

Victory!

Death has
been swallowed
up in victory.

...

1 Corinthians 15:54,
NIV

*The
Herald*

From the Pastor's Desk

One Another and Another,

We have all noticed the many new faces around LWC this past year. I recently noticed, during our fellowship time, a table of 6 or 7 people who were enthusiastically visiting and getting to know each other. The particular thought that was in my mind was, “do they recognize that all of them are new here”. As I interacted with them, they excitedly told me “we just realized we are all new to LWC and love being here.”

We have always been a church who is enthusiastic about Jesus and serving our community, so it is no wonder people find this attractive. As leadership and staff, we are being diligent and prayerful as we seek to minister well to all our faithful attenders and provide a Christ-like welcome to newcomers. We are delighted to see friends back attending after getting their covid vaccine. We are certainly a larger family but by God's grace still a Christ focused family.

I know it can be challenging to meet numerous new faces so I would suggest you simply share a smile and say “Hi, I am _____, and I don't think we have met.” You don't need to have a long conversation, but just welcome them as a fellow friend of Jesus. To carry on the conversation, you might ask about their family, (everyone loves talking about their kids or grandkids).

As a way of welcoming visitors and newcomers I have noticed some of you choosing to worship in the Fellowship Hall or park on the street below the church or in the school parking lot. Thank you for showing Jesus in this way. I know it is a sacrifice on your part which we appreciate. As we approach summer with snowbirds back and arrival of vacationers, we expect to do two services. Plans are not finalized yet so pray with us as we pursue this.

Please know that all of your Church leadership, concerning every decision that comes up, are seeking the lead of the Spirit and the wisdom of God. Pastor Ben and I are diligent to prepare scripture-based messages to help us all walk in the joy of obedience. Our world is desperate to hear the hope of Jesus and we desire this hope to ring clear at The Little White Church.

Sharing Christ's Love,

Pastor Dennis

Our Family Tree



I thought it was time to give an update on the Youth Ministry that we have meeting on Wednesday evenings. It has been a good year and we continue to see new youth showing up on a regular basis to check it out. With High School and Middle School combined we average 48 youth each week. Add around 12 leaders to this and you have 60 plus people that are being fed supper each week. Jacque Pennel

does a great job of organizing the meals, but we depend on you the congregation for donations of Walmart gift cards and food items to make this all possible. There is a sign-up for anyone to donate specific food items with the given weeks that those items are needed. Donations for the meals have been slow in coming this year, so I thought I should bring some attention to it. We are very grateful to those who have given in the past and continue to contribute on a regular basis.

We have spent this year in the book of Mark studying the life of Jesus. The youth have been getting to know how He lived His life and interacted with those around Him and the ministry that grew up around Him. Many of our youth that attend are from unchurched families and are hearing about Jesus and who He is for the very first time. It's been fun seeing their reactions and questions to what they are learning about.

There are some big changes coming this year to the Youth Ministry. I will be announcing tonight to the youth that we are dividing the Middle School from the High school youth. We have been seeing a decline in the attendance of High School youth on Wednesday's and a big part of this is that our Middle school group has grown so large, it has become overpowering on Wednesday Nights.

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Our Family Tree– Continued

Starting April 11th, 9th-12th grade will have their own Youth Ministry that will meet on Sunday Evening's from 6:30pm-8pm. The 6th- 8th grade youth will continue to meet on Wednesday's from 5:45pm-8pm. They are able to come right after school at 3pm on Wednesday's to hangout as normal. For the rest of this year the High school youth are welcome to continue to meet on Wednesday's as they currently do with the addition of the ministry on Sunday evenings.

Adding another night of ministry is going to take more work and volunteers and yes, my article last month was about being too busy and guarding our calendars and setting time aside for family, so you could say I am not doing a very good job of following my own advice. We will also need more leaders to accommodate the new night especially if we are able to start growing the High School back in numbers by offering them their own night. Please see me if you have any interest in becoming a leader or to help supervise. There are multiple roles available in this ministry.

One final note is that we are going to continue the youth ministry into the summer on a weekly basis. This will be a scaled down version meant to keep a connection with the youth and have a safe place for them to continue to meet. **We have a mission trip to Enid, Oklahoma being planned for June 7th- 11th and some other activities for the youth to be involved in,** so please be in prayer for this ministry and for those who serve in it. Thank you for being a church that loves our youth and is so committed to the youth ministry. The youth can feel how welcome they are here in this church body.



