



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Opportunities for Ministry

God gives each of us talents and abilities for service – and expects us to use them for his glory and for the sake of other people. Many of you are already quite involved in ministries within our congregation, through our congregation, and outside of our congregation – and for that God gets all the thanks and praise. However, in order to guide, shape, and direct these ministries it is helpful to have a certain amount of structure under which we function. Your church council has been discussing the four ‘umbrellas’ of ministry (Ministry Teams) under which all other ministries in our congregation are to be organized. We realize that our individual groups are functioning well, but the Ministry Teams, in most cases, really don’t exist. These Ministry Teams are defined by our bylaws as follows:

“Ministry of Nurturing” – Provides opportunities to learn more about God, Scripture, the sacraments, and our church; and oversees educational activities including Sunday Church School (youth and adult), Sunday morning nursery, Vacation Church School, Youth Groups, and Confirmation. They shall also promote communications through the use of the church’s newsletter, the church library, etc.

“Ministry of Sharing” – Leads the congregation to reach out to one another and to other people in order to share the Gospel and connect them to Christ’s Church. Ministries include such things as: Home visitation, Distribution of Communion to home bound members, Visitation of the sick, Intercessory prayer, Prayer chains, Women of the Church, Men of the Church, Funeral dinners, and mailing cards to members who are bereaved, college students, and those in the Armed Forces of the United States.

“Ministry of Stewarding” – Sees to the proper maintenance and protection of all property of the congregation. It also provides a property audit and shall project and plan for the future capital and financial needs of the congregation. This Ministry Team also provides financial oversight for the congregation

“Ministry of Celebrating” – Sees that the services of God’s house are conducted regularly and that competent ushers, deacons, lay readers, and other worship assistants are recruited and trained. This Ministry Team shall recommend and evaluate the music personnel and program, arrange for the care of paraments, vestments, and musical instruments and (in consultation with the pastor and the musicians) shall provide for music supplies needed in the worship services of this congregation.

As you may be aware – many of you are already involved in ministries which fall under these ‘umbrellas’. However, we are looking for more people who are willing to serve in oversight and planning for these various groups by serving along with other members on the various Ministry Teams. So, if you are interested in being a

member of one of the Teams, or if you have an idea for a new ministry, or if you would like to join a group that is already in existence please speak to the council member who serves as the liaison for the particular Ministry Team God is calling you to serve on. Your participation is a great service both to God and to His people, and your leadership will also be a valued gift to His Church.

Here are just a few of the areas of service which are available under each Ministry Team

Ministry of Nurturing

Council Liaison – Ann Burkey

- Team Leader –
- Children's Sunday School Teacher/Helper
- Sunday School Snack Provider
- Adult Bible Study Leader
- Nursery Worker
- VBS coordinator or worker
- Newsletter Editor/Contributor
- Youth Group Leader/Coordinator
- LCMC Gathering Delegate
- Other

Ministry of Stewarding

Council Liaison – Jim Squires

- Team Leader –
- Finance Team
- Auditing Team
- Insurance Programs
- Property & Maintenance
- Stewardship Program
- Other

Ministry of Sharing

Council Liaison – Mike McIntosh

- Team Leader –
- Home Visitation
- Home Communion Distribution
- Prayer Chain
- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Card Ministry
- Other

Ministry of Celebrating

Council Liaison – Bonnie Keller

- Team Leader –
- Usher
- Opening Prayer
- Assisting Minister
- Reader

- Altar Worker
- Choir Member
- Fellowship Time
- Other

Pastor Mark

We want to remind you that we are still offering a nursery for young children during our regular worship service - but we need people to sign up as nursery workers in order to be able to provide this ministry for our families with young children.

Are you interested in being a delegate to This Year's Annual LCMC Gathering? The theme is *"Back to the Future: First Century Principles for the Twenty First Century."* The Gathering will be held October 2-5 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Denver Colorado. The event features a fellowship dinner, service project, speaker, and worship services, plus the ability to get connected with various mission and ministry organizations in the vendor area. The Annual Gathering is a great time to learn about what is happening within our association and meet other LCMC-ers!

If you are interested, or would like additional information, talk to Pastor Mark about this wonderful opportunity.

