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HE IS RISEN FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD LAMB of LAMB and L

- National Pet Day April 11
- National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day April 30



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PASTORAL LETTER FOR APRIL

Dear Easter People:

To purposely misquote Alfred Lord Tennyson, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to... Baseball!" The Major League Baseball season is just beginning. When I was growing up, I was a baseball fanatic. My career in "organized ball" only lasted a few Little League seasons. But from third to ninth grades, virtually every day of summer vacation my friends and I were at a vacant lot playing baseball from the late morning until sundown. I often say that what I dislike the most about being an adult is that I can't play baseball all the time anymore.

The game has changed a lot. I agree with Crash Davis of "Bull Durham" fame that the designated hitter and astroturf ought to be outlawed by an act of congress. I also believe in the "hanging curve." Something that has all but disappeared from baseball is the sacrifice bunt. A sacrifice bunt is when the batter purposely makes an out, he gives himself up, so the runner(s) can advance. The sacrifice bunter doesn't score or bat in the run. But he makes a sacrifice to help the team. In a culture that cheers "the long ball," the humble sacrifice bunt and those who hit them do not get the attention they deserve.

Our Christian faith is based on a different but similar kind of sacrifice. Jesus humbly sacrificed himself on the cross, he gave up his earthly life, so we could advance in our relationship with God. Jesus' death has opened the door to everlasting life for all believers. Much of the world has forgotten or ignores Jesus' sacrifice, but we Christians celebrate his sacrifice and cheer the fact that "Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!" That is what we will do throughout this Easter season.

Ever humble and gracious, Christ shares the salvation he won for us as a free gift. We do not have to do anything to win God's love. But because we are loved and saved, we respond by willingly making sacrifices for others. So many things you do each day, caring for a spouse or parents, caring for children, helping others through your job or volunteer work, are little sacrifices we make in addition to and in honor of the huge sacrifice Jesus made for us. And one day Christ will take us "home" for the victory celebration.

In His Service, Pastor Ash



Birthdays

- 1 Ashley Farwell
- 2 Alexander Baker
- 5 Thomas Brainard
- 7 Marvin Wood, Liam Mangels
- 8 Matthew Vossler
- 9 Alan Cole
- 12 Terrence Lynch
- 16 Kristen Crawford
- 18 Chloe Mangels
- 19 Carol Barnes, Christian Vossler
- 20 Mark Vossler
- 24 Deborah Vossler, Rees Baker
- 28 Craig Martin, Miles Cole
- 30 Glen Kruger

Anniversaries

8 Craig and Deb Martin



APRIL FOOL'S Day

APRIL 18+

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APRIL BAMBOOZLE BEFUDDLE BEMUSE BEWILDER CAPER DELUDE DUMBFOUND DUPE FARCE FIRST HOAX HOODWINK JEST **JOKES** LAUGHTER LEVITY MALARKEY MISCHIEF MONKEY BUSINESS PRANK **PREPOSTEROUS** SHENANIGANS SILLY SURPRISE TOMFOOLERY TRICK WACKY

DORCAS

Thanks to Dave Pinney for the blue jean material and Pete for the quilt batting.

I have a gray and yellow quilt top done and ready to be tied and finished.

> God Bless, Judy

OUR PETS

Lilibet



Shirley Levernier

Spirit



Shirley Levernier

Took



Shirley Levernier

Eliot



Shirley Levernier

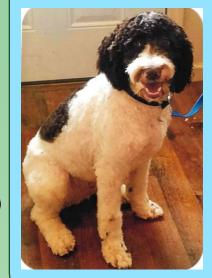
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Dudley & Christian



Joanna & Larry Bachman

Milo



Carol Barnes

TOO FEW

She has seven. He, six. Another has four. Both of you, they say, have too few. You, only, have two;

Dogs, cats, horses. Seven, six, four Have the same number of them. Yes, they feed them. Their tasks, Their pleasures, though, are many. Their pets, then, are sequestered. Spend more time without them, Than with them:

Both of you, though, dote on your two. Just about, always, they are with you. Tilling ground in your kitchen garden. They are, there, scampering around you;

Mostly, they are at your heels. You play with them. Speak with them. "Speak with?" Yes, their words are many. They have quite a vocabulary;

Happy are you, then, all four of you? "Meow," "Meow," each says. "Yes, "Yes," we say, too.

