MARCH NEWSLETTER

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Mahoning

"A Family of friends alive with God's love. You're home!"
826 Mahoning Drive West Lehighton, PA 18235

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2021

In person Sanctuary worship March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10: 00 a.m.

Dinner & Devotion March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion March 7th



Friends in Christ,

As we're journeying through Lent together, I'd like to invite you to join us for our **Dinner and Devotion on Wednesdays at 7:00pm**. We will gather together for soup, salad, and bread and as we eat, we'll engage our faith with one another. This is an opportunity for us to talk about our faith with our fellow Christians, to wonder about what God is up to in our lives and in the life of St. John's, and to live out our faith in our daily lives.

It's easy to allow our "Sunday School Faith" to be the faith that leads us throughout our lives. Without engaging our faith, without having intentionality, without wondering further about what God is doing in our lives, we sell ourselves short. Sure, our Sunday School Faith will take us to heaven because God is the one that save us, but it won't lead us to abundant life. Our lives are far more complex as adults than they were when we were 8 years old and being intentional about faith formation can lead us to examine many aspects of our lives. We might begin to think about our faith in terms of our personal finances – how we spend our money. We might begin to think about our faith in terms of our time – how we use the time God has given us. We might begin to think about how our faith intersects with our lives in new and interesting ways!

In our baptisms, God proclaims to the world that we belong to God. As a result of this event, we are propelled by the Holy Spirit on a life of faith, one marked by love and service to others. In the third chapter of 1st John the author writes,

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Christ, for we shall see Christ as he is (3:2)."

I invite you to engage your faith. Show up. Come to church, come to faith formation events, attend Bible studies, be the church, and when you leave worship on Sundays and when you leave events other days, God's Spirit will lead you out into the world to be different. We are called to be more than Sunday morning obligatory worshippers. We are called to be more than occasional Christians. Let's be the people God says we are!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Blatt



Peace and Joy to everyone,

I would like to thank everyone that attended our Congregational Meeting on February 21, 2021. For those that were not able to attend here is a short breakdown from the meeting.

- 1. We approved the 2021 Budget; copies of this are available for everyone at the church.
- 2. We approved the addition of the Cemetery Committee to the by-laws of the church. This was a request from our Insurance Company to have the Cemetery Association to be seen as a Committee within the church to be covered under our insurance plan. The Cemetery Committee with continue as they have over the years. A copy of this new By-law is available at the church office.
- 3. The following members of our congregation, Drew Yenser, Keith Drummond and Cheryl Kistler were voted in as new council member for a 3 year term which started immediately. Council still needs a 4th person, but we did not receive a motion from the congregation at the meeting for a 4th person, we agreed to continue to look for another member. If anyone would like to join Council or if you would like to suggest someone please let myself, Pastor Blatt or any member of Council know.

The full minutes from the meeting are also in the newsletter and a copy of the Annual Report is available at the church.

This past month has been very trying with the weather for everyone. For the safety of our members we cancelled 2 of our Sunday services. I would like to thank everyone that helped keep the sidewalks and parking lots cleared through all the storms; we greatly appreciate all your time and effort with this.

We have numerous members over the last few weeks giving their time and dedication to updating the Social Hall, Secretaries office and hall way with new paint on the walls and trim work. Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart who painted and help make sure these members where taking care of with lunches and snacks. It is truly appreciated.

As we continue into the Lenten season, Pastor Blatt will be having midweek Devotional and Soup services at 7:00 p.m. I am looking for 2 volunteers each Wednesday to make a soup, a person to bring bread, and maybe 2 people to bring a dessert. The Church will supply the drinks, coffee, tea, and everything else. We will be following the Covid Guidelines with this event for seating. You can contact me at 570-778-4457 if you would like to help me with this.

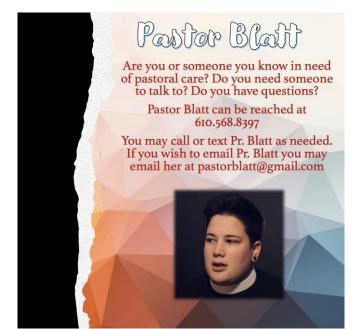
Just a short reminder that the Spring Fling will be only one day, Saturday March 27, 2021 at the church and I hope you can attend.

