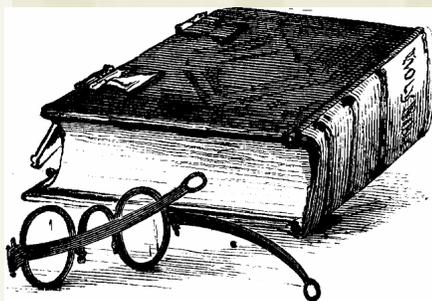


Some Words from Living Word

L I V I N G W O R D L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

P A S T O R A L P O N D E R I N G



Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for Living Word Lutheran Church. As we all know – from our experiences at work, in our marriages, relating to our children, getting along

with our friends, and even within the church – good communication is vitally important. We hope this newsletter will help us with that. But it can only work if you help us with it.

Lori Eriksson has graciously agreed to serve as our editor... but that means she needs news and articles to compile and edit. If you have any information, events, or questions that you think could or should be included and addressed in the newsletter – please see that they get to Lori or to me.

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And... you don't need to wait for the newsletter deadline to turn things in.

At this point we don't have a regular schedule for publication of the newsletter. Much of that might be determined by how much information we have to include. And much of that will be determined by you. Nothing is too big or too small.

Maybe you have information and comments about things that happen at Living Word. For example; please feel free to express in writing what a great experience you had celebrating Christmas in July. Many people spoke with me and told me how meaningful the service was to them, reflecting that they may have really enjoyed it because they weren't caught up in all the hustle and bustle that usually

comes with the Christmas season; and through the newsletter you could share these thoughts with other members.

Maybe you have a column you want to write, or an interesting human interest story. Or, maybe you have information about a member of our congregation – something you want to make sure Sadie is aware of so that she can include it in her article. Maybe it's a calendar event, an internet story, or a cute saying that could be used as inspiration and filler.

The point is... it's up to you to help us make this new form of communication a success. So please be a reader and a sharer, and we will all be richer for it.

Pastor Mark

P R A Y E R C H A I N B Y B E T T Y F I L E

As you may know, our Prayer Chain is functioning. So, if you have a prayer request please call Pastor Mark, but if you cannot reach him, call Betty File.

Because of the Privacy Act, we

need to obtain permission from the person in need of prayer and the information they want given before they are placed on the Prayer Chain. The person will be on the Prayer Chain for one

month at which time the name will be removed. The request may be made again, but it must be requested again with permission of the individual and the information they want given. (cont. on p. 5)

LUTHERAN CORE 2010 CONVOCAATION AND FORMATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Taken from the brochure for the convocation.)

A New Beginning for Lutherans in North America

You are invited to join Lutherans from throughout North America August 26-27 in shaping a common future for Confessional Lutherans in North America—a future that is Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, and Congregationally-Focused.

Lutheran CORE's 2010 Convocation will consider proposals for the creation of the North American Lutheran Church and for the ongoing ministry of Lutheran CORE as a Community of Confessing Lutherans regardless of their church body affiliation. The Convocation will take place in a church building that seats 3,000 people to enable as many Lutherans as possible to be a part of this historic event.

Lutheran CORE's 2009 Convocation asked that a proposal for the "reconfiguration of North American Lutheranism" be prepared and brought to the 2010 Convocation. In response, "A Vision and Plan for The North American Lutheran Church and Lutheran CORE, a Community of Confessing Lutherans" was prepared. The proposal and documents for the Convocation will be posted online as they are available at www.lutherancore.org.

To vote at the Convocation, an individual must be a member of Lutheran CORE or one of its constituent organizations, and must accept the Constitution of Lutheran CORE. You may join Lutheran CORE by completing the online membership form or call the office to

have a form mailed to you.

The Convocation will be preceded by a significant theological conference August 24-26 under the theme, "Seeking New Directions for Lutheranism," featuring some of the most respected Lutheran scholars and theologians in America.

Weekly News from Lutheran Core

July 26

On July 11, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood, South Dakota, voted unanimously to join The North American Lutheran Church. The congregation also took the first of the constitutionally-mandated two votes to leave the ELCA. Congregations can now express the desire to be a part of the NALC when it is constituted at Lutheran CORE's Convocation August 26-27 in suburban Columbus, Ohio.



SCENES OF CHRISTMAS IN JULY



The Tree with Angels and Stars (and even a hidden Ravens ornament)



The Nativity—supplied by the McCabe family

Every day I have less - BY MITCH ALBOM

FREE PRESS COLUMNIST

Every day I have less - In my bank account.
 Every day I grow scared - As my losses mount.
 Every day there is less - To the house that I own
 And the equity in it - Like the wind, has blown.

Every day I see less - On my bottom line.
 Every day something worsens - That used to be fine.
 Every day in my family - There's worry and stress.
 Where we once dreamed of more - We now do with less.

Every day I hear stories - Of a company's worth
 Sinking to levels - From before my birth.
 And places I shopped - Are now closing their doors..
 Big firms I grew up with - Are big firms no more.

