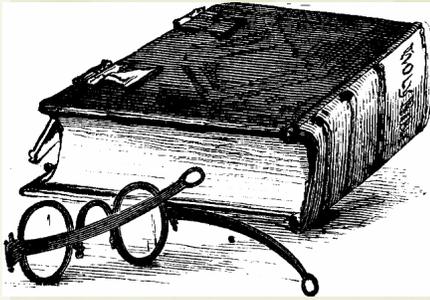


Some Words on Living Word

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



Since we are in the midst of the Easter Season I thought it would be appropriate to share with

you a short devotional I came across: WWJD – What Would JOHN Do? It is written from the perspective of Jesus’ beloved disciple.

I was out of breath when I got there, but I had a few moments to collect myself and think before Peter caught up with me... as you know, I’m only about half his age and can run much faster than he.

I stood there, not really knowing what I expected to find. When Mary told us that Jesus’ body was gone, I suppose we just got up and ran without thinking. But as I stood

there waiting for Peter and trying to decide what had happened, I couldn’t help but wonder why I, of all the apostles, was alone there in front of his tomb. So often over the past three years, I felt he was singling me out for something, preparing me for something I did not yet understand.

You see, Peter and I, along with my brother James, were the only ones present on Mount Tabor when Jesus was absolutely transformed and Moses and Elijah came and spoke with him. And we three were with him when he prayed so desperately in Gethsemane. I know now how much he needed our support that evening, and the memory of how we deserted him to catch a little sleep is unbearable. You can imagine how I feel when I remember that only an hour earlier I sat next to him at the table and was the first to

receive from his hand the bread and wine. First at supper that evening, first at the tomb this morning... I know him well enough to believe it must all tie in some way, but right now I don’t see how.

But one thing is becoming very clear – He meant what he said about rising from the dead, and that’s going to make a tremendous change in all our lives. None of us had ever thought there ever would be a time without him. That was what was so horrifying about Friday. Gazing up at him suspended there, I couldn’t make myself believe it was happening. Even when his body was draped limply over my shoulder, I still couldn’t think of him as dead.

Now, there’s no need to force myself to accept that. He’s alive! And even though I can’t see the future, I know that Jesus’ resurrection is going to

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*make all the difference in the way
I live my life from now on.*

So, 'What Would John Do?' He would witness to, preach about, heal in the name of, and write books concerning Jesus (the Gospel of John, three letters, and a book about the Revelation he was given). And he did it, beginning that very day when he knew Jesus was alive, and continuing until the very day he died of old age in exile on the is-

land of Patmos.

Now that you too know that Jesus is alive, ask yourself, 'What has Jesus been singling me out for?', 'What does his resurrection mean for the way I will live my life?' In other word, the real question each of us must ask in the light of Jesus' resurrection is, 'What Will You Do?' - WWYD

Pastor Mark

P R A Y E R L I S T

Please continue to keep the following people in your prayers this month...

Arlene and Harry Foreback
Judy and Bob Hutcheson
Kenny and Sadie Koser
Evelyn Pague
Clay and Eleanor Stotler
Stan and Helen Goodrich



MINISTRY -BENEFIT TO THE LEAGUE OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN

BY BECKY RANK

Blessings to my church family. We are so blessed to be able to be together, to worship our Lord, to help our community. I am happy to report back that the snack sales at the YMCA Sunday School Basketball League games were a success. Although we started in the middle of their season, we raised \$242.00 for the League of Crippled Children. I want to thank all of the members of the congregation who offered prayer and support for this mission project. There were members who approached me after service and gave money to the cause. There were members who bought Little Debbie Snack cakes and either brought them to church or made a special trip to my work to drop them off. Every snack, every penny of every contribution is so appreciated. I do want to make a special thank you to Ann Burkey who spent an afternoon

with me at the Y. To the McCabe family who, up until their series of unfortunate events with the boys, gave faithfully on a weekly basis. And to Sharon Turner who week after week made potato candy (which, by the way, is a league favorite) or her delicious fudge. The mission will continue and thank you to all.

As we move forward, volunteers are needed to help prepare for the yard sale and also to man tables the day (s) of the yard sale. The yard sale will be Sat June 4 and possibly Sun June 5th 9-5 .

