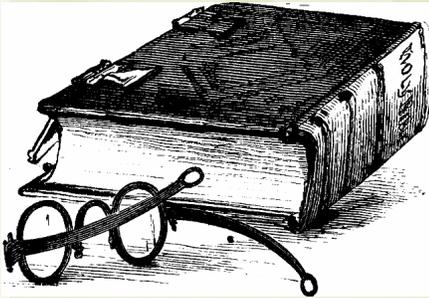


Some Words on Living Word

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



As Lutherans, we pride ourselves on being ‘people of the Word’. Of course, we are not the only Christians who recognize the

importance of God’s Word in our lives; and so, recently I attended a conference at Faith Presbyterian Church in LaVale. The theme was “God’s Inerrant Word”, and I would like to share with you some of the thoughts and insights that Dr. W. Duncan Rankin shared at the conference.

First of all it is important to have an understanding of what we mean when we say the word ‘inerrant’. A simple dictionary definition would tell us that the word means ‘without error’. This of course leads cynics and non-believers to

point out that there are many different translations in many different languages, and certainly there have been some ‘faulty’ translations and a few misprints and misspellings along the way... so which one of these thousands of Bibles is really the one true inerrant Bible? But a question like this only points out that the term ‘inerrant’ is not being understood in its theological context. When Christians refer to the Word of God as being inerrant we are saying that it tells the truth; that the Bible is true in all that it affirms; infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and life (and more); without error in its message. We are not simply applying the word ‘inerrant’ to the individual letters and words on each page, but to

the overall message that God delivers to us through those letters and words and pages.

In other words – we believe that what God says to us through His Word is true... always true. Its truth is not determined by our emotions, our circumstances, or even our level of understanding. It is God’s truth and it does not change, even with the passing of time.

And what is that truth? In a nutshell God’s Word tells us that He exists, that He created everything and everyone, that we have turned away from Him, that He has provided us with a way of salvation through His only Son, Jesus Christ, and that all who believe in Him and follow Him will be forgiven and will receive the gift of eter-

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nal life.

Of course, there is so much more that is in the Word. So may we, as Christians, continue to be people of the Word – reading it, studying it, digesting it, and living according to it; because it is God's gift of truth which points us to Him and to His Son, Jesus Christ. It is a word of correction, a word of direction, a word of hope, and the Word of Life.



Pastor Mark

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
Stan and Helen Goodrich



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The interfaith community food pantry has seen an increase in the number of referrals during 2011 because of the economy. Since January 2011, the Pantry has received 929 referrals, representing 2,618 people. It has distributed 23,715 items of emergency food to these individuals and families and also issued \$14,210 in vouchers for perishable food. The Pantry receives referrals from the Department of Social Services as well as area churches.

The Pantry depends on community support for food and monetary donations and is very appreciative of those who

support the Pantry which has been serving people in the community in need of emergency food for more than 30 years.

The Pantry is in need of non-perishable items such as cereal, flour, sugar, salt, coffee, tea, instant potatoes, Augratin and other such potatoes, hamburger/tuna helper, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice and rice sides, pasta and pasta sides, cake mix, frosting, Ramen Noodles, toilet tissue, paper towels, dish washing liquid, detergent, hygiene products, etc.

Please continue to remember the Interfaith Food Pantry with your donations. All donations are appreciated by not only the Pantry but also those receiving the items. Again, thanks to Bill Gilpin, Shirley Nolan and Dick Keller who have volunteered to take the donated items to the Food Pantry.



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 request 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.

Our Benevolence through August, 2011	
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	\$800.00
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)	\$300.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$100.00
Total Benevolence as of August 31, 2011	\$2,659.00

COLLEGE STUDENT/MILITARY PERSONNEL MINISTRY

It's that time of year when our college students will be returning to college and some beginning college.

We are in the process of updating our records and would ask that you let us know of any address changes of those students who are in college and the addresses and birthdays of those who will be beginning college.

Also, if there are any additional Military Personnel, or any address changes of those

names you have provided to us, please let us know that information as soon as possible. If you would like Birthday cards sent, please include that information.

Please contact Lori Squires with this information.



NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION
BY SADIE KOSER
(STARTING 5 / 30 / 11)

Sympathy is extended to the family of William McCullough who died at his home on May 29th at the age of 92. Among the survivors are a sister, Dorothy Snyder, and nephew, Dave Snyder.

Now it is the Dad's turn to wear a cast for a few months! Is that enough of a hint to let you know I'm referring to Chris McCabe? He and the three boys were taking their dog for a walk on June 1st when suddenly Chris tripped over "man's best friend!" The next thing Chris knew he was getting his first ambulance ride. The result was 2 broken bones in his leg, then off to surgery and an overnight stay in the hospital. However, you can't keep a good man down...Chris was at the organ the following Sunday. Mend quickly, Chris!

The Firm Foundation Homeschool recently released their honor roll. Among the many names

were third graders...Brendon and Trevor McCabe while the eldest son of Chris and Karen, Connor, is a member of the fifth grade level. Congratulations to the three McCabe boys!