By, Joanna Bachman

Zipper, Blotches, & Kreampuff



Kristen Kruger

Taffy



Kristen Kruger

Angel 8 Missing from photos Pipsqueak



Kristen Kruger

Scooter & Scamper



Kristen Kruger

Gracie



Kristen Kruger

Teddy



Kristen Kruger

Precious



Kristen Kruger

Lucky



Kristen Kruger

Piper



Sarah Weber

Lizzie



Maisy



Pastor & Melanie Ash

Candy Too & Precious



Pastor & Melanie Ash

Bo Peep and in memory of Cinnamon



Mary Monroe

Scooter



Mary Monroe

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Goose



Wood

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The Crawford Family

Noli



The Crawford Family

Gus



The Crawford Family

Ciara



Jim & Dena Helms



Sasha

Deb & Craig Martin



Grand-dogs Messy & Riley



Dave & Jane Pinney

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Grand-dog
Orlo



Dave & Jane Pinney

1 St.

Grand-dog **Tutt**



Dave & Jane Pinney

Grand-dog
Otter



Dave & Jane Pinney



Who loves her kitty treats and is getting a little fat.

Come warmer weather, outdoors she will be,

For catching chipmunks gives her happiness and glee.

But sneaking one indoors sends her humans on a chasing spree.

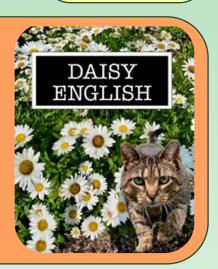
Watching winter birdies at the feeder is another pastime,

Fortunately, the window keeps our feather friends alive and fine.

Our "Daisy," the household she does rule,

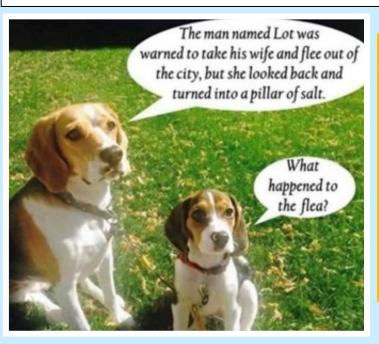
For she's one pampered pet, a cat so very cool.

Carol English



Biblical Animal Quiz

- 1. According to Genesis 2:19, who named all the animals?
- 2. How many of each kind of animal did God tell Noah to take on the ark? (Genesis 7:2-3)
- 3. After what big event did God give human beings permission to eat meat? (Genesis 9:3-4)
- 4. What had a vision in which God said it was now permitted to eat animals previously "unclean", that is, not kosher? (Acts 10:9-15)
- 5. What kind of animal spoke to Balaam? (Numbers 22:2-31)
- 6. What kind of animal spoke to Eve? (Genesis 3:1-5)
- 7. Which of the following animals is not found in the King James Version of the Old Testament?
 - A. Unicorn
 - B. Dragon
 - C. Cockatrice (a snake that was said to kill with merely a look)
 - D. Rhinoceros
- 8. To what bird did Jesus compare himself? (Matthew 23:37)
- 9. In the Revelation, Jesus is called by a title with the name of a feline in it. What is that title? (5:5)
- 10. What animals symbolize the Evangelists Mark, Luke, and John?



Adult Class Information

Here is our plan for <u>Adult Education</u> at Trinity Church for the rest of this month.

Sunday School (9:00 am): No class on April 7.

Wednesday Discussion Group (2:00 PM): We will take a break from class sessions April 3, 10, and 17.

Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid met up for the first time this year, after a two month vacation. We met on Monday March 11th, ready to get down to business. But before we made any serious decisions, we needed to get some refreshments for brain power.

The night was themed Mardi Gras, and there was Creole Bread Pudding w/Bourbon Sauce, Mini Muffuletta sandwiches and Creole Deviled Eggs. It hit the spot and lots of discussions were shared. It was a small gathering of Ladies, so some of our ideas were tabled until we have more there to aid in making positive decisions. It was a cold night out and the wind wasn't very kind either. I thank the ladies that did show. That's the only problem I see with meetings. The season of winter in NY can be very fickle. And it gets dark early too. I for one, like to jammy up early in the darker of days. Am I getting old???

