

# Lebanon Lutheran Church May Newsletter 2021

*Sunday School 9:30am.*

*Worship Service 11:00am.*

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*A Message From  
The Desk Of  
The Pastor*

Pastor Christopher Porter

Greetings Lebanon,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

We are proceeding apace through this glorious Easter season, and things are going to get busy! Which is a good thing, right? We are nearing the celebration of the return of our Lord to the Father (Ascension Day), which brings about another momentous event in the life of the Church – the great Pentecost! At Pentecost, we will recall the response of God the Holy Spirit to the Return of God the Son... The Spirit of God erupts forth and irrupts into our world! God's Spirit falls on the nations and the Church goes forth in the *power* and *might* of the Spirit! She is on the move and she is suddenly *very busy!*

Here are some of the things that the Spirit is initiating at Lebanon this year:

1. Regular Wednesday Matins – an older, and in some ways simpler setting. I want to continue to provide at least one other weekly opportunity for corporate worship.

2. Introduction of a “new” Setting of the Sunday Liturgy – The Common Service of the Lutheran Church held the various Lutheran Synods in a least a semblance of unity for a hundred years. It utilizes a form of “Scots chant” that sounds very beautiful sung. Hoping to have the Choir and Szymon working together at some point in the future on introducing this. I do not envision this becoming our most regularly used Setting, but one that would be used for shorter seasons of the Church.
3. New Bible Study/Book Study – We have finished our study of Revelation and will soon be moving to another topic of interest. I’m thinking about Leviticus... hey, why not keep going with the hard stuff we usually skip over? Still open to suggestions, feel free to communicate your ideas.
4. Pastor away at a Pastors’ Conference – this is the yearly three-day meeting where the Pastors’ are brought together for instruction, and to informed as to the current challenges and goals of the NALC. Here also, the bishop addresses the pastors and shares some part of his strategy and vision for the health of the Church and the continued spread of the Gospel.
5. Lebanon is hosting the Southern District Convocation in May! Congregations the Southern District meet for prayer and edification, as well as to tend to the needs and goals they share in the ministry of Christ. Our District Dean, John Kulczycki, will lead the assembly. Let’s work to be gracious hosts!
6. Educational ministries expanding – Both Chris Heird and Dorothy Harriman are resuming and/or initiating new studies and classes. Dorothy will be hosting and leading a Ladies Bible Study (see her for details), and Chris is resuming the Men’s Prayer Breakfast and working on Youth Sunday School. We are also looking into having a



Vacation Bible School this year! Please speak with Chris Heird, the Council president, or me, if you would like to help with Christian education or be a participant in one of the offerings.

7. Outreach activities – Jeff Hamman and the Outreach Committee are buzzing with preparations... there will be numerous opportunities to witness to our Lord and share the Gospel through an array of fellowship/outreach events into the summer. See the calendar or ask Jeff for details.
8. Future Planning – Council, with perhaps the assistance of special committee, will be praying about and imagining the future God has in store for His Church here in Lebanon Church... the land next door is filled with possibility, and this is just one obvious example of talents we will be spending in the Lord's service.
9. NALC National Convocation in August – This year the Convocation is in Corpus Christi, TX (how fitting is that?). There are always a wide spectrum of wonderful ministries to learn about during the "Lutheran Week" as we have been calling it. We always budget for a lay delegate for voting, please speak with me or a Councilperson if you would like to serve God in this way.

Well, that is likely too much to try to squeeze into a brief pastor's letter, but it gives some idea of the wonderful ways in which God is blessing us at this time. Let us all pray and call upon the mighty Spirit of our Lord that He may continuously *call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify* His people here at Lebanon and throughout this land!