Please pray for the first KAIROS Weekend to be held at North Branch Correctional Institution from Thursday, May 12th through Sunday, May 15th,

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Saturday, May 20 - 10:00 am - Quilting

The first Sunday of each month is our Food Pantry Emphasis Sunday

The second Sunday of each month is "FellowshipTime" following worship

NEWS CONCERNING OUR CONGREGATION

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Sunday, February 7th, Ann Burkey, Becky McIntrye and Mike McIntosh were installed as the new Council Members by Pastor Mark. The other members are Kim Henson, Bonnie Keller, Sadie Koser, Al Lantz, Don Squires and Jim Squires. Gene Cave was in Florida

The officers for 2016 are: President, Al Lantz; Vice President, Don Squires; Secretary, Becky McIntrye; and Treasurer, Lori Squires. The ministry teams officers are Nurturing, Ann Burkey; Sharing, Mike McIntosh; Stewarding, Jim Squires; and Celebrating, Bonnie Keller.

The outgoing President is Andi Liller, who did an outstanding job for 6 years. Many times she went above and beyond the officer's duties as President. Our grateful appreciation to you, Andi, for being a dedicated servant to LWLC and our God!

Our sincere appreciation to Andi Liller on our beautiful altar decor. She also made the new banners. Thanks Andi, and her gracious helper, husband Scott!

Wayne Smith and Moon Young are the duo that are taking 2 very old pianos apart, piece by piece, as they aren't worth tuning. One was in the choir room, the other is in a Sunday School room and will be dismantled in the near future. They sawed the large back sections due to the weight, so the piano could be removed from the room for garbage disposal. Our appreciation to our two piano wreckers!

AND THEN THERE WAS HEAT....at 2:30 AM on Sunday, February 14th, which was a nice Valentine present from 10 dedicated men. The furnace had 2 bad leaks and it was decided to replace it due to the age. Don Squires and his friend, Harlan Bean, left Saturday morning for Baltimore to bring back a new furnace. When they returned there were men who had dismantled

the old furnace and helped install the new heating system, including pipes, valves, etc. The job was completed at 2:30 AM with the church being warm and cozy for the worship service at 9:30!

The helpers were Mike Alban, Mike Burkey, Dick Keller, Rich Keller, Christopher Keller, Al Lantz, Scott Liller and Jim Squires. At the worship hour some bleary eyes were noticed on several members of the congregation!

We appreciate Don and Harlan for making the trip to Baltimore and the other guys for their assistance in the removal of the old furnace and installing the new heating system.

If anyone desires to make a donation to help pay for the new furnace, you may use any pew envelope, mark it for furnace fund, add your name and envelope number, if possible. Many of our parishioners have already made a contribution, which is greatly appreciated!

Sunday, February 21st, was an evening of fun and fellowship when the group made the metal crosses for the congregation. They were made as a remembrance for the 6th anniversary of Living Word Lutheran Church! The symbol for the 6th celebration is iron. The celebration gift was made of 3 old fashion nails with a cord for hanging. It also has a magnet on the back for displaying on an appliance. Several are on display in the narthex curio cabinet. If you didn't receive a memorial gift, just see Andi and she will gladly give you a cross.

Proceeding the craft class, under the leadership of Scott and Andi Liller, a covered dish dinner was held. Those making the metal nail crosses were Al/Carol Lantz, Joe/Paula McIntosh, Bob/Becky McIntyre, Dick/Pat Keller, Paul/Lori/Hannah/Karl Eriksson, Kay Chaney, Pat Counihan and Sadie. Pastor Mark and Susan were suppose to attend, but left in the afternoon as their daughter, Heather Faust, gave birth to their second child at noon. The baby boy, named

named Aaron Levi, tipped the scales at 8 pounds 5 ounces. The Faust couple have a 4 year old daughter, Grace Elizabeth and reside in Fleetwood, PA. Congratulations Dan, Heather and big sister, Grace! Also, congratulations to Pastor Mark and Susan on the birth of their 3rd grandchild!

Frost Elementary School (Frostburg) recently announced the names of school members who earned the Principal's Choice Awards for the second period. In April, the third marking was noted in the newspaper and Annabeth Hughes, 10 year old daughter of Kristi and Ray, was mentioned for both markings. Annabeth is a honor student and is in the 4th grade. Congregations, Annabeth!

A water cooler has been purchased and is located at the nursery room door entrance in the narthex. Our appreciation to Mike McIntosh and Al Lantz for being responsible for the purchase and installation of the cooler.

