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# Sanctuary

You are God's Temple

...God's Spirit Lives in You. 1 Cor. 3:15

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## Upcoming Events

### March 2026

**Sun. Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Worship 930 am

Sun school/adult Bible

Study 1045 am

**Mon. Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

DBSA Support Group

7 pm

**Tues. Mar 3, 10, 17, 24**

Jr. Confirmation 315

**Tues. Mar 3**

Elders Mtg 7 pm

**Wed. Mar 4, 11, 18, 25**

Lenten Midweek Dinner 6

Lenten Midweek Service 7

**Thu. Mar 5, 12**

Adult Inquirer Class with

Pastor Mark 10 am

**Sun. Mar. 8**

Daylight savings time begins

Spring forward!

**Tues. Mar 10**

Quilting 930 am

Church Council 7 pm

**Tues. Mar. 17**

Christian Ed Mtg 7 pm

Election Day—

BSLC polling place

5 am—7 pm

**Thurs. April 2**

Maundy Thurs. Worship 7

Egg Stuffing 10 am

**Fri. April 3**

Good Friday Worship 7

**Sat. April 4**

Easter Egg Hunt & Puppet

Show 10 am

**Sunday, April 5**

Easter Pancake Breakfast

730-9 am

Holy Communion Easter

Service 930 am



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE for LENT

### Midweek Lenten Worship

**March 4, 11, 18, 25**

Dinner 6 pm

Worship 7 pm

**Sunday, March 22**

Sunday School Children Singing in Church

**Sunday, March 29**

Palm Sunday Worship 930 am

**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Worship 7 pm

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730– 9 am

Holy Communion Easter Service

930 am



**VOTERS MEETING**

**Save the Date!**

**Semi Annual Voter's Meeting**

Sunday, April 19

Before Church at 8:30 a.m.

Main topic is election of officers and committee members



From my Window: *Distracted!*

Several years ago I had my first experience paintballing. Let me just say that it was a love-hate relationship. I loved getting out with friends and having a great time, but hated the pain and the welts I got from being hit. No matter what people may say, those little balls of paint really hurt (especially if the paintball did not break when it hit, not that I would know!)

I read a story not long ago about an 18-year-old who participated in a real X-Ball paintball tournament, drawing people from around the nation to be part of the event. Contestants had arsenals of sophisticated paintball guns and tools that would shoot close to 13 paintballs per second. That is fast! You can imagine that the matches are quick and chaotic! What happens is, there are five paintball contestants on each team battling against an opposing team of five, as each works their way up a pre-set course. The goal is simple, hit as many of the other team's players as possible and capture the opposing team's flag at the other end of the field.

As the story is told, fans from the other teams can intentionally yell comments and commands to confuse the opposing team. It almost sounds like cheating, doesn't it? After the match, an 18-year-old contestant said, "O yeah, that's called 'counter-coaching.' They're trying to distract our players with false information. It's part of the game. We have to deal with it all the time. It just means that we have to focus on our coach and block out all the other distractions."

Can you relate? Is your life filled with any distractions? Does it ever feel like you are being pulled in a million different directions, never really getting to the things you really love? Maybe it is your boss shouting this, the driver behind you honking their horn, or your kids screaming, "I want this, I don't like that!" Comments and commands from the Accuser flying overhead, smashing into your heart. It is easy to see how we can become distracted in the battlefield called life. We live at a time filled with a multitude of things pulling for our attention. Sadly, when it comes to our faith, it often becomes a casualty in this oftentimes self-inflicted tension. Satan and his demons whisper lies in our ear, hoping we will believe them. Too often, we do. We start believing these whispers.

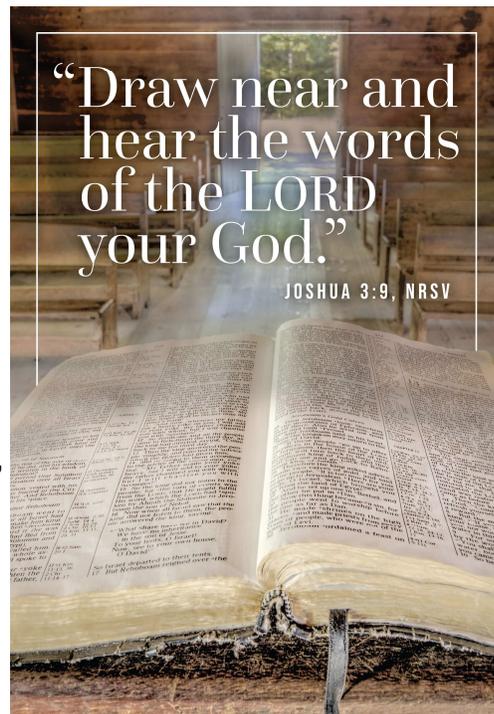
Yet, in these moments, it is critical to remember that the Spirit of the Lord is also at work in our lives—not just whispering or shouting comments and commands of accusation in our ear—but being "THE" Word of God over and into our lives. He pours Himself onto a cross to take all the hits that this world threw at Him so as to make a way to the Father. Every wound. Every bruise. Every attack. He makes a way! The only way!

