

~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



<u>CENTRAL THINGS</u> <u>THE BOOK OF ACTS &</u> HOUSE CALLS

This month, and throughout the summer, you will see that our daily readings chart follows the Book of Acts. This month we are reading chapters one through eight. This book, written by Dr. Luke [*he was a physician by trade*] for Theophilus [*meaning God lover*], a high Roman official, as a continuation of Luke's Gospel. He writes this book "so that [Theophilus] may know the certainty of the things [he had] been taught (Lk 1: 3-4) concerning the eyewitness accounts of Jesus. Luke writes in order to create expectations on behalf of the reader. The preface to Acts (1:1) sets the tone for the next 28 chapters and, more important, creates expectations about how the story will communicate about the nature of the truth it puts forth.

These opening verses Acts (1:1-11) point back to Luke's "first book," of the Gospel. In verses 1--2, Luke recounts all the stories of Jesus' life and ascension. But also, these opening verses are a literary hinge. Luke here helps his readers turn a corner from an exclusive focus on Jesus' teachings and actions to the work Jesus empowers his chosen followers to do. Jesus may now reside in heaven, but his apostles are now carrying on the work of proclaiming the kingdom of God.

Jesus has chosen these apostles, but their work cannot begin in earnest yet. Jesus made an additional promise (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8) that has not yet been fulfilled as Acts begins. Acts 1:12 finds the apostles waiting in Jerusalem for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. As we will discover as we journey through the pages of Acts, the Holy Spirit is the driving force behind the proclamation and deeds of the apostles. So, this book has often been referred to as "*The Acts of the Holy Spirit*,"

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The Acts of the Apostles portrays Jesus' followers from their days with the risen Jesus in Jerusalem to Paul's mission in Rome. Initial chapters focus on the life of the early community of believers in Jerusalem and the work of the Holy Spirit among them. Called, inspired, and even driven by the Holy Spirit, the apostles spread the gospel throughout northern Mediterranean lands. The story of Paul's call (in chapter 9, *next month*) to spread the news of Jesus is the central emphasis of the second half of Acts. The final verse of Acts summarizes the book's themes: *welcome of all, bold proclamation and teaching about the kingdom of God, and God's plan as <u>unstoppable</u>.*

Acts is invaluable as a witness to the development of communities of followers of "the Way" of God disclosed in Jesus. Driving the message of Acts is the conviction that God's Holy Spirit, now inextricably bound to the risen Jesus, empowers and legitimates the activities of believers at many critical points. The opening up of salvation (being in covenant relationship with the God of the Jews) to all people is at the heart of this book. Around this central theological idea Acts also emphasizes that Christians are called to hospitality, friendship, and boldness in speech and in interpretation of Scripture.

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<u>CENTRALTHINGS</u> (continued)

As you read through The Acts of the Holy Spirit, I invite you to share with me what you are see-

ing and discovering and noticing about the life of the early church. Answer the question for yourself: "Are we, or can we be, like the 1st Century church in Acts?" The reading of Acts for the summer is not time consuming. Each reading is, on the average, about 13 verses in length. Some shorter, some longer (only for continuity of the story). It is an easy read. I encourage you to partake in this journey, and when I come to visit, you can share and ask whatever questions you have.

"Oh no, he didn't?!" "Oh yes, he did!!" Yes, I said visit. Throughout the summer I am going to schedule visit with each family on the directory list.



I am referring to this as "**House Calls**." Doctors used to make house calls years ago, and some are returning to the practice. Pastors makes house calls to day usually when someone can't come to church. My philosophy is

why wait until someone is in need of help before one visits. So, this summer, I will be making house calls. Let me clarify: *THESE ARE SOCIAL CALLS, NOT FOR SEEKING ANYTHING EXCEPT YOUR CONCERNS, NEEDS, QUESTIONS, AND FEL-LOWSHIP. AND THEN TO PRAY FOR YOU.* The whole purpose is to connect outside of the church building and worship. I want to meet with you and your family on a more personal level, on your turf, open to anything you have to say. Ab – so – lute - ly *anything!*

These are not cold calls, they are house calls, so that means they are prearranged. I'll call you to set up a time. Please be open to this opportunity to

have some one-on-one. I will be calling in no particular order. And of course, anything you share remains in *STRICTEST* confidence. Total anonymity unless you give permission to share. I will be collecting *anonymous general information* to evaluate our ministry here at Trinity. These visits will show up in my Pastoral Acts for the month as "*House* Call." You will hear from me in the near future. Or, if you can't wait, call me (*at the number on the Messenger*) and we'll set up a time. I look forward to seeing you and hearing your take on The Acts of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed Pentecost Season.