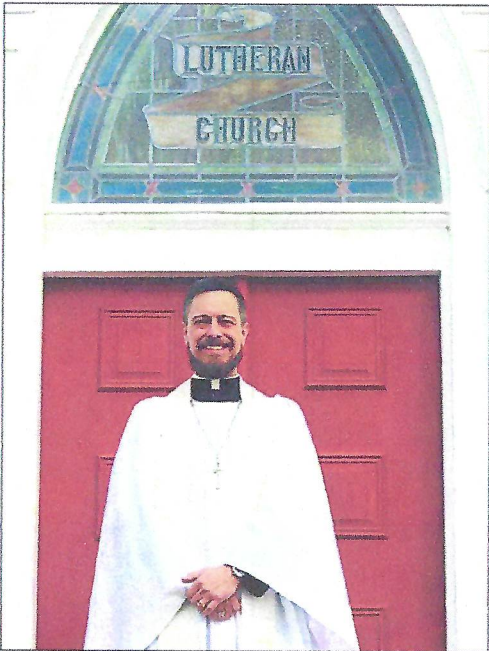
Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter



# Welcome Pastor Christopher Porter

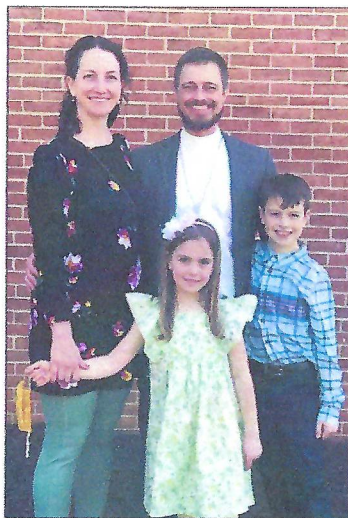
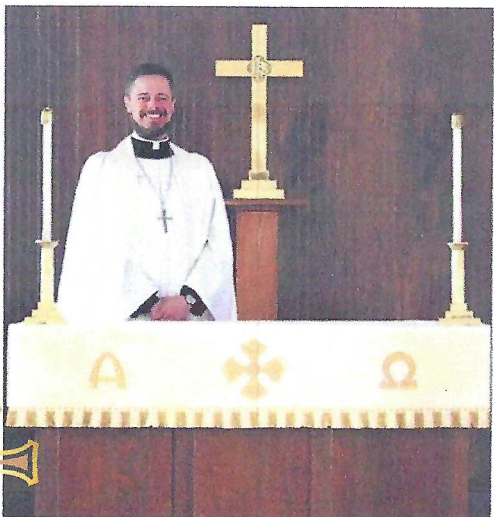
## Lebanon Lutheran Calls Pastor Full Time



The congregation of Lebanon Lutheran Church welcomes Rev. Christopher Porter as our full-time pastor! The church called Rev. Porter as a part-time pastor in July of 2018 and we rejoice that God called him to full-time service in April of this year. He and his family give thanks to God for this ministry of the Gospel in Lebanon Church, and we look forward to the blessings that our Lord Jesus Christ will bestow on our congregation in the years to come.

The congregation also extends its welcome to his wife Colleen, and children Ben and Rachael. We are excited to have them join us in our life of discipleship and witness to Jesus Christ.

Lebanon Lutheran Church is a parish of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), a traditionally Lutheran Church body that emphasizes Biblical fidelity, classical Christian doctrine, traditional moral teaching, and personal commitment to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. Come and hear God's word through the teaching of Scripture as it is written.



To learn more about Lebanon Lutheran Church and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) we invite you to visit our website:

[lebanonlutheranchurch.org](http://lebanonlutheranchurch.org)  
[thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)

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## Coming Events at Lebanon

**Sunday School Class led by Rev. J.D. is meeting at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at church. If you are unable to join us at church it is also available via Zoom.**

**\*Please see Rev. J.D. for Zoom access info.**

*Pastor Porter will be available on Wednesdays from 2:00 -4:00 PM For Individual Communion. Please call for an appointment.*

### May Birthday's

10<sup>th</sup> Nadine Buckle  
14<sup>th</sup> Rachel Porter  
19<sup>th</sup> Robbie Parks  
29<sup>th</sup> Tom Schwietz

### Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> David & Tammy Leathers  
7<sup>th</sup> Jay & Carrie Snow  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike & Brenda Rose  
31<sup>st</sup> Evelyn & Monroe Williams

*Come and join the Outreach Committee. We will meet Thursday, May 13 @ 6 PM*

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*Men's Prayer Breakfast may be resuming again possibly in May or June. Stay tuned to the weekly Church announcements.*