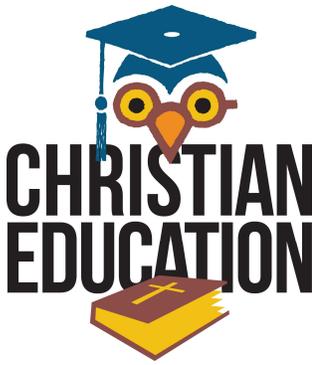
It is true, a battle is raging around us! You may not see it, but right now there are angels and demons fighting a spiritual battle for where you will spend an eternity. The question is, what are you doing to prepare yourself for this fight? I encourage you to get into a place where you are stretching yourself when it comes to your faith, to a place you can be held accountable for the distractions that surround you. Whether that is worship, a Bible Study, an outreach opportunity like Feed My Lambs or VBS; there are many places to get the necessary tools sharpened and equipped for battle. The point is, jump in. Find a place that challenges you to grow deeper in Jesus.

I don't say this to make you feel guilty, but rather, to cause you to think about your battle readiness. We are, after all, not alone in this battle. Our all-powerful God, the Mighty One, two thousand years ago dealt a decisive, victorious blow that forever changed the course of history when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross. Paintballs will fly, comments and commands will scream, but the battle has already been won! I say, "Bring it on!"

In His grip,

**Pastor Nathan**





The Sunday School classes took some time out from their lessons to make Valentine greetings. Handmade cards with heartfelt notes were mailed to those both near and far. We sent these out to our deployed military members and also to church members on our Prayer list. We have heard back from some of the recipients...it seems days were brightened and smiles were made.



As we teach the truth and power of God's Word in Sunday School, it is also important to provide opportunities to touch lives as Jesus did. Being Jesus' hands and feet by offering simple gestures of loving concern for others

can provide a struggling person with a little spark to get through the day. As our theme reminds us, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

On Sunday, **March 22**, during the church service Sunday school will be singing a song we have been practicing regularly during our opening time of Sunday school. Please put this date on your calendar to support our Sunday school kids. If you have a child or grandchild that is not currently attending Sunday School, Sunday School opening and classes are great opportunities to learn and grow in Jesus. Spread the word! We will be sending the words to the song home so the children can learn the words.



Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.** So, the Christian Education board is asking the congregation to help by donating candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy to fit into plastic eggs. There will be a marked container in the narthex.

At the Easter Egg Hunt there will be lots of Christ centered fun and activities for ages up to 6th grade...Puppet show, crafts, and an outdoor Egg Hunt! Mark your calendars and invite some friends! **If you are available on Thursday, April 2 at 10 a.m. and would be willing to help stuff the Easter eggs and fill the Jelly Bean Prayer bags, please let Ryan Moureau know.** Many hands make light work. **Adult and youth volun-**

**teers are also needed on Saturday at the Egg Hunt.** Please contact Ryan if you can help. It would be GREATLY appreciated!

Finally, Sunday school will be collecting food and items for the care packages we send out annually to our college students and to our deployed military members. There will be a list of things we will need for the packages and a designated table in the narthex for the items.

Care Packages  
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS  
and DEPLOYED MILITARY



Created in Christ!  
Ryan Moureau



June 1 - 5  
2026



# Becoming a Greeter



God has blessed each of us with specific gifts according to His plan. If you feel that serving as a Sunday morning Greeter is one of your gifts, we encourage you to let us know. Your assistance is needed only two Sundays a month. A list of practical and simple guidelines is available. We welcome you and appreciate your assistance.

For more information or to volunteer to join the greeters, contact:

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## Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a member of Thrivent, PLEASE remember to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2025 by **March 31, 2026**. The Choice Dollars can be directed to the organization(s) of your choice. Hopefully, one of the organizations you choose will be your own church – Blessed Savior Lutheran Church.