Vícar Kent

PASTORAL ACTS-MAY

Visits, Home	8
Visits, NH, AL	8 5
Visits, Hospital	4
Home Communion	5
Baptisms	1
Baptisms Weddings	0
Funeral	0
Blessings Counseling Pre-Marriage	1
Counseling	0
Pre-Marriage	1
Pre-Baptism	0
House Calls beginning	

In the end of May 0

MEETINGS FOR MAY

Council	1
Congregational	0
Congregational Boards/Committees	0
Community Events	1
Synod Meetings	2
Synod Events	0
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TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2015

Present: Laurie Wille, Teresa Zaharia, Vern Quade, Clayton Duncanson, Barb Mager, David Sorenson, Marlene Breitbarth and Vicar Kent Krumwiede.

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Wille.

Vicar Kent led us in devotions.

The April secretaries report was approved as read.

Clayton presented the monthly Treasure's report. Checking balance is \$5741 and Savings balance is \$52812. It was noted that the general fund receipts were \$6996 and the expenses were \$7713 leaving us with a negative amount of \$717. There will be a reminder put in the bulletin and also announced in church that we need to re-

member to keep up with our pledges.

Lay Ministry:



Dave Sorenson gave Yvonne's report that the Polka Service has been set for Saturday October 5th and that on Sunday October 6th we will be celebrating Trinity's 50 years a church. Pastor Rich will be coming back for the day and there are more activities in the planning for the day.

<u>Church Properties</u>: Laurie reported for Brad that Watson's had turned off the boilers, and the compressor is still making noise and they are looking into options to repair or replace it at

the least cost.

<u>Christian Ed</u>: Teresa reported for Nikki that May 17th will be the last day of Sunday School and a Treasure hunt, cupcakes, and the Humane Society will be bringing some animals for the kids to enjoy.

Youth: They have not made any plans yet for the zip line trip to Jordan as the weather has not been cooperation.

On Sunday October 6th we will be celebrating Trinity's 50 years in our church building.

<u>Worship</u>: Barb reported that they have begun working on plans for the summer services one of the services they are working on is a Blue Grass service at the park on the Sunday of Truman Days, July 26th.

<u>Vicar Kent</u> is working on some changes in the Confirmation program to work on more memorization of the catechism and the use of mentors for the confirmation class. He is also going to move confirmation back to Wednesdays after school so it will free up his time to spend with the whole Sunday school each Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS: Laurie is still looking for a representative to attend the SW Synod meeting on June 12^{th} – 14^{th} in St. Peter. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Laurie or Vicar Kent soon. It was also mentioned that any member that may have a child that has joined another church, they need to be sure they notify the office to get a release form filled out and the council then votes on it to make it legal.





Trinity received a Thank You from Crest for the donation we gave them from the Lent offerings. The contract for the Waffle Breakfast on Truman days has been signed and sent back. It will be held Saturday, July 25^{th} from 7:00 – 10:30am. It was decided to let Laurie, Tom & Yvonne set the price for the breakfast.

Request for a release of membership of Dawn Willie was passed. A motion passed to accept the membership of Ryan Taylor into Trinity Church.

The Sylvan Behrens family if donation money to Trinity to plant 2 trees in his memory. They will have Brad organize this. Laurie is going to check into Gifts & Memorials funds to see about securing a bulletin board that the Sunday school can use to display their projects for the whole church to view.

Submitted by Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLAR

Through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations.

Choice Dollars designated to Trinity this quarter is: \$95.00

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In January and February many quilts were made by the ladies. They will be delivered to a drop-off location in Brooklyn Park for Project Linus. The quilts will then be given to homeless teens, people in homeless shelters, children in the hospital, kids in need at school and camps, and people in need. They are always greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many Trinity members who helped make the quilts, donated fabric and other quilting supplies and helped tie the quilts together. The quilts will be displayed in church for the last Sunday in May. This year two special quilts were made and will be given to Trinity seniors, Kia Carlson and Ciera Drevlow in honor of their high school graduation.



The next big project Salad you coming up will be the annual Salad Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, June 24 from

11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex of the church for you to sign up for furnishing salads, money, or other needed food supplies. Every family is asked to donate. The salad luncheon and the cookie walk are the only two times families are asked to donate to WELCA projects. It was decided at the last WELCA meeting that the

proceeds would go toward the furnace replacement fund.

