

The Soo Chimes



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I was asked the other day about the Samaritans. Samaritans occasionally appear in the Gospels. Sometimes the Samaritans in scripture are fictional; a tool Jesus uses in a parable to make a point such as the parable of the Good Samaritan. In other cases they are actual individuals such as, the woman at the well and the Samaritan leper who was cleansed and returned to Jesus to give glory. One of the things we are told in the Gospels is there was enmity between the Samaritans and the Jews. Why?

In this part of the world where cultural memories extend back five times as long as we have been a nation, you often have to back up hundreds of years to understand where the animosity between groups started. The beginning of the hard feelings between the Samaritans and the Jews in Jesus day probably started about 930 BC. On the death of Solomon, his son Rehoboam only inherited 2 of the twelve tribes Judah and Benjamin. This was a fulfillment of a prophecy that Solomon's son would have the kingdom ripped from his hands. The other ten tribes and what would eventually become known as Samaria anointed Jeroboam to reign over them. In scripture the northern kingdom was known as Israel and the southern kingdom as Judah.

Both kingdoms transgressed the laws of God. They worshipped other gods and did not care for their neighbors. The southern kingdom was blessed from time to time with kings who sought the will of God. This never happened for the northern kingdom as, as such, God allowed the Assyrians to conquer the northern kingdom and even part of the southern kingdom in 724 BC. For the sake of Hezekiah who was a God fearing king of the southern kingdom, God spared Jerusalem and other parts of the southern kingdom from Assyrian conquest.

The Assyrians had a policy to deport conquered peoples and to replace them with other people from their empire. This helped break local national identity and made it less likely they would rebel against Assyria. Assyria instituted this policy in the northern kingdom. So successful was this strategy that many scholars are still trying to find out what happened to the lost Ten Tribes of Israel, in other words, those who were deported by the Assyrians. 2 Kings 17:24 tells us about the deportation of the northern Tribes and the settling of foreigners in the northern kingdom.

The northern kingdom was already worshipping other gods before the

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:

Invite people to know and glorify God Grow together as followers of Christ Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit Receive your
newsletter by email
and in color, too.
Call the office to
find out how!

importation of foreign peoples which further diluted the worship of God. It was not that God was not worshipped, but worshiped in the sense of being the local god of the region. The southern kingdom would experience their own exile to Babylon in about 600 BC. Around 539 BC the exiles from Judah would return from captivity in Babylon. With new religious zeal and under the leadership of individuals such as; Jeshua, Ezra, Zerubbabel and Nehemiah, the people rebuilt the southern kingdom and the Temple.

As they were rebuilding, they wanted no part of a people who had mixed religious allegiances. The Samaritans responded by building their own temple to God. The Samaritans held to the first five books of the Bible, but not the rest of the Old Testament. Jesus, himself, mentions in the discussion with the woman at the well found in John chapter 4 that the Samaritans were confused and wrong in many of their religious beliefs and practices.

By the time of Jesus, the enmity between Jews and Samaritans had roots stretching back nearly a thousand years. Maybe even more important than this; each group claimed to be the chosen people of God and to know how to worship and serve God. The Jews probably had less religious hatred for, say, the Romans who worshiped the god Jupiter than for the Samaritans. The former they would see as stupid for their worship, but the latter would be seen as misrepresenting God. The Samaritans would have felt similarly about the Jews.

Peace in Christ, Mark





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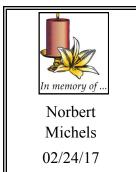
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Family of Norbert Michels (Father of Fred Michels),
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Jim Schmidt, Tom and Ellen Woodgate, Jane Kellan,

Joyce Cross, Geraldine Carnahan, Wendy (Menard) James, William Kellan, Lily Donaldson, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



DEACON'S POTLUCK

We will celebrate Maundy Services on **April 13th** with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.



The Office will close at Noon on Good Friday, April 14th and all day Friday, April 21st



VBS NEEDS YOU!!!!

We are need of VBS Volunteers!

If you can help please contact the church office at 632-7771 or email us at office@soopresbyterian.org

June 26—June 30 9 am—12:30 pm



Session

April 9th



SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH 200 PM

MICHELLE MARKSTROM

The role of the cross

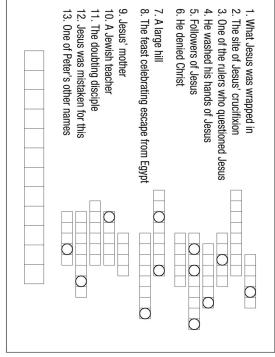
If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened, it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened. Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two crosspieces of wood. Suffering and love were brought into harmony.

