Lebanon Lutheran Church
February 2022 Newsletter

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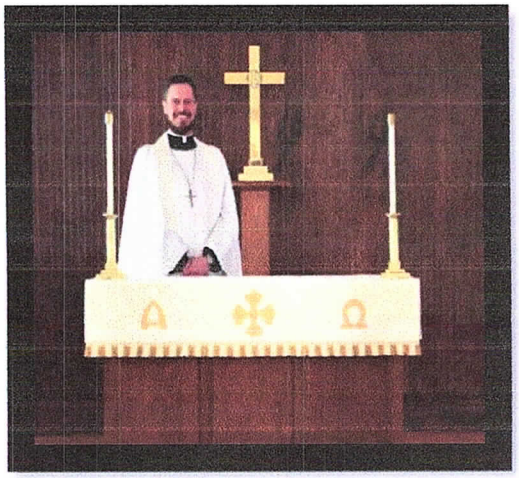
A Message From The Pastor



Greetings in Christ's Holy Name,

As I have been busy with childcare and burdens due to illness, I have adapted an article from the Rev. Brent Keller of Peace Lutheran Church Alcester, SD.

Christ's peace be with you all,
Pastor Porter

For churches [like ours] that use the historic one-year lectionary (cycle of readings), [Epiphany is passing, and we will soon] celebrate our Lord's Transfiguration. [We now move into a time given to preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.]

We do this in stages: Pre-Lent, Lent, and the Passion. On Septuagesima Sunday, we enter into Pre-Lent (nicknamed the *'gesima'* Sundays for the Latin titles of the Sundays). The season begins with an emphasis on the generosity of the Kingdom of God and the need to be at work. For churches using the three year lectionary, Epiphany lasts a few more weeks. When Lent properly arrives, all of the churches will be on the same calendar again.

In the early church, catechumens (learners) were baptized on Easter, and Lent was a sort of final and intense preparation. And so, the Sundays before Lent aim to equip the students for Easter and to remind the baptized of what is to come. The Epistle texts will present the Christian life as a race, as a contest that requires constant self-discipline and self-control, as a demanding life filled with labor and suffering. In a few weeks, Lent will teach that the Christian life is selfless and motivated only by the love of God and neighbor. Our Gospel texts speak of God's call for us to be laborers, of the education and training in God's 'school of life,' of the enlightenment of God's rich grace upon all who seek it. Preparation (Pre-Lent) for a period of preparation (Lent) may sound redundant or excessive, but I am of the opinion that a fallen sinner like myself needs a lot of preparation. A Preparation, yes: So that we may "run the race that is before us" as Christians pressing on toward the promised land, where Christ our Lord is leading.

The Olympic games were centuries old when St. Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians. That said, they were a much different event then than they are now. What isn't different, however, is the effort put in. And Paul knows it. We each have a race to run, and none of us knows how long it will last. Therefore, continual training is required - why self-discipline and focus are paramount. While Lent may also be thought of as intensification of our spiritual battle with the forces of the fallen world, it is chiefly a time of preparation, repentance, and grace. It is a time to learn to hold to Jesus as the pioneer and perfector or our salvation, as the one who has so wonderfully held forth against the devil and the world. It is a time to practice the virtues and graces that *he has won for us* by his triumph over sin, death, and the devil.

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Education Corner
Did you know?

The Epiphanytide season runs from January 5th through either Shrove Tuesday, or Septuagesima Sunday (the 9th Sunday before Easter). February 2nd is the Festival of Candlemas. Also known as Hypapante (Meeting, in reference to Christ's meeting with Simeon), Hromnice, or The Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas is one of several festivals within the Epiphanytide season.

This Festival commemorates the day Mary presented herself in the temple for purification and to present Jesus to God as her first born (Luke 2:22-38). Leviticus chapter 12 outlines how women are considered "Unclean" after the birth of a child. If it's a boy, they're unclean for 7 days, on the 8th day, the boy is circumcised, and 33 days after that, she has to present herself in the temple with a lamb as a burnt offering, and a pigeon or dove as a sin offering. If a daughter is born, the woman is unclean for 2 weeks, then she waits another 66 days to be purified from her bleeding.

Christmas decorations are either taken down on Epiphany, or on Candlemas. In many Christian traditions, people bring candles to the church to be blessed, representing that Christ is the light of the world.

A part of "Ordinary time" in the liturgical year, Epiphanytide contains the Feast of The 12 Kings, the Baptism of our Lord, the Feast of the conversion of St Paul, Candlemas, and Shrove Tuesday.