The salad luncheon is also a very good community project as we get guests from out-of-town many and from other churches.

\$150.00 will be donated to the

Coffee Hours will begin on June 14. They will be held *immediately following the* church services.

WELCA SW Synodical Convention in Morris instead of providing quilting kits. \$150.00 will also be donated to the "God's Work, Our Hands" food packet making project which will be done the Friday before the annual Synodical Convention at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in June.

Thank you to the many families who prepared and donated meals to the Carlson family during the year. May 27th was the last "official day" to take a meal to the Carlson, but they would still appreciate getting meals to help them out

The goal was to help Kia get through her senior year of school. Meals or treats can be delivered any time. The family really appreciates this kindness.

Please remember your Prayer Part-



ner. The kids are on summer break so pray for their safety and good health.

Coffee Hours will begin on June 14. They will be held immediately following the church services. The coffee hours provide a good time for fellowship. Please try to stay and visit with your church family members.

A quilted wall hanging titled "I Love School" has been made by several WELCA members including, Marlene Breitbarth, Barb Mager, Arlene Peterson. Geri Peterson, and Barb Shoen. WELCA paid for the quilting supplies, and It will be donated to Green Lake Bible Camp for their annual quilt auction. The proceeds will go toward equipping the camp and providing camp leadership. The auction is on Saturday, July 25th. Anyone is welcome to go to the auction. Many beautiful quilts will be donated by congregations from all over the state.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 3: Mending at Truman Senior Living.

JUNE 19: WELCA Synod convention in Morris

JUNE 24: The Salad Luncheon



UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$35,719.92 Hy Vee-\$69,910.23

(We have received our first \$1000).

WE WORSHIPTOGETHER								
	You are invited to join the Story with June's Daily Acts Readings							
	For the months of June-August, we will be reading through the Book of Acts.							
	Q: Are we or can we be like the 1 st Century church?,							
June	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1-6	Х	Acts 1:1- 14	Acts 1:15- 26	Acts 2:1- 13	Acts 2:14- 21	Acts 2:22- 41	Acts 2:42- 47	
7-13	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Acts 3:1-16	Acts 3:17-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-22	Acts 4:23-31	Acts 4:32-37	
14-20	Ezek 17:22-24 Ps 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Cor 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34	Acts 5:1-11	Acts 5:12-20	Acts 5 :21-26	Acts 5:27-42	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 6:8-15	
21-27	Job 38:1-11 Ps 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Acts 7:1-16	Acts 7:17-29	Acts 7:30-38	Acts 7:39-53	Acts 7:54-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	
28-30	Lam 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Cor 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Acts 8:9-25	Acts 8:26-40	Х	Х	Х	Х	

JUNE LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

COMMUNION SERVERS:

6/14-Margaret Durkee

6/7-Jerry Teig

LAY READERS:

6/21-Jan Ringeisen

6/28-Lisa Krumwiede

6/7-Barb Shoen

6/14-Jerry Teig

<u>COMMUNION SCHEDULE</u>: June 7 & 14



1-6-Dave Baarson 7-13-Gary & Dustin 14-20-Wayne M. 21-27-Tom D & Dave K 28-30-Dallas & Tom K.

<u>JUNE_USHERS</u>: *Dean Gulbranson Doug Mammenga, Tanner Mammenga and Jerome Wille

OBJECT LESSON: June 21-Laurie Wille

June Hymns

June 7-Holy, Holy, Holy (Lord god Almighty) Children of the Heavenly Father On Our Way Rejoicing

Hymns

June 14-Thine is the Glory We All Are One in Mission Sent Forth by God's Blessing

June 21-Praise to the Lord (the Almighty) For the Beauty of the Earth How Great Thou Art

June 28 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less All Hail the Poser of Jesus' Name Jesus Loves Me

