

Happenings

March 2025



¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” -John 8:1-11

Grace and peace,

As we head into Lent this month, and our theme of “Favorites”, I want to take the opportunity to write about another favorite story of mine.

In John 8, the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman who was caught in adultery to Jesus and ask him what should be done with her? And before Jesus answers, he gets down to write something on the ground with his finger. This has always caught my attention, why did Jesus need to write something on the ground at this particular moment? And the biggest question, what did Jesus write?! Why wouldn't the disciples take the time to say what exactly he wrote down so that we could know still today? When I meet God himself this will be my first question, what did Jesus write on the ground?!

But over time I have speculated about this answer. As God's creators, we don't get all the answers. No matter how desperately we long for them, we don't get to know everything. It's part of being human, we have limitations and we don't get the full insight that God has.

When Jesus writes on the ground he looks up “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” Then the Pharisees and scribes leave as Jesus continues writing away, he looks up and the only one left is the woman. Jesus says “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

When you write something on the ground it is only a matter of time before the wind blows it away or people trample it and it is no longer there. Nobody writes on the ground to keep something permanently. Just as Jesus doesn't look at this woman and see a sinner in need of condemnation, no he looks upon her knowing full well the weight of her sin and forgives her. Her sin, gone, forgiven just as that message on the ground disappeared. Jesus could write a book on this woman's sin, on your sin, on my sin but instead of condemning he forgives it, casts the sin away as a remnant to be blown away in the breeze.

In Christ,
Pastor Lexy Carson

Please continue to pray for...

~Pastor Lexy & those in leadership in the church

~Our Missionaries & Ministries:

*Simon Muhota in Kenya & Crying Children of Africa Orphanage

*Don & Marge Cook of Hands on House, India

*Dave Greaver & Midwest Chaplaincy

*Love Inc

*Hospitality Center for Chinese

*Chris & Amanda Mikkelsen

*Todd Co Foster Closet

*Augustana District's Church Plant in Montevideo, Uruguay

~United States, for our economy, leaders, protection from disasters & terrorists

~Our Police, Military & Medical Professionals

Our Parish Members

~Our elderly

~Hilda Johnson

~JoAnn Clay

~Neil Johnson

~Creed Douvier

~Jan Morrison

~Jan Hensley

~David Forbregd

~Family of Dale Hagen

Our Friends & Family

~Rochelle Peyton

~Jerry Hoffman

~Brenda Sturgis

~AJ Kluver

~John Hiland

~Mark Meulken

~Faith Bender

~Shelly Triebenbach

~William & Grace Alverson on the loss of their baby girl Orhue

When Pastor Lexy will be in Parish...

Pastor Lexy will be in Parish on Tuesday morning/afternoon, Wednesday afternoon & Thursday morning/afternoon. She can also be reached anytime by phone or email.

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Please call or email any questions or concerns.

Sunday Services

If you can't make it to our Sunday Service you can watch the Live Stream at 10:30 on our Facebook page, Salem/Sauk Valley Lutheran Churches or on our website, salem-saukvalleychurches.com when it is posted after the service.



Readers

Readers for March:

March 2: Darla Gladis

March 9: Ben Larson

March 16:

March 23: Dorte Hagen

March 30: Paul Matthys

Cleaning Groups

Cleaning Groups for
March are:

Salem: Group 3

Sauk Valley: Dan Hagen's



What's Happening



The Youth Groups from Salem/Sauk Valley & Living Word made pizzas for their congregations for the Super Bowl.

Thanks guys they were delicious!

Results from the Souperbowl, we had Eagles beating the Chiefs 42 to 24.

Pretty close! (Real score 40 to 22)



On Sunday, February 9th, Mavrick Scott, son of Brendon & Samantha Scott was baptized. His sponsors are Mason & Emily Douvier & Travis & Brittany Scott.