Every day I have less - Of a once strong sensation
 That the leaders we choose - Are good for our nation.
 Every day I think less - Of a boss I respected
 Who parachutes out - With his own butt protected.

Every day I see less - Of the country I knew
 Of the dreams we encouraged - Under red, white and blue.
 Instead I see signs - Of foreclosure and sale
 And people afraid - Of what comes in the mail.

I see layoffs and cutbacks - No help for the needy
 As billions are given - To the powered and greedy.
 And this news, it is endless - It burrows so deep.
 It shadows my waking - It's haunting my sleep.

Yet every day I have less - I cannot ignore it.
 Something grows clearer - That wasn't before it.

If I still have a job - I am luckier than some.
 If I still have my house - It is better than none.
 If I still have my wits - There are mouths I can feed.
 If I still have my family - What more do I need?

If I still have my health - I am mercifully blessed.
 If I think I have little - Someone has less.
 Every day I discover - More mercy in me.
 Every day I find out - Who my true friends will be.

Every day that I stumble - Or say, "I can't do it!"
 Is a day I discover - With God's grace, I get through it.
 So I learn a new lesson - If I keep a new score
 That every day I have less - May be a day I have more.

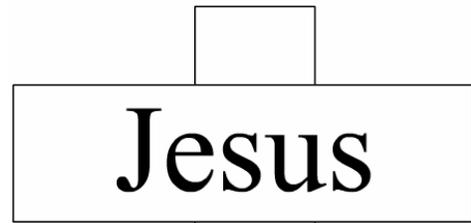
HALF PAGE FOR HALF PINTS

I'm a Special Person

Put a piece of tape on the end of your nose and make sure it is noticeable. When people ask about the piece of tape on your nose, reply that in Christ we are all special people. I am not special or different just because I have a piece of tape on my nose. I am a child of God. I'm different because God has cleaned me of my sins and He lives in me. God leads me in every part of my life. And I like it.

~ Written and distributed by Apple Sauce Kids

He must increase,



but
 I
 must
 decrease.

~ John 3:30

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

Our appreciation to Lori Eriksson who volunteered to edit our church newsletter! The members are requested to give her news articles such as meeting dates, rehearsals, reports, etc. that is of interest to our congregation. Also, if you have any news of interest that I wouldn't know about please see me after church or telephone my home (301-724-7416) any time...thank-you!

Billie Jean Weems was one of five students from the Center for Career and Technical Education who participated in the 2010 Maryland Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference held in Hunt Valley. The conference provided students with the opportunity to attend the leadership workshops and to participate in community service competitive events. Billie Jean's topic was 'spreadsheet applications'.

Seventy-eight Allegany County high school seniors were recently honored at the 27th Annual Achievement Awards banquet. The event recognizes the seniors in the public school system who are in the top 12% of their classes in academic excellence, who made special accomplishments in the arts and had demonstrated superior leadership qualities. Again, Billie Jean excelled and was one of the nineteen students from the tech school to be honored! Congratulations to you, Billie Jean, on both accomplishments.

Congratulations to the McCabe brothers who recently received their Purple Belt in karate. They are students at Kickmasters Karate Studio. They are Connor, Trevor, and Brendon!

The Mountain Ridge High School girls bowling team finished the Allegany County Interscholastic Bowling League actual scoring division championship during the regular season with a 15-1

record. Billie Jean Weems was a member of the team!!

Billie Jean was also one of the nine recipients from the Center for Career and Technical Education to receive the 2009/10 Principal's Award for Excellence at a certification ceremony held at Allegany College of Maryland. The criteria for the award includes two years of full-time enrollment at the Center, an occupational completer, 96% attendance, overall GPA of 3.6, technical skill area GPA of 4.0, no in-school or out-of-school suspensions, active membership in at least one school organization and faculty sanction for character. Gosh! This sure is a coveted award with that set of rules!! Congratulations, Billie Jean!!

Fort Hill High School released their final marking period results in mid-July. Jessica Squires, a 2010 graduate, made the Straight A Honor Roll. Her sister, Caitlin, made the 10th grade A/B Honor Roll. Caitlin will be a junior in September. Emily O'Donnell made the A/B Honor Roll for the 11th grade and will be a senior in the fall.

Six Fort Hill students had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. for a literary field trip prior to the end of school. One of the accompanying teachers was Dave Snyder!

Sunday, May 16th, our church congregation honored our three high school graduates. They were Billie Jean and Adam Weems graduating from the Career and Technical Education Center, son and daughter of Adrian and Susan. Jessica Squires graduated from Fort Hill High School, the daughter of Jim and Lori and is the granddaughter of Jim and Pat Squires. A reception followed

the worship hour honoring the first grads in our new church! A large sheet cake centered the refreshment table inscribed 'Congratulations Grads-Billie Jean, Jessica, Adam'. In the fall the trio will be attending college...Billie Jean continuing her education at Frostburg State University while Jessica and Adam will be attending Allegany College of Maryland to further their education. Our best regards are extended to our three graduates!