THIS MONTH						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Schedule TRINITY Worship 9:00 AM Sun school 10:00 AM	1 1:30 pm Martha Circle (dine out)	2 Mending at the Truman Senior Living ctr.	3	4 9 am Open Bible study/ Lois Circle	5 Truman HS	6
7 <u>Communion</u>	8 BLOOD DRIVE 1-7 :00 pm	9	10 Church Council Mtg. at 7:00 pm	11	12 Synod∢	13 ▶Assembly
14 <u>Communion</u> FLAG DAY SUMMER BEGINS!!	15	16	17	18	19 WELCA JULY/AUG Messenger Deadline	20 SYNOD Convention
21 Father's Day, the S/S kids and their Fathers or a some- one kids would like to spend time with, are invited to have donuts after church	22	23	24 Trinity's Salad Luncheon 11-12:30 pm Salad Luncheon	25	26	27 WITH HIM GREAT POWER REDEEM.
28	29 9 am Messenger Assembly	30	<u>SUMMER</u> OFFICE HOURS Mon-7:00-11:00 Wed-7:00-11:00 Fri-7:00-11:00	Mon.—Thurs.	<u>S M T 5</u> 5 6 7 12 13 14 1	2015 W T F S 1 2 3 4 8 9 10 11 15 16 17 18 22 23 24 25 29 30 31



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Jeff Maloney family on the death of Jeff's father, Daryle Maloney who passed away on May 7, 2015.

A Heartfelt Sympathy to Darrell & Janice Buhmann on the death of their daughter, Roxane Engel who passed away on May 8, 2015.

Sympathy to the families Doug & Vicky Schwanz on the Death of Doug's mother, Carol Schwanz who passed away on May 8, 2015. Doyle & Arlene Peterson and Geri Peterson were Carol's sister/sisters in law.

Thank you to our friends at Trinity for the cards, memorials and calls since the death of Doyle's sister, Carol Schwanz.

Doyle & Arlene Peterson

HOLY BAPTISA

Congratulations to Heidi Wenzel and Dimtri Clark on the baptism of their son, <u>Zage Jordan Clark</u> at Trinity on May 24, 2015.

He was born in Fairmont on August 23, 2014.

Zage's sponsors are Robin Wenzel, Dacia Clark, Dalton Subber, McKenzie Ricard and Nicole Fedder.



An Open House Graduation Reception for Ciera Drevlow will be held immediately following Commencement on June 5th at her home: 406 E 1st St. N. Truman, MN

Graduation Open House in honor of MiKayla Carlson will be held on June 6th from 11-2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman.



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang, Darrell & Janice Buhmann... Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and gifts that I received during my recent surgeries. It meant a lot to me and helped me get thru everything—*Janice Buhmann*



We cannot thank you enough for all your prayers, cards, acts of kindness, support, words of comfort and hugs we have received during our daughter Roxane's battle with cancer and her death. Roxane knew how wonderful our friends at Trinity and in Truman were. Thank you for giving us the strength to accept her death. God Bless all of You.—Darrell & Janice Buhmann

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAPPY BAthers In June 21st	1 Dean Gulbranson (83 years)	2 Alex Ebert	3 Raquel Harder	4 Dylan Davis	5 Audrianna Lewison Lois Lloyd	6 Robin Lewison Holly Morris Jacob Zupfer Derek Zupfer
7	8 We walk by faith, not by sight. Foundations	9 Miah Krebs	10	11 Alex Jones Jordan Maloney	12 Deb Oren	13
14 Gerald Miller Brittany Lang	15 Melissa Wokasch	16	17 Johanna Kel- ley Arlene Peterson Dawn Wille	18 Clayton Duncanson	19 Kent Hyndman Sadie Mosloski Becky Wegner	20 Helmuth & Doris Fedder (56 years)
21 Linda Meyer Kevin Wille Don & Geri Halbert (40 years)	22 Mason White	23 Ove Oren	24 Eloise Miller Courtney Zaharia	25 Colton Mammenga Mason Maloney	26	27 Eric Lewison Katie Ringeisen
28	29	30 Teresa Zupfer Sarah Mohwinkel			"If we're all God's ch the cards he get	A contract of all contract of all cont

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SALAD BUFFET Wednesday, June 24th 11:00 - 12:30