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Events at Lebanon

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

Please contact Ann Deming

(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

Wednesday's

8:15 AM – Matins

10:00 AM Individual Confession & Absolution

1:30 PM Communion Service

5:30 PM Vespers

February Birthday's

1st Brittany Wright
5th Madison Estep
7th Mary Artz
8th Billy Hockman
9Th Brenda Hockman
12Th Evelyn Williams
13Th Joy Cutlip
15th Carolyn Hitt
19th Roxie Lowery
20th Kristin Hamman
25Th Cornelia Skinner
27th Eli Heird

Women's Meeting

Wednesday, February 23rd @ 7:00 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, February 12th
8:00 AM @
Queen Street Diner

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 1st
4:00 – 7:00 PM at
Lebanon Church
Community Center

Free Will Offering

Sunday School Class led by Rev. J.D. is at 9:30 Sunday

Sunday School Class led by Lucy King is at 9:30 Sunday

Children's/Elementary Sunday School Class led by Leslie Heird and Dorothy Harriman is at 9:30 Sunday

Choir Practice

Choir will practice Thursday, February 3rd and February 17th @ 7:00

*See Evelyn if interested in joining the Choir

CREDO Class

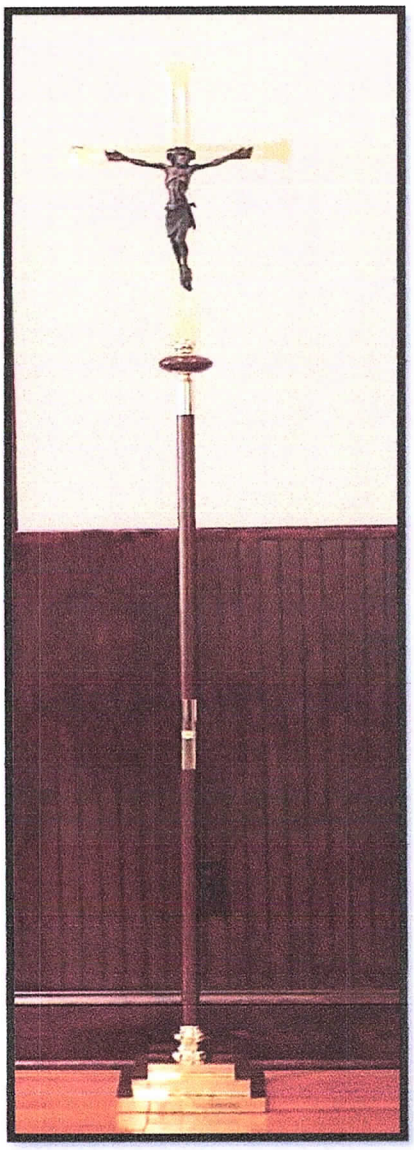
Class meets every other Thursday @ 7 PM at the Church

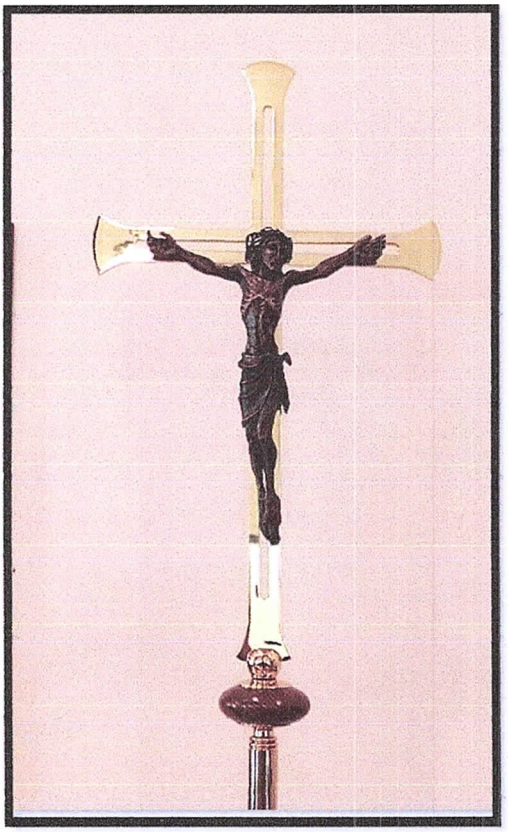
Led by Pastor Chris. All are invited to attend.

*See Pastor Chris for CREDO info

Events At Lebanon

Women of Lebanon meeting to form a NALC Women's Group. Come join us at the next meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd @ 7:00 PM





Processional Crucifix anonymously donated to the Glory of God

Reaching OUT Thru Outreach

JANUARY & FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

Above are items donated by members at Lebanon for the January Food Drive which will be donated to the Compassion Cupboard and the Food Pantry - THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE DONATIONS!

