



Pastor Young's Sharing Corner

Surprised By Finding Hope In The Midst Of Hopelessness



Our hearts have waited for blooming buds and green blades. Now we would see their blooming soon. We Christians also have longed for the most significant event. Yes, we yearn for Easter. We anticipate Easter.

When Jesus died on the cross, people, even the disciples, thought that it was over. However, it wasn't the last scene. After three days of deep darkness, God raised Jesus from death, which means God has defeated the powers of evil and death. Jesus' rising from grave is

very significant, because "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty." (1 Corinthians 15:14). That's why we celebrate Easter. No matter how dark, the time will come when we see the true light, Jesus.

I invite you to take the Easter journey with Mary in John's resurrection narrative (20:1-18), Mary Magdalene's dramatic encounter with the risen Lord Jesus. After Jesus was crucified, early Sunday morning when the dew dampened the still ground, Mary came to the garden tomb, wondering who would roll the stone for her. Instead she found the stone rolled back from the entrance and the tomb empty. Mary was overwhelmed in thinking that Jesus' body had been taken away. However, Jesus stood and asked, "Woman, why are you crying?" Supposing him a gardener, she failed to recognize him until Jesus called her name "Mary." The risen Lord Jesus commanded Mary to be the first witness of the resurrection. Therefore, Mary went to the disciples, saying, "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD."

Mary's worrying was useless because the stone was already rolled away. Have there been times when the obstacles have been removed? If so, how did you see it happen? Mary met the risen Jesus at the unexpected place. How often are we too surprised by finding hope in the midst of hopelessness? How often do we also fail to recognize Jesus? Be attentive to His calling your name; open your eyes and recognize Him. He will renew your strength to carry the good news into the world. Have you told the good news to others? Have you joined Mary's witness, saying, "I have seen the Lord!" Go tell the Easter story. HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

In Ministry together,

Pastor Young Chung

Recap from the Lenten Service: The Unforgettable Twelve

Thanks

Our deep thanks to ...

- Those who helped with Soup Supper--Delicious!
- Festival Choir, Confirmation students, and cantors for leading the Mid-Week services through beautiful music.
- Disciples—Angie Osterman, Penny Stolle, Shane Clark, Jason Hill, Lori Westby, Pam Heiser, Liz Clocksene , Mike Weber, B. J. Clocksene, Diane Warrington, Samantha Pappas, and John Kroll for their powerful monologues.
- Those who attended the Mid-Week services.

Thanks for your generosity,

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your sharing time and gifts, in particular to:

- Nancy Larson: Pastor's wireless microphone
- Jim & June Ackman: Communion linen sets & palls
- Ann Gibbs: Altar Guild supplies
- Jon Vedvei: A Table & poles for banners
- Laura Cark: A Table and a sand box
- Lori Westby & crew for cross for Good Friday services.

They are generous and much appreciated gifts. With the gifts, our worship has been enriched and will continually be blessed.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7: 00 pm

First Communion Milestone & Stripping of the Altar. The Festival Choir will sing “Bread of the World (with “Tis Midnight and On Olive’s Brow”).



Good Friday, March 30 at 7: 00 pm

We will present the story of Jesus’ betrayal, death, and burial from the perspectives of those who were there. It will include six characters from the passion narratives Judas, Simon of Cyrene, The Soldier, The Dying Thief, The Centurion, and Mary the Mother of Jesus.

The Festival Choir will sing “Mary, Don’t You Weep “(with “Were You There”) and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” You will become a witness of Jesus’ death on the cross through the words, the story, and music.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise service at 7: 00 am, Breakfast at 8: 00 am, and Service at 9: 30 am

From Your Council President

Emmanuel Members

It is a gorgeous day heading into Holy Week. We go into one of the darkest times in the bible. Only to emerge three days later as one of the brightest days. It is good to be reminded each year, of the sacrifice Jesus made for US!! It reminds us as Christians we make sacrifices everyday too. Just not the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made. I am mostly referring to time. There is never enough time in a day, week, month or year. I wonder though, if we all work together inside of our church family. Could we all have more time?

