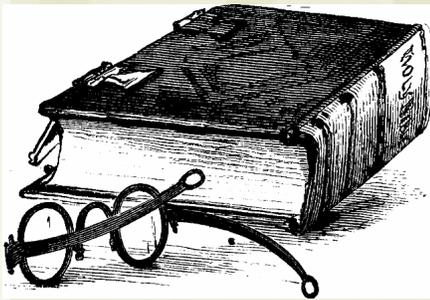


# Some Words on Living Word

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New and exciting things are happening – but that’s always how it is when we’re willing to follow God! He never changes, but he is always chang-

ing us, helping us to grow, and moving us from glory to glory.

Just to name a few things:

In August God provided us with two different pastors from India who brought us God’s word along with their own personal testimonies and ministry stories.

At our church picnic several of us were able to connect again with Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally Gausmann from St. Paul Lutheran in York, PA. They were travelling through the area after attending a family wedding and, although they didn’t help lead our worship, they chose to

be a part of our congregation in worship at Constitution Park. We are in the early stages of looking at and considering another building that is available for us to purchase. Yes, there are still many questions to be answered and many things to be considered before we decide whether or not to make an offer to purchase the property. But – even if this also turns out not to be the right place for us at this time – it still reminds us that our God is a God of hope who has promised to give us the desire of our hearts, and that he is still providing us with opportunities.

Our ministries are expanding as we look specifically toward the youth. There will be a planning meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, after worship, to discuss ideas related to Sunday School

classes for children and Youth Group activities. We need your input and your help so that we can get these programs off the ground by October.

This Fall presents us with the third opportunity, since our founding in March 2010, to participate in the LCMC Annual Gathering... and this year we are able to take advantage of that opportunity. Susan Weems and I will be attending as the delegates from Living Word. This year’s Gathering will take place in Denver, and the theme is “Ambassadors for Christ,” focusing on 1 Corinthians 5:16-21. As participants we will have the opportunity to hear engaging speakers, get the latest information on what’s going on within our association, take part in worship services, and

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**PASTORAL PONDERINGS, CONTINUED**

network with people from other LCMC congregations. Immediately following the Annual Gathering Susan and I will be attending the New Ministry Workshop. LCMC's hope is that this workshop will help them discern how the association can best support, encourage, and develop new ministries as a means of primary evangelism; as well as discovering what resources might be most helpful for both the congregation and for its leadership.

On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, the LCMC Service Coordinator, will be leading a church council workshop at St. Paul Lutheran in York, PA. He will be encouraging our

council to function in a "mission minded" manner, to act with purpose, and to learn how to develop strategies for moving forward. We are hoping that our council members – and many other interested individuals – will be attending this workshop. After all, you may not be a member of church council now, but God might have other plans for you in the future.

And these are just a few of the exciting things that are happening with our congregation. Stay in touch and stay involved. God is moving, God is moving us, and you don't want to be left behind!

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



**V I S I T F R O M P A S T O R J A M E S**



VISIT FROM PASTOR PRASAD



Pastor Prasad, his father, Victor and daughter Evangeline



Scenes from the Church Picnic August 26, 2012



## NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION BY SADIE KOSER

The musical "The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert and Sullivan) ran for 3 weeks (4 days weekly) in July at the Cumberland Theater. Karen McCabe was great in the role of Ruth. Chris was the musical director and with this production as director. Chris has been the musical director for over 100 shows. A number of our congregation saw the performance and had high praise for Karen and Chris for a job well done!!!

Ray and Kristi Hughes announced the birth of a son they named Patrick Jonathan, on July 25th. Patrick tipped the scales at 8 pounds-11 ounces. He was welcomed home by his siblings...Annabeth(6), Carolyn (4), and William(2). The family resides in Germantown. The proud grandparents are Bill and Louise Gilpin. Congratulations to the Hughes/Gilpin families on their new heir!!

On Sunday, August 5th, we were privileged to welcome Pastor Prasad as guest speaker who brought a special mission focused message. Pastor Prasad is a well known preacher in Rajahmundry, India for 15 years. His father, Victor has been serving the Lord for

more than 45 years.

Pastor Prasad's Gateway Ministries is touching the lives of the depressed and suppressed people of India through the love of Jesus Christ and His Word. He also ministers to the orphans, widows, lepers, and blind. Eighty-five percent of the people are Hindus, and Christianity consists of only 3%.

Pastor Prasad is president of Gateway Ministries, working with 100 other pastors in the Christian outreaches and ministries. Attending our worship hour was Pastor Prasad's father, Victor and his 10 year old daughter, Evangeline, who sang a beautiful hymn for us. A generous financial gift from our congregation was given to Pastor Prasad.