To be "saved" requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between the old life and the new, a radical break. That means death — death to the old life, in order for the new to begin. ... This wall of separation, this barrier, is the cross.

-Elisabeth Elliot, A Path Through Suffering



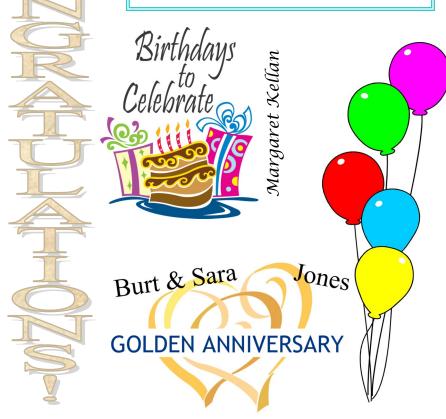
After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:



Answers: 1. dolth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection



Earl and Christine Kay 04/02
Steven and Christina Bernier 04/05
Kevin and Jackie Tastor 04/13
Burton and Sara Jones 04/22
Gary and Leanne Deuman 04/25



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Rich Campbell	04/01
Amie Lawson	04/01
Mary Frances Morden	04/01
Kent Nicholls	04/01
Lucy Huskey	04/03

Jennifer Kokko	04/03	Alicia Cottle	04/16
Briana McKee	04/03	Bonita Lawson	04/16
Richard Couch	04/04	Wendy Pearce	04/17
Christine Kay	04/04	Abigail Reattoir	04/17
Tyler Walcher	04/04	Patricia Whyte	04/17
Cynthia Howson	04/07	Thomas Martin	04/18
Janet Couch	04/08	Wayne Somes	04/22
Sandra Borg	04/10	Susan Hovie	04/23
Gary Deuman	04/10	Sara Jones	04/23
Kelsey Justin	04/10	Donna LaPlaunt	04/26
Carol Rohweder	04/10	Jacob Hubbard	04/27
Margaret Sabourin	04/11	Patty Russell	04/27
Dennis Rutledge	04/13	David Deatrick	04/30
Ashtin Kay	04/14	Margaret Kellan	04/30

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nourish the crops that is

for you as well.

trials, it will bring you much praise, glory our sin, and he did so willingly, that day on and honor on the day when Jesus Christ the cross. is revealed to the whole world."

Let's look at the softening effect of life's rains. First off God uses the rain storms of life to challenge us to persevere so we

Much needed rain is can remain faithful to that babe born in found in every storm. Bethlehem so many years ago. Faith is Rains come and they the key to survival as Christians in this so much strenath behind those are contained in the extremists in the world today trying to ground, even in Sault make a mockery of us who follow our Ste. Marie which is Christian faith, that survival is up to us, fairly far north. The and on one else. Make sure we retain Falling important thing is that and maintain our faith because it is what rainfall revitalizes the will keep us strong as we face the storms soil. The rains of life bring great benefits of life each and every day, to the very end.

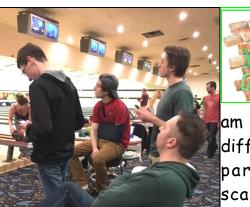
"These trials are only to test your faith, to The ultimate benefit of rain, whether rain show you that it is strong and pure. It is comes in April, summer or in the fall. Just being tested as fire tests and purifies gold as Joel says, the rains are a reminder of and your faith is far more precious to God's love. God loved us enough to send God than mere gold. So if your faith His Son Jesus to die for our sinful ways. remains strong after being tried by fiery Only Jesus could withstand the storms of

Don Myers, CRE

Lacquered with love

Japanese artisans practice a 500-year-old Japanese art called kintsugi, or "golden joinery," to reassemble broken pieces of pottery using a lacguer mixed with gold, silver or platinum. The premise is that brokenness doesn't render something useless or ugly. Indeed, another Japanese wabi-sabi. "to find beauty broken things." term, means in old

We come to Jesus broken, but he doesn't discard us. He heals us, though our scars do often remain visible — just as the spear and nail prints remained in his own body when God raised him from death. The Holy Spirit coats our wounds and fractures with the lacquer of divine love, and we become uniquely beautiful, appealing to others so they can find support for their own healing. Our scars tell them they aren't alone, while the brokenness that's part of another's faith journey assures us that we, too, have companionship along the way.