A baby shower was held Saturday, March 12th, in the fellowship hall for Kayla Chaney, daughter of Scott and granddaughter of Bob and Kay. The shower was given by her cousins and family. Kayla received beautiful items and monetary gifts for her expected heir! Several games were played and delicious refreshments were served buffet style to those attending.

Living Word Lutheran Church congregation celebrated the 6th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, March 6th. Each member of the congregation received a hand made cross as a remembrance. The crosses were displayed on a pine tree and as each person returned to the pews from communion, they were given the memento.

Sheri Cook delivered M-A-N-Y bags and boxes of

material and supplies to the church for the Quilters Group recently. Sheri was responsible for cleaning 3 rooms of her deceased aunts' home that contained all the items. She was a seamstress, quilter and craft maker. Phyllis Alban, quilt advisor, met with her group and went through all the bags and boxes. They kept all the material and supplies they able to use with 4 bags of items that will be put in our outdoor sale. The remaining bags Sheri picked up and delivered them to another church for them to select what they could use. Our appreciation to Sheri for her generous donation to our quilters and up-coming sale.

Our appreciation to Al Lantz and Joe McIntosh who worked to improve the outside appearance of our building. The 2 gardeners trimmed back the ground level of the lilies, trees and shrubs around the church. At the end of the chore they had 9 bags of trimmings to dispose of. This shows what a job this was and the improvement was noticeable! Thanks, Al and Joe!

Andi and Scott Liller decorated the altar for each Wednesday Lenten service according to Pastor Mark's lenten message. On Palm Sunday the main aisle of the sanctuary was strewn with palms and the altar adorned with palms and artifacts. Beautiful decor, Liller couple!

At the Palm Sunday service, Hannah, 10 year old daughter of Paul and Lori Eriksson, received her first communion rites. Hannah was going to be out of town on Easter Sunday which was the date of the scheduled service. Congratulations, Hannah!

Tuesday, March 22nd, was the cleaning day for the Helping Hands group. The entire building and contents were thoroughly scrubbed, polished, swept and dusted! The windows were washed inside and out! Those helping clean were Lora Henson, Dick/Pat Keller, Al Lantz, Joyce Smith, Lori/Caitlin Squires, Moon/Peggy Young and Sadie. I sincerely thank my great cleaning committee!

Kay Chaney who does the floral decor for the fellowship hall tables, windows and entrance planter in the narthex has the spring look with small containers of colorful flowers. Thanks, Kay, for beautifying this area of our building.

Sheri Cook took one of our ministry quilts to the March meeting of the Ya Ya Women's group to raffle off. The money raised was \$90.00 and was given to the quilt ministry which they then presented to the keyboard fund. Our appreciation to Sheri and the Ya Ya organization for their support to our church.

Andi and Scott also had the front of the sanctuary decorated for Maundy Thursday and everything, including the large suspended wooden cross was draped in black for Good Friday.

On a day when Christ was crucified and the world was sad, Friday, March 25th it was a day of celebration for the Chaney/Weakley families...Bryce James Weakley was born!! Kayla, daughter of Scott Chaney, is the mother of the 7 pound 2 ounce baby boy! The proud great grandparents are Bob/Kay Chaney who welcomed the first male in their family as they are grandparents to EIGHT GRAND-DAUGHTERS!! Congratulations to Kayla, Seth, Scott, Kay and Bob.

Easter Sunday the Liller Couple had pots of live lilies to adorn the altar. At the close of the worship service they were given to members of the congregation. We are blest to have Andi using her talents making banners and doing the altar decor for all the seasons. She also made the 2 beautiful wreaths on the double front doors. They were made of vines into a square that featured lilies and a cross, Lovely decor, Andi and her helper, Scott!

Mary Lou Socia, is a permanent resident at WMHS Frostburg Nursing and Rehab, 48 Tarn Terrace, Room 107. This is the former St. Vincent dePaul's home. Mary Lou has 1 daughter, Karen Scarpelli, who resides in Frostburg.

The anonymous couple in our church treated all the children at Easter again this year by making Easter gift bags. Some were with a stuffed bunny attached to the bag for the younger tots while a toy was attached for the older children. The beautiful decorated Easter bags contained a variety of Easter candy. Our appreciation to this generous couple who continues to have love of giving to children!

Easter Sunday was a memorable day for the Hughes family when Kristie and Ray's daughter, 10 year old Annabeth, received her first communion! Congratulations, Annabeth and family.

