

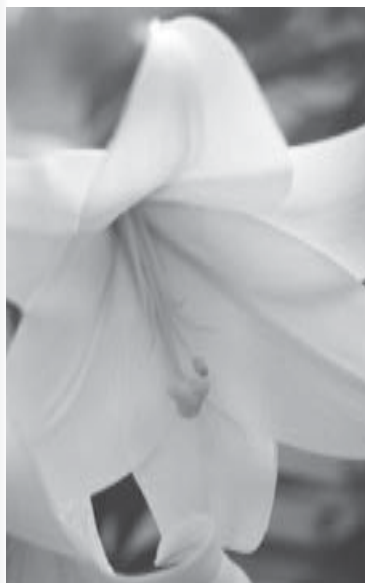
The Light



Gather Your Baskets

On Sunday, March 29th, during Sunday School we will have our annual Easter egg hunt. Bring your baskets and gather up candy. If the weather is good the hunt will be held outside. Let's hope the snow has melted by then!

We will be collecting wrapped Easter candy at church between now and March 22nd. Bring your donation and leave it in the entrance to church. We want to be sensitive to those with allergies, so please make sure your candy donation is "nut free." Thank you, once again, for your generosity.



Holy Week & Easter Dates to Remember

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday. Mark your calendars. Make your journey complete and plan to attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as well as Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5 at 7:00 am

Easter Worship, April 5 at 9:30 am

Adoption Meeting - Matters of the Heart

Matters of the Heart will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 2 p.m. in the church office of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 115-117 N. Fourth St., Oxford. Our topic this month will be "Mothers and Fathers in Adoption".

Matters of the Heart is a discussion group for people whose lives have been touched and connected by adoption. The meeting is free and open to all adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents, as well as the families that support them. It is our intention to offer a safe and compassionate setting for those in post-adoption. The meeting will be led by Amanda Woolston, MSW and Linda Hettinger. For more information please contact Linda Hettinger via e-mail at homeyg.65@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office at 610-998-0282.

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Thrivent Dollars for COL

There are a few ways that we can participate in Thrivent programs that will help our church. Here are a few:

Choice Dollars: This program allows members of Thrivent to designate their choice dollars to a non-profit organization. If you are a member or know someone who is, please consider COL as your organization. This is easy to do, just go on the website (www.Thrivent.org) and give them COL's name. You can also call them at 1-800-847-4836; they are very helpful. Remember you need to update this every year. COL received 1359.00 in January from just four members. This can quickly add up, and goes directly into general fund.

Action Teams: This program provides seed money for a fundraiser that is designed to spread the word and help God's people. Each member can request sponsorship for two events per calendar year. I submitted for the Thanksgiving baskets and the Prayer Shawl ministry. We received 250.00 for each event, totaling 500.00. If you are thinking about doing a fundraiser for the church, we need a month's notice to get the information submitted and get approval for the event. This is also very easy. There is an application on the website. I am willing to help you fill this out or find a Thrivent member in our church to submit for funds.

As you can see this money quickly adds up!! I will keep you updated.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Milley

Thank you, Mary, for coordinating this important connection to our friends at Thrivent.

Sipping Tea and Counting Smiles!

Our next Tea and Bingo at Luther House will be Saturday, March 21. Our Service to Others Committee is collecting Bingo prizes for this event. Donations can be left in the basket in our narthex area. Suggestions include: \$5 Giant gift cards, meal-in-a-can items, mixes, cleaning supplies, paper goods, snack packs, fancy scarves, knick-knacks, jewelry, jigsaw puzzles, tote bags, or whatever you think would bring a smile. Please join the Service to Others team on Bingo Day. We always need friendly helpers to serve tea and sweets to our friends at Luther House. A sign-up sheet for snacks and sweets will be available in the narthex.

Lenten Luncheons

Oxford Presbyterian Church will once again offer a weekly Lenten fellowship lunch of soup and sandwiches, with members of the community briefly sharing their journey of faith and what it means to walk with God. Here is an updated list of Lenten Lunch Speakers.

- March 4, we will hear from Bernice Norris.
- March 11, Susan Rzucidlo, from Church of the Open Door, will share her story of advocating to make churches more welcoming to those differently abled.
- On March 18, Rob Miller from State Line Baptist will join us. The meal begins at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall with the speaker finishing around 12:45. A \$5 donation is appreciated.