Prior to the day of the sale I could really use some help cleaning, sorting and prepping for the sale. This can be done any evening or weekend or during the day on Wed or Thursdays before the sale. I will not be able to do anything May 14 to

21st as we will be out of town on vacation that week.

If anyone would be willing to put up a poster at their work to advertise the sale, please let me know. If you have any unwanted stuff at your house that you would like to donate to the sale, we would appreciate this too. Our overall goal for this year is \$3000.00 so counting the \$242.00 from the bake sales, we need to raise \$2,758.00 between the yards sale and our normal mail-outs. Thanks to all for your prayers and support for this cause.

SERIES PART 4.....Bible Study Helps *Get into the Word!*

How to Improve your Personal Bible Study

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Learning to Use a Study Bible

After you've decided what translation to use, I encourage you to purchase a study Bible, since it will contain a number of tools in one volume that can help you dig deeper. Nearly every Bible publisher offers a study Bible. Your local Christian bookstore can help you figure out which one is right for you. Here are some of the features that you'll come to appreciate:

- **Cross References.** In a column next to the text, a study Bible lists several other verses with a similar idea or theme. For example, for "Nicodemus" in John 3:1, my Bible refers me to John 7:50 and 19:39 where he appears again. For "Rabbi" in verse 2, the cross refer-

ences send me to Matthew 23:7 which has nine more references on this topic that I can explore. These cross references won't be comprehensive, but will point out the main passages that discuss this idea.

- **Bible Book Introductions.** It's important to know something about the author, date, themes, circumstances, and intended audience of the Bible book or letter you're studying. In most study Bibles you'll find one to three pages of introductory comments for each book with a brief outline.
- **Study Notes or Annotations.** Study Bibles have footnotes at the bottom of the page to help explain some of the more obscure ideas you'll run across – a kind of mini-commentary. Remember, these aren't part of the Bible itself, but can often point you in the right direction in your study. These notes are usually indexed for easy reference.
- **Concordance.** You've had a verse

on the tip of your tongue, but don't know exactly where it is. A concordance helps you find a Bible passage if you can think of a key word or two that the verse contains. A concordance can also help you find other verses that teach a concept or use a word found in the passage you're studying.

- **Topical Index.** In addition to a concordance, some study Bibles have a separate topical index that helps you find scripture references on a particular topic.
- **Maps.** Part of understanding what's happening in narrative passages of Scripture is learning the geography, the location of cities, battles, mountains, valleys, enemies, etc.

Other features you may find include articles on various topics, a brief Bible dictionary, outlines of topics and Bible books, index of place names, time lines, and so on.

Easter Word Search

	VSHC	
	ESER	
	IORU	
	LROC	
	MCDI	
	ANLF	
	ROAI	
Ascension	SEYAKYISXRETEP	
Body	BTDCSMTTHIEVES	
Cross	MTOIRACSIADUJ	
Crown	ARBNEGEUGNENIL	
Crucifix	LAINEDRPELPMET	
Denial	ARPT	
Empty tomb	LUEH	
Gethsemane	ESRS	
Herod	NECE	
Judas Iscariot	ERRM	
Lamb	ROOA	
Last Supper	YBWN	
Linen	CENE	Peter
Mary Magdalene	FEOS	Resurrection
	OMIA	Robe
	NPSL	Rock
	OTNV	Salvation
	MYEA	Simon of Cyrene
	ITCT	Sins
	SOSI	Stone
	NMAO	Temple
	I BRN	Thieves
	SDAY	Veil

For where your treasure is,



there will your heart be also.

~Luke 12:34

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

Chris McCabe is now a judge...NOT the kind that sits on a bench...but he was one of five judges to select Vickie Diaz as Allegany County Teacher of the Year for 2011-12. She is a special education teacher at Bel Air Elementary school. Chris was selected as a community theatrical director and musician. We could give our organist/choir director more talents than the two they listed. According to the newspaper write-up, Chris and the other four judges made an excellent choice!

Our excellent choir was one of the seven churches that participated in the fourth annual "Will Sing 4 Food" program which benefitted the Western Maryland Food Bank. The program was held at the LaVale United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 9th. The total amount donated was \$5,000 and 1,708 pounds of food. The points given to each participant were 2 points for money and 1 point for food. Living Word had a combined total of 1,185 points, coming in 4th place! Chris sincerely thanks everyone who gave food and donated money to a worthy cause.