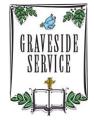
Julia C. Schock

Council President



March 2 Randy Hoffman March 2 Paul A. Johnston March 4 Gerry L. Berger March 5 Alyssa Ann Zehner March 8 Dalton Edwin Freeman March 9 Julie Willet March 10 Amy Nothstein March 11 **Brody Green** March 11 Ember Rose Nothstein March 11 Gavin Scott Zehner March 12 Geoff Ebbert March 12 Patrick Trey Hutchison March 14 Haley Moyer Janet Mertz March 15 March 16 **David Kromer** March 20 Sheila Knappenberger March 20 Donna Tyson March 21 William Trach March 22 Shirley Anglovich March 23 Donn Edgar Paige Nicole Freeman March 23 March 23 Nekya Strohl Norman Frey Jr. March 25 March 27 Judith Ahner March 27 Willard Ahner March 31 Wendy Guzenski





Linda Beers entered eternal life on January 30, 2021 at the age of 73 years. Linda was laid to rest on February 9, 2021 at St. John's Cemetery in Mahoning.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

CURRENT CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.





Yvonne Hibbler was recently moved to Mahoning Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 397 Hemlock Drive, Lehighton PA 18235.



All groups that meet at St. John's are asked to wear a face covering to protect each other during the Covid 19 pandemic.



Change of Address

Please notify the church office with your new address and phone number so we can keep our records up to date and save postage fees. You can do so by calling the church office at 570-386-9960 or by emailing the church office at secretary@stjohnsmahoning.org.





Church Council will meet Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather a One Call will be sent out informing the congregation of the service change. If the weather is bad during the week, the church office will also be closed.

Book Club will continue to meet virtually every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m.
The book for March is "The Rumor" by Lesley Kara. We will be reading
Chapters 1-25 for Mach 9th and Chapters 26 –end for March 23rd.
Please email Deb Scheckler at dscheckler@gmail.com for more information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

If you wish to sponsor the bulletin or altar flowers, please call the church office by Wednesday before your requested date.

Bulletins - \$8.00

Rose Buds - \$5.00

Memorial/Honor Bowls - \$20.00

Altar Flowers - \$30.00 per set

Our altar flowers are now provided by Porvaznik's Flowers located in Lansford, Pa. Arndt's Flower Shop is no longer in business.

Spring forward.....

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday, March 13th. Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14th!!



FUNDRAISER DATES

Saturday, March 27th – Spring Fling (no rummage)
Friday & Saturday, April 23rd & 24th – Rummage only
Friday & Saturday, September 24th & 25th

Fall Bazaar (no rummage)

Please not these dates will depend on Covid-19 restrictions.



To All,

Thank you so very much for your donation to Trinity Pantry. We certainly appreciate your caring and sharing for the people of our community.

Many Thanks, Trinity Pantry

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Simply click on the "Give Online" button on our church website https://www.stjohnsmahoning.org.

Contributions can be electronically transferred from you checking or savings account. Options are available for weekly, bi-weekly or monthly withdrawals.

You can always mail your check directly to the church:

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Mahoning 826 Mahoning Drive West Lehighton, PA 18235

Grief Support Group

Grief Support will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Rochelle Rodgers at 484-602-3942 or Kim Gerhard at 484-464-3295 if you need more information.



Holy Communion
Sunday, March 7th
Jsing sealed prefilled cups & wafers

Rummage Sale

We are moving forward with plans to hold our Rummage Sale.

Friday-April 23, 2021 8 am. - 2 p.m.

Saturday-April 24, 2021 8a.m. - 2 p.m.

Our Rummage Sale will be a stand-alone sale in our auditorium. There will be so many items! Something for everyone! If you are interest in helping set up, please give me a call 610-377-4662. Set up will start after Easter. I will also need help for the two days of the sale. Thank you for all your donations! ~ Cheryl Kistler

Profit on our February 16th donut sale was approximately \$1,144.00!! We had 19 volunteers come out to help. Thank you!!