*If you would be interested in joining a monthly Women's Bible Study, please contact Dorothy Harriman.*

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*If you would like to send Kathryn a note, she would enjoy hearing from you.*

*Kathryn Flynn  
1211 South Street, Apt 2  
Key West, FL 33040*

## CREDO Class

*Class meets every other Thursday @ 7 PM at the Church*

*Led by Pastor Chris. All are invited to attend.*

*\*See Pastor Chris for CREDO info*

**Do you or someone you know need a ride to Church?**

**Please contact Ann Deming  
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.**

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**If you would be interested in sharing teaching duties for Elementary Sunday School Class or serving on Education Committee, please see Chris Heird.**

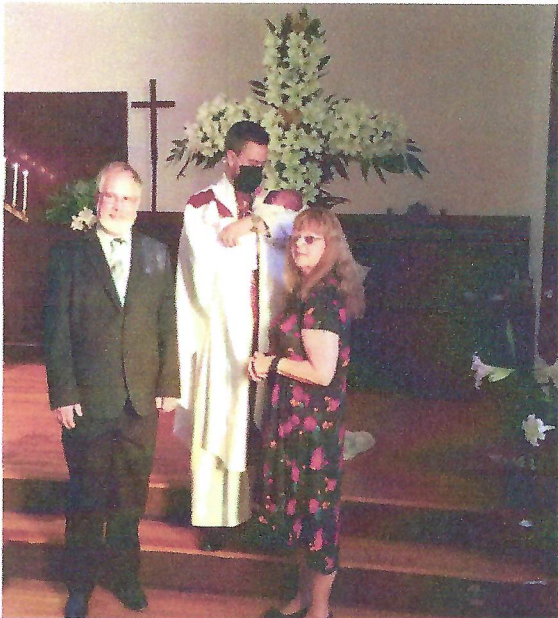
**If you would like to sign up to read the weekly Old Testament and Epistle readings during worship, please contact Chris Heird @ 459-5712.**



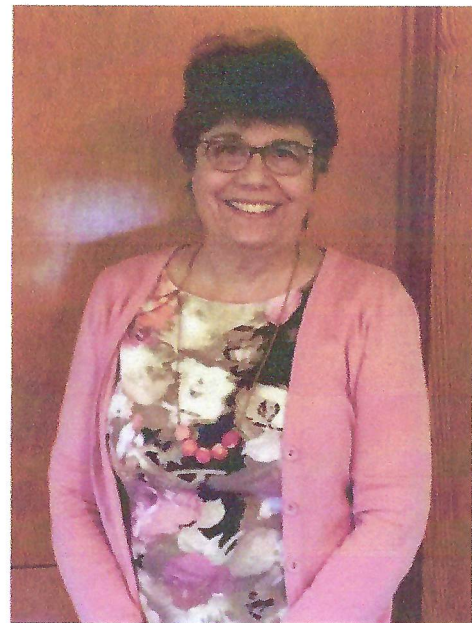


### Baby Shower

The Women of the Church gave Brenda Rose a Baby Shower on April 11<sup>th</sup> following our Church Service. It was a great time of fellowship and celebration. Mike & Brenda received so many nice gifts for baby Robby.

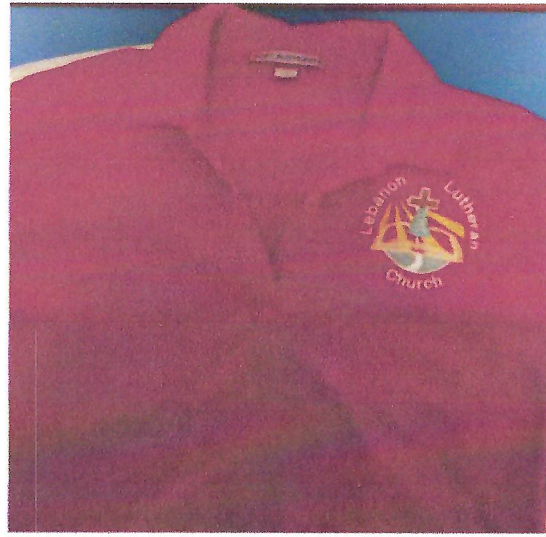


We would like to welcome Robby to our Church Family. He was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>