In Christ,

Ben Larsen

Have You Met....?

Adult Name(s): Andrew and Janelle Schock

Children Name(s) and Ages:

Benjamin 14, Lucy 11,
Katherine 7

**How did you come to be at
The Little White Church and
how long have you been at-**

tending? We first attended a

service at The Little White Church May 17th 2020. This was your first Sunday back meeting together after the World Health Organization shut the world down on March 13th. We had been considering a move to Hill City for years but concerns about where we would fellowship were a major hurdle to overcome. Ben Larsen was preaching that morning, and he brought a message from the book of Amos and declared that judgment would be coming to America. My wife and I looked at each other and knew that we could call this church home. A church that is not afraid to discuss judgment for disobedience is likely a fairly mature church. We started attending regularly after we moved to Hill City in September.

How long have you lived in the Black Hills?

Since mid-September, 2020.

List some jobs or careers you have had over the years?

Janelle: Corporate Event Planner for Allianz Life. Homeschool teacher, organizer, shepherd. Photographer, from weddings to nature. Currently owner and designer of SoDak Clothing.

Andrew: I am a physician assistant by training and have worked in neurosurgery, urgent care and geriatrics. I was also very involved in the foundation and development of the PA program at Bethel University. I am currently working to establish a new geriatric practice in the Black Hills and Rapid City. I am also owner and president of SoDak Clothing.



Have You Met....? *Continued*

Where did you grow up or places you have lived for a longer duration?

Janelle: Born and raised in New Brighton (St. Paul), MN. Always lived in Minnesota until moving to Hill City in 2020.

Andrew: Grew up in Sioux Falls, SD. Lived the last 20 years in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota.

What is a spiritual story/testimony you would like to share? Our testimony as a couple includes each of us growing up in homes with a hedge of protection around us. Have you thanked your parents for your sheltered childhood today? Since being married, medical mission trips with the Christian Medical and Dental Association have been instrumental in deepening our walks with Christ. We tell everyone, you just have to take one short term missions trip, and it will change your life. There is so much more that could be said about the blessings of striving for obedience to Jesus Christ, it's not been easy, and doesn't always feel like a blessing. But the Lord's plans are always so much more deep and awesome than anything that we could dream. Obedience is the key to unlocking what He has in store for you.

In what ways have you been involved in ministry or serving over the years?

Andrew: Leading medical mission trips to multiple countries in Central America and the Middle East. At home I helped lead and teach an adult Sunday school class and helped run the men's ministry.

Janelle: Assists with mission trip leadership including ministry to the pastor's wives. Women's ministry deacon. Speaker to Mothers Of PreSchoolers (MOPS) and with Converge regional retreats.

Do you have any special talents or gifts? Yes

If you could only use one word to describe God, it would be... Andrew -- Awesome. Ben -- Merciful. Katie -- Holiness. Janelle -- Faithful. Lucy -- Powerful.

Have You Met....? *Continued*

What biblical figure best describes you and why?

Andrew: Paul (1 Thessalonians 3:8 he writes to brethren “now I really live if you stand firm in the faith.”). I get great satisfaction from exhorting the brethren and seeing others become mature Christians.

Janelle: the proverbs 31 woman. Verses 11-12 “the heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.” Verse 20 “She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy.” Verses 25-27 “Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.”

Anything else you would like us to know about you?

We are currently planning to build a house in the Hill City area.



Want to be featured in “Have you met...??”

Email Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net

Between the BookENDS

IS ONE DAY IN GOD'S COURTS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND HERE?

"Not yet, Lord. Give me just a few more hours (days) (years). For all the 'Christian' talk and debate, great numbers of them still consider heaven an intrusion... Their hearts are here – their heaven is earth. If not forced over the cliffs by death, many would said "a few more hours" for all eternity."

(In The Globdrop Letters, a senior demon (Wormwood) corresponds with a junior demon (Globdrop) to advise him in the evil art of subtle deception. The series follows in the large footsteps of C.S. Lewis in his classic work, The Screwtape Letters.) Greg Morris is a staff writer for desiringgod.org. Excerpts taken from A Demon's View of Eternity.