Adults -- \$7.00 10 and under -- \$3.50

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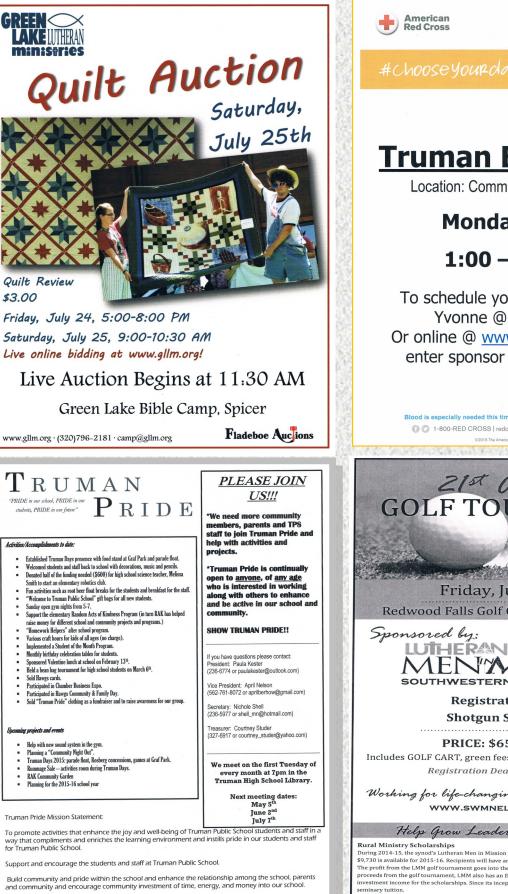
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25+ Salads ** Assorted Crackers Fresh Fruit ** Veggie Tray ** Deviled Eggs ** Sandwiches Dessert Bars ** Beverage Carry-outs welcome -- Sorry, No deliveries

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Happenings...

\$3.00



Truman Blood Drive Location: Community Center - Truman Monday, June 8 1:00 - 7:00 PM To schedule your appointment call Yvonne @ 507-776-8555 Or online @ www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code: TRUMANMN Blood is especially needed this time of year. Please schedule your donation today () O 1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App 21st annual **GOLF TOURNAMEN** Best Ball Tournament Friday, July 24, 2015 Redwood Falls Golf Club, Redwood Falls, MN Southwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America LUTHERAN 1EN"*MISSION* SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD **Registration: 2:30 pm** Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm

PRICE: \$65.00 per golfer

Includes GOLF CART, green fees, meal, prizes and a donation to LMM Registration Deadline: Monday, July 20

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Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry

Kural Ministry Scholarships During 2014-15, the synod's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provided \$8,500 for seminary tuition scholarships; \$9,730 is available for 2015-16. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings. The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM Rural Ministry Fund to help grow leaders. Besides the proceeds from the golf tournament, LMM also has an ELCA Fund for Leaders Endowment Fund which generates investment income for the scholarships. Since its inception, this endowment has awarded scholarships of \$77,825 for command: tuiting. Donations to the Rural Ministry Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournamen

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Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

What you need to make a card:

- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- · Crayons or markers

What you do:

- Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write "Thanks for being my teacher!"
- On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

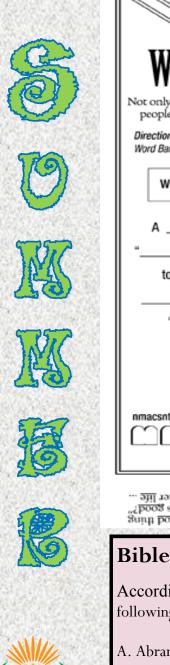
Celebration options:

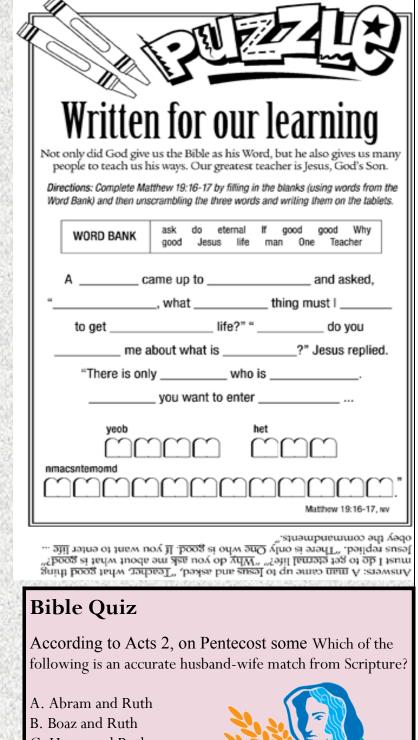
- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.

Christian Symbol+

Thistle

The thistle, a thorny bush, symbolizes the Fall and humanity's bondage to sin. In Genesis 3, God tells Adam that one





- C. Hosea and Ruth
- D. Ananias and Ruth



Answer: B (See Ruth 4:13.)

consequence of his sin will be the hard work of bringing forth crops: "[The land] will produce thorns and thistles for you" (v. 18, NIV). Because thistles crowd out everything growing nearby, they've also been equated with the weeds or thorns in some of Jesus' teachings (e.g., Matthew 7:15-20; 13:24-30, and Mark 4:2-9). Finally, Christ's crown of thorns may have been made of thistle branches.

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for any changes.

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