We would like to welcome Carolyn Frye to our Church Family. Carolyn joined the church on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>





### **Polo Shirts With Lebanon Church Logo**

We are looking in to placing a second order of polo shirts. If you did not order a shirt and would like a shirt or if you have ordered previously and would like another shirt, please contact Jeff Hamman at (540) 220-7346 and one can be ordered for you. They are available in navy blue & red and are available in men's and women's sizes.



Septic lines have been installed thru parking lot to the land that we purchased beside the Church. Thank you to all that helped in this project.





**HELP US STOCK FOOD BOXES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

- Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Pop-Tarts/Breakfast Bars
- Pancake Mix (Shake & Pour)/Frozen Waffles or Pancakes/Syrup
- Frozen Breakfast Sandwiches/Lunchables
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers
- Fruit Snacks/Fruit Cups (individual size)
- Canned Fruit/Apple Sauce
- Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, etc.)
- Bread/Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Tuna/Chicken/Vienna Sausages
- Lunch Meat/Sliced Cheese
- Taco Shells/Seasonings/Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Ravioli/SpaghettiOs
- Instant Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mix
- Chicken Nuggets/Hot Pockets
- Frozen Pizzas (individual size)
- Canned Soups (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle, etc.)
- Mayo/Mustard (small sizes)
- Can Openers

Drop off donations at the Family Center, 781 Spring Parkway, Woodstock, VA  
Questions? Call 540-459-4599

- **Baby Wipes**
- **Size 5 Diapers**
- **Hooded Baby Towels**
- **Baby Nail Clippers**
- **Small Soft Bibs**
- **Quart Size Zipper Baggies**
- **Baby Toothbrushes**
- **Children's Toothbrushes**
- **Children's Toothpaste**

**Family Promise Needs**

Thank you to all that made a monetary donation, we collected \$350.00 to donate to Family Promise. (Above is a list of items that they are in need of, if anyone would like to donate items)

**Shenandoah Co. Pregnancy Center**

The Outreach Committee is collecting the above items in the month of May, if anyone would like to donate items. There is a basket that you may put items in and we will deliver them to the Pregnancy Center the first part of June.