"It is when they begin to see things in this concussed way – God, heaven, holiness as a treasure – that things get dangerous. Humans in this condition have been known to do more damage to our Father's kingdom than ten thousand of those who, for all their talk, just want a few more hours. Men have sung on their way to the gallows. Women have crossed oceans to tell news of the Enemy to subjects we thought firmly in our grasp.

Heaven must remain – if it must remain – as merely the next best thing when they are evicted from this earth. Keep heaven in the peripheral: a hazy, undesirable existence of floating in clouds and plucking harps. Let them think they are praying "on earth as it is in heaven" when they really mean "in heaven as it is on earth."

Far from fainting at such a belief, we see in it the opportunity to glorify our Father Below. When they refuse the Enemy's feast to check on the fields and oxen they bought, or when they excuse themselves because they just got married and need a few more hours, all see the truth. How those howls shook hell when that young rich man – and every rich man since – finally turned away dejected.

So yes, dear Globdrop, allow heaven to be "reasonable" to your man, at least for now. But never allow it to be more. Let him contest for the idea of heaven and drop the thought once he sits down to eat lunch, scrolls mindlessly through his phone, or watches a movie with his girlfriend – send him immediately back to our world. The only heaven we can endure – and the only heaven that will deliver your patient safely to us – is the heaven for which no one really wants to leave earth."

Colossians 3 "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **Set your** minds on **things above**, not on earthly **things**. For you died, and **your** life is now hidden with Christ in God."

Proverbs 24:3 Above all else, guard your hearts.

Shared by: Bonnie McCaskell

April Librarians: Cindy Dusing & Georgie Neff

Focus on Missions– Rainbow Bible Ranch

Rainbow Bible Ranch is a non-profit corporation located near the Black Hills in Meade County, South Dakota. RBR is located on a 100 year old working ranch. Every year for the past 37 years, young people from 6-18 years of age have had their lives touched in this very special environment.

Get away from modern technology and escape to a land that is open and free. Watch wildlife roam on the wide open plains, get on horseback and herd cattle with the cowboys, participate in a western rodeo, sing around the campfire under the vast starry sky, swim in the old swimmin' hole, chase frogs, learn how to use a rope, ride the zipline, teach a baby colt to lead, explore the wonders of God's creation, perform in a skit at the talent show...Rainbow Bible Ranch is a wonderful place to grow in your walk with Jesus!

Taken from the Rainbow Bible Ranch Facebook Page

2021 Camp Registration is open!

Go to www.rainbowbibleranch.org for more info!

See next page for LWC campership program

The Reinhold Family

Join us for a Missions Moment, with the Reinholds, on Sunday, April 11th during the Worship Service!



RBR Campership Program

Kids...Get ready for summer camp!

The Little White Church provides a campership program to help our kids go to Rainbow Bible Ranch this summer.

Upon completion of our Campership Application the camper will have \$100 paid towards his or her Ranch Camp fees (ages 8-16) or \$50 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees (ages 6-7).

In addition, if your child completes a Campership Packet, which includes Bible studies, Bible verse memorization and doing a service project, they can earn a total \$225 towards Ranch Camp fees or a total of \$75 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees.

Pick up applications on the table by the bulletin board.

See Cindy Dusing for Campership Packets.

****All applications and packets are due by June 1, 2021****



From My Files: Echoes of God's Glory

Roseanne Hilton

In the Psalms David speaks frequently about God's name (character) being revealed in creation:

"I will tell of all the marvelous things You have done. I will be filled with joy because of You. I will sing praises to Your name, O Most High." Psalm 9



"Oh LORD, our Lord, the majesty of Your name fills the earth. Your glory is higher than the heavens." Psalm 8

"Your unfailing love, O LORD, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O LORD." Psalm 36

David affirms that those who know God's name (character) can trust in Him. "The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Psalm 9

In David's time of flight from Saul, he often hid among the rocks and he uses that word picture of the LORD. "Lead me to the towering rock of safety, for You are my safe refuge." Psalm 61 "He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken...O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62 "The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted!" Psalm 18



May we also write or speak words of praise to the LORD as our Rock and our Fortress. May we join the psalm writer David as he waits "quietly before God, for my hope is in Him." Psalm 62

Church Body Updates



2nd Eli Isakson
3rd Jim Bell
4th Roger Eckert
5th Jerry Speirs
6th Deb Auch
12th Shari Harvey
15th Lucy Schock
23rd Nate Schroeder
24th Dotty Tillman
30th Ronnie Hiller



16th Kevin & Christy Derynck
(16 years)



It's time for a new church directory!