Lent 2025
Favorites Series

WITH PASTOR JESSE & PASTOR LEXY CARSON

Ash Wednesday March 5th-Salem	New Life
March 12th- Sauk Valley	Favored by a Promise
March 19th - Salem	Let God be God
March 26h- Sauk Valley	Too Far Gone?
Aril 2nd -Salem	Favoring the Unexpected
April 9th - Sauk Valley	Beautiful Feet:
	The Preached Word

Soup Supper each night at 6:00pm
Worship to follow at 7:00pm

Corrections to the Church Directory

Gary Mikkelson –
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Bonnie Larson –
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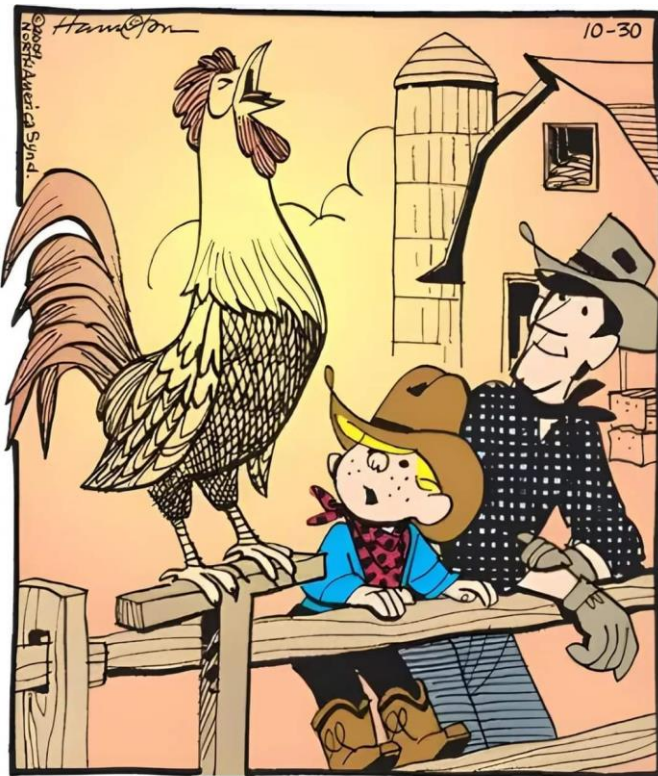
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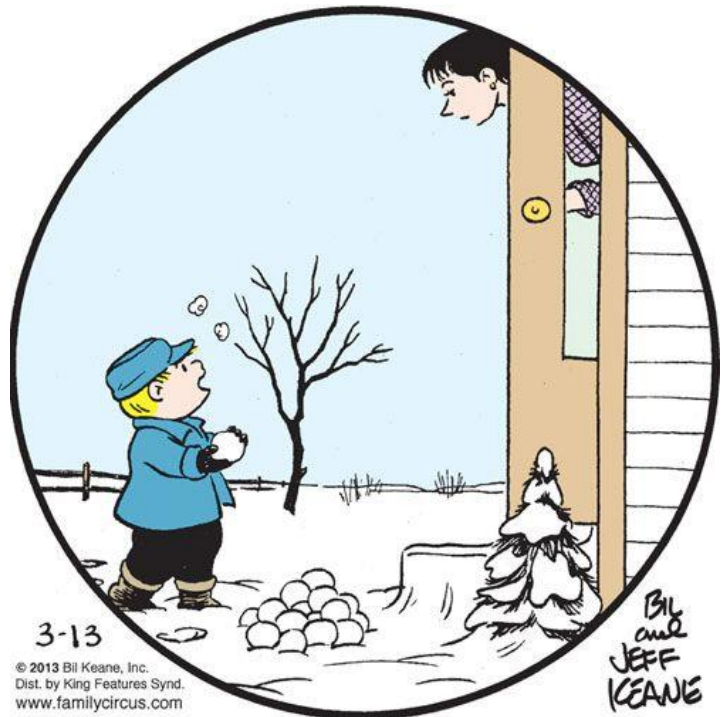


Congratulations to Ashton Pastian on placing 1st in the Sections 6A wrestling tournament. Next week he will be wrestling in the State Tournament.

Good Luck Ashton!!



"HOW DO YOU RESET THE ROOSTER TO CROW AN HOUR LATER WHEN WE CHANGE TO DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME?"



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"Next week spring starts. How many snowballs do you think I can fit in the freezer?"