Sunday, June 12th, Bill Gilpin was surprised during the worship service when it was made known that he was being honored for having 53 years as a member of Lutheran Church choirs! Attending the service was his 3 daughters, Jan Dobbins, Kim Helmick, and Kristi Hughes; two son-in-law, Wes Dobbins and Kurt Helmick, along with Anna-beth and Carolyn Hughes, granddaughters.

During the service Jan sang "Standing on Holy Ground" and Kristi played "It is Well with My Soul" on the flute accompanied by Chris at the organ. Bill was presented a plaque by Chris which was inscribed "Presented to William "Bill" Gilpin in honor of over 50 years of dedicated service

and ministry in church choirs."

Following the service a reception was held. Phyllis Alban made the beautiful, delicious cake in white icing trimmed in blue inscribed "Congratulations-Bill". Drinks and cookies were also served. Over a half century of singing is a r-e-a-l-l-y long time, Bill! Our best fa-la-la to you for achieving this great record!

The Queen City Lodge #131 were guests at our worship service on Sunday, June 26th as they celebrated John the Baptist Day and attended the church of their own Worshipful Master, who is our own Clint Larrick. Members of Living Word who are in the lodge are Dave Larrick, Rich Keller, Dick Keller, Don Squires, Jim Squires, Greg Lewis, and Harry Cave. Following the worship hour the congregation was treated to Page's strawberry shortcake and ice cream outside the front entrance to the building.

I N S I D E S T O R Y H E A D L I N E

We thank the lodge for the delicious refreshments!

Note: At 25 years of age, Clint is the youngest Worshipful Master on record! Congratulations, Clint!

Mike and Phyllis Alban had their daughter, Teri James, and her children, Shannon, Garrett, Dylan, and Connor for several weeks from San Antonio, Texas. Shannon and Garrett spent several weeks with their grandparents before the 2 older children and parents came. They enjoyed attending our church during their vacation.

Congratulations to Christopher Keller, son of Rich and grandson of Dick and Pat, on making the fourth marking period Honor Roll at Braddock Middle School. Christopher was promoted to the 8th grade at the end of the school year.

Congratulations to Bob and Kay Chaney who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 15th. A dinner,

given by Cindy and John Rudy, Steve and Lisa Chaney, Scott and Diane Chaney, their 3 children and spouses, was held at the Hen House. They are also grandparents to eight granddaughters! The couple enjoyed an Alaskan cruise, an anniversary gift to each other. Best wishes to a great couple and we pray they have many years of "togetherness" filled with health and happiness.

The second annual church picnic was held July 31st at Constitution Park. The picnic was preceded by the worship service. The children's sermon and morning message was given by Pastor Mark. Chris McCabe was the liturgist with Paula McIntosh serving as communion deacon. The ushers were Adrian, Adam, and Wes Weems. Chris was also the organist.

Pastor Mark gave the picnic invocation. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and drinks were provided by the church. The members brought covered

dishes while a member provided the paper products and place settings.

Jim Squires, Jr., Don Squires, Scott Liller, Christopher Keller, Dick Keller, and Dave Larrick were the chefs. Andi Liller was picnic coordinator and was assisted by several church women.

Following the meal an auction was held by Vicki Larrick with professional auctioneer Rick Wallizer. The members donated the decorated boxes and bags of gifts which raised \$476 for the church fund.

August 7th, following the worship service, Dave and Sharon Snyder provided a sheet cake inscribed "Happy Birthday Hayden" in honor of the 2nd birthday of their grandson. Hayden is the son of Charles and Stacy (Snyder) Black who reside in Clearbrook, VA.

Thought for the month:

GOD is BIGGER than ALL the PROBLEMS we FACE!



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Taking a Living Christ to a Dying World

September Events

Every Sunday: 9:00 AM—Bible Study

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

Monday Sept. 26: LCMC District Meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Joppa, MD

October Events

Every Sunday: 9:00 AM—Bible Study

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

Sunday, October 2 – Wednesday, October 5; LCMC Annual Gathering in Des Moines, IA

Wednesday, October 5 & Thursday, October 6; LCMC New Ministry Workshop in Des Moines, IA

Saturday Oct 22: Quilting Ministry meets at LWLC

Sunday Oct. 30: Reformation Sunday

September Birthdays

1 - Jessica Squires
7 - Pat Keller
9 - Mary Lou Socia
12 - Raymond Hughes
19 - Ken Winters
20 - Carolyn Hughes
22 - Phyllis Alban
22 - Wesley Dobbins
23 - Pete Robb
29 - Paul Eriksson

October Birthdays

7 - Debbie Lafferty
11 - Billie Jean Weems
12 - Dorothy Snyder
23 - Collin Rank
28 - Susan Dill
28 - Lora Henson
29 - Lori Eriksson
29 - Al Lantz

September Anniversaries

6 - Mark and Susan Dill
7 - Ken and Sadie Koser
9 - Jim and Lori Squires
12 - Terry and Peggy Robb
17 - Ken and Bonnie Keller
19 - Mike and Phyllis Alban

October Anniversaries

1 - Don and Marsha Squires
6 - Glen and Debbie Lafferty
9 - Joe and Paula McIntosh
11 - Steve and Lisa Chaney