The company we used before, no longer does the directory program, due to COVID. So, we will be making our own! Please email a picture of you/your family to Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net

OR see her on Sunday to get a picture taken! Thanks for your help!

Announcements

Good Friday Communion Service will be held on
Friday, April 2nd at 7 pm.

BOLT is in need of saws, drills & hammers for the woodworking unit March 31st – April 21st. We could also use a few extra people to assist children.
Please talk to Chuck Ferraro or Carol Walker.

SHE-Brews (Women's Coffee & Fellowship) is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10-11 am. All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, April 10th!

Grandma's Kitchen is back! Sunday, April 11th, we will again be hosting Sunday Dinner. So folks can finish Sunday School, we plan on starting to serve sometime between 11:45 am & Noon.

Women's Prayer Gathering will meet the first and third Saturdays of each month at 9 am. The first Saturday of April there is a wedding, so Prayer Gathering will only be held April 17th.

Hill City Young Life Dessert Banquet will be held on
Monday, May 3rd from 6:53-8 pm at High Country Guest Ranch. Please RSVP by April 30th by emailing abihaapanen@gmail.com or call/text Abby at 218-590-3591.

The Cornerstone Banquet is canceled this year. However, if God is leading you to donate to the ministry you can send checks to Cornerstone Rescue Mission: PO Box 2188, Rapid City, SD 57709

We would like to hang scripture on the walls of the church building, and we need your help! We need suggestions for different scripture, if you have one please write it down and put in the box by the bulletin board!
Thank you!!

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to get updates and information
& Check us out on Facebook!!
www.facebook.com/TheLittleWhiteChurchSD*



HE HAS RISEN

Join us for our Easter Service

Sunday, April 4th

Worship Services at 7:30 am & 10 am

Join us Sunday, April 4th for our Easter Breakfast and Services!

Breakfast will be held from 8-9:30 am.

We will have two services this year, 7:30 am (NO Nursery or Children's Church available) & 10 am (Nursery & Children's Church available).

You can also join us online at www.thelittlewhitechurch.net for our LIVE worship.

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The Christian Life and Witness Course helps believers deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and share Him with others at the Will Graham Celebration (September 24-26 @ Rushmore Civic Center) - or on their own as they witness to friends, family and co-workers.

*These classes will be held at The Little White Church on
April 15th, 22nd & 29th
from 6:30-8:30 pm.*

Week One (April 15): The Christian's Walk

Week Two (April 22): The Christian's Witness

Week Three (April 29): The Care of New Christians

Upon completion of this three-week course, participants are given the opportunity to become a volunteer at the Black Hills Paha Sapa Celebration with Will Graham. Invite your family & friends!

BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

APRIL 30TH, 2020 -
6:30 PM ONWARD
THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH
SHOWING: TBA

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Concessions Available!

You are welcome to bring your own
snacks/drinks -

No Red Juice or Alcohol!



Native Missions—Camps are Scheduled!

The Summer camps are scheduled for June 21-24 (Boys) & July 5-9 (Girls).

There will be a need of a lot of volunteers to be able to provide a good camp experience for these kids, from cooking meals, being with them on outings, drivers, staying with them at nights in the tents, and just being with them to show the love of Jesus that we have for them.

There will be a need for people to help setup and tear down the teepees and getting the camp sites setup, mowing grass setting up cook tents and a host of other tasks.

For more information or to volunteer contact Jeff Liddell, Doug Hamm or Ron Walker. Or email Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net.



Canada Mission Trip

The next mission trip to Molanosa Saskatchewan is scheduled to leave here on Friday, May 21st returning home on Saturday, May 29th. This trip is contingent on the Canadian Border being opened to international travel. I suspect that proof of a Covid 19 vaccination will be required for entry into Canada and return to the U.S.

Some of the projects that we are going to work on are; finishing the tin roof on a cabin we built two years ago, finishing soffits on a garage used for serving meals and holding services, cutting firewood, and hooking up the new well.