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

LENT

WORD SEARCH

A. Search for the words below in the following grid:

Pray

tree

Mary

Lent

resurrection

holysaturday

holythursday

footwashing

goodfriday

Almsgiving

adoration

fortydays

sacrifice

passover

triduum

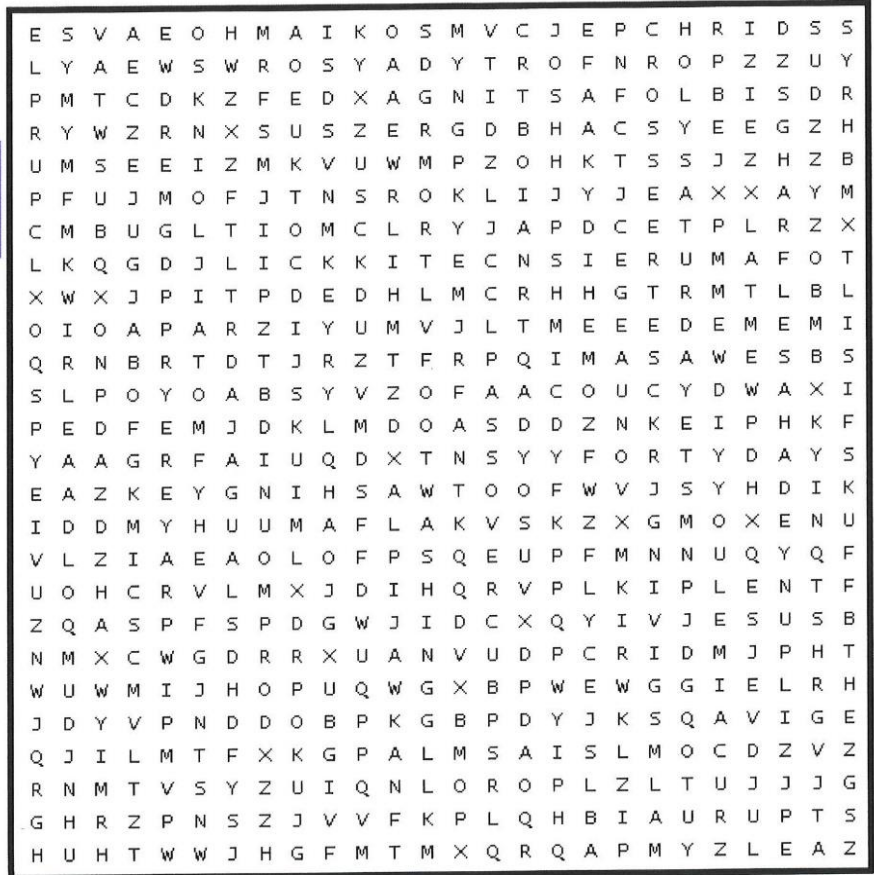
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purple