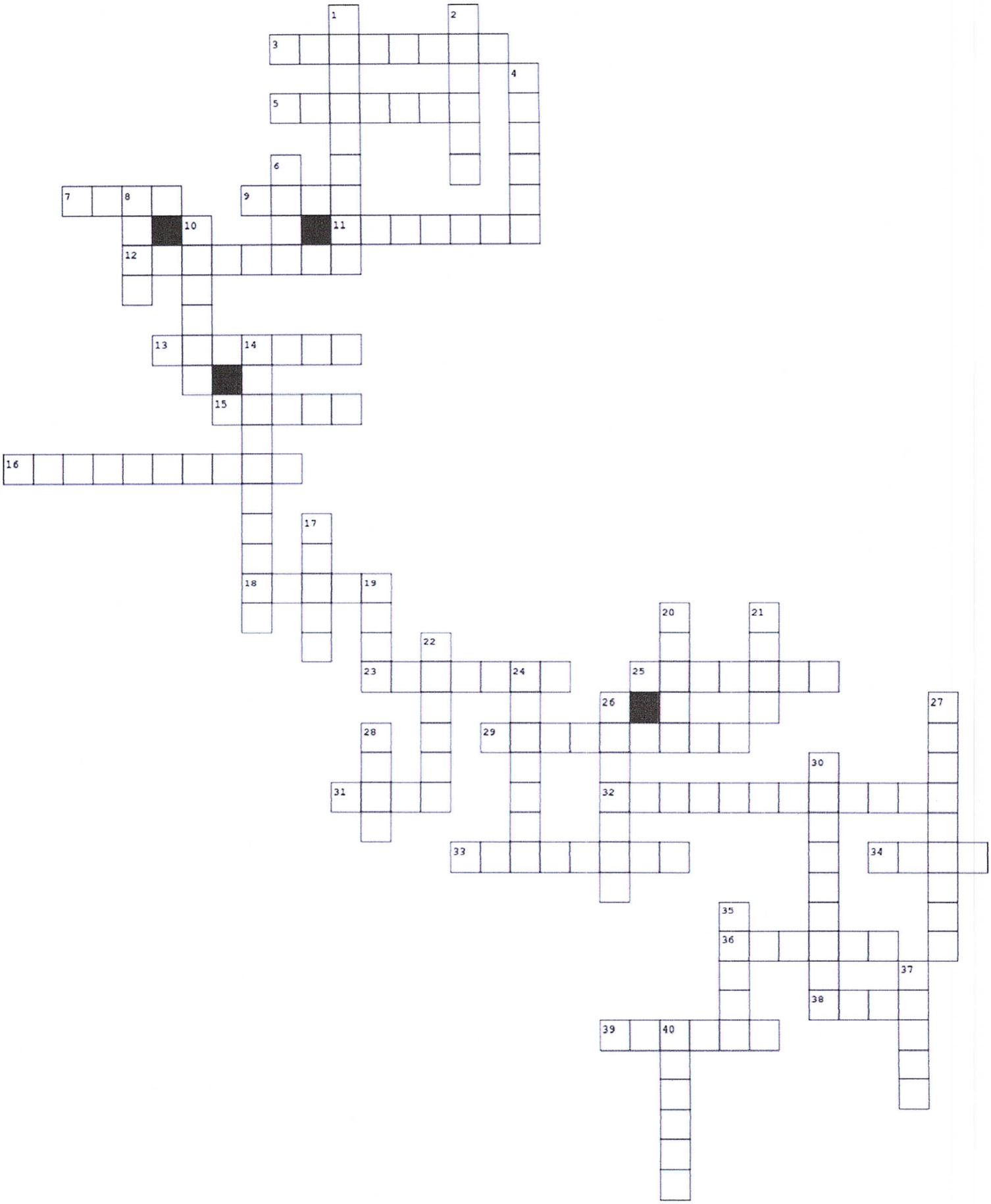
We will continue to collect donations through the end of February (no glass please).

Jan.	Dish Detergent - Canned Broth	July	Ketchup/Mustard - BBQ Sauce
Feb.	Soap - White Potatoes (canned)	Aug.	Salt & Pepper - Canned Tomatoes
Mar.	Flour/Sugar - Mayo (small squeeze)	Sept.	Soup - Crackers
Apr.	Kidney/Pinto Beans - Pork & Beans	Oct.	Stove Top Stuffing - Canned Broth
May	Evaporated Milk - Sm Laundry Detergent	Nov.	Spaghetti Sauce - Spaghetti Noodles
June	Ravioli - SpaghettiOs	Dec.	Mixed Vegetables - Evaporated Milk

Compassion Cupboard Monthly Needs For 2022

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.)

