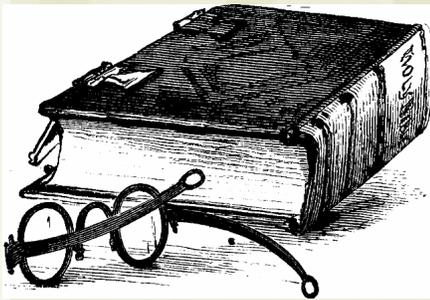


Some Words on Living Word

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



This time of year always brings me back to Paul's letters. He begins almost every one of them by offering thanks to

God (go ahead and check them out). But the passage which always seems to come to the forefront for me is Philip-
pians 1:3-6...

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Gratitude and

thanksgiving are the very foundations of joy. No matter what his outward circumstances might have been (having been stoned, or thrown into prison, or chased out of town and threatened with death), Paul was always filled with joy.

Some might wonder - 'How can I be happy when the bank is about to foreclose on my house?' or 'When my spouse has just filed for a divorce?' or 'When the doctor has given me bad news?' or ... well, just fill in the blank with whatever 'bad' situation exists in your own life.

Now, don't think that I'm saying those aren't serious concerns, because they certainly are. But if you begin to count

the blessings God has placed in your life - a home in which you could live for a time, someone who loved you and whom you loved, years of 'good' health and time now to wrap up loose ends and prepare for the end of your earthly life ... family, friends, food, clothing, shelter, warmth, protection, guidance, and so many other blessings; with the most important of all being the blessing of God's love, His forgiveness, and the hope and promise of eternal life with Him through Jesus Christ - how could you do anything but rejoice? Happiness is often based on outward achievements and recognitions, along with the circumstances of our lives. But joy is a fruit of the Spirit that wells

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up from within.

This is the season of remembrance, in which we express our gratitude and thanks to God (as well as to others) who fills our lives to overflowing with blessings and joy.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday, and make every day a day in which your thankfulness overflows from a heart that is filled with joy.

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



IN MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11



OUR BENEVOLENCE AT WORK

Living Word Lutheran Church generously donates to various local organizations on a quarterly basis as well as Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) on a monthly basis, and other organizations as requested when a specific need arises. As mentioned in a previous newsletter article, LCMC does not re-

quest a specific amount and it is the decision of the Congregational Council to donate \$100.00 each month.

Should you have any questions or would like to suggest an organization to which to donate, please contact a member of the Finance Team.

Living Word received a \$500.00 donation from River of Life Lutheran Fellowship. The finance team and the council voted to give the \$500.00 to Pastor Mark and Susan to help with their financial needs.

Our Benevolence through August, 2011	
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	\$1,000.00
Interfaith Community Food Pantry	\$645.00
The Salvation Army	\$75.00
Maryland Salem Children's Trust	\$75.00
Union Rescue Mission	\$175.00
Family Crisis Resource Center	\$75.00
Christ the King Lutheran Church (Alabama tornado relief)	\$414.00
Revival Fire Ministry (Bibles for our troops)	\$510.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$100.00
Faith Comes by Hearing (Bible sticks for our troops)	\$125.00
Total Benevolence as of August 31, 2011	\$3,194.00

QUILTING MINISTRY

Contact Phyllis Alban at mpalban@Frontiernet.net or 304-947-7060 with any questions.

The quilting group has had two good meetings so far. Much fun is had by all through fellowship while providing a very meaningful ministry.

The next meeting is November 12 from 10AM - 3PM at Woodmen of the World. Even if you haven't joined before, it is never too late to start.

Materials Needed:

- Flat sheets for quilt backing. Any size, new or gently used.



NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

The September Singers performed in the Allegany College of Maryland auditorium on Sunday, September 18th. In the 35 member group was one of our own vocalists...Carol Lantz!

A non-member, Kenny Koser, passed away peacefully, at the age of 86, at the Allegany Health Nursing and Rehab Center on Saturday, October 1st where he was a patient for 2 days. His funeral was held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 8th with interment in Sunset Memorial Park.

I truly appreciated all acts of kindness shown in memory of Kenny, especially the delicious funeral luncheon held in Christ United Methodist Church and catered by our committee. For the first time of catering you all did a fantastic job!!! There aren't enough complimentary words to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor Mark and all the men and women of our church involved in Kenny's funeral

and luncheon. God bless everyone for their support in so many ways during the last 4 months of his life. Kenny really enjoyed the visits by Pastor Mark.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Alice Toler who passed away at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center on October 5th at the age of 81. among the survivors is a daughter, Peggy Sue, wife of Terry Robb. Mrs. Toler is also survived by 2 other daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted at the Mount Hermon Cemetery on Saturday, October 8th. ...and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes...Revelation 7:17

On October 22nd our own Kim Henson was a presenter at the workshop in Ocean City Maryland for the Maryland State Education Association. The topic was "Adolescent Drug Use

Update". Kim is the school counselor for Fort Hill and also has a private practice doing Drug/Alcohol counseling.



On Saturday, October 29th, Braddock Middle School Volleyball team B (Braddock Warriors) won the Fort Hill Volleyball Middle School Championship for team B. They played five match's through out the day, with other teams from various schools in the area. Morgan played in all the match's, helping her team, the Warriors, win championship. Morgan is 11 (12 in Dec.) and is in

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION
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the sixth grade. This is her first year at Braddock Middle School and her first year of playing school volleyball. She attended Bishop Walsh from first to fifth grade. Morgan is the daughter of Steve & Lisa Chaney, has two sisters, Joci & Jordan and is one of proud Grandparents, Bob & Kay Chaney's eight granddaughters.

The month of October was also Pastor Appreciation month. The first Sunday of the month we celebrated with a beautiful cake pre-

pared by Phyllis Alban, delicious as usual. Johnny Moore had joined us in worship and blessed us with playing one of our hymns during the service. On the last Sunday of the month Pastor Mark was presented with a gift from the congregation.

Johnny Moore and Ron Friend conducted the worship service on Sunday October 30th. This was the service that they do at the area nursing homes. We were able to enjoy their service since it was the fifth Sunday

and they perform their worship hour four Sundays of the month. Our appreciation to Johnny and Ron for sharing a Sunday with our congregation, and for the ministry they provide for so many.

Thought for the month:

PRAYER...the world's greatest wireless connection!

The editor would like to thank Sadie for continuing to provide her contribution to the newsletter while caring for Kenny. Kenny's smiles will be missed by all, but none more than Sadie herself.





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Taking a Living Christ to a Dying World

November Events

Every Sunday: 8:45-9:30 AM—Bible Study

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

Saturday Nov. 12: 10:00AM-3:00PM Quilters Meet at LWLC.

Sunday Nov. 13: Council Meeting following Worship

Sunday Nov. 20: Dedication of Shoe Boxes during Worship

Monday Nov. 28: 10:00AM Mid-Atlantic Lutheran Fellowship Meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Joppa, MD

Coming in December

Sunday Dec. 11: Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship.

November Birthdays

4 - Karen Tamorria
7 - Rich Keller
21 - Bob Chaney
25 - Charles Deter
28 - Irene Hoyle

November Anniversaries

15 - Stan and Helen Goodrich
22 - Al and Carol Lantz

Special Christmas Ministries

It is time for Operation Shoe Box again. Fill your shoe boxes and bring them to LWLC for dedication Sunday Nov. 20. Please make your checks payable to Operation Christmas Child for the \$7 shipping charge needed to send the boxes.



The Hat and Mitten tree is also in progress where we work with John Humbird Elementary to distribute these needed cold weather items for children in the community.