

The Shout of El Shaddai

by Paul Wilbur

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The thunder in the distance?
When we worship, the Lion of Judah roars!

Strongholds crumble
All around us
In the presence of our Lord.

There'll be victory in the camp
At the shout of El Shaddai!
Every enemy will flee
From the fire in His eyes.
Every captive will be freed
In this year of Jubilee,
When we hear the shout of El Shaddai!

In Your name
Powers of darkness tremble,
Jericho tumbles to the ground.

In Your name
Chains of death are broken.
Lord of Hosts,
Pour Your power out

We have overcome
By the name and the blood
Of the Lamb of God!
Every wall must fall,
Every knee must bow,
To the Lord of all.

In Your name,
Every curse is broken
Sin and death
Underneath Your feet.

In Your name,

We will bow before You.
Every tribe
And every tongue will sing!

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*Praying for the falling of the evil one's strongholds in your lives through the power of the name of
Jesus!*

Pastor Michael



From the Consecrated Stewards Team

“Harvesting Stewards”

October is a great time of the year. In many parts of our country the leaves are changing colors and providing some beautiful scenery to delight our eyes. The harvesting of grain (corn, beans and the

like) is either completed or in the process of being completed. Many fruits, like apples, and vegetables like pumpkins, are also being harvested and stored away.

Farmers, orchard owners and gardeners are God’s stewards who prepare the fields, orchards and gardens, plant the seeds, cultivate and fertilize the plants, and then wait for the Lord’s blessings of sunshine, rain, and seasonable weather so that the harvest may be gathered in to provide food for all of God’s creatures. God blesses this faithful stewardship.

The Apostle James writes: **“See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.” (James 5:7 NIV)** Those who work in fields, orchards and gardens know that while they contribute much to a good harvest, but they also know that without the Lord’s blessings there would be no harvest. They can do their best to get the fields, orchards and gardens ready for seedtime and harvest but the good harvest will take place only if the Lord blesses the fields, orchards and gardens with the kind of weather necessary for a bountiful harvest. After doing all they can, God’s stewards must wait upon the Lord who **“opens his hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing.” Psalm 145:16 NIV)**

We who have been called to faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit are also called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us to manage wisely and well. On October 31st we celebrate Reformation Day--a day to remember and give thanks for all the beautiful spiritual blessings God has given to us through the work and ministry of his faithful steward, Dr. Martin Luther. Through Luther God called the church back to **Scripture Alone, Grace Alone and Faith Alone** so we can know for sure what his will is for our Christian living and giving.

As stewards of the Gospel of Jesus as well as all the rest of life and life’s resources, we are called to patiently and faithfully give of our time, talents, financial resources and Christian witness for God’s glory and the welfare of people whose lives we touch.

Maturing stewards really do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do. Have a joy-filled October!

LCC HAPPENINGS

October already?!... Unlike Pastor Michael, I am not a fan of winter or the cold weather. This is all coming way to fast this year. But it is nice to have all the church activities in full swing again. September was a busy month, including the following...

- **Kyle McGivney coordinating** Mainspring on September 12th. Again, thanks to all the cooks who continue to support this ministry. We continue to feed a large number of people!
- **Puppets of the Cross** presented the Children’s Message on Sunday, September 13th, at which time they sang songs from Vacation Bible School. Future Puppets of the Cross practices will be held the 2nd Sunday of each month during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School, starting October 11th at 10:30 AM.
- **Rally Sunday, Part 1.** On September 13th, Sunday school and Adult discussion resumed after the summer vacation. Puppets of the Cross presented songs from Vacation Bible School, “Discovery Canyon”.

- **Rally Sunday, Part 2.** Additionally we welcomed Cory Burroughs into the congregation and installed all the Sunday School teachers and Church Council officers.
- **The Adult Discussions** during September examined the differences between the three major Lutheran denomination bodies - the ELCA, the LC-MS and the WELS., and looking at the question, "How did we get these different bodies to begin with?"!
- **The Picnic at the Parsonage** was held on September 20th following Sunday School and Adult forum, at 12:00 PM. The Stahls provided brats AND **sauerkraut**. The rest of the meal; appetizers, salads, desserts, was potluck. What a surprise – we had great food to eat (and tons of it!) The day was gorgeous and we all had a great time. Thank you Pastor Michael and Stacey!
- **Men's monthly breakfasts and Bible Study** started on Saturday, September 12th at 7:30 AM. I hear the breakfast was REALLY good, many thanks to Jim Darcy!
- **The women's Bible Study** began Monday, September 14th from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM. The group meets every Monday evening from 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM. The book being read this fall is "*Having a Mary Spirit*" by Joanna Weaver. Contact Stacey Stahl if you are interested in more information about this group.
- **Adult Choir started.** Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. All are invited – just show up!! Tenors and basses, there is definitely room for you!
- **A Funeral Planning session** was held Saturday, September 26th! Magoun and Biggins Funeral Home, Rockland, came in and presented all the issues and decisions that must be made when arranging a funeral. See Pastor Michael for the handouts if you were unable to make this session.
- **President Keurulainen** joined us on Tuesday evening, September 29th at 7:00 PM for coffee, dessert and questions. Thanks to all who helped with the refreshments for the evening!

OCTOBER AND BEYOND

10th graders, or confirmands being confirmed this month, a meeting was scheduled for Sunday, October 4th at 11:30 AM following Sunday School. (I hope you all made it, as it is now Oct. 6th!)

The flower chart needs some attention. There are still Sundays in 2009 that are open. Sign-up is on the bulletin board.

The women's Bible Study continues to meet Monday evenings from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM. If you have an interest in joining this group, please see Stacey Stahl.

Fall clean-up of the church grounds is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th with a rain date of October 24th. Please plan to help, and bring all your favorite rakes, etc.

The next Men's monthly breakfasts and Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 7:30 AM. All men, including recent confirmands, are invited to attend (I hear the breakfast is REALLY good!)

Confirmation is this month! As part of the confirmation process, there is a rehearsal dinner prior to confirmation Sunday, where the 9th graders provide dinner for the group getting confirmed. We have a problem this year – no ninth grade confirmands! SO, please watch the bulletin board. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this dinner once we have a date...

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Our Student Ministry is Starting Again. Lea Bouchard is looking for addresses of all our students away from home. Care packages will be going out periodically – the first scheduled for October 19th. Please contact Lea with addresses and/or if you would like to help at wimaja@aol.com. Cash donations are appreciated, or please bring snacks and/or baked goods to church on Oct. 18th.

Women of the Cross – The Sweet Life Café fall retreat is Oct. 16-18 at Hope Floats Retreat Center in Kingston. The cost is \$60 and includes 2 nights accommodation, meals and retreat supplies. Please sign-up on the bulletin board and give Lea Bouchard a \$20 deposit or the full \$