We have recently formed a Technology committee. It consists of seven people including myself. What our goal is, is to split up responsibilities to not overburden any one person. I believe the projects are much less intimidating when you know you have help. I am very excited to have this committee working together. Look for more opportunities to serve on committees in the near future.

Shane Clark
Council President



A new photo directory is schedule to take place in early September. Be watching for more information. Diane Warrington is the contact person for this project.



Emmanuel Milestone Ministry :
Celebrating & Keeping
Baptismal Promises ~
Children learn the faith @ HOME &
by watching parents/guardians
model the faith.

Upcoming Milestones

- X April 8 = 4year olds & Juniors
- X May 6 = Seniors

Our April & May Noisy Can
offering will benefit
Groton Transit
Thank you for your generosity.



Worship Deacon, Lori Westby writes ~

What a nice Lenten season we had with Pastor Young. So many new and refreshing ideas, we are very blessed.

As we rapidly approach summer, we must not forget our responsibilities at Emmanuel. Schedules are in the handbook for ushering, cleaning, serving groups, altar guild and Groton Care & Rehab. Please be aware of these schedules for you and your family members. If you won't be able to fulfill your scheduled time, please try to switch with someone else on the schedule.

Two places that are not scheduled but need available volunteerism is for Sunday reading of the lessons and helping serve communion on Sunday's. Please prayerfully consider helping with your scheduled and with Sunday worship services.

WE are Emmanuel.



Committees A — B — C will be rotating serving coffee & goodies during our fellowship hour after church. The committee chairs will be responsible for finding people to serve. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the League will be servings & bringing goodies. Thank you !

April = Group A	The women will be serving
May = Group B	during June, July & August.

This is in addition to serving for funerals etc.

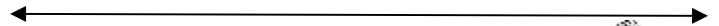
Coffee monies for April & May will benefit Groton Transit. Thank you!



Prayer is powerful! We need your help; so, if you know of someone who is in need of prayers, please let June Ackman know so the prayer chain can be implemented and then if you would like the name included in the weekly bulletin, please let Patty Tastad know. Thank you.



Emmanuel has a FACEBOOK page. Please "like" and "share" our page. We will try to keep you up to date on happenings at Emmanuel.



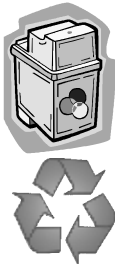
Emmanuel is scheduled to share the word with the residents of Groton Care & Rehab Center on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Pastor delivers the message; but groups are scheduled to serve during fellowship time. This schedule is as follows:

*April — Sunday School
 May — Monday Morning Bible study*

If your group can't be there, please let Lori Westby know; so other arrangements can be made. The residents and staff depend on us to provide this ministry.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Bring your empty ink cartridges to the church and place in the box designated for recycling of the cartridges. Just the small ones from Ink Jet Printers. Thank you.





Thursday, March 29th,
**Congratulations on your
 First Communion!**

Axel Warrington - Emma Kutter - Gretchen Dinger
 Nicolas Morris - Caden McInerney - Kayla Lehr

Jesus said to them, "I am, the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35



BAPTISMAL MILESTONE PICTURES



For those of you that have already submitted pictures——THANK YOU!

Sharing these pictures takes us all back to those precious days when we made those promises to our children!

Next Baptismal Milestones will be: Sunday, April 8th

FOR: 4-year-olds & Juniors (parents will be receiving a letter)

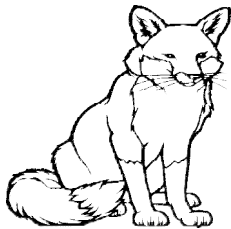
Please submit pictures to Laura Clark by Wednesday, April. 4th (sclark@nvc.net)





May 14—18 (3:30—6 pm)
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

All youth K—6 welcome
Bring a friend



We are looking for the following personnel:

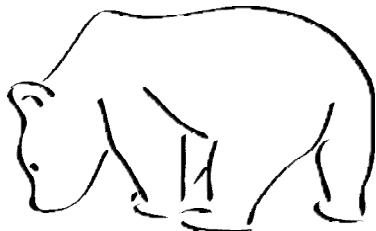
- ✓ 4 Teachers
- ✓ 2 Craft Helpers
- ✓ 2 Music Helpers
- ✓ 2 Bible Story Helpers

Please note that anyone over the age of 14 can help

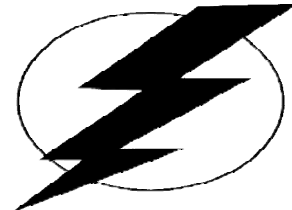
We are looking for the following supplies for VBS:

- ✓ Blue and White bed sheets
- ✓ Empty paper towel rolls
- ✓ Paper bags
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Craft sticks
- ✓ Ribbon
- ✓ Modge Podge
- ✓ Clean milk jugs
- ✓ 6"-10" wooden crosses
- ✓ 1/4" washers
- ✓ Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- ✓ Scraps of material (all sizes or patterns)
- ✓ Old wooden sled (will be returned)

Contact BJ or Liz Clocksene
397-3004
261-2997
380-5330



Sunday
School



News
Flash



IF YOU CAN READ, YOU CAN BE A SCRIPTURE READER.

Young, old, men, women are welcome to participate in delivering the scriptures during worship.

Please sign up on the clipboard on table in fellowship hall.

ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO HELP WITH COMMUNION.

Ushers ~ We could use a few more ushers to place on the ushering schedule. *If you are currently not ushering and would be willing to do so or if you are on the schedule and would be willing to usher more than once per year, please contact Ron Westby or Patty Tastad.*

Thank you for serving!

Worship Leaders in Bulletin

We will start listing worship leaders (acolytes, ushers, readers, pianist/organist, communion assistants) in the bulletins. This will just be another tool for you to keep up to date on when it is your turn to serve.

BUT...this will only work, if you keep us informed of any changes from the original schedule.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to Brandon Alberts for volunteering to put our worship service onto a Power Point presentation for the screens in our sanctuary. Also thank you to all the other people who set up and run the computer on Sunday mornings.

Direct Deposit ~

So much of our **STORY** is online. Keeping our financial giving on the front burner = **central to growth in faith.**



Check in with your bank about direct deposits, Or see any council officer. **ALSO, consistent and joy-filled giving means healthy & faithful giving...**

Newsletter & Bulletin

Items may be sent to Patty at pattyselca@nvc.net .

Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.
Bulletin deadline is Noon on Thursday's.

Please be good stewards and clean when scheduled. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS ~ APRIL

Kitchen & Bathrooms

04-01 / 04-07 Jon & Jerrie Vedvei
04-08 / 04-14 Mike & Lorrie Weber
04-15 / 04-21 Ron & Lori Westby
04-22 / 04-28 Rick & Angie Carlson

Sunday School Rooms

04-01 / 04-07 Shad & Darcy Albrecht
04-08 / 04-14 David & Linda Anderson
04-15 / 04-21 Justin Cleveland family
04-22 / 04-28 Traci Davies

Sanctuary

04-01 / 04-07 Jay & Jonna Waage
04-08 / 04-14 Tim & Faye Berndt
04-15 / 04-21 BJ Clocksene Family
04-22 / 04-28 Lon Craig family

Fellowship Hall & Entry

04-01 / 04-07 Neil Warrington family
04-08 / 04-14 Trent & Cheri Anderson
04-15 / 04-21 Shane Clark family
04-22 / 04-28 Greg, Jeannie, Becky Clocksene

Office, Library & Glass between Sanctuary


04-01 / 04-07 Melinda Eikamp
04-08 / 04-14 John Gustafson family
04-15 / 04-21 Michael Feist family
04-22 / 04-28 Iver & Darlene Finnesand

If you are not able to clean on the week you are scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find some one to trade with or cover your area.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING GOD!

Any questions may be directed to
Property / Grounds
Trustee, B J
CLOCKSENE
at (605) 380-5330.