When 9 members of our congregation leave the country ...that's news! The group included Bonnie Keller, Dick/Pat Keller, Al/Carol Lantz, Scott/Andi Liller and Don/Marsha Squires. This group flew to Punta Cana Resort in the Dominican Republic in April for a week of sand, sun and good food! The members enjoyed their vacation to the island.

Our appreciation to Christopher Keller, son of Rich, who has been cutting and trimming the grass while Al was overseas and for several times after he returned home. Thanks, Pher!

Christopher is a senior at Allegany High School and is also employed at Rocky Gap. Congratulations to Christopher who made the A-B honor roll list for the third marking at Alco!

A loveseat style sofa was given by Sadie for in the narthex. The large sofa that was here when the building was purchased was taken to the church school room. The space was necessary to make room for the water cooler and looks better with the smaller sofa. Thank you ...JIM SQUIRES...for picking up/delivering the sofa!

A tentative date for the indoor sale will be held Saturday, June 11 from 8 - 1. However, your items for our sale CANNOT be brought to the church until the week of the sale, as we don't have storage space available. A bake sale will also will also be held at the same time as the merchandise sale. The profit will be given to the furnace fund of the church. The merchandise now stored is the final donation from the estate of the late Jeanora Hare and the balance from the home of Mary Lou Socia.

The church picnic will be held Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 at Constitution Park Pavilion 6.

Jessica Squires, daughter of Jim and Lori Squires, will graduate with her Master's Degree in Education on May 21, 2016. Congratulations Jessica and all of your family.

Emma Baker, granddaughter of Wayne and Joyce has a summer job as "Ball Girl" for the Orioles baseball team. There were 6 picked out of 80. She is a nursing student at University of Maryland. Her home is in Midland. Congratulations Emma!

Alyssa Rudy, granddaughter of Bob and Kay Chaney, has received her National Honor Society stole at Greencastle, PA. She will graduate from Greencastle Atrium High School in June. In the fall she will go to Lynchburg, VA for college classes to continue her education towards being a Physical Therapist. Congratulations Alyssa!

Aaron Michael Frankenberg was born May 5, 2016 at 1:40 AM. He weighed in at 7lbs. 10oz. Amanda and family are doing well. Congratulations to all of the Frankenberg family.

THANK YOU AND APPRECIATION NOTES

Dear friends, Just want to thank you all who sent me birthday cards. The card you sent me from the church was beautiful. I miss you all. May God love you all and give you blessings for your kindness.

Love to you all, Shirley (Valentine)

Dear Annabeth, Carolyn, William, Hannah, Karl, Christian, Olivia, Isabella, Dante, Stacey, Phyllis and Mike,

The post office delivered me a package the other day, and when I opened it my heart almost jumped out of my chest when I saw the most beautiful quilt I had ever seen. Words cannot express how grateful I was to receive such a beautiful work of art from such a great group of children. I cannot guess how much work went into this quilt, but I know it was a lot. This is truly a work of love and I appreciate it very much. It surely gave me a big boost in spirit and made my day a lot better. I want to thank the children who were involved in the making of this beautiful gift for me. I am doing very well and hope

to be home soon.

God Bless Everyone of You, Gene Cave

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so very much for your benevolence donation of \$175.00 to go toward the rebuilding of our church building after our church building was burned down by an arsonist on March 16th. Your kindness and support means so very much to us and we are truly grateful,

In His Service, Pastor Rich Riley
Berean Independent Baptist Church

A beautiful 'Special Thank You' card was received with the following note...Hello Everyone, We want to thank you for the many cards that we received, telephone calls, emails and the wonderful comfort quilt. It made us feel so good knowing that you were thinking of us and praying for us. Gene is doing fantastic. His surgeon released him on Wednesday. The doctor was quite impressed with how good Gene is doing. He no longer has to sit in the back seat and have to be chauffeured by me. One more doctors appointment and we will be heading NORTH. We miss you all so much and looking forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless You, Sondra Cave

Dear Children of LWLC, I was truly surprised when my family brought me a gift from you...a beautiful comfort quilt. The handmade squares created by each of you is a memory I shall always cherish. Thank you so much for your artistic ability in making my quilt!

A Grateful Quilt Owner, Mary Lou Socia

Note: you are fortunate to have Phyllis Alban as your teacher and friend!!