prayer

Jesus

palms



ashes

footwashing

Almsgiving

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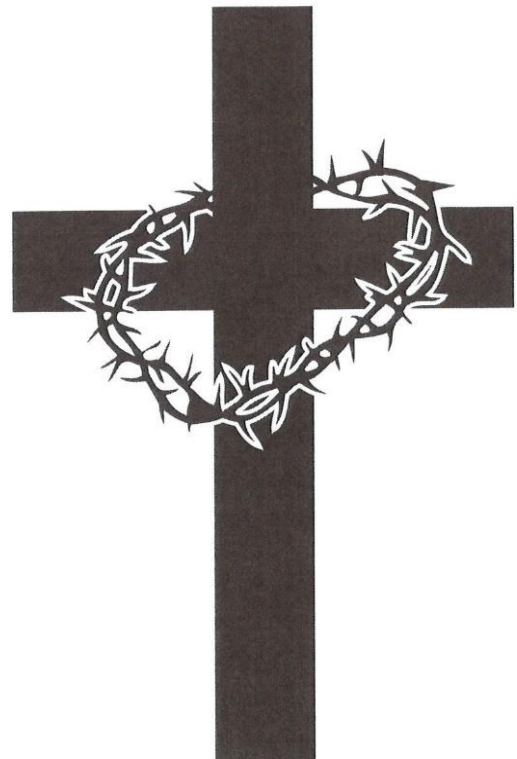
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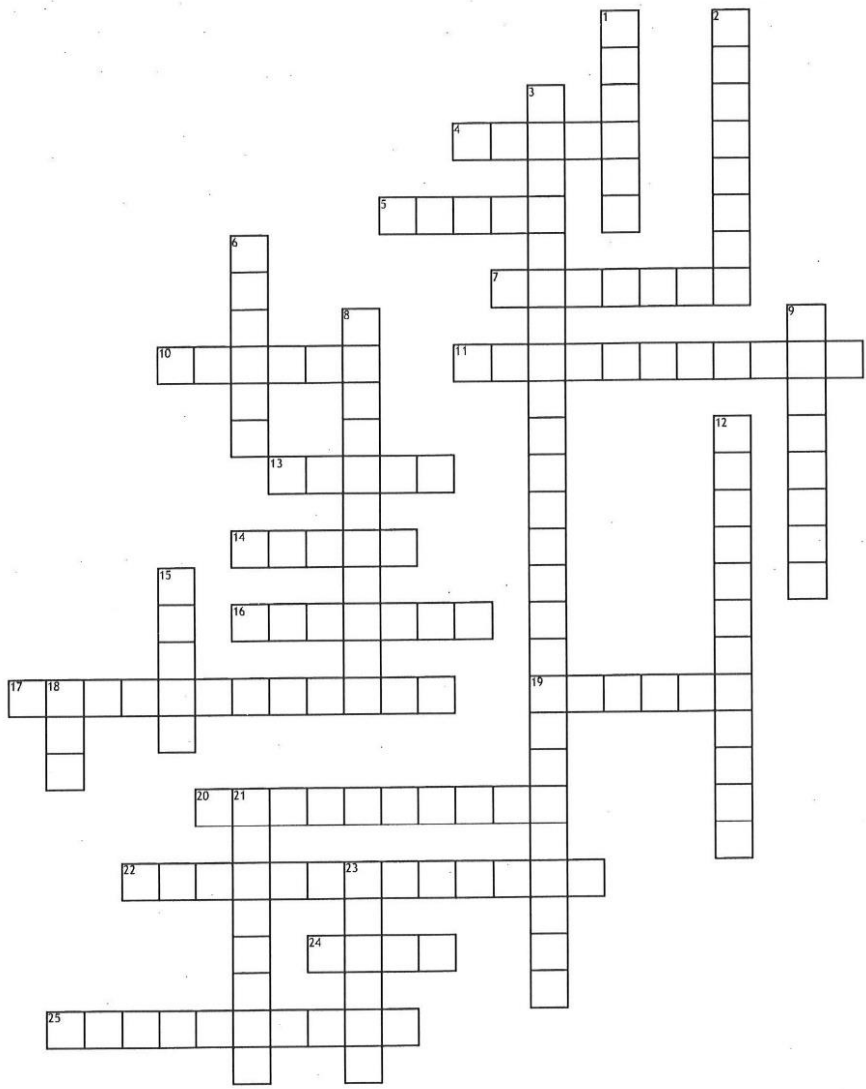
Cross



Name: _____

Date: _____

Lent



Across

- 4. Jesus said man cannot live off of _____ alone
- 5. How many times was Jesus tempted by the Devil?
- 7. The traditional thing to do during easter is.....
- 10. What are the colors of Lent?
- 11. Jesus said "do not put the _____ to the test.
- 13. How many days did Jesus spend in the desert?
- 14. It is Lenten tradition to visit _____ religious sites during Lent