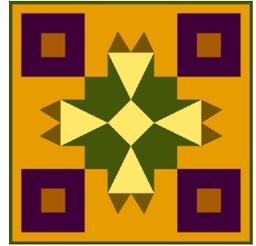
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Thanks, Curtis Kuppler

## I Believe...

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;  
I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;  
I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger;  
for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger in Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise



Join the Lutheran World Relief **QUILTERS** on **Tuesdays, March 10, April 14 & May 12** from 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. to tie quilts. (We don't actually quilt by hand. Instead we secure the layers by hand tying them.) Come and join us for a time of good ole fellowship. Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you have any fabric pieces, thin blankets, curtains, drapes, sheets, etc. you no longer need, the quilters would love to recycle them into quilts.



# THE KING NO ONE EXPECTED



Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That’s exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, *“Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”* They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their

king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn’t deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, *“I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, *“Here is your king.”* The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, *“We have no king but Caesar!”*

## Faith That Blooms Anew

“Why are you anxious?” asked our Lord. Then He said, *“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”* (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus’ words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter’s gray. God’s reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,  
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant places,  
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,  
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.



## “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. *“What I have written, I have written,”* he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:7, the early believers were accused of “saying there is another king, Jesus.” And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:

*“The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings.” — Revelation 17:14*

## Lessons From A Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, “Would you like to say the blessing?”

“I don’t know what to say,” the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. “Just say what you hear Mommy say.”

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, “Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”



It's March already! Time to think about if you want to join one of the boards.

This month, we are in the midst of Lenten dinners and helping with those where needed.

## Fellowship Committee

Lenten dinners are held each Wednesday during lent.

Wed. March 4 Lenten Dinner provided by: TBA

Wed. March 11 Lenten Dinner provided by: Stewardship

Wed. March 18 Lenten Dinner provided by: TBA

Wed. March 25 Lenten Dinner provided by: TBA

Because this is the season of Lent, and with the Lenten dinners we are not having any other fellowship events.

The Easter Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 5 from 730-9 a.m. followed by communion Worship at 930. Watch for the sign up sheets for items to bring.

We will be having a Pot Luck in April. More to come in the following weeks.

We continue to have donuts and sometimes, fresh fruit, other snacks when available. To those that have contributed to the DONUT FUND thank you, and thank you for the additional snacks, we appreciate them!



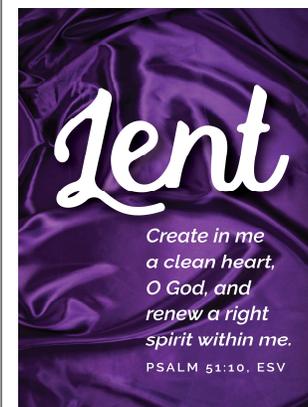
Gods' Blessings,  
The Fellowship Team, Ginger, Gwen, Bethany,  
Charla, Phyllis and Sandie

## The Choice to Be Human

Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemption to all.

Adam’s choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus’ faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) reminds us, “[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.



## O'Fallon Food Pantry Donations



Can't get to the O'Fallon Food Pantry when they are open but would still like to help the community? You can bring food donations to the church. Andy and I will make sure it goes to the food pantry. The basket will be there every week. Here are items you may not have thought of donating: paper bags/plastic bags, juice, disposable razors, feminine products, boxed potatoes, toilet paper, body wash/soap, and pancake mix.

Thank you!! **Bethany Herran**

# Stewardship CORNER



## LCMS Stewardship

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went

to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;*

*In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.*

*We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;*

*We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;*

*Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.*

*When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,*

*And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

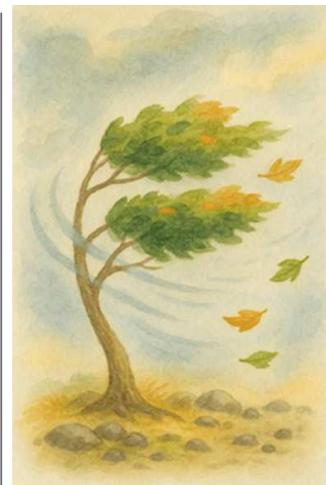
*With voices united our praises we offer*

*And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.*

*With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.*

*To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!



## When Life Needs a Little Wind

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances. —Jane Truax



Sunday, March 8

## If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let's imagine it for a moment.

I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn’t route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don’t get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

Instead, our Father listens instantly, personally, and lovingly. Instead of a voice mail system, he says, “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, KJV)



## We Have Tomorrow!

During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, “If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?”