Psalms Part 2 of 4 Chapters 37-74



Psalms Part 2 of 4 Chapters 37-74

Across

3. "Be _____ to me, O God be merciful to me," (57)

5. "Cast your burden on the Lord and he will _____ you;" (55)

7. "O _____ One of Israel." (71)

9. "_____ in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (42)

11. "But may all who seek you _____ and be glad in you;" (40)

12. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our _____." (46)

13. "_____ me from all my transgressions." (39)

15. This hand of the Lord is filled with righteousness. (48)

16. The Lord puts an end to everyone who is this? (73)

18. "Let all the upright in heart _____!" (64)

23. "my enemy will not shout in _____ over me." (41)

25. God's saving power is among all what? (67)

29. "With God we shall do _____; it is he who will tread down our foes." (60)

31. "I must perform my ____ to you, O God;" (56)

32. The one who offers this as a sacrifice to God glorifies Him? (50)

33. "But truly God has _____; he has attended to the voice of my prayer." (66)

34. "May all who seek you rejoice and be _____ in you!" (70)

36. "Your _____, O God is forever and ever." (45)

38. "But God will ransom my _____ from the power of sheol, for he will receive me." (49)

39. They borrow but do not repay? (37)

All questions are formed from the ESV Bible. Chapters are in parenthesis.

Down

1. He leads these to prosperity. (68)

2. This was done to the meeting places of God? (74)

4. "For you are the God in whom I take _____;" (43)

6. David sings aloud in the morning of Gods steadfast what? (59)

8. Gods steadfast love is better than this? (63)

10. O God hear my _____ give ear to the words of my mouth." (54)

14. "For my _____ have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me." (38)

17. "I _____ in the steadfast love of God forever and ever." (52)

19. David asks to dwell in this of the Lords forever? (61)

20. "For he knows the secrets of the _____." (44)

21. "The _____ says in his heart, "There is no God." (53)

22. If these increases do not set your heart on them? (62)

24. Sing this to God? (47)

26. "When I wept and humbled my soul with _____, (69)

27. "The righteous will rejoice when he sees the _____; " (58)

28. "Blessed is the one who considers the _____! (41)

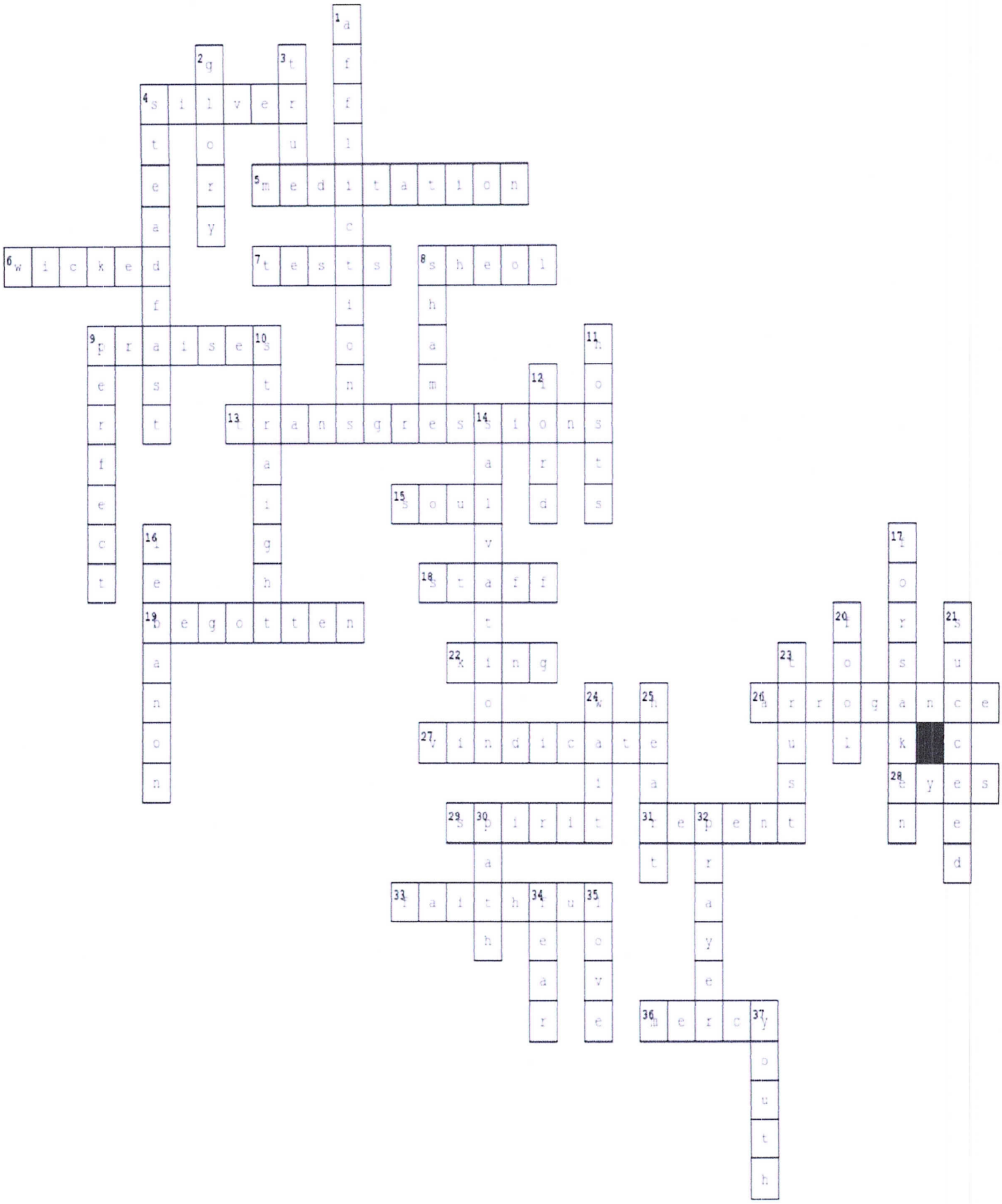
30. "The mouth of the _____ utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice." (37)