CHURCH ENVELOPES

We are trying our best to bring all of our members up to date with their church envelopes. If you would like to be removed from receiving them or if your address is not correct, please call Lynn at the church 570-386-9960 no later than April 26, 2021.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower forms are located on the back window sill in church and in your newsletter this month for your convenience. Please turn your order in to Robbie or Lori Hawk or you can drop it foo in the church office.

Order deadline is Sunday, March 7, 2021.

The flowers will be displayed during the Easter worship service on Easter April 4th.



Dinner & Devotion

Beginning Wednesday, February 24th and continuing every Wednesday through March 24th we are asking for volunteers to make soup and bring bread for our Dinner & Devotion series.

We are asking for 2 different soups each week. The church will supply the utensils, bowls and refreshments. If you are able to help please call or text Julia Schock at 570-778-4457 and let her know what week would be best for you to help.

Our "Sister church" Ben Salem is taking orders for Homemade Shoo Fly Pies. The deadline to order is March 21st and pickup is Saturday March 27th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The pies are \$8.00 each and you can order by calling Sue at 570-386-2880.

Giving Statements

The church is aware that several giving statements sent out were not correct. We will be reissuing the giving statements once they have been updated with all the current giving dates and amounts. Again, we appreciate your patience and would like everyone to know that your giving has been received. Once the new statements are sent out there will be an announcement in the bulletin so you can look for your new statement to arrive.

BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS

Basket raffle items can be dropped off Sunday March 7th and Sunday March 21st after church and Monday March 8th from 6-8pm. If someone needs an alternate date or needs their basket picked up, please call the church office 570-386-9960.

Thanks to everyone who helped with donuts. We had them all packaged before the ice arrived!

All who are able to help with our Spring Fling will be greatly appreciated.

SPRING FLING

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



826 Mahoning Drive Lehighton, PA 18235

Saturday, March 27 9 AM-2 PM

10% of profits will go to Trinity Food Pantry

- Basket Raffle
- Bake Sale
- Soup and Filling Pick Up (Please order by March 13)
- Easter Candy Pick Up (Please order by March 13)
- Raffle Ticket Drawing 2PM



Spring Fling

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Mahoning 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton, PA 18235

Orders Due By – March 13, 2021 Call or Text orders to: Lisa Moyer: 570-778-6152 or Anne Yenser: 570-390-9108

Pick up Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 9 am - 2 pm

Beef Vegetable: Pints - \$3.50: Quarts - \$7.00:																								
Ham & Bean: Pints - \$3.50: Quarts - \$7.00:																								
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Pick Up: Saturday, March 27 9AM-2PM

Church Office - 570-386-9960

(Make checks payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Anne Yenser - 570-390-9108



Donut Sale

Wednesday May 5



Persians \$1.75

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Long Johns 2/\$3

Order by Sunday April 18
Call/Text/Email Anne Yenser 570-390-9108 or anneyens@ptd.net
(checks payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Name	Phone #
(1) Persian X \$1.75 NEW LAF	RGER SIZE \$
(2) leed Long Johns X \$3.00	\$
(2) Coconut Long Johns X \$3	.00 \$
	Total \$

Pick up 9:00-10:00 AM

PRAYER LISTS:

Prayers for our Congregation Members

Judith Ahner Richard Semmel Earl Andrews Louisa Steele CashAlthouse Chester Bredbenner Charles Frey Robert Stewart II Betty Mertz Marie Boyer Michael Anglovich Heather Heckman Florence Duffy Alyssa Zehner

Prayers for Our Friends

Beth Baldwin John Fikentscher Gail Mills Michael Hunsicker Meredith Elinich Michelle Baldwin Lvnn Gerber Tim Mazenko Annette Davis Dr. Shaefali Rodgers Mitchell Nace Loise Fritz Richard Frey Bill Lavin Hope Mazenko Shane Boyle Steven Nuss Clarence Derby Richard Bloom Drew Strohl James Meckes McCoy Rapa Georgetta Perez Erin Coombe Kathryn Moyer Kian Nothstein Dan Myers Jim Malloy, Sr. Joan Frey Mike Duffy Judith Snyder Candace Harleman Alivia Paules Mark Blatt Richard Hamm Erika Diaz Chris Barry Bryan Huegel Mike McKone Pastor Richard Boyer