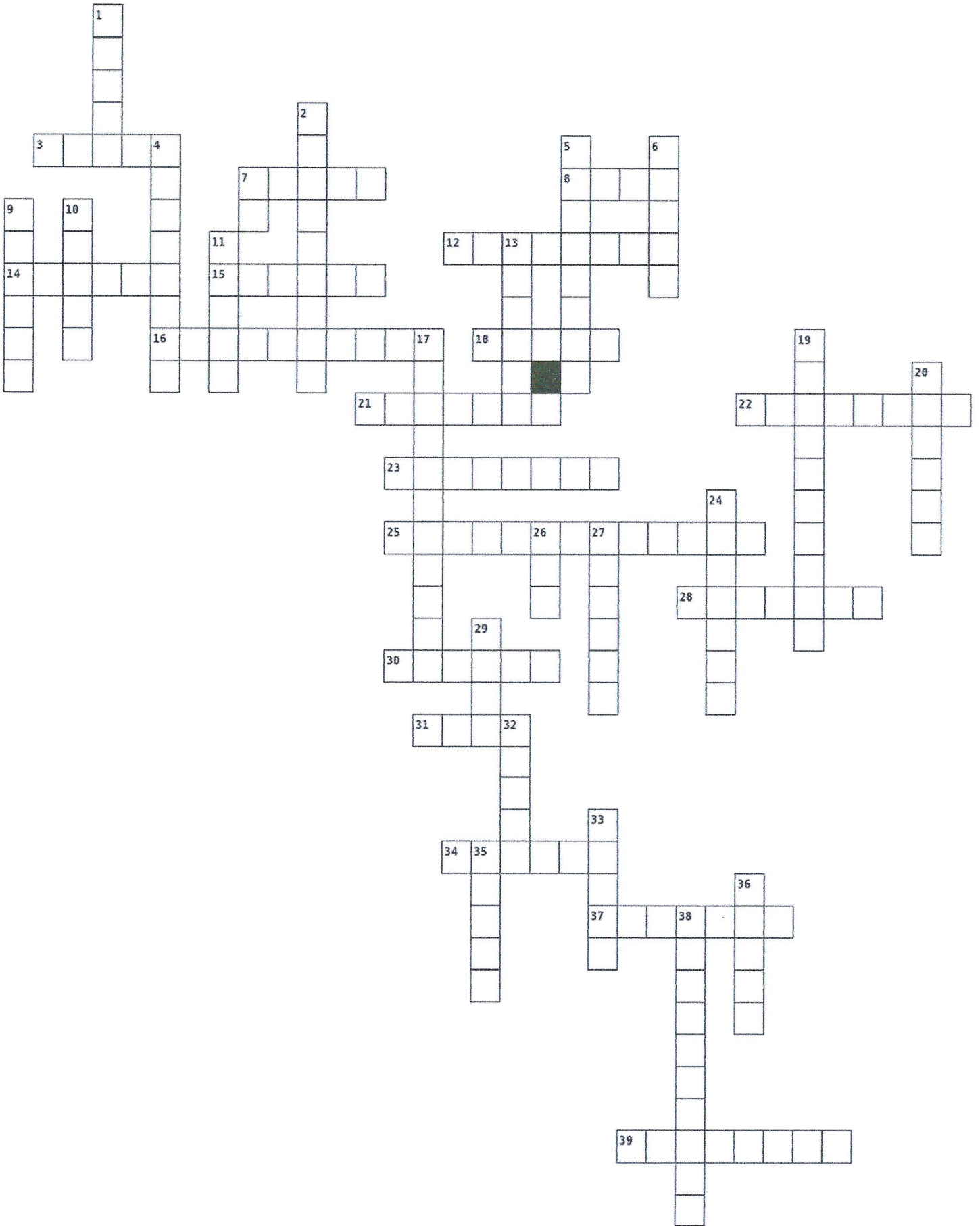
Jan.	Spaghetti Sauce - Spaghetti Noodles	Jul.	Toilet Paper - Applesauce
Feb.	Soap - White Potatoes (canned)	Aug.	Corn - Mac & Cheese
Mar..	Tuna - Paper Towels	Sept.	Pork & Beans - Soup
Apr.	Peas - Crackers	Oct.	Stove Top Stuffing - Peanut Butter
May	Evaporated Milk - Canned Fruit	Nov.	Green Beans - Canned Fruit
June	Ravioli - Canned Tomatoes	Dec.	Peas - Evaporated Milk

**Compassion Cupboard Monthly Needs**

Above is a list of items which are needed each month and distributed to those in need in our community. You can bring them to church and place them in the blue tub. (No glass please - jars, etc.)



# Ezra





### Across

3. He is king of Persia. (1)
7. Ezra was a descendent of this chief priest? (7)
8. He was a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses. (7)
12. This governor writes a letter to king Darius to stop the building of the temple. (5)
14. The work on the temple stops until the second year of this king of Persia. (4)
15. Judah and Benjamin are building a temple to the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_. (4)
16. This king orders the work on the temple to cease. (4)
18. Ezra tears his garment and his \_\_\_\_\_. (9)
21. "\_\_\_\_\_ be the Lord, the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king" (7)
22. "For we have \_\_\_\_\_ your commandments, which you commanded by your servants the prophets" (9)
23. The father of Zeubbabel. (3)
25. Ezra mourns over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the exiles. (10)
28. "Ezra the Priest selected men, heads of \_\_\_\_\_ houses" (10)
30. In their vestments they came forward with trumpets. (3)
31. "Then Ezra arose and made the leading priest and Levites and all Israel take a \_\_\_\_\_ that they would do as had been said." (10)
34. Sheshbazzar is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah. (1)
37. Jojarib and Elnathan are men of \_\_\_\_\_. (8)
39. He is the son of Uriah. (8)

