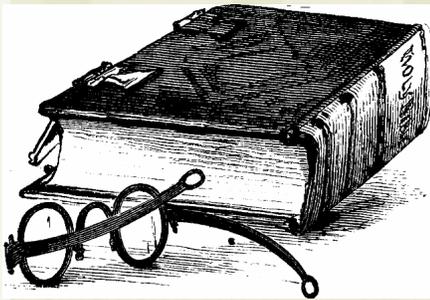


Some Words on Living Word

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



Winter is a time of dormancy and waiting. Short days and long nights seem to drag on

and on. We often spend less time being 'out and about' and more time snuggled safely in the comfort of our homes.

So... winter is the perfect time to slow down a bit

and invest a few extra hours in quiet reflection and reverence. It is the perfect time to spend more time with God!

If you find yourself feeling alone and isolated, rejoice in knowing that Springtime is just around the corner – bringing more light, more warmth, and more life! But even more than that, remem-

ber that God is always with you – in the joy of Spring, in the warmth of Summer, in the crispness of Autumn, and even in the dead of Winter. So, no matter what the season, make sure you take time to be with God. And Winter is the perfect time to start or increase that habit.

Pastor Mark

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M I N I S T R Y O F S H A R I N G - I N T E R F A I T H
F O O D P A N T R Y
B Y B E T T Y F I L E

We received a "Thank-You" letter from the Interfaith Food Pantry thanking us for both the monetary and food items we have donated. The need in our area is increasing and we are serving more families every day of every week.

From January through November, 2010, the Pantry was open 212 days, received 1,399 referrals from the Department of Social Services as well as area churches and organizations, served 4,058 persons, distributed 26,787

food items and gave food vouchers in the amount of \$23,245. Recipients may use the vouchers at either Mor for Less on Queen City Drive or Corwell's on Oldtown Road.

We are in need of non-perishable items such as

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flour, sugar, pancake/waffle mix, instant potatoes, Au gratin and other such potatoes, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, crackers, canned meats, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice and rice sides, cake mix, frosting, Ramen Noodles, toilet tissue, hygiene products, etc.

When we need items, we purchase them from either the Maryland Food Bank or local grocery stores, especially when needed items are on sale.

Please continue to donate to the Food Pantry. All donations

are much appreciated not only by the Food Pantry but even more so by those whom we serve. Thanks to Bill Gilpin, Shirley Nolan and Dick Keller who have volunteered to take the food items donated to the



PRAYER LIST

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



ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ANDI LILLER

We are planning for our first Anniversary of Living Word Lutheran Church. A service of celebration is planned for Sunday, March 6.

Starting Sunday, January 30, a Blessing Jar will be available for everyone to place notes of blessing. The reasons you feel blessed, things that make you feel blessed and are blessed. Names need not be attached, feel free to share anonymously. We plan to use these as part of the Anniversary service.

We are also planning to have craft nights on February 13

and 20 to make some items for use in the service. The same as before, let's bring snacks and meet at 5:00 PM. We will eat and craft with

friends, what could be better?

Please contact Andi with any questions.



Rules from God for 2011

1. **Wake Up !!**  Decide to have a good day.
 "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" **Psalms 118:24**

2. **Dress Up !!**  The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart."
I Samuel 16:7

3. **Shut Up!!**  Say nice things and learn to listen.. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." **Proverbs 13:3**

4. **Stand Up!!.....** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." **Galatians 6:9-10**

5. **Look Up !!...**  To the Lord.
 "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

6. **Reach Up !!...**  For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path."
Proverbs 3:5-6

7. **Lift Up !!...**  Your Prayers.
 "Do not worry about anything;
 Instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**"
Philippians 4:6

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

Our temporary sanctuary was beautiful as members and guests attended the first Christmas Eve service as Living Word Lutheran Church.

Chris McCabe, our choir director/organist, is our man of many talents. Chris made the Christmas banner in royal blue with gold images of the star shining on the baby Jesus in the manger. At the bottom of the banner the words in gold letters were "For Unto Us".