 <p>Wishing You a Happy Birthday!</p>	<p>If your birthday is not listed or listed incorrectly, please let Patty Tastad know. It may be that we do not have your information on file.</p>
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4/2 Doug Doeden
4/6 Tara Hill
4/7 Emily Clark
4/7 Shelly Lerew
4/7 Steve Gibbs
4/7 Wendy Monson
4/8 Jaxon Schilling
4/9 Becca Monson
4/9 Lance Larsen
4/9 Melissa Connolly
4/9 Debora Tietz
4/14 Aloise Brolin
4/16 Clark Gibbs
4/16 Charles Raap
4/16 Tom Tietz
4/18 Jackson Dinger
4/20 Kennedy Anderson
4/21 Logan Osterman
4/21 Emma Kutter
4/21 Jean Tastad
4/22 Preston Brewer
4/25 Kayson Connolly
4/26 Tadyn Glover
4/28 Kyleigh Kroll
4/30 Henry Hunter
4/30 Logan Lane



A message from BJ ~

The red robin has made its arrival, spring is here at last. As you can all see the parking lot is in its "muddy form" at its best. Please remember to wipe your shoes on the rugs in the entry ways as much as possible. This will help keep the church and sanctuary looking its best.

As many of you have seen we are seeking a cleaning person for the kitchen, fellowship hall, sanctuary and bathrooms on a weekly basis. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

With this month coming closer to the summer we will be having our annual spring cleaning of the church yard. I will be dethatching the yard this year so any help in the removal of the old grass and tree branches would be greatly appreciated (Great way to get your community service hours in!).

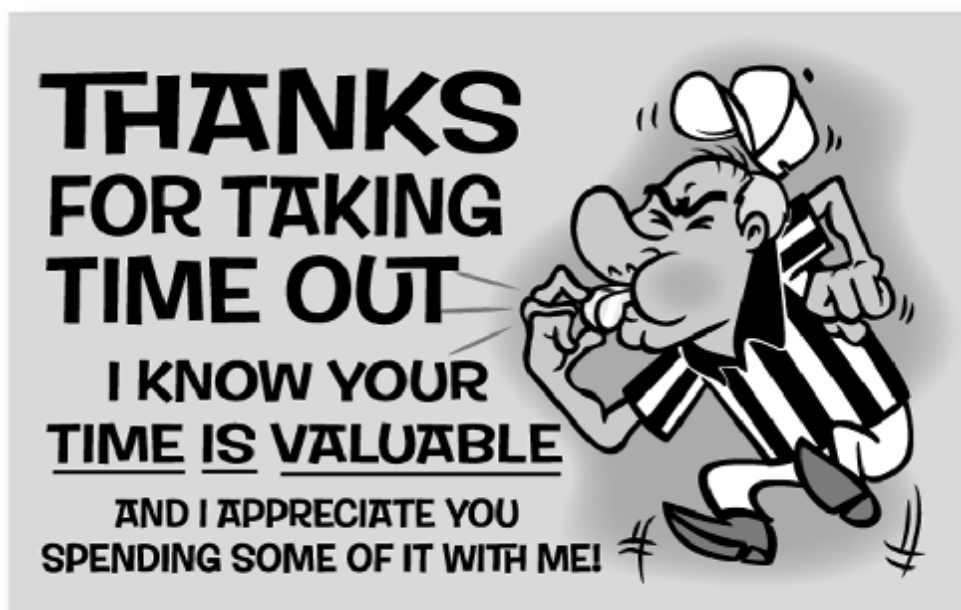
I am still waiting for the weather to decide when I will get this done but I am hoping for early May. I will be creating a "Spring Clean-

ing" volunteer signup sheet in the next few weeks.

As I stated in last months newsletter you still must find someone to clean your area of the church if you can't do it that week. If you can't find someone don't just think to yourself "The person before me just did it or the next person will get it". I understand things happen in your life just like things happen in mine too but just remember that you will want the church looking its best when you need it.

As my instructor at Mitchell Tech said to me once when I said I didn't have time to do something, he told me that I had to "MAKE TIME TO DO IT" and I will never forget that.