The Youth Group held an over night Lock-In March 17, we started the night bowling and then stayed at church until 7

am March 18. The Youth did a Bible study, digging into different verses and how to apply them to real life. They

participated in scavenger hunt all through church. we watched a movie and played Dodgeball, musical chairs and other games to keep them moving all night! We appreciate all the prayers and thoughts as we saw 3,4,5 am times we have not seen in years! Our next Youth Group meeting is April 9, 6:30 at church.

Chad, Denise,

Melissa and Mark









By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C



Answer: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)



Year-to 03/26/17 offerings

\$41,190

Year to 03/26/17 expenses

\$ 45,982

3LLA RETREAT

April 28 & 29, 2017

4 pm Friday – 2pm Saturday

AUGUSTINE CENTER

Conway, MI

THEME: Personal Gifts and the Ministry of Stewardship

This retreat will ask what gifts we each bring to the ministry of our personal stewardship in the life of the church.

LEADERSHIP

Rev. Dr. Tom Cook - Tom is an ordained Presbyterian minister who has served churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota. At the present he provides interim leadership for the Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. Tom is a certified leader for Myers Briggs.

Rev. David Van Dam – Dave is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served churches in Michigan, New Jersey, and Indiana. He helped found the 3LLA and has taught continuously in the program from the beginning.

OUTLINE: Augustine Center will be available at 4 pm on Friday. Supper will be at 5:30. The

First session will begin at 7 pm. We will complete our time together at 2 pm on Saturday.

COST: \$65 per person (scholarship help available). This includes lodging, and 3 meals. Make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

The Augustine Center is on US-31, on the right side of the road, three miles north of US-31 and M-119. When coming from the north, either exit I-75 at US-31, south of Mackinaw City, or exit 310 at Indian River. From Indian River follow M-68 west to Alanson, turn left at US-31. Travel south for 6 miles. The Augustine Center is on the left, just past Crooked Lake.

Deadline- April 17, 2017		
Name	Phone	
Email		



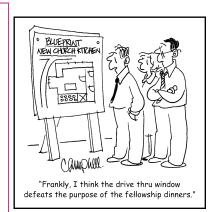
Saturday, April 1st 12:30 –3:30 p.m.

Registration required—Teams of 3 or 4
Don't have a team? We'll find one for you!
Ages 8 to 108!

Bayliss Public Library

Call to register (906) 632-9331

Puzzles, Prizes, & Light Snacks Provided





At our April 13th
Worship Service
we will celebrate
the Lord's Supper
together as
one body of
Christ.



We will celebrate Maundy Thursday

Services on April 13th with a potluck meal at 6:00 pm and a worship service at 700 pm. Come join us for a meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.



Community Service First United Presbyterian Church Friday, April 14, 2017 1:00 pm





This year we are changing things up a bit.....instead of an Easter Egg hunt, we will be putting together Easter baskets for our kids. If you would like to donate to our baskets, we are collecting candy and or money to help us purchase some items for the baskets. Thank you in advance for supporting our children!



Easter Offering
April 16th
This Years' Offering is designated to the Building
Maintenance Fund

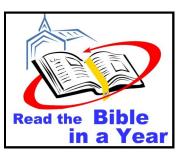






April 16, 2017
Easter Worship Service
10:00 am





1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
8	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:1-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30
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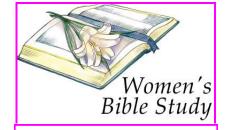


Kaye Vining and Wanda Eby



Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to join us!





Woman's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am

All ladies welcome to join!





Thursday, April 13th 9:30 a.m.



RUMMAGE SALE Saturday April 8th 9 am to 1 pm.

We will be setting up and accepting donations beginning Tuesday, April 4th, thru Friday from 9 am to 2 pm and also Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30 pm. Please no cell phone or computers.

Workers are needed for setup and the day of the sale. A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board by the office.

As you are spring cleaning, please keep the Rummage Sale in mind.

Thank you



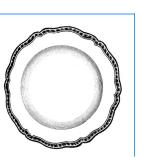


WOMEN'S COFFEE

Tuesday, April 18th at 9:30 AM Please join us for fellowship and treats.