Molanosa is within a 1/4 mile of Montreal Lake so there will be ample opportunity for fishing. In the past we have had really good fishing, catching a lot of large Northerns.

We will keep an eye on the pandemic and border crossing situations so we can confirm that this trip will happen or not, but at this point we will go on the assumption that we will go.

For more information contact Doug Hamm at 574-2542.

Newsletter Newsletter

An Easter Prayer

From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen.

Anticipating Life's Waves

Joni Eareckson Tada, who was paralyzed after a diving accident, described swimming in the ocean as a child. Because the waves looked so high, her first inclination was to swim away from them. That, however, just left her tossed about and sometimes held underwater. "The best thing," she discovered, "was to swim fast toward [the waves] and dive under them before they had a chance to break on top of you."

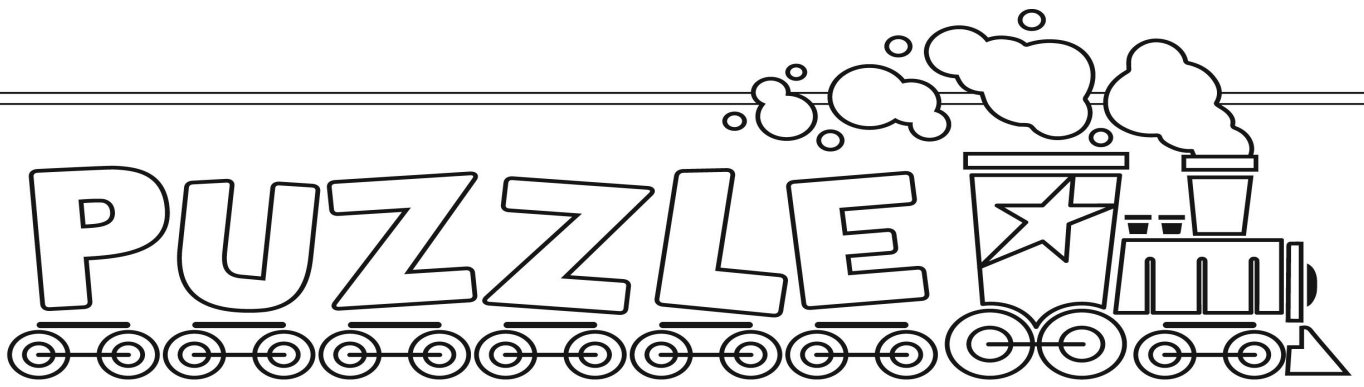
That's true with life's "waves of crisis or difficulty" too, says Tada. "The best way to beat those waves of trials and tough challenges is to face them. Head-on. Almost anticipating them. Sometimes I find myself literally diving into the middle of a problem before it has a chance to crash on top of me." When problems are about to break on top of you, what helps you face them and stand your ground?

—adapted from The Wired Word

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt.

Which foods were not mentioned? (Answer on back page)

