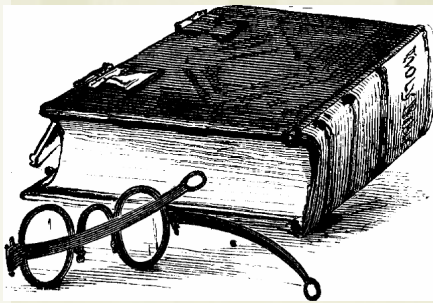


Some Words on Living Word

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



While studying in preparation to preach, I came across some information that I did not include in a sermon, but thought was interesting enough to share with you for your personal ponderings.

It concerns the name of God and how we respect and honor His name.

We should be reminded of the mindset of the Orthodox Jew in Bible days, concerning the name of God, as well as that of many Bible translators throughout the centuries before the invention of the printing press. When scribes would copy the Word of God, every time they would encounter a name of God, they would rise from their work table, go and wash, and often change their clothes, pick up a new quill never used before, and then proceed to write the name of God. They would do this *every* time they encountered a name of God... sometimes up to three times in a single verse. That's how respected and revered the name of God used to be. What a terrible thing it is to ever drag His beautiful name thru the mire by using it in unholy ways.

After all, names are very significant. The Bible says that a good name is better than great riches. Think about some of these names and what kind of reputation they bring to mind:

- George Washington [leader, father of our country];
- Abraham Lincoln [honesty, sacrifice];
- Adolph Hitler [mass murderer, evil];
- Thomas [doubter];
- Judas [traitor];
- Solomon [wisdom]; ...

So, what do you think about when you hear the name of God? Well, that depends on which name I hear - the Bible contains over 300 names of God. Why? Because it's impossible to capture the full character of God in any one attempt. Here are just a few of those 300 names:

- Genesis 14—Jehovah Elim [The Most High God];
- Genesis 22—Jehovah Jireh [The Lord will provide];
- Exodus 6—El Shaddai [The Lord is sufficient];
- Exodus 15—Jehovah Rapha [The Lord our healer];
- Exodus 17—Jehovah Nissi

- [The Lord our victory];
- Judges 6—Jehovah Shalom [The Lord our peace];
- Jeremiah 23—Jehovah Sidon [The Lord our righteousness];
- Ezekiel 48—Jehovah Shammah [The Lord is there];
- Matthew 1—Jesus... well, there's just something about *that* name!

Jesus is, of course, is the most important of all the names. Jesus is: the Savior; the Way, the Truth and the Life; love; grace; the visible manifestation of the invisible God; the Word made flesh; ... It is honey to the taste, music to the ear, and healing to the soul. It is – He is – everything we need!

As Christians we wear his title – “Christ”. That is His messianic name; and we are to wear it in such a way that all we say and do reflects well upon Him. It is a special privilege but an awesome responsibility. Only wear the name if you are willing to wear it well!