Prayers for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care Members

Yvonne Hibbler Helen Stahler Lois Fisher Terry Terray Ruth Foster Alberta Frey

Our Military Personnel at Home and Abroad

Daniel Berger Dalton Berger Christopher Knittle Sean Fisher Jonathan Sheehan Douglas Boyer Aaron Cetnar Austin Heilman Dylan White Jordan Blatt





Congregational Meeting Minutes:

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Mahoning Congregational Meeting Minutes February 21, 2021

The Meeting is Called to Order:

The Congregational meeting was called to order by church council President Julia Schock at 10:48 a.m. There were 33 people in attendance.

Presentation of the Annual Report:

Questions were accepted regarding the Presidents report, Pastor's report, Fundraising Committee report, Finance Committee report, Worship and Music report and Building and Grounds annual report. No questions were presented.

The Congregational By-Laws:

A copy of the updated cemetery bylaws were given to all in attendance. The updated bylaws state the cemetery will be associated with St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church for insurance purposes but will continue to maintain their own funds.

Council presented a motion to accept the bylaws as written, seconded by Keith Drummond.

Neil Ebbert amended the bylaws to state the bylaws are being updated for insurance purposes and was seconded by Donna Tyson. The amendment was voted on. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Presentation of the Budget:

Drew Yenser presented and reviewed the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was acknowledged by Lori Heimbach and seconded by Jean Everett. The budget was accepted unanimously.

Election of Council Members:

Church council president Julia Schock announced there are four (4) openings that need to be filled on church council. A motion was made by Colleen Rudelitsch to accept three

- (3) members that have expressed an interest, and seconded by Lori Heimbach. The three
- (3) new council members are Keith Drummond, Cheryl Kistler and Drew Yenser. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Words from the Synod:

We welcomed a visit from Pastor Shankweiler who shared some words with us.

The Meeting Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lori Heimbach and seconded by Joy Armbruster. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Lynn Rehrig Church Administrator

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahoning 2021 Council Members

- **★**President Julia Schock **★** Joy Armbruster
- ★ Pastor Blatt ★ Mark Clayton ★ Keith Drummond
- ★ Allison Garl ★ Cheryl Kistler ★ Drew Yenser



Our building sat vacant for so many months it definitely needed some TLC and many volunteers came to help. A new family room was created out of the old youth room. It was cleaned and decorated to use for small groups such as our grief share meetings. A new sofa and arm chairs were added (donate by Ahner's furniture). The office was cleaned, the windows and walls were painted and our secretary Lynn decorated with curtains and

accessories. In the kitchen the cupboards and appliances were cleaned, window moldings were replaced, knobs replaced and new curtains put up. The biggest project was the social hall where walls and window moldings were painted, some trim replaced, carpet removed and steps to the stage were refinished, chair rail added, the trophy case was cleaned and the wall sconces and curtain shades replaced. The hallways were also painted. Lunch was served to our volunteers on Saturday, January 30. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. We apologize if any name was omitted.

Helen Christman
Keith Drummond
Sheila Drummond
Neal Ebbert
Ali Garl
Kim Gerhard
Tim Gerhard
Alex Hawk
Joann Hawk
Lori Hawk
Robbie Hawk

Diane Hoffman
Rochelle Rodgers
Larry Smith
Barry Troutman
Roger Tyson
Jan Wentz
Nolan Wentz
Andy Yenser
Anne Yenser
Drew Yenser
Dennis Yenser





Please join us for the most important week of the year!!

These services help us remember what our Lord, Jesus Christ, endured for us before His glorious resurrection...the betrayal, the arrest, the beating and whipping, the mocking, spitting, total humiliation, excruciating pain and death on the cross..all because God loves us and wants all who believe to have eternal life with Him.

Thursday, April 1 "The Great Three Days" (Holy Communion) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil 6:00 p.m.

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) 10:00 a.m.