The next Sunday, August 12th, our guest speaker was Pastor James Jacob, also from India. Pastor Jacob, like Pastor Prasad, is concerned about the poor, the majority without electricity or running water. They live in huts that are easily destroyed by the weather or wild animals.

Pastor Jacob, who was accompanied by his wife, presented a touching testimony concerning his very young years in growing up to become the Christian and pastor he is today.

The James Jacob Ministries provides goats to the families who are able to sell the goat hair and provide milk for everyday use. The ministries also provide the villages with bore wells at a cost of \$3,000 each. His ministry in India is mainly focused towards the rural villages where, due to the terrain, travel is only by walking, bikes or motorbikes.

Some members of our congregation purchased Pastor Jacob's tapes and the following Sunday a collection was taken for him and his ministry.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Phyllis Keller Dorsey, widow of Joe Dorsey, who passed away August 11th at the Goodwill Menonite Nursing Home at the age of 83. Among her survivors are two brothers, Ken and Dick Keller. Two other brothers, Ted and Ed, preceded her in death. Her funeral was held on August 15th at Scarpelli Funeral Home with Vicar Jennifer Bramble officiating. Interment was held at Rest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

The third annual church picnic was held Sunday, August 26th in Constitution Park with Pastor Mark delivering the children's message and sermon. Vicki Lar-rick was the assisting minister

## NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATION CONTINUED

with Adrian, Adam and Wes Weems ushering. Vicki assisted Pastor Mark with communion by intinction. Chris McCabe was organist.

Guests at the worship service were Pastors Paul and Sally Gauffmann who reside in York, Pennsylvania. He is pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and a member of the same synod, LCMC. Their son and daughter-in-law were with them. They left after the worship hour as they were on their way to Somerset. It was a pleasure having them attend our service in the park.

As it seems in all church picnics, there was plenty of delicious food and desserts. The church provided the hamburgers/hotdogs/yummy grilled onions and the place settings were purchased with monetary donations. We also had corn-on-the-cob provided by a family.

Pastor mark gave the invocation prior to the picnic meal. Andi Liller was picnic coordinator, assisted by several church women and did another fantastic job.

The chefs were Don Squires, Dick Keller, Dave Larrick, Rich Keller, Christopher Keller, and Scott Liller.

Following the meal, an auction was held by Vicki Larrick with Stan Goodrich as auctioneer.

The decorated boxes and bags of gifts were donated by church members. The auction raised \$363 for the church fund, which was tracked by Pat Keller and Andi Liller. Sixty-two members of the congregation and guests were able to attend.

An informational/planning meeting for parents with young children AND volunteers who are interested in helping with monthly youth fun gatherings and/or Sunday School will be held Sunday, September 9th, immediately following worship. This meeting will give you and opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns so a program can be developed that will enable all our youth to attend and participate on a regular basis. Phyllis Alban is heading this ministry and may be contacted at 304-947-7060 or by e-mail at mpalban@frontiernet.net. Please plan on attending and volunteer for this much needed children's ministry.

Frostburg will be celebrating their bicentennial on September 13th-16th and big plans have been in the making for several months. One of the committee members is our own Pastor Mike Tamorria! There will be a big parade, the

University's Appalachian Festival, country music star Kathy Mattea, a Bicentennial Queen and fireworks, something for everyone! Plan to attend some of the events and witness the many hours of work that Pastor Mike and numerous other volunteers have labored so hard to make this a memorable occasion.

PLEASE mark Saturday, September 15th on your calendar NOW! That is the day of our Summer Clearance yard Sale! We have 36 boxes of leftovers we must sell. If you have something you forgot to put in our late spring sale, you may do so in the upcoming sale. Also, we'll need helpers and will be marking (or remarking at a lower price) the items on Friday (14th) from 5 until 8 o'clock.

After seeing our chefs in their aprons at the picnic, I remembered a copy about the History of Aprons. I'm sure many of you (like myself) will have a bit of nostalgia like I did...

"I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash and iron aprons than dresses and they used less material. But, along with that...



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## September Events

- Every Sunday:** 8:45 AM Bible Study  
10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship  
Fellowship following Worship 1st & 3rd Sun
- Sunday, Sept 9:** Youth Ministry/Sunday School planning meeting following worship.
- Wednesday, Sept 12:** 5:30 PM Hymn selection group  
7:00 PM First Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, Sept 15:** Summer Clearance Yard Sale
- Sunday, Sept 23:** Council meeting following worship
- Sunday, Sept 30:** Possible date for first Youth activity

## Coming in October

- October 7-10** LCMC Annual Gathering in Denver, CO
- October 10-11** LCMC New Ministry Workshop in Denver

## 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

## September Anniversaries

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

## NEWS CONTINUED

It served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

When the weather was cold Grandma wrapped them around her arms.

Those big aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought to the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from Grandma's apron but love!!"

### Thought for the month:

**Generosity is a sign of a great soul!**