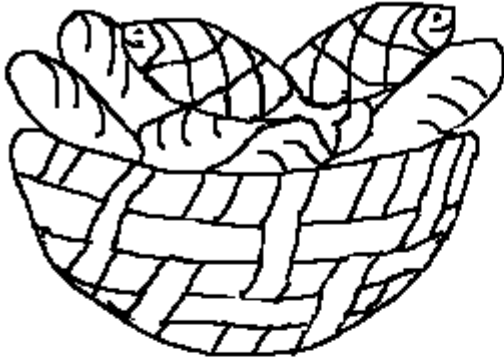
Pastor Mark

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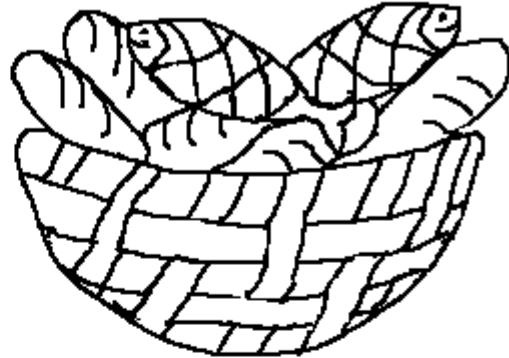
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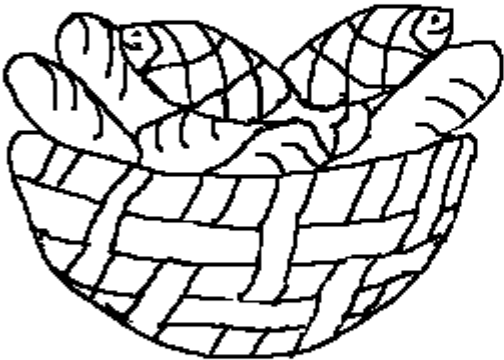
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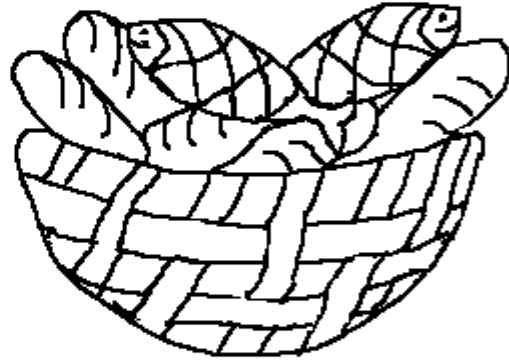
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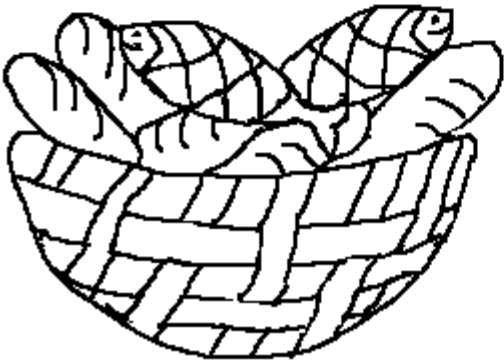
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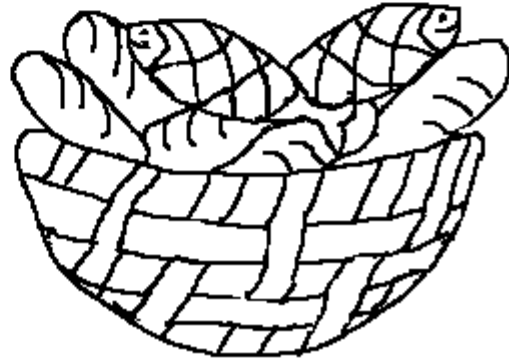
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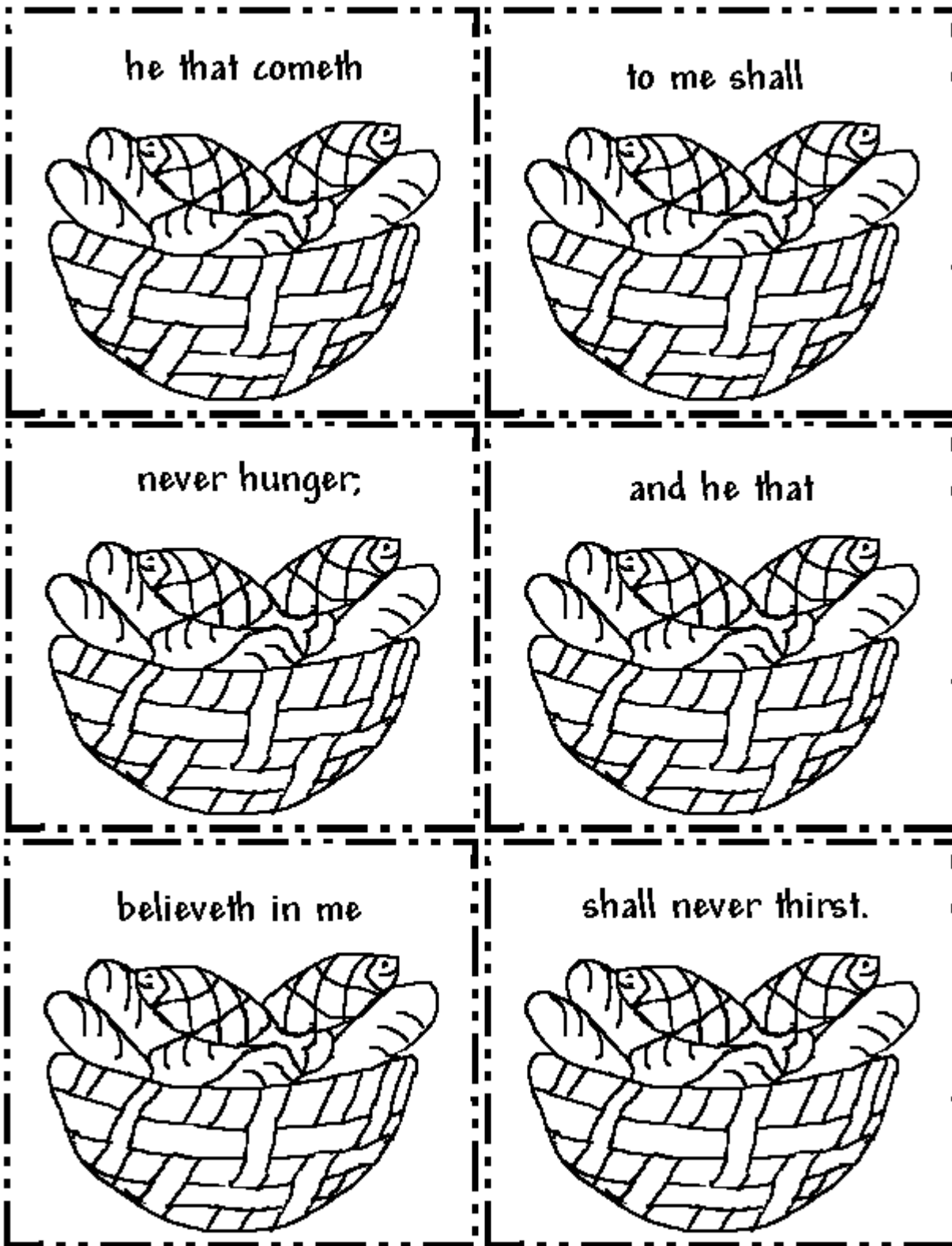