The soft indirect lighting from the four floor lamps gave an excellent impression with the service. This was another idea of Chris' to add to our worship hour. The beautiful chrismon Christmas tree with the clear lights made the interior lovely!



As the vehicles turned into the LWLC parking lot you were greeted with lighted candles

in pint jars with ribbon around the center circling the driveway. A pretty sight to behold! Following the service, the candles were removed and the bird seed they were implanted in was tossed around the front of the building for the birds to devour, those that didn't go

south for the winter. This was Chris' creation too! (I believe he may have had a bit of help from Connor, Trevor and Brendon!)

Pastor Mark delivered a meaningful service "What's in a Name?" with responses from the congregation. Paul Eriksson served as liturgist while Connor McCabe lit the candles after each reading.

Dante Alexander made his worldly appearance on December 23rd in the Somerset, PA Hospital. The 19 1/2 inch baby boy tipped the scales at an even 7 pounds. Dante's proud parents are Nathanael Dill and Barb Wolk. The paternal grandparents are Pastor Mark and Susan Dill. Dante was in church on January 16th with his parents and everyone saw the first Dill heir! Our congratulations to the Dill/Wolk families!

A letter of appreciation was received from John Humbird Elementary School staff for the mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the needy children in their school. The items were in place on a Christmas tree at the inside entrance of the building prior to the holidays. There was a total of 55 items donated! Once again our dedicated congregation participated in a successful project.

Sunday, January 9th, Mary Fanelli was involved in an accident on Industrial Boulevard on the way to church. The car behind her vehicle failed to stop when she stopped for the vehicle in front of her, so she was sandwiched between both cars. She was taken to the hospital to be checked out and suffered only a sore body and joint pain...PRAISE THE LORD. Her vehicle was totaled and can be replaced, but our Mary C. Fanelli is one of our irreplaceables!!!

Sami Rudy, granddaughter of Bob and Kay Chaney, has been picked to the Pennsylvania High School All-State Volleyball team for 2010. What a great achievement to be picked from all of the AA schools in the entire state!

Connor, Trevor and Brendon have achieved the level of red belt in Karate and are working on their second stripe at that level. At the last belt test Connor received the Grand Champion trophy for his belt level. Congratulations Connor!

These young men also competed in the Pinewood Derby at Parkside School, where their mother, Karen, teaches. Although their cars did not win, they did win honorable mention for the team theme wear/spirit category. Way to go!

A NEW SERIES....*Bible Study Helps Get into the Word!*

How to Improve your Personal Bible Study

By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson
 Author of the Jesus Walk® Bible Study Series (www.jesuswalk.com)
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Every sincere Christian wants to have a more meaningful personal Bible study, to understand the Bible better. While learning the Bible is the joyful task of a lifetime, I'd like to offer several suggestions that can enrich your Bible Studies.

Bible Reading vs. Bible Study

First, recognize that Bible reading and Bible study are both important, but different. In order to grow, you need to read the bible every day as part of your time with God -- your devotions or Quiet Time. During this daily time with God I recommend prayer, wide Bible reading, praise, thanksgiving, confession and medita-

tion -- these are ways to reach out to God with your spirit. Bible reading is one way of letting god refresh your spirit and speak to your mind. If you really want to learn the bible, I recommend that you read broadly rather than narrowly. A one-verse devotional may be quick, but it won't really help you understand the Bible. I try each morning to read one chapter from the Old Testament, one chapter from Psalms or Proverbs, and one chapter from the New Testament. If I'm consistent, this will get me through the Old Testament once each year and the New Testament twice. That's an example of broad reading and takes five to 10 minutes a day -- 15 minutes if the day's chapters are long.

But Bible reading as part of your daily devotions should be separate from your times of Bible study. Let me explain.

Blocks of Time for In-Depth Bible Study

Bible study, as opposed to reading, concentrates on a single topic, Bible character, or book of the Bible for closer study.