If for any reason you can't find some one to clean your area just let me know and I will come over and clean it for you I am usually at the church at least two to three times a week checking on things.



Church Council – MARCH 2018

UNAPPROVED

EMMANUEL COUNCIL - MARCH 14, 2018

Present ~ Shane, Pam, Kellie, Becky, Barb, Lori, Laura, Diane, Raechel, BJ, Pastor Young, Patty

Absent ~ Trent, Lori

Call to Order: Shane

Prayer & Scripture - lead by Pastor Young

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Pam, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There are some updates/changes in the treasures report, moving from one account to another to correct. Pam made a motion to approve with corrections, Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed

Financial Secretary's Report: Adding noisy can income/expense to correct account. Barb made a motion to approve with correction, Raechel seconded. Motion passed.

Budget Trustee's Report: Pam made a motion to approve pending corrections, BJ seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

New Copier & Disposal of Old – Raechel is going to look for a non-profit to donate the old copier to. We are waiting for the electrician to add outlets for the new copier to be installed.

Pastor Installation – Date change to March 25 – Sunday School kids will be singing. Brunch will follow the service. Kitchen group B will serve.

Church Cleaning – we will put an announcement in the bulletin and newsletter looking for a member who would be willing to clean the church weekly as a paid position. The current process is not working in keeping our church clean and presentable.

New Church Directory – Diane did research into Life Touch and into a local photographer to complete the new church directory. Pam made a motion to go with Life Touch, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.

Vision Team – We are looking to put together a team that can help us see big picture, vision and new direction for our church. Long term direction – have the team set a goal/purpose on “why we are here” and how to bring our church in that direction. Diane volunteered to be the council representative on the vision team.

A/V Ministry Team – aka the “technology committee”. Thank you to Jason Hill, Jay Waage, Weston Dinger, Brandon Alberts, Amy Warrington, & Shane Clark for volunteering on this committee. Jason Hill volunteered to be the chairperson. Weston is currently looking into subscribing to the updated Office program. We will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers to run the screen on Sundays.

Northern Plains Conference (March 18 @ 4pm in Pierre) – Pastor Young and Shane Clark are both attending the conference.

Summer Mission Trip – moved to next month's agenda

Sunrise Service – Barb made the motion to give the offering from the Sunrise Service to the Luther League. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Credit Card for Pastor (*Church currently has a card with Patty as authorized user; but, would like to add Pastor as authorized user. Patty & Pastor need to go together to Wells Fargo to get this done. Credit card line is \$2500. Need to determine a split amount for each card.*) Lori made the motion for us to get Pastor Young a separate credit card for church expenses with a limit similar to the current church credit card. Becky seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Noisy Can Designation – Current one expires 3-31-18 (see handout of what has been done in past)
We discussed giving June-August to Table Talks. Women would like Sept-Oct for their LWR mailing of kits.

Laura made a motion to approve Groton Transit (for ride passes) for April/May and June/July/August for Table Talks and Sept/Oct goes to LWR. Raechel seconded the motion, motion passed.

Appreciation get-together for Pastor Mike & Pastor Marcia - Suggestion to have last year's council and current council members take both Pastor Mike and Pastor Marcia out for supper as an appreciation gift. Lori will find a date for supper and communicate with Patty.

Security Camera's – there is concern on the lack of outlets to support a camera system. There was also extensive discussion around security and safety within our church walls and the safety of our congregation, minister and children. More information will be gathered and presented to council.

Library Locking – Pam made a motion to install a code lock on the office/library door. Lori seconded, motion passed.

Worship Ministry Team – Idea to divide some of the congregation into 3 teams – for readers & ministry teams. Each team takes a month and schedules the readers from their team. Move to talk more about next month

Hospitality Team – This is for members of our congregation to help connect with current members, random members, and guests. Helping making them feel welcome and encouraged to come to services and be active with our church. Move to talk more about next month.

League – Attendance of Luther League age members has been a challenge. Looking for suggestions to help all our members to be active in our church.

Table Talks – we would like to invite a representative from Groton Table Talks to our church service to help educate our congregation in the service opportunities here in our community with this youth outreach program.