The Recipe Box

This recipe is from Trish Hill, who has prepared this for the WOW group several times. It always gets rave reviews and is **GLUTEN free** if you use gluten free spaghetti sauce. Thank you, Trish!

Unstuffed Pepper Casserole

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2-3 bell peppers (any color) chopped into approx. 1" square pieces
- Chopped garlic
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- 26 oz. jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 1/2 cups Italian blend cheese

Brown meat and garlic. Add peppers, cooked rice and sauce. Stir in half of the cheese. Spoon into casserole dish and top with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes.

Need a Laugh????

Perhaps these one-liners will brighten your day! Thanks to Linda Hettinger for sending them our way!

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited Until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons
Than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus,
Middle of the road,
And back of the church.

Birthdays *April & May*

Happy Birthday to You! (Save us some cake)

Sara Marra	03/01	Brian Coe	03/09	Roland Pattinson	04/03
Jacob Snarr	03/01	Arty Troyan	03/11	Melanie Lohr	04/05
Abby Coe	03/04	Philip Blum	03/14	Anna Coe	04/11
Barbara Gradowski	03/06	Rachel Hipkins	03/14	David Heffner	04/12
Candace Lohr	03/06	Joseph Marra	03/17	Zelda Abernathy	04/18
Judy Petersen	03/06	Kimberly Graham	03/29	Gretchen Coe	04/18
Cynthia Pollich	03/08	Jennifer Clark	04/02	Derek Lohr	04/21
				Susan Repetz	04/21
				Joyce Sherick	04/23
				Noah Hill	04/24
				Shjona McHugh	04/24
				Don Hostetler	04/25
				Joan Murphy	04/25