We did have some great discussions on things we can do and things we will pass on this year. It's a group effort to keep us going, and we have the best ladies to do just that. I always say, showing up is the hardest part. And these ladies didn't know what I had in mind for them when they did show up. Mardi Gras isn't complete without masks. I had plenty on hand for everyone, and I insisted when the meeting began officially, we all put them on. What a great sport they are and especially those that wear glasses. They had to take them off, which left 3/4 of the ladies unable to read the papers in front of them. But I think we had a great time, as there was lots of laughter in the room.

As churches, businesses, charities, and organizations start to drop off in volunteering, it gets more difficult for the few that continue to stay on. I feel we have a great group and a great number of ladies who make our Ladies Aid great.

And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians: 13:13

Marsha

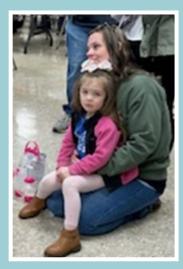




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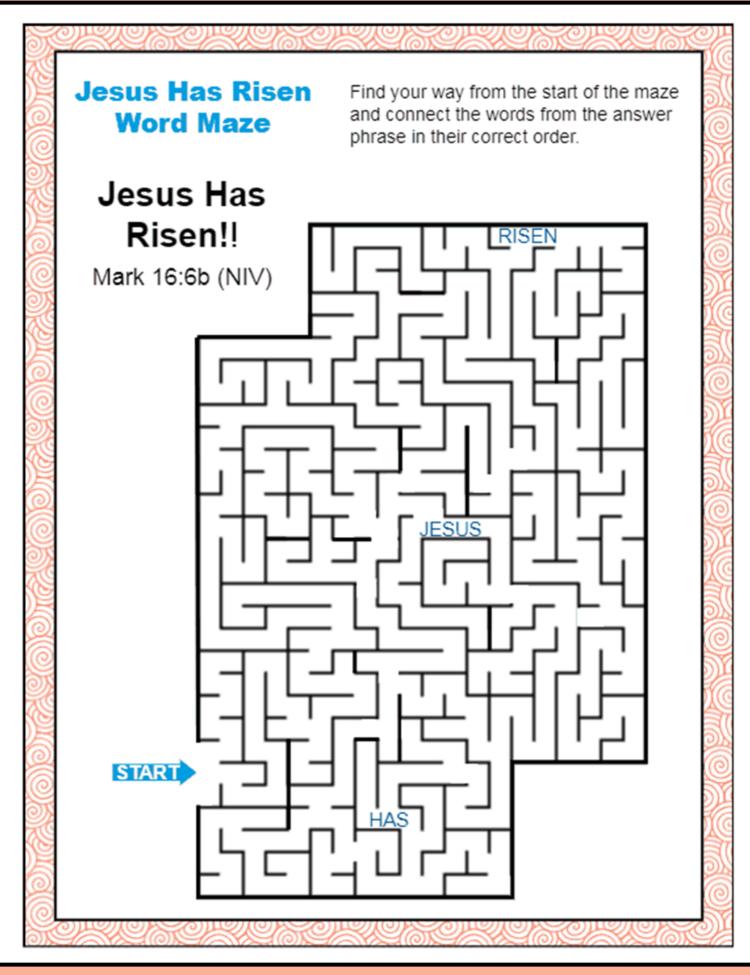












Answers to Biblical Animal Quiz

- 1. The first man (Adam)
- 2. Seven pairs of clean animals and one pair of unclean animals
- 3. The Flood
- 4. Peter
- 5. A donkey
- 6. A serpent
- 7. Rhinoceros (Unicorn- Numbers 23:22, Psalm 22:21 and others; dragon-Psalm 148:7; cockatrice-Isaiah 11:8)
- 8. A hen
- 9. The Lion of Judah
- 10. Mark- Lion, Luke- Ox, John- Eagle, (Matthew is symbolized by a winged man.)





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