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Save the Dates:

June 4 & 5, 2021

Online Synod Assembly

We are moving forward on our Synod Assembly for June 4-5, 2021. The decision has been made to once again conduct our assembly online, for the safety of all participants. The theme will be "Growing Young and Vital" and will feature new ideas for ministry around three *vital signs* – healing the hurting, loving the land, and engaging the stranger.

Registration will begin after March 31. We will also know by the end of March, more details about the program and the hours of each day's schedule. For now, save the dates and stay tuned for more information coming soon, over the next few weeks.

Growing Young & Vital
Northeastern PA Synod

Growing Young

WANT TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AGING? NEED MORE ENERGY IN YOUR LIFE? SICK OF FINE LINES AND WRINKLES? CHECK OUT GROWING YOUNG! WHAT IS GROWING YOUNG? IT IS A MOVEMENT IN NEPA AND THROUGHOUT THE GREATER ELCA AND BEYOND THAT IS BASED ON A BOOK OF THE SAME NAME WHICH STUDIED CHURCHES OF ALL SIZES, DENOMINATIONS AND LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHO ARE MAINTAINING AND ATTRACTING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR CONGREGATIONS.



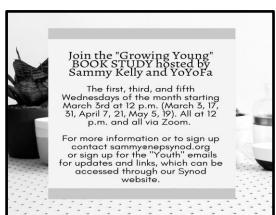
The authors of Growing Young have identified **6 key strategies** that these congregations have and that others congregations can utilize to help youth and young people discover and love the church. They are: **Unlocking keychain leadership**, **Empathizing with today's young people**, **Taking Jesus' message seriously**, **Fuel a warm**

community, **Prioritize young people everywhere**, **and Be the best neighbors**. These are not just strategies to help you attract young people, but are also 6 great strategies for great ministry, regardless if another young person ever walks through the doors of your church building or logs onto your worship service.

GROWING YOUNG CANNOT HELP YOU PERSONALLY LOOK OR FEEL YOUNGER; IT WILL NOT GET RID OF YOUR WRINKLES. BUT THESE STRATEGIES CAN HELP YOUR CONGREGATION FEEL AND BE YOUNGER BY REIGNITING ENERGY IN YOUR MEMBERS AND ATTRACTING NEW YOUNGER WORSHIPERS THAT WILL REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AGING WITHIN OUR CONGREGATIONS.

For more information about Growing Young, read the book "Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church" by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad M. Griffin from Fuller Youth Institute.





Meet Deacon Travis Woodfield, Director of Congregational Legacy

Hello! I have been fortunate to have a colorful adventure of a life, so, here's a little of my story. I studied Philosophy from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University. I've been fortunate to have life experience ranging from a fishmonger, admissions counselor, Franciscan friar, hospital chaplain, and Campus Minister. I also have a MDiv. from Wake Forest University. Studying at Wake allowed me the chance to intern and work with the Center For Congregational Health. While I was working there, I found a vocation that combined many of the things I was interested in. When I was a hospital chaplain, I loved getting to walk alongside people when they were making meaning of changes in their life. I am honored that I get to do the same with churches in their meaning-making work, whether that be launching to a new vision, reconsidering what ministry the church is called to, or even considering what end-of-life care and legacy-making might look like.

Rachael, my wife, and I have been married 7 years. We have one cat who runs the house. In my spare time I love to play video games, cooking dinner, and playing guitar. I am also an amateur magician. When I get the pleasure of meeting you ask me if I have a deck of cards and I'll show you something!

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahoning, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton, PA 18235 570-386-9960 Easter Flower Sale

<u>TULIP - \$7.00</u>	<u> HYACINTH - \$7.00</u>	<u> DAFFODIL - \$7.00</u>	<u>LILY - \$9.00</u>
<u>CHOOSE COLOR</u>	<u>CHOOSE COLOR</u>		<u>CHOOSE COLOR</u> YELLOW,
PINK, PURPLE, YELLLOW, WHITE or RED	WHITE, PINK or BLUE	YELLOW	ORANGE, PINK or WHITE

We are taking orders for Easter Flowers to be displayed during the worship service on Sunday, April 4, 2021. Orders must be turned into Robbie or Lori Hawk or to the Church Office. Plants must be prepaid with the order.