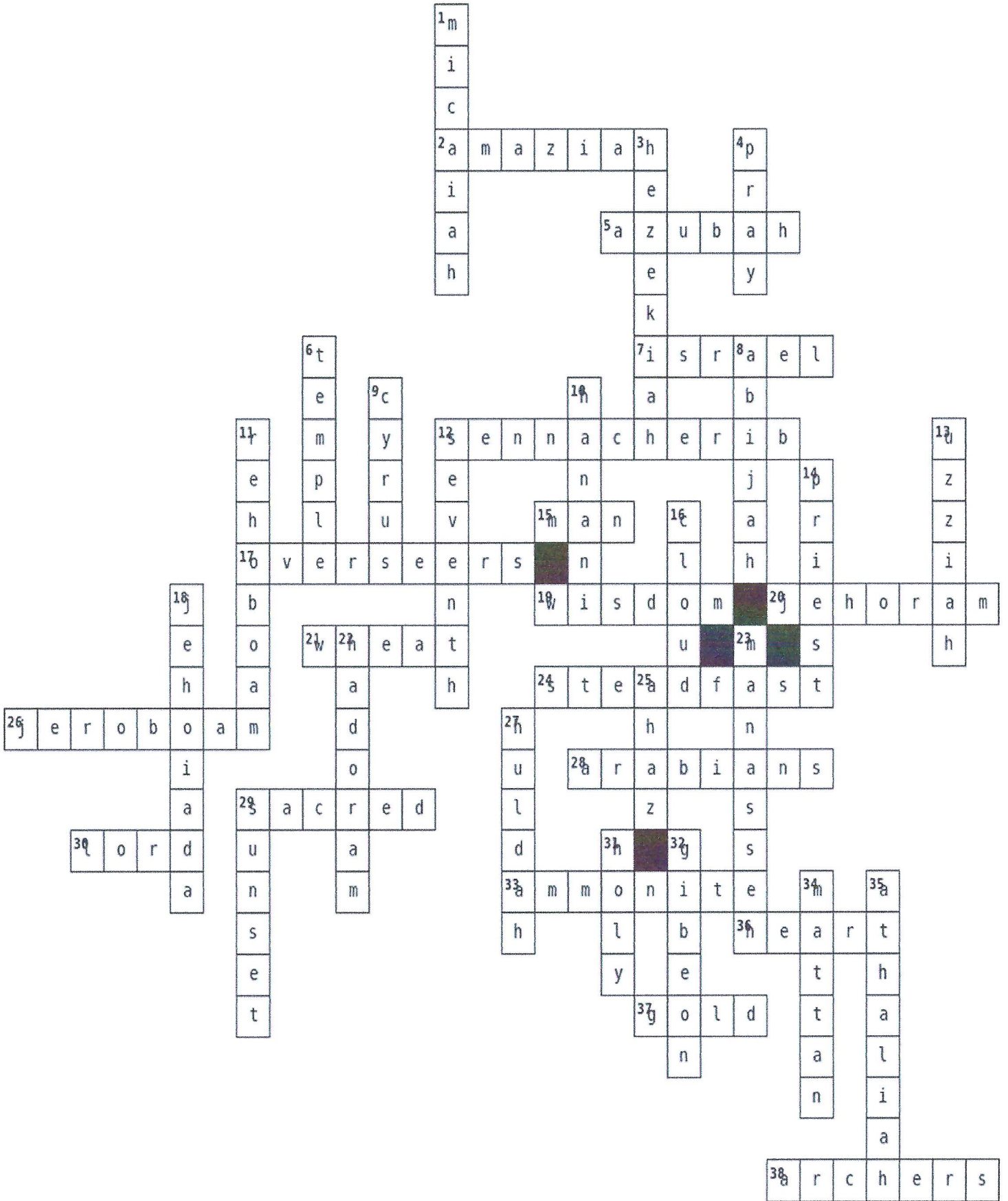
### Down

1. They built this of the God of Israel to offer burnt offerings on it. (3)
2. Where is Cyrus to build a house for God at? (1)
4. He is a scribe. (4)
5. "In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of \_\_\_\_\_ might be fulfilled." (1)
6. He had 320 sons that returned to Jerusalem and Judah? (2)
7. The men of Bethel and \_\_\_\_\_ numbered 223.(2)
9. "Let the governor of the Jews and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site." (6)
10. "by the first day of the \_\_\_\_\_ month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women." (10)
11. The temple was finished in this year of the reign of king Darius. (6)
13. The number of men appointed to guard over the offerings of Gold, silver and Bronze? (8)
17. He laid the foundations of the house of God that is in Jerusalem. (5)
19. Jeshua and \_\_\_\_\_ arose and began to rebuild the house of God that is in Jerusalem. (5)
20. He is the son of Jozadak. (3)
24. "O my God I am \_\_\_\_\_ and blush to lift my face to you, my God" (9)
26. "For Ezra had set his heart to study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel." (7)
27. There were 5400 vessels of gold and this? (1)
29. The old men with a loud voice did this as they had seen the first house of the Lord. (3)
32. Zechariah and \_\_\_\_\_ prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem. (5)
33. In this province a scroll was found on which was written a decree to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. (6)
35. From this treasury the house of God was to be rebuilt. (6)
36. By this river Ezra proclaims a fast? (8)
38. The people of Israel do this and break the commandment of God. (9)

All questions are formed from the book of  
Ezra from the ESV Bible  
Chapters are in parentheses.



# 2 Chronicles





### Across

2. Israel defeats this king of Judah. (25)
5. Jehoshaphat's mother's name? (20)
7. Solomon knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of \_\_\_\_\_. (6)
12. His own sons struck him down by the sword. (32)
15. "Consider what you do, for you judge not for \_\_\_\_\_ but for the Lord." (19)
17. 3600 of these were to make the people work. (2)
19. God gives Solomon this because he did not ask for himself. (1)
20. This king of Judah was buried in the city of David but not in the tombs of the kings. (21)
21. The Ammonites give Jotham 10000 cors of \_\_\_\_\_ and 10000 of barley. (27)