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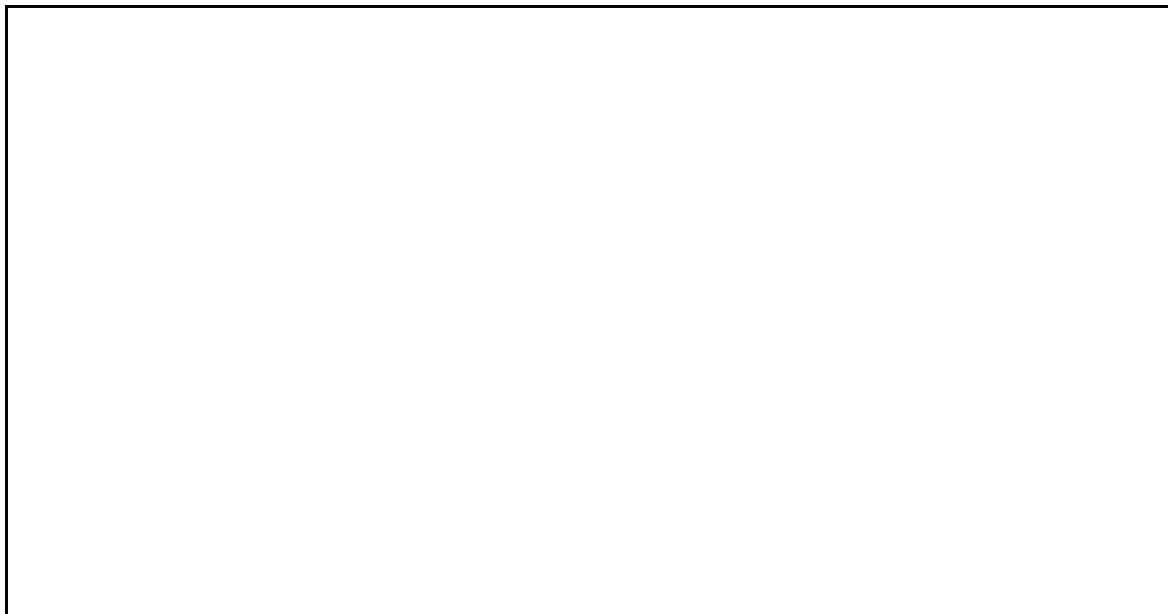
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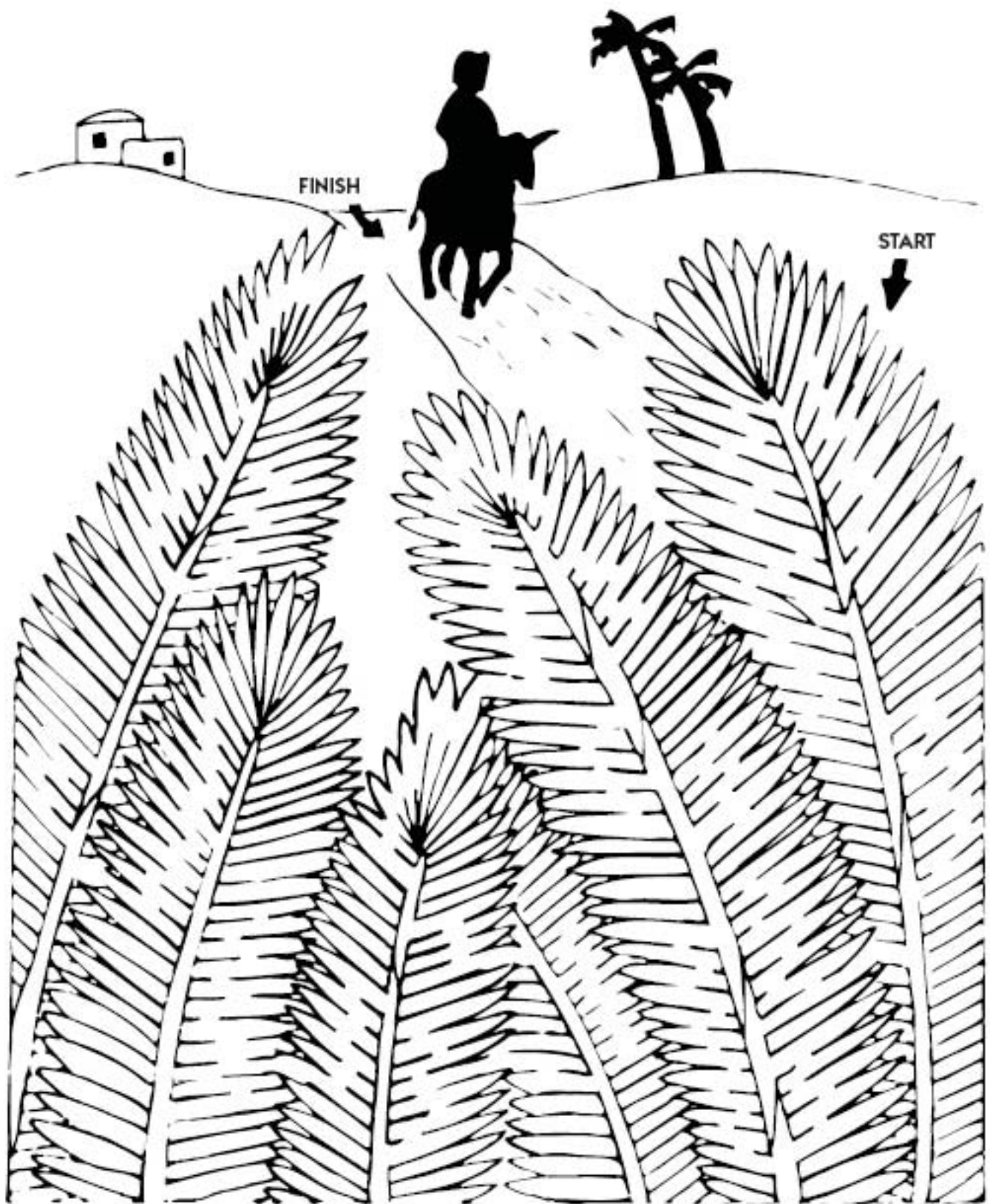
Jerusalem News

No. 214



Crowds Gather to See Jesus

People grabbed palm branches and threw them and their cloaks on the ground as Jesus passed by, as if they were paying homage to a King. Jesus was riding on a colt and the people were singing, "Hosanna to the son of David, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord." Most of the crowd was in town to celebrate the Passover. Many came out of curiosity to see if Jesus would have the courage to observe the Passover in Jerusalem.



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