Please make checks payable to: **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahoning**. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 7, 2021.**Late orders will **NOT** be accepted. Any questions regarding your order, you can reach Robbie or Lori at 570-386-5092.

<u>Tulip</u> Qty./Color	<u>Hyacinth</u> Qty./Color	<u>Daffodil</u> Qty.	<u>Lily</u> Qty./Color	In Memory of	In Honor of	To The Glory of God	List the name or names that your plant is in Honor of or in Memory of:	Sponsored By:

Name:	Phone Number:
Number of Plants Ordered:	Total Money Collected:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:00 p.m. Grief Support	2	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts meet 7 p.m. Dinner & Devotion	4	5	Dinner and Devotion
7 10:00 a.m. Worship Holy Communion Third Sunday in Lent	7:00 p.m. Council meeting	9:00 a.m. Making Filling 6:30 p.m. Fundraising meet 6:30 p.m. Book club meet (virtual)	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts meet 7 p.m. Dinner & Devotion	11	12	Soup/Filling/ Candy orders due
10:00 a.m. Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	9:00 a.m. Making Candy 6:00 p.m. Grief Support	9:00 a.m. Making Candy	9:00 a.m. Making Candy 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts meet 7 p.m. Dinner & Devotion St. Patrick's Day	9:00 a.m. Making Candy	19 Welcome, Springl	9:00 a.m. Making Candy Newsletter information deadline First Day of Spring
21 10:00 a.m. Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent	22	6:30 p.m. Book club meet (virtual)	24 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts meet 7 p.m. Dinner & Devotion	25	26	27 Spring Fling! Soup/Filling/ Candy pick up
28 10:00 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday	29	30	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts meet	April 1 7:00 p.m. Worship Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 3 Easter Celebration/ Easter Vigil



















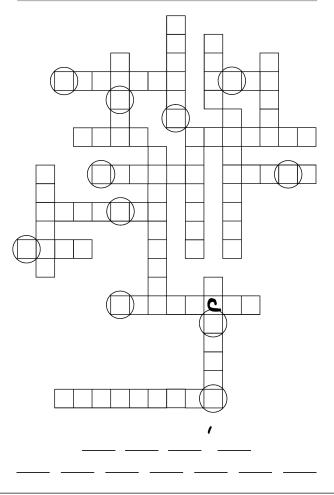




Puzzle!

Fit the names of these Bible-times places in the puzzle. Then write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found, to find out where your citizenship is.

Sidon Kedesh **Ephesus** Philippi Tyre Cana Corinth Bethlehem Berea Sychar Rome .lerusalem Lvcia Galilee Iconium Gaza Athens **Ephraim** Damascus





IRISH POTATOE CANDY

4 CUPS POWDERED SUGAR 8 OUNCES SOFTENED CREAM CHEESE **8 TABLESPOONS BUTTER**

1 CUPS SWEETENED FLAKE COCONUT 1 AND ½ TEASPOON VANILLA 3 TABLESPOONS GROUND CINNAMON **INSTRUCTIONS:**

CREAM TOGETHER BUTTER AND CREAM CHEESE UNTIL WELL MIXED.

MIX IN VANILLA.

ADD POWDERED SUGAR. 1/2 AT A TIME.

MIX UNTIL FORMS A BALL OR IS JUST MIXED.

DON'T KEEP CREAMING IT AFTER IS INCORPORATED.

USE A SPOON OF SPATULA AND FOLD IN COCONUT.

PUT CINNAMON IN SMALL BOW.

SHAPED COCONUT MIXTURE ROUGHLY

SHAPED 1 INCH BALLS

ROLL IN CINNAMON.

PLACE ON PARCHMENT PAPER COVERED COOKIE SHEET.

CHILL.

KEEP REFIGERATED.

MAKES APPOXIMATELY 24 IRISH POTATOES.

Scripture MI NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

- 1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
- 2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
- 3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
- 4. Discuss how this is like Iesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
- 5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.