Just an FYI - Change is Fellowship serving for summer months (June, July & August). Women (WELCA & Circles) have served in the past during summer months. They would like to continue. This will work great as it will remove each A-B-C group one time. Patty will notify the committee chairs and also women.

AND any other business that may come before the council.

Pastor's Report: mileage for Feb was 164.6 miles. Lori made a motion to approve mileage, BJ seconded. Mileage was approved.

Education Deacon's Report: Carla / Laura – 1st communion classes will be 3/18 & 3/25. Vacation Bible School will be led by the Clocksene's in May and they are looking for help!

Worship Deacon's Report: Lori – There is a challenge to council for each of us to ask someone to one of our Wednesday Lenten Service and Soup Supper.

Evangelism Deacon's Report: Diane – Sent out cards and made connections for the church directory

Stewardship Trustee's Report: Trent – no report

Property Trustee's Report: BJ - spring cleaning schedule coming up. Great volunteer opportunity for Confirmation students and League members!

Devotions: Lori Westby – “Whisper of Angels Wings”

Adjournment – Laura made a motion to adjourn, Becky seconded, motion passed.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Kellie Townsend
Council Secretary



The Women's Spring Gathering is April 7, at Our Saviors in Redfield. If interested in attending, please contact Melinda Eikamp.

WELCA will host a blood drive April 16, 11:30-6:00 at the Legion building. Please consider donating as so many people can be helped with blood and plasma. If you do not receive a call, contact June Ackman or Carol Osterman. This is a very important way to help our brothers and sisters in need.

The Women will be serving coffee & goodies for fellowship during the months of June, July & August. Nigeria Circle will serve in June; Sarah Circle in July and we will split up August.

Melinda Eikamp
WELCA President

BUS TOUR TO MINNEAPOLIS

Thursday and Friday, July 26-27, 2018

Cost: \$175.

\$50 deposit due at registration.

Balance due June 1 (\$125).

Includes 2 tours, 1 night lodging with breakfast, bus & dinner theater.

Thursday

Leave Sioux Falls, SD

Visit Lutheran World Relief Headquarters

Attend Disney musical "Newsies " at Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Friday

Tour Global Health Ministries

To register, contact Jan Anderson
409 Kringen Ave., Baltic, SD 57003
605-529-5387 or 605-496-2458

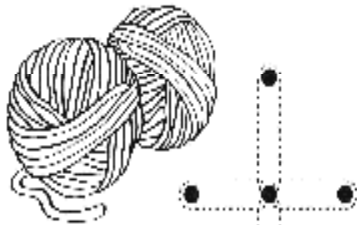


IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Church	397-2354
Shane Clark (President)	216-5170
Pam Heiser (Vice Pres.)	216-4812
Kellie Townsend (Secretary)	380-5402
Barb Hoops (Treasurer)	395-7966
Becky Kotzer (Financial Sec.)	216-8894
Lori Westby (Worship)	397-7648
Carla Tracy (Co-Education)	770-0208
Laura Clark (Co-Education)	397-7050
Diane Warrington (Evangelism)	213-2350
Trent Anderson (Stewardship)	397-7372
Raechel Otter (Budget)	380-8419
B J Clocksene (Property / Grounds)	380-5330
Ron Westby (Head Usher)	397-2648
Patty Tastad (Administrative Asst)	397-2388
Melinda Eikamp (WELCA Pres.)	397-2392

CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

$2+2 = \underline{\quad}$ united $2 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$ death $7+6 = \underline{\quad}$ resurrection

$3 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$ certainly $18-16 = \underline{\quad}$ have $4-1 = \underline{\quad}$ been

$0+1 = \underline{\quad}$ if $2 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$ we $13-1 = \underline{\quad}$ him

$2+3 = \underline{\quad}$ in $20-6 = \underline{\quad}$ like $2+5 = \underline{\quad}$ his

$2 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$ be $8+3 = \underline{\quad}$ with

"For 1 we 2 3 4

with him 5 a 6 like 7,

8 will 9 also 10 united

11 12 in a 13

14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV



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