35. The Lord does this for our transgressions? (65)

37. "From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their _____ in his sight." (72)

40. "_____ in me a clean heart, O God," (51)

Psalms Chapters 1-36



Psalms Part 1 of 4 Chapters 1-36

Across

4. The words of the Lord are pure like this refined in a furnace? (12)

5. "Let the words of my mouth and the _____ of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (19)

6. They shall perish? (1)

7. "The Lord _____ the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence." (11)

8. "The wicked shall return to _____, all the nations that forget God." (9)

9. Sing this to the Lord? (30)

13. "But _____ shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off." (36)

15. "Deliver my _____ from the wicked by your sword." (17)

18. The rod and this of the Lord's comforts me? (23)

19. "I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have _____ you." (2)

22. The Lord sits enthroned as this forever? (29)

26. "In _____ the wicked hotly pursue the poor" (10)

27. "_____ me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness" (35)

28. "For your steadfast love is before my _____, and I walk in your faithfulness." (26)

29. "Into your hand I commit my _____; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God." (31)

31. If a man does not do this, God will prepare for him his deadly weapons. (7)

33. "The Lord preserves the _____ but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride." (31)

36. "For he has heard the voice of my pleas for _____." (28)

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Down

1. "Many are the _____ of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all." (34)

2. "Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with _____ and honor." (8)

3. "Their God- his way is perfect, the word of the Lord proves _____" (18)

4. This love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord? (32)

8. In a moment my enemies shall be put to this? (6)

9. "The law of the Lord is _____, reviving the soul" (19)

10. "Lead me O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way _____ before me." (5)

11. The King of glory is the Lord of what? (24)

12. "For who is God but the _____?" (18)

14. This belongs to the Lord? (3)

16. "He makes _____ to skip like a calf, and a Sirion like a young wild ox." (29)

17. "My God, my God, why have you _____ me?" (22)

20. "The _____ says in his heart 'There is no God.'" (14)

21. "Though they plan evil against you, though they devise mischief, they will not _____." (21)

23. "Some _____ in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." (20)

24. "_____ for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (27)

25. To sojourn in the tent of the Lord, one must speak truth in his _____. (15)

30. "You make known to me the _____ of life" (16)

32. "Be gracious to me and hear my _____!" (4)

34. "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who _____ him, on those who hope in his steadfast Love" (33)

35. "But I have trusted in your steadfast _____; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation." (13)

37. "Remember not the sins of my _____ or my transgressions" (25)

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13 **9:30** Sunday School **11:00** Divine Service	14 **10:00** Colossians Bible Study via Zoom	15 Pastor Porter at 2022 Pastors' Conference	16 Pastor Porter at 2022 Pastors' Conference	17 Pastor Porter at 2022 Pastors' Conference **7:00** Choir Practice	18	19
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27 **9:30** Sunday School **11:00** Divine Service	28 **10:00** Colossians Bible Study via Zoom	**Note:** ****Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – Tuesday, March 1st @ 4:00 – 7:00 PM** ****Ash Wednesday Vesper Service – Wednesday, March 2nd @ 7:00 PM**				