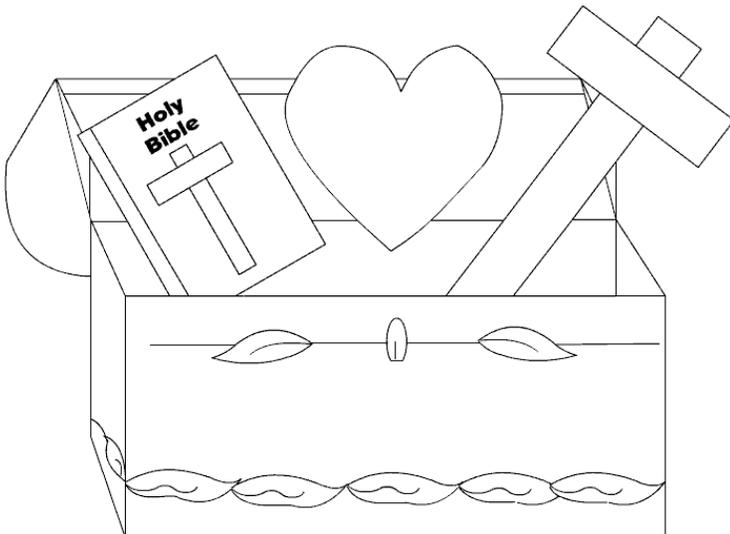
For example, right now in the New Testament I'm reading the Epistle to the Hebrews. I'm realizing that though I've read it many times, I need to dig in and figure out what it's really saying. That's where Bible study comes in. Bible study takes a longer block of uninterrupted time. Perhaps you'll set aside 30 to 45 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday nights for in-depth Bible study, or an hour on Saturday mornings before the family is up -- or perhaps longer. Blocks of time are important to Bible Study.

(Next Month....Learn to ask Questions) We will use this article through multiple newsletters.

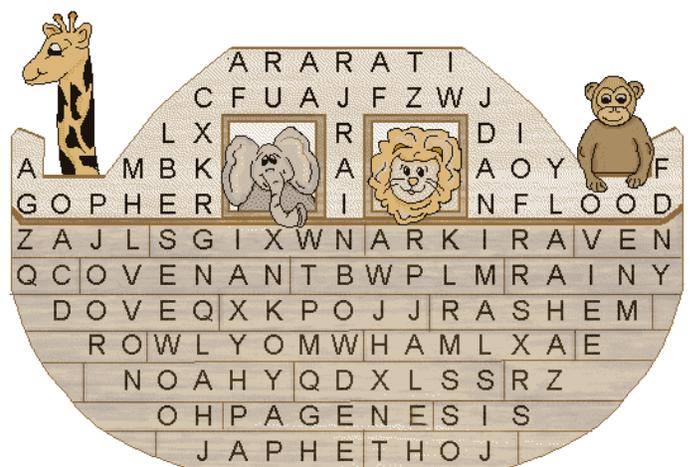
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For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

-Luke 12:34



Noah's Ark



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Taking a Living Christ to a Dying World

February 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

Sunday Feb 13 & 20: 5:00 PM Craft Night (details in article)

Coming in March

Sunday March 6 - 1st Anniversary celebration of LWLC

Wednesday March 9 - Ash Wednesday

Special Lenten Services to be held Sunday Evenings during Lent

February Birthdays

3 - Kay Chaney
9 - Clay Stotler
10 - Sadie Koser
10 - Lori Squires
15 - Karl Eriksson
19 - Paula McIntosh
25 - Donna Lewis
26 - Clint Larrick

A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Members of Living Word who would like to be involved in the mission to raise funds for the **League of Crippled Children** can do many things to help. Volunteers to donate baked goods, already made snacks, or fresh fruit; or volunteers who can donate an hour or two to sell the concessions are greatly needed and sincerely appreciated. Items such as Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Brownies, Potato Candy and No Bake Cookies are very popular.

Saturday, January 22 was the first sale day at the church league basketball games and was very successful. All games will be held on Saturdays from 1-6 PM at the old Y on Baltimore Street. There will be many opportunities to help as the games continue through February into March.

February Anniversaries

None

If you are interested in helping, please call Becky Rank at 301-707-1824 or 304-738-0457 or e-mail her at bsrank@atlanticbb.net. Becky is willing to pick up the baked goods that need to get to the games to make your involvement easier.