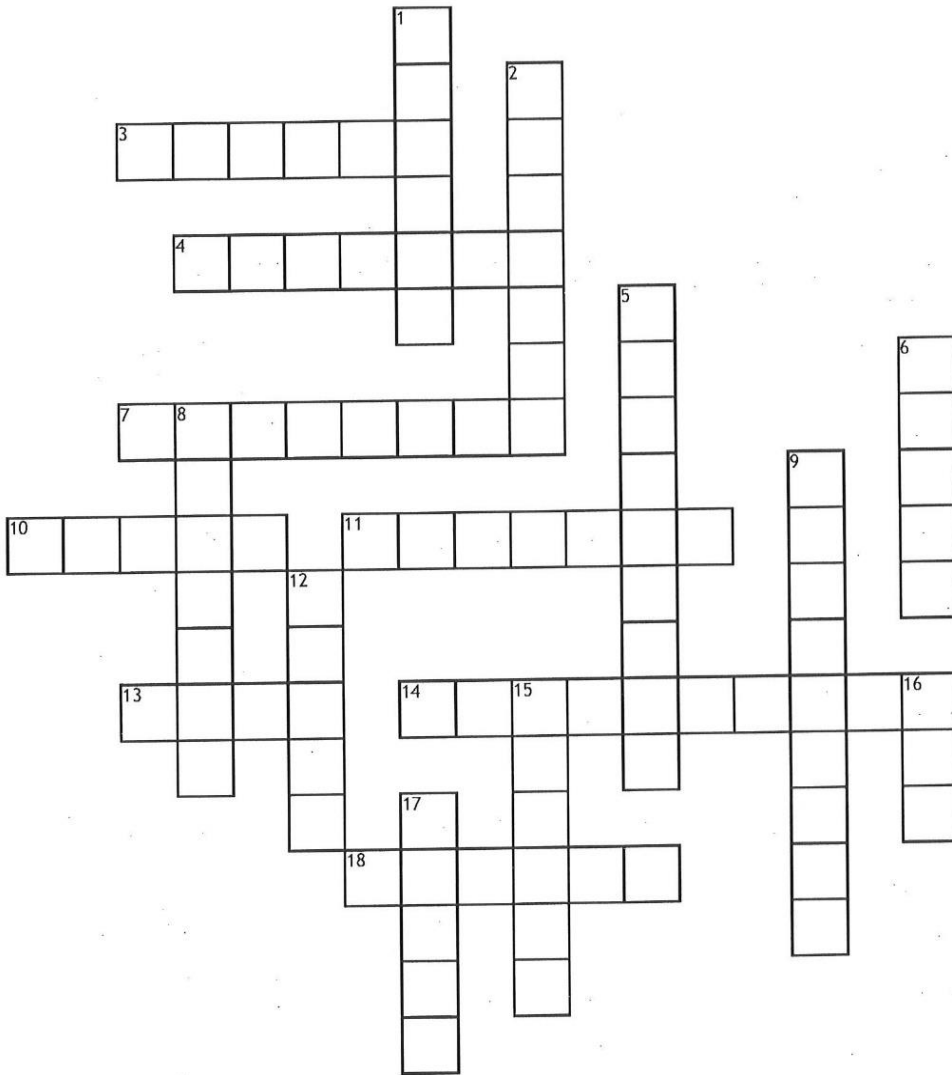
- 16. God told us not to show others we're _____
- 17. When does Lent start?
- 19. What Liturgical event happens after Lent?
- 20. What are the ashes on ash wednesday made of?
- 22. What is Jesus' last meal called
- 24. When Jesus was Crucified they put a purple _____ around him.
- 25. When we don't eat meat we are....

Down

- 1. Jesus was crucified on a.....
- 2. How many stations are in the Stations of the Cross?

- 3. What do we do on Ash Wednesday
- 6. We also don't say _____ during Lent
- 8. Jesus _____ three days after his death
- 9. How many days are in Lent?
- 12. When does Lent end?
- 15. What do we put on our forehead at the start of Lent
- 18. How many Sundays are in Lent?
- 21. We don't say _____ during Lent
- 23. What was the crown made of they put on Jesus?

Spring



Across

3. The Dutch national flowers
 4. April showers bring May _____
 7. Grow on certain trees, cherry _____
 10. _____ migrate back north in Spring
 11. Appears after it rains
 13. Similar to seeds but much larger