of life:



John 6:35





NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

Our Easter service was attended by 87 members and guests! The Easter banners, made last year by Chris McCabe, were beautiful. There was also a beautiful new "Risen" masterpiece, also made by Chris, in back of the altar with a hand-made calla lily on each side. In front of the altar were a variety of colored silk tulips...however the plant had roots and leaves so they were to be planted! Andi Liller provided the tulips to be given to the adults, but they lost their blooms, so she improvised. Andi said that next Easter their blooms will be live, too!

Pastor Mark gave the children's message to 11 youngsters. He produced a large rock from the "bag" and told them about the stone being rolled away from Jesus' tomb. Pastor Mark's sermon was entitled "Alleluia". Phyllis Alban was the reader and communion assistant. A dedicated couple in our church who wish to remain anonymous made Easter baskets for the tots that con-

tained a stuffed animal along with the goodies. An Easter bag of candy on green straw was given to the youth. Our sincere appreciation to our mysterious Easter bunnies!! There were also Easter boxes for each child and an Easter egg hunt was conducted by the McCabe boys for the younger children.

Pastor Mark was presented a gift bag by Andi Liller on behalf of the congregation that contained cards and gifts for the baby of Heather and Dan Faust which is due very soon.

Some Allegan County Public School students heard guest speakers as part of the Easy as PI recently. This is an outreach program sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers. The seventh and eighth graders learned about the various careers available in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. Amongst the 15 students was Christopher Keller, an 8th grade student at Brad-dock Middle School. He is the son of Rich and grandson

of Dick and Pat Keller.

To date, the Quilters Group, under the leadership of Phyllis Alban, have completed 47 quilts to take to New Windsor, Maryland for the Lutheran World Relief. They also contributed 20 quilts to the Union Rescue Mission. Our appreciation to those who made the quilts!

The 10th annual presentation of "A Thing-a-ma-jig", showcase of talent, by Cumberland Scottish Rite, which proceeds benefits the Language disorder Clinic. The show was held at Allegany College of Maryland on Friday, April 20th. Chris McCabe was one of the talents...Chris sang "Lily's Eyes" in a duet with singer Rhett Wolford. Rhett also sang a solo "The Music of the Night" accompanied by Chris. From the remarks heard, Chris and Rhett did a fantastic act!

Several women (including me) have expressed a desire to have a fundraiser for our future church building. We are thinking of a combined rum-

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATION CONTINUED

mage sale, yard sale and bake sale to be held sometime in early June. Everything would have to be priced by the donor and brought to the WOW building the morning of the sale as we don't have anywhere to store items. It would be held outside on a Saturday when inclement weather is not predicted. Now think about it...would you help us make a successful project?? If it materializes, more information will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins. So save all your wearing apparel, knick-knacks, household items, etc.

for the rummage and yard sale and have your favorite goodie recipes for the bake sale!

Scott Chaney left for Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 22nd after church for a month long stay at the speech facility. His parents, Bob and Kay, took him. We'll miss them for a month or longer as they will be spending the weekend in Pittsburgh while Scott is there. I know you will want to send Scott a card and let him know he is in our thoughts and prayers. His address is:

Scott Chaney - Resident
 John Heinze V.A. Center
 1010 Delafield Road
 Villa 68
 Pittsburgh, PA 15215

They request that NO packages be sent as they have to be searched, and just delay delivery to the Men in residence.

Thought for the month:

Every day is a gift...that's why we call it the present!





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May Events

- Every Sunday:** 8:45 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship
Fellowship following Worship 1st & 3rd Sun
- Wednesday s:** 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday 5/19:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Quilters Meet

May Birthdays

- 6 - Sondra Cave
- 11 - Joe McIntosh
- 12 - Marsha Squires
- 14 - Mary K Fanelli
- 16 - Bill Gilpin
- 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

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
- Evelyn Pague
- Clay and Eleanor Stotler
- Stan and Helen Goodrich



Watch for news - Picnic plans are coming...