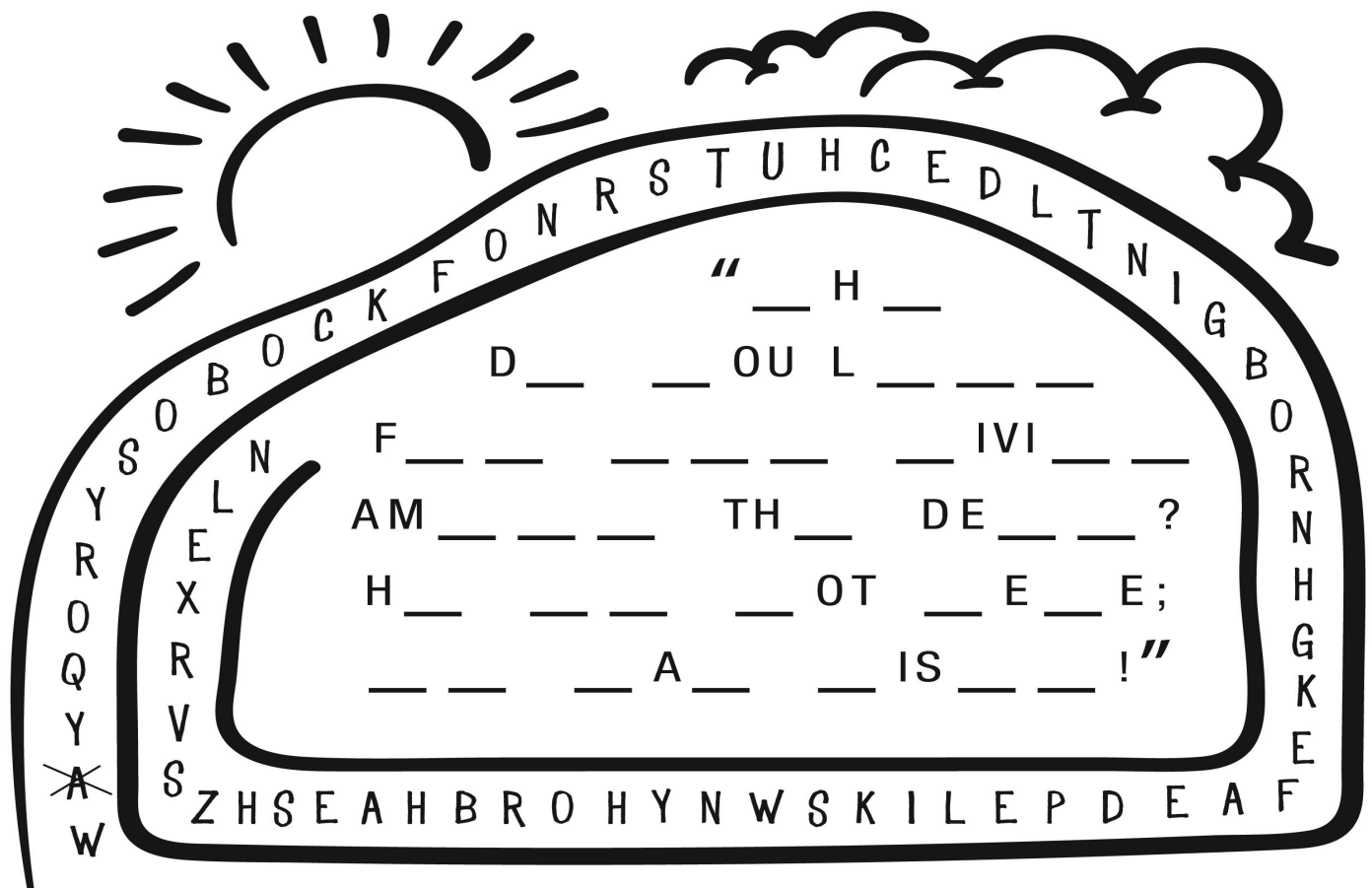
- A. carrots and potatoes B. onions and garlic C. fish and leeks
D. melons and cucumbers



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 37 ☐ Isa 45-48; 1 Cor 13 ☐ Isa 49-52; Psalm 69; 1 Cor 14 ☐ Isa 53-55; Psalm 128; 1 Cor 15 ☐ Isa 56-59; Psalm 70; 1 Cor 16 ☐ Is 60-63; 2 Cor 1

Week 38 ☐ Isa 64-66; 2 Cor 2 ☐ 2 Kings 21; 2 Chr 33; Ps 71; 2 Cor 3 ☐ Nahum; Psalm 149; 2 Cor 4 ☐ 2 Kings 22-23; Psalm 73; 2 Cor 5 ☐ 2 Chr 34-35; 2 Cor 6

Week 39 ☐ Habakkuk; 2 Cor 7 ☐ Zephaniah; Psalm 74; 2 Cor 8 ☐ Jeremiah 1-4; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 9 ☐ Jer 5-7; Psalm 75; 2 Cor 10 ☐ Jer 8-10; 2 Cor 11

Week 40 ☐ Jer 11-13; 2 Cor 12 ☐ Jer 14-16; Psalm 76; 2 Cor 13 ☐ Jer 17-20; James 1 ☐ Jer 22, 23, 26; Psalm 77; James 2 ☐ Jer 25, 35, 36, 45; Ps 133; James 3



Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Knock knock. *Who's there?* Hatch. *Hatch who?* God bless you!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? *It might crack up!*

An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So *that's* why no one was in church today."

Answer from page 18: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



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