14. Black and yellow flying insects (two words)

18. Some people grow fruits, vegetables or flowers in them

Down

1. Holiday during spring
 2. Flowers with a yellow center and white petals
 5. Bright yellow flowers

6. You bury them in the ground to grow plants

8. Small red insect with black spots

9. Small winged insect

12. Small brown bird with a red belly

15. Grassy open space sometimes with flowers

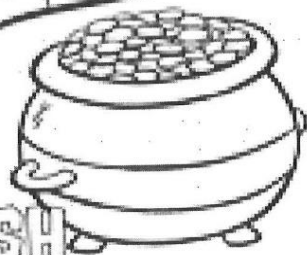
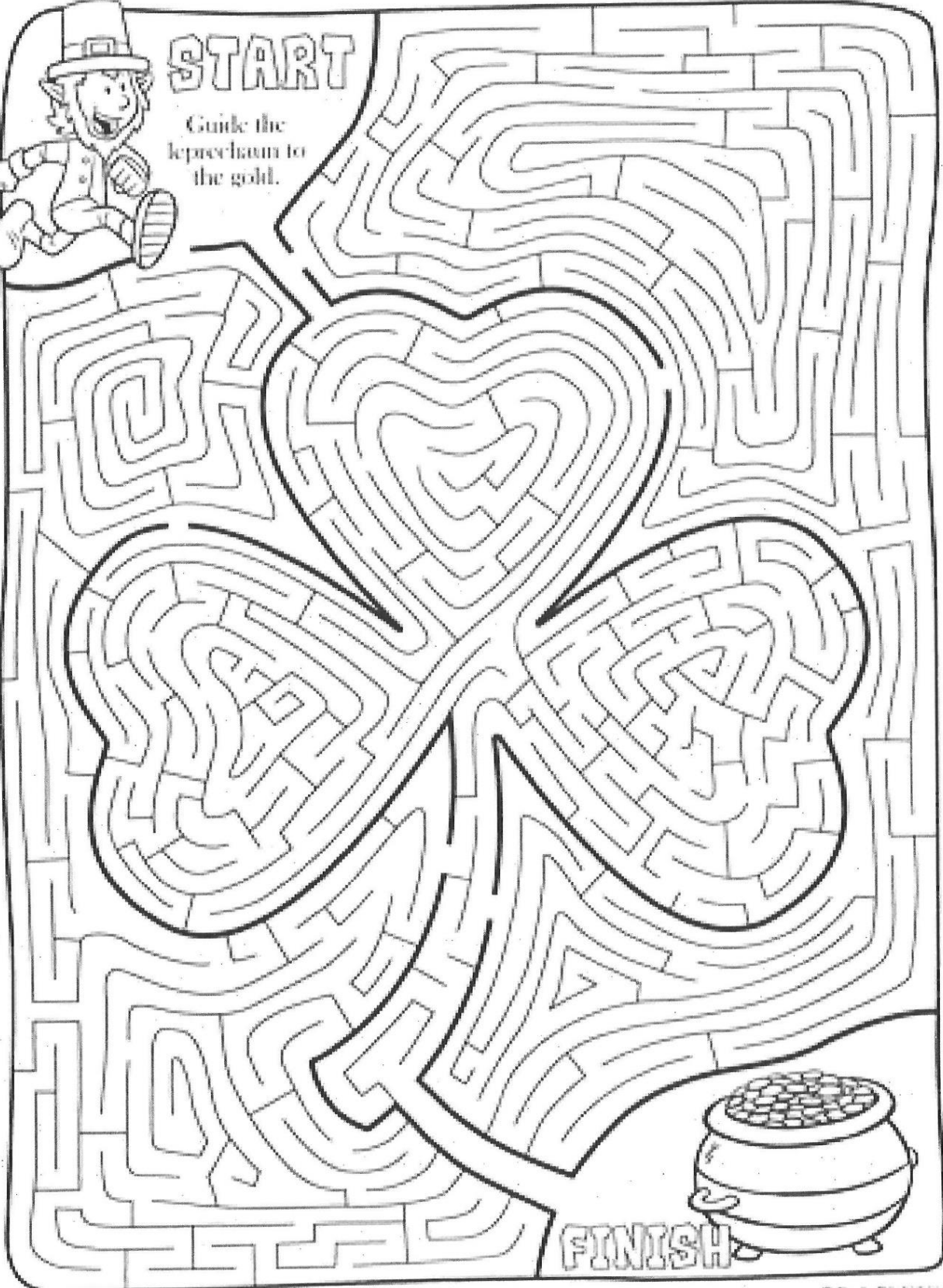
16. Word for planting seeds, you ____ seeds

17. First month of spring



START

Guide the leprechaun to the gold.



FINISH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Birthday Jimmy Johnson
2 Sunday School & Adult Bible study 9:15 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Salem	3 Happy Birthday Faith Larson	4	5 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6 Ash Wed Service 7 Salem Happy Anniversary Paul & Anne Matthys	6	7 Happy Birthday Howard Haider Jason Kleve	8
9 Sunday School & Adult Bible study 9:15 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Sauk Valley Men's Group 7 at Hagen's Happy Birthday Neil Johnson	10 Happy Birthday Denelle Kirk	11	12 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6 Lenten Service 7 Sauk Valley	13 Happy Birthday Paul Matthys	14	15
16 Sunday School & Adult Bible study 9:15 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Salem	17	18	19 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6 Lenten Service 7 Salem	20 Happy Birthday Hudson Scott	21	22
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30 Sunday School & Adult Bible study 9:15 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 Salem	31 Happy Birthday Marilynn Johnson MaryAnn Forbregd					



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