All Ladies welcome!







PW has been given permission to sell the Church's old china that was produced in 1927. It is an off white with the green logo,

"Presbyterian Church Soo Michigan"

We have plates, platter, and bowls. the price is \$3.00 per piece. We also have desert plates and small relish bowls, without the logo for \$1.00 per piece. For sale also are pieces of the old gold rim china for \$1.00 per piece.

Please contact Diane McMeeken or Doreen Gordon if you are interested in a piece of our Church's history. Proceeds will go to the Church's General Fund.



Sat. April 8th, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

BARBERSHOP SHOWTIME!

The Northland Barbershop Chorus Presents:

AT THE KIWANIS COMMUNITY THEATRE CENTRE (WHITE PINES)

"The Last Voyageur – OR – All Fur Naught"

JOINING THE NORTHLAND CHORUS on their 53rd Annual Show:

"FOREFRONT" – 2016 International Quartet Champions!

All Tickets are non-reserved @ \$28.00* CDN Funds available from:

Hess Jewellers (Churchill Plaza),

Sault Theatre/STARS (Soo, Mich.)

Theatre Centre Box Office* (Station Mall)

Any Chorus member

(* Note: Box Office adds a \$4 surcharge/ticket. Total price if purchased at Mall Box Office outlet is \$32)

***For ticket info, call Bob Shami at 705-253-9574 or visit www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show

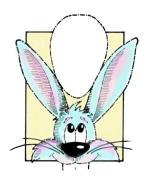
A major portion of the proceeds supports local speech therapy programs at the Speech Language Pathology Unit at **Sault Area Hospital** - More than \$83,000 donated so far: *"We Sing...That They Shall Speak"*



Memorial Easter Lilies are available this year, at a cost of \$10.00 each. Dedications will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The deadline to order your lily is Monday, April 3rd. Please have your forms turned in to the office by then, so we may acknowledge your lily on Easter Sunday.

Forms and payments may be place in the offering plate, mailed in, or dropped off at the church office.

These Lilies	are given to the Glory of God and in lo	ving Memory or Honor (circle one) of:
From:		



JESUS IS **RISEN!**

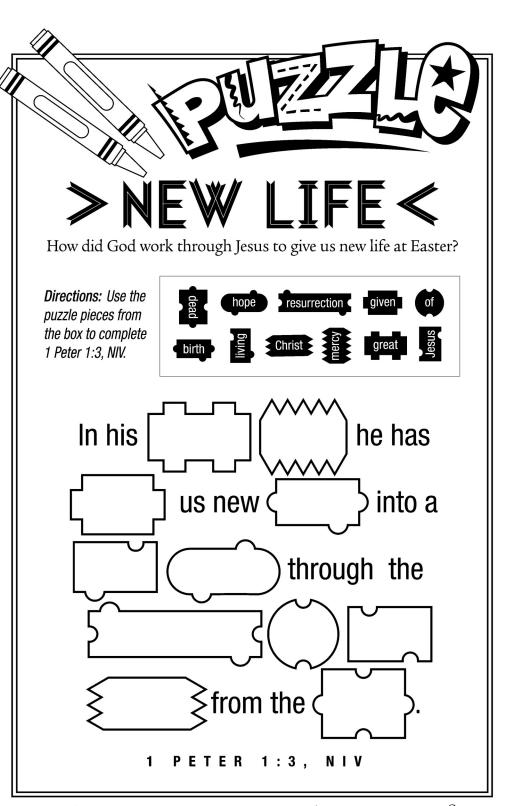
When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker

What you do:

- 1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
- 2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
- 3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
- 4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
- 5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
- 6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter 1:3, NIV



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Tuesday
4 Rummage Sale Set-Up 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 9:00a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
12.00p AA Meeting (Lib) 9:00a 6:00p 7:00p
19 9:30a Ladies Coffee (WR) 9:00a 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 7:00p
25 12:00p AA Meeting (Lib) 9:00a 7:00p

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(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Don Myers, CRE
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jesse Witte, Sexton

Deadline for May issue: April 18th

SPECIAL DATES





Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2nd
PW Rummage Sale, April 8th
Palm Sunday, April 9th
One Great Hour of Sharing, April 9th
Maundy Thursday/Communion, April 13th
Potluck, April 13th
Good Friday, April 14th
Easter Sunday, April 16th
Easter Offering. April 16th



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