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, “Give me tomorrow.”

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV). And again, “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ’s resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.

## FEEDING GOD’S LAMBS THIS SUMMER

(see Matthew 25: 35)



Several BSLC members and members from other local churches attended a meeting in February to plan for this summer’s Feed My Lambs lunch program which provides lunches for O’Fallon kids who may have food insecurities over the summer. Be watching the Sunday Bulletins, our monthly Newsletters, and our Facebook page for information on how you can help with this worthwhile project. Remember Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25: 35 by providing for others we serve him directly. He says, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Let’s meet downstairs this summer and serve the Lord as we provide for our brothers and sisters!



# MARCH

## Birthdays

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 Sawyer Thomas                  | 16—RJ Kinsella                  |
| 2—Barb Applegate, Mason Feldmann | 16—Larry Gruhn,                 |
| 7 Kristen Conrad                 | 18 – Jessica Schmidt            |
| 8 – Roger Miesner                | 18—Karen Anders                 |
| 9—Kim Lloyd                      | 19—Cynthia Brecks               |
| 10 – Alexa Drouin                | 20 Morgan Kjosa                 |
| 12 – Bill Gass                   | 21 Bailey Leech                 |
| 13—Harry Russell                 | 23—Hannah Husemann              |
| 14 – Jayni Lintvedt              | 23—Brandon Rust                 |
| 15 – Laura Schutte Vied          | 25—Jackson Brady                |
| 15 - Emily Colvin-Garcia         | 27 – Jon Rust, Sam Williams     |
| 15—Ben Siron                     | 29 – Keith Szolga               |
|                                  | 30 – Blake Bartimus, Zora Boggs |

We are sorry if your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked. Please call the church office, 632-0126 or email Nancy at [nancy@mybslc.org](mailto:nancy@mybslc.org) so we may add your name to our list. Thanks for your help.



# MARCH

## Anniversaries

- 21 - Blake & Lynn Bartimus  
28—Thomas & Cynthia Brecks

### Fasting and Feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

### Take Time to “Examen”

I’m grateful to live in an area with distinct seasons. Each time of year has unique characteristics that give way to the next. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven,” says Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV).

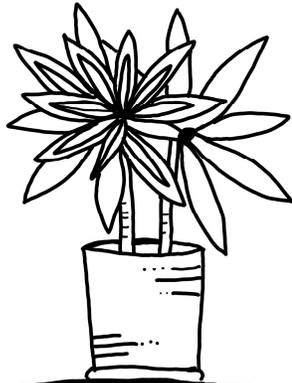
Each change of season also lends itself to *examen*, a spiritual practice that involves reflection. Typically done daily, examen invites people to recall past events (highlights, struggles, even mundane activities) and consider when they especially sensed God’s presence or when he seemed distant.

Try a deeper examen four times a year as the seasons change. As a starting point, use your answers to these questions:

- Looking back at the past season, when did I see God at work? What was life-giving to me?
- In what areas did I need God to work? What was life-draining?

As I enter this next season, how is God inviting me to engage more with his presence? Janna Firestone





# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE





## Springing to LIFE



New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

**What you need:**

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



**What you do:**

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!




## FRUIT PALM TREES

These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

**What you need:**

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



**What you do:**

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

**Scripture Tie-In:**  
 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
 —Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



## SOMETHING OLD, Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

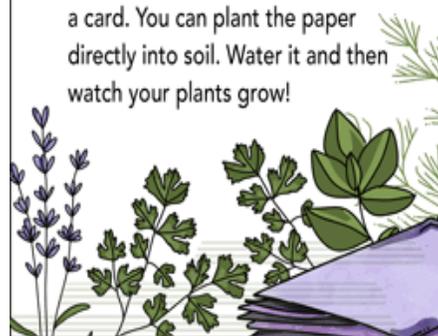
**What you need:**

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



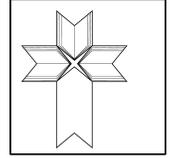
**What you do:**

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!





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## LOVE CODE BREAKER

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

**Change:** C's to L    Z's to H    P's to R  
 J's to A    Q's to T    X's to E  
 K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P  
 G K D W T Q Z J C C Y K U P  
 Z X J P Q J N D W T Q Z J C C  
 Y K U P S K U C J N D W T Q Z  
 J C C Y K U P M T N D J N D  
 W T Q Z J C C Y K U P  
 S O P X N G Q Z "

**Mark 12:30**

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."