24. "Give thanks to the Lord for His \_\_\_\_\_ love endures forever." (20)
26. This king of Israel made golden calves and drove out the priest of the Lord. (13)
28. They brought Jehosaphat 7700 rams and 7700 goats. (17)
29. Asa brought the \_\_\_\_\_ gifts into the house of God. (15)
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah and the Ethiopians fled. (14)
33. Rehoboam's mother Naamah was of this people? (12)
36. "And the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and all who were of a willing \_\_\_\_\_ brought burnt offerings." (29)
37. The temple is lined or overlaid with this? (3)
38. They shot king Josiah. (35)

### Down

1. This prophet prophesied against king Ahab of Israel? (18)
3. He prays the Lord will pardon all those who seek God. (30)
4. If the Lord's people do this and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways then He will forgive their sins. (7)
6. Solomon is to build this for the Lord? (2)
8. This son Rehoboam appoints to be chief prince among his brothers? (11)
9. The Lord stirred up the Spirit of this king so that God's word by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled. (36)
10. This seer was put into stocks in prison because king Asa was angry for what he said. (16)
11. He reigned over Israel after the death of Solomon? (9)
12. In this month they had finished the pile of heaps of the tithe. (31)
13. He was struck with leprosy on the forehead. (26)
14. The sea in the temple was used for who to wash in? (4)
16. For the glory of the Lord filled the house of God with this? (5)
18. He lived to be 130 years old? (24)
22. He was the task master over the forced labor, and the people of Israel stoned him to death. (10)
23. This king humbles himself before God? (33)
25. This king sacrificed to the gods of Damascus. (28)
27. This prophetess foretells the disaster of Judah and its inhabitants. (34)
29. Ahab dies at this time of day? (18)
31. The places which the Ark of the Lord has come are this? (8)
32. The tent of meeting with God was at this place. (1)
34. This priest of Baal was killed before the altar of Baal. (23)
35. This woman reigned over Judah after her son Ahaziah's death. (22)

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<b>9</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:00 Communion Service	<b>13</b> 6:00 Outreach Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 Church Work Day
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