Emory Davis, Woodmen of the World member, oversees the building and grounds of our church home. Al Lantz contacted me about having our property committee do the ground work...mow, trim, shrubs, etc. Emory was very appreciative when I told him we had a property committee but we don't have any property! On Tuesday, April 20th, nine men showed up at 801 Virginia Avenue with mowers, trimmers and rakes at 6 o'clock. The laborers were Bob Chaney, Dick Keller, Al Lantz, Dave Larrick, Chris McCabe, Joe McIntosh, Adrian Weems and his sons, Adam and Wes. The committee has been repeating this service about every three weeks. Nice Job, guys!



Some of the men have also been doing small repair jobs in the WOW building. Emory is also grateful for their help.

In May the Mountain Ridge High School's Drama Club presented their spring musical 'Guys and Dolls'. Crista Cave-Gomer was the choreographer and Chris McCabe was the orchestra director for the musical.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, during the worship hour Pastor Mark held the reception of members service. 95 members were received that day, most of them having been former members of St. John's! When entering the hall on Pentecost Sunday the first thing to catch my eye were the beautiful altar paraments and banner. They were created by our talented organist/choir director Chris McCabe! Since then, he has also made appropriate paraments and banners for the liturgical seasons. Thank-you, Chris!



That same Sunday we were honored to have Pastor Mark's parents, Harry and Dorothy Dill attend our worship service. The Dill couple (residents of Parkville, Maryland) was celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary that day. Congratulations and best wishes to you Harry and Dorothy Dill! Following the worship hour a fellowship reception was held with a variety of delicious cookies, candy and drinks provided by several members of the congregation.

Sunday, May 30th, the first baby was baptized in our church! William Gilpin Hughes, 4 month old son of Ray and Kristi, was administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The sponsors were Jan

Dobbins, Kim Helmick (Kristi's sisters) and Connie Phillips. The first male heir for the Hughes couple has two sisters, Annabeth, age 4 and Carolyn, age 2 1/2. The proud grandparents are Bill and Louise Gilpin and Bill and Marguerite Hughes of Frostburg, Maryland. It was on this Sunday that Earl File's baptismal font and altar were used that he designed and constructed. Both oak creations are beautiful! Earl is a real asset to us and we really appreciate his God-given talent of carpentry for our new church.



Sincere sympathy is extended to Stan and Helen Goodrich on the death of her brother, Fred Killander, on May 25th at the age of 90. He passed away at the Allegany Health Nursing & Rehab and is survived by his wife, Virginia, 2 sons, 1 daughter, and 3 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date with interment at Restlawn Memorial Garden.

Our sympathy to the family of Louise "Weesie" Fiorita who died June 20th. Among her survivors are two sisters, Kay Chaney and Pat Counihan. Pastor Mark officiated at her funeral at Adams Funeral Home on June 28th with interment in St. George's Cemetery in Mount Savage, Maryland. ...And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17

Following the worship hour on Sunday, July 18th, a surprise bridal shower was held for Heather Dill. It was headed by Andi Liller and Pat Keller, assisted by several women of the congregation. A delicious buffet luncheon was served, that included a large sheet cake inscribed

"Best Wishes-Heather". A beautiful white wishing well contained her gift cards displayed with her boxed gifts. Guests in-



cluded Susie VanMeter, area agent for Thrivent, who spoke briefly during the worship hour, Heather's grandparents, Harry and Dorothy Dill and Roy and Joan Shiflet; her aunt and cousin, Carry and Scott Langley. Other guests were Tim and Sandy Faust, parents of the groom-to-be, Dan, along with college friends Katherine Stephanis and husband George. Katherine will be Heather's matron of honor. Heather and Dan will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 21st at an outdoor ceremony at Dan's Mountain State Park.

A new cabinet has been purchased to keep the hymnals, supplies and other material in, rather than on the corner table. Our thanks for the committees time and effort in shopping for a suitable cabinet.

Thought for the month: Life is like an EKG! Without the ups and downs, you're not living!

THE CHOIR CORNER

It is time to start thinking about rehearsals again. Watch for a start date and time to be coming after Labor Day!



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Taking a Living Christ to a Dying World

August Events

Every Sunday: 9:00 AM—Living Discipleship Study
(Except August 8)

10:00 AM—Worship (Fellowship following service 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Every Monday: 6:30 PM Bible Study on the book of Acts

Sunday August 8—Church Picnic at Constitution Park.

10:00 AM Worship with picnic to follow.

Sunday August 22—Karl Henning Eriksson to be baptized during Worship. (Fellowship to follow)

August 26-27—The Lutheran Core Convocation (Pastor Mark and Susan will be attending)

PRAYER CHAIN ... CONTINUED

If you are aware of the outcome of a prayer request, please contact Pastor so that the information may be passed on to the Prayer Chain; and, in the event we no longer need to pray for the individual and/or there is good news that the prayers have been answered, please let us know that as well.

Pastor Mark, 301-777-0000, is the contact person, but if you are unable to contact Pastor Mark, please call Betty File, 304-298-4528. If you are calling from Cumberland you will need to dial 1 before Betty's number.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN JULY...AND CHRIS MCCABE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

