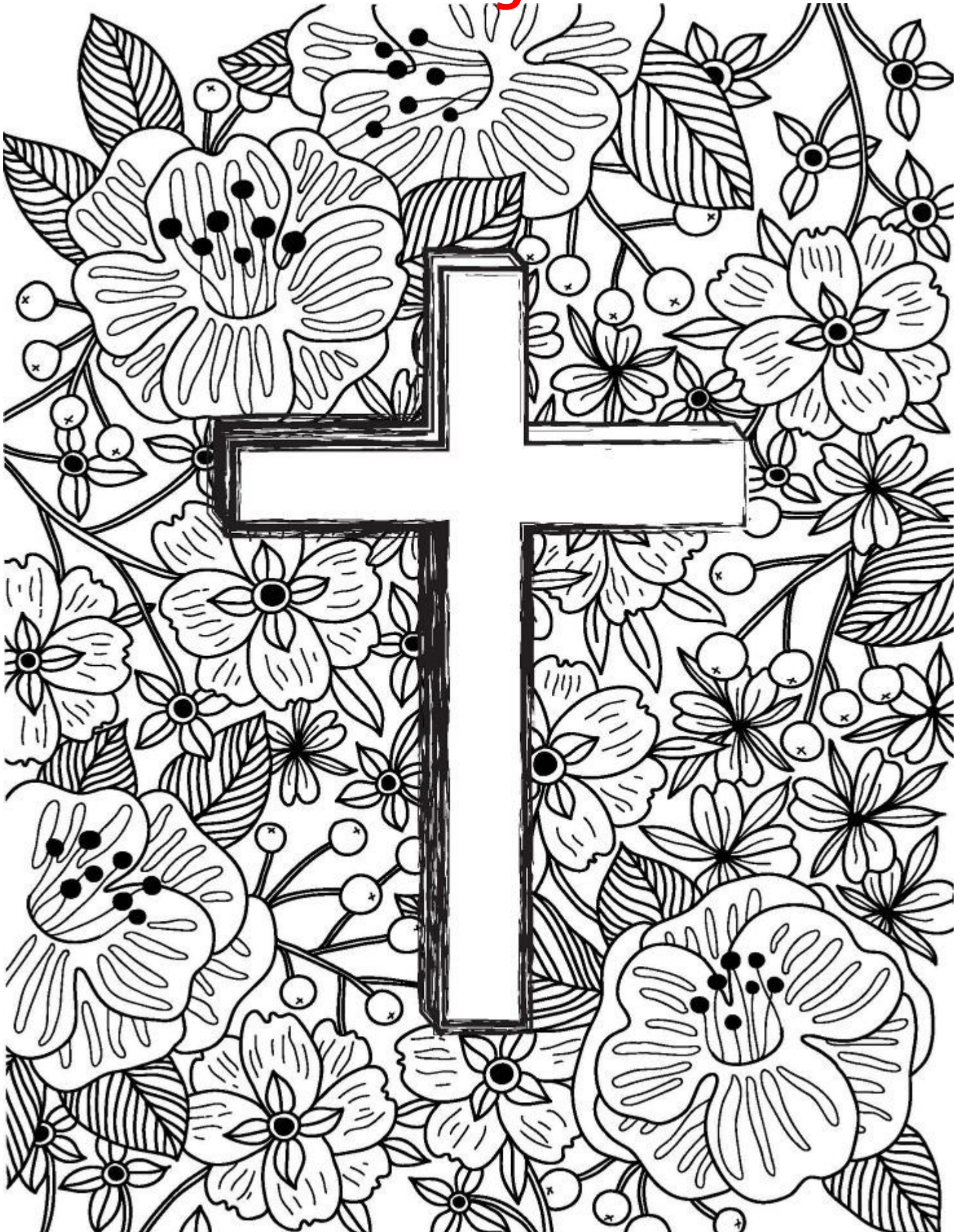
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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