On Maundy-Thursdays several members of LWLC gathered to experience a Christian Seder. The head table was located in the center of the room and set for a formal dinner with a place at the head for Elijah. Those seated at the head table played the rolls of the family through the meal/service. There were many items to taste through

the experience. The main course involved Potato soup or Lamb stew, both of which were very good! Chris showed off his catering skills with the set-up of the tables and preparation of all of the food. Thank-you Chris for all you did to make this happen!



HE IS RISEN-ALLELUIA...The Easter morn service was attended by 87 members and guests. The entire front of the sanctuary was adorned with 90 tulips in a variety of hues. Pastor Mark gave the children's and the Easter sermons. At the close of the service each person was given a tulip to plant at their home. The remaining tulips were planted at WOW property by Lillers. Another couple gave each child attending an Easter give of a plush animal or a small truck along with Easter candy as an Easter gift. Our sincere appreciation to members of the congregation who do not wish to be identified for their gifts to the congregation and the children!

On Wednesday, May 4, Connor, Trevor and Brendon McCabe tested for and earned their Brown Belts in Karate from Kickmasters

Karate. Congratulations to all three young men! This is an achievement since both Brendon and Connor missed some of their training due to injury while Trevor was able to keep going. We are proud of all of them for continuing on.

Sami Rudy, granddaughter of Kay and Bob Chaney, a Sr. at Greencastle PA-Antrim High School, was selected by the PA Volleyball Coaches Association for the 2010 AA All-State Volleyball Team. She was also chosen as a 2010

PVCA District 3 All-Star Team & named to the Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division First Team. Congratulations Sami!

Sami is also the captain of the Greencastle Antrim Blue Devils H S varsity soccer team. She along with her sister, Tabi who is a freshman & plays on the varsity team, are high scorers & or assisted each other or team mates to make goals. Their younger sister Ally, following closely in their footsteps, has proven to be a very talented & high scorer on the Greencastle Antrim Middle School soccer and volley ball team.

The Alban couple, Mike and Phyllis, were proud of their new means of transportation...a 2011 Honda Fit purchased just 4 days prior to Palm Sunday. Then after the evening Lenten service there were driving just a few miles outside of town on Route 51 when a deer hit their windshield, shattering it! The Eriksson family were travelling behind them and stopped to give

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION...CONTINUED

assistance but Mike and Phyllis escaped injury...thank God! That is...until Phyllis put her hand in her pocket and pricked her finger on a sliver of glass. We're so glad the Alban's vehicle could be repaired and once again their life is normal!

Thought for the Month:

God is with each one who suffers...and He is with each one who offers help!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



Easter Sunday/Children Sermon



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Taking a Living Christ to a Dying World

May Events

Every Sunday: 9:00 AM—Living Discipleship Study
10:00 AM—Worship (Fellowship following service 1st and
3rd Sundays)

Every Wednesday: 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

May Birthdays

4 - Becky Rank
6 - Sondra Cave
11 - Joe McIntosh
12 - Marsha Squires
14 - Mary K Fanelli
16 - Bill Gilpin
16 - Pr. Michael Tamorria
17 - Terry Robb
17 - Phyllis Wamsley
24 - Rose Rank
25 - Don Squires
29 - Patricia Squires
31 - Mary Katherine Burkey

May Anniversaries

9 - Scott and Andi Liller
14 - Paul and Lori Eriksson
27 - Gene and Sondra Cave

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Ministry

Would you like to provide a hug for someone who is in need? We can make this possible through a quilt ministry at Living Word. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, we can reach out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world by wrapping them in the work of our hands with a LWR quilt. These quilts are used for shelter against the cold, simple tents, floor coverings, or as a wrap to hold a baby on his mother's back.

If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, please attend an informative meeting after church service on May 22nd. I will explain what is involved with this ministry and how you can participate, These quilts do not require a lot of sewing skills. If you don't sew you can help by cutting squares for us to piece together, or I can show you how to knot the quilts after they are assembled.

If you think you might be interested or have any questions you can call Phyllis Alban at 304-947-7060 or by e-mail at mpalban@frontiernet.net.