BIRTHDAYS

Sondra Cave	May 06
Michael Snyder	May 06
Robert McIntyre	May 06
Joe McIntosh	May 11
Mason Hott	May 12
Marsha Squires	May 12
Mary Kay Fanelli	May 14
Michelle Larrick	May 18
Don Squires	May 25
Gerald Arthur	May 29
Becky McIntyre	June 10
Kim Henson	June 14
Caitlin Weems	June 25
Jocelyn Chaney	June 28
Kira Chaney	July 06
Pastor Mark	July 08
Caitlin Squires	July 11
Patrick Hughes	July 25
Greg Lewis	July 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Andi Liller	May 9, 1997
Paul and Lori Eriksson	May 14, 1994
Tim and Carol Martin	May 18, 2013
Bob and Becky McIntyre	May 20, 1972
Gene and Sondra Cave	May 27, 1961
Kim and Lora Henson	June 3, 1972
Adrian and Susan Weems	June 8, 1983
Bryan and Tanya Palmer	June 23, 2012
Ray and Kristi Hughes	July 9, 1994
Bob and Kay Chaney	July 15, 1961
Bill and Sheri Cook	July 17, 1993

Congratulations to Greg Lewis and Susan

(Hartman) on their recent marriage April 3, 2016



Palm Sunday 3-20-2016



Hannah Eriksson 1st
Holy Communion



L W's 2016 Council Members

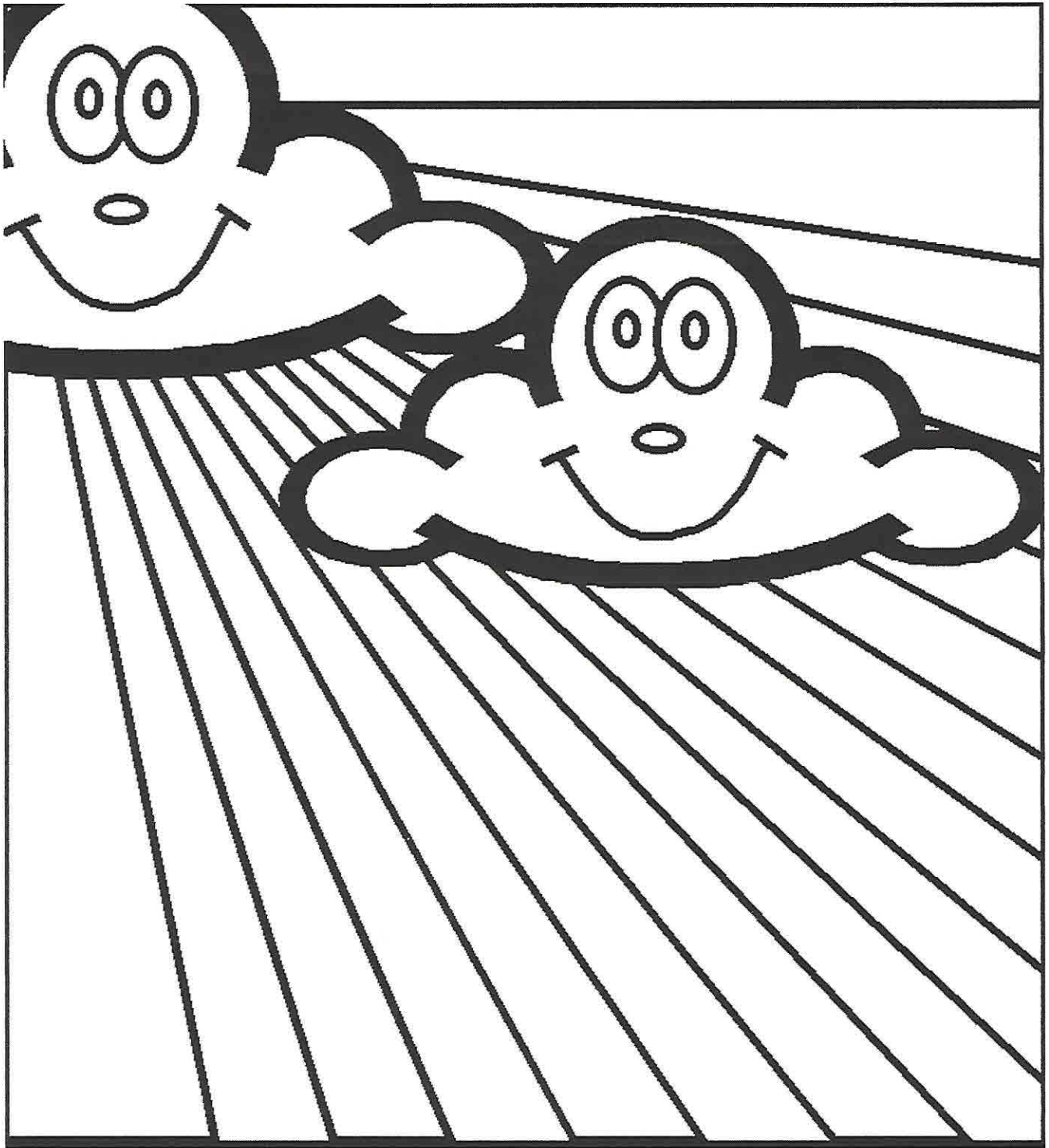


L W's Children's Church
group singing
This Little Light of Mine

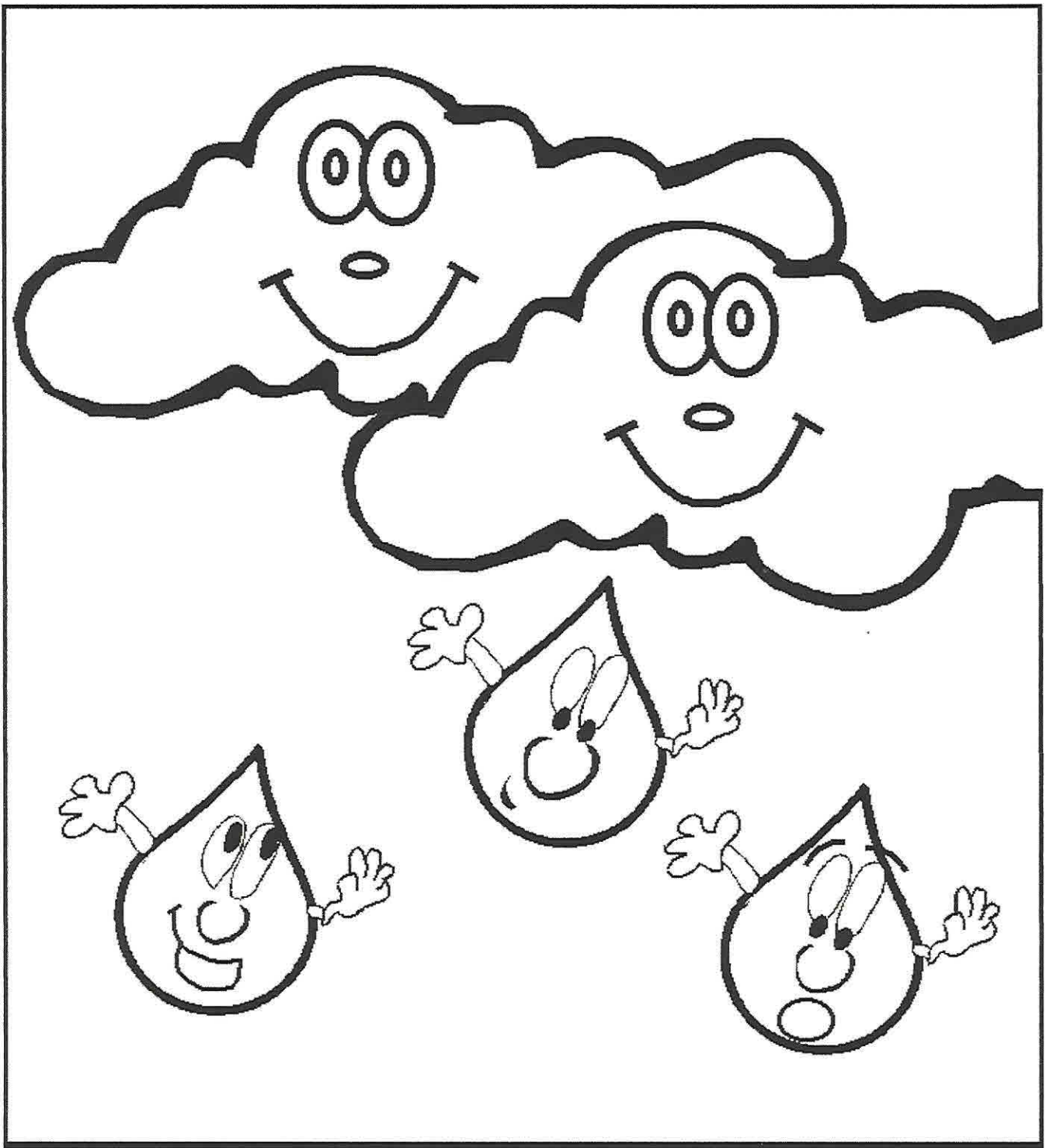


Youth presenting
Miss Phyllis
&
comfort quilt





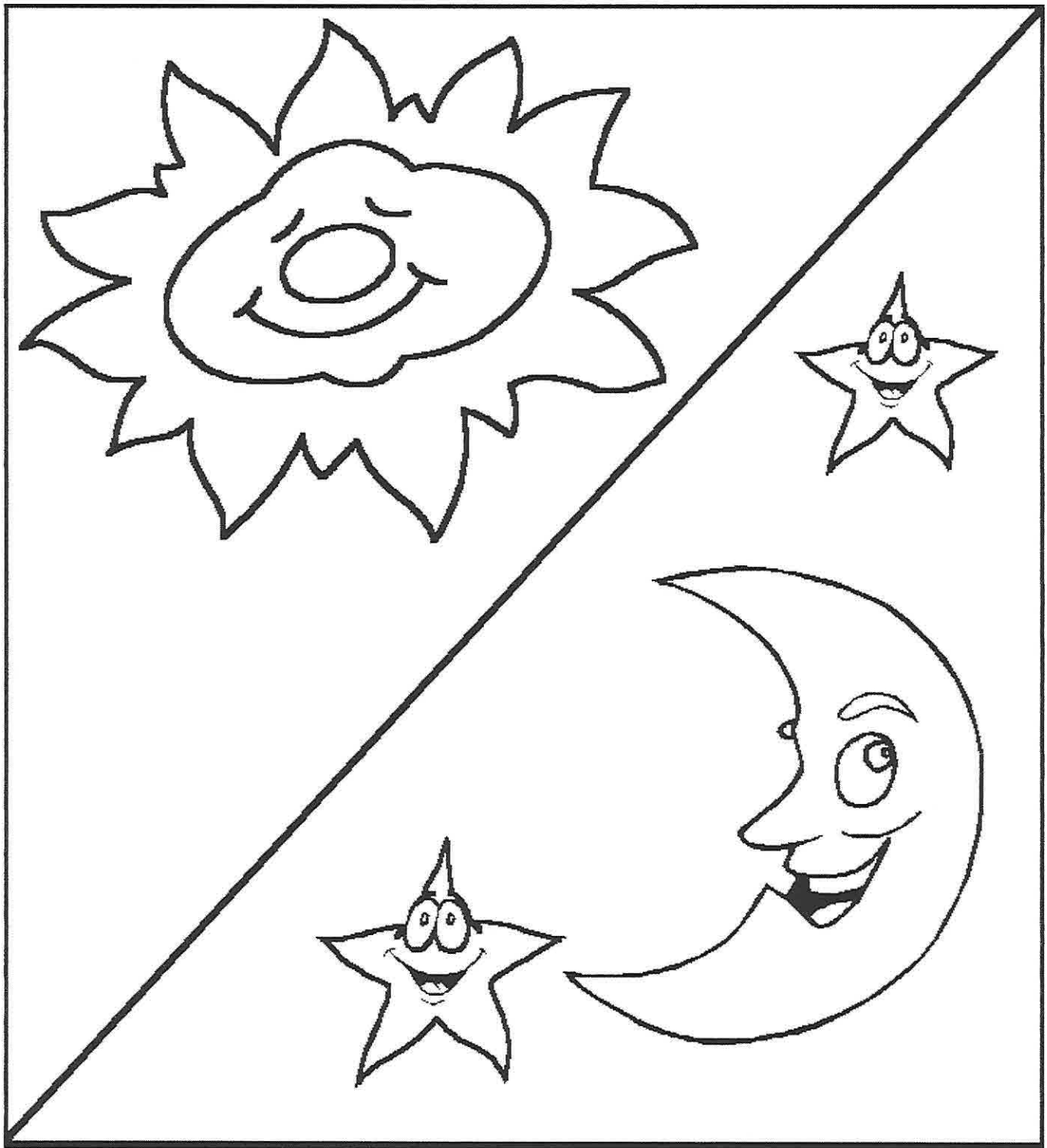
**On the first day, God
separated light from darkness.**



**On the second day, God made the sky
and the water.**



**On the third day, God made dry
land and plants.**



On the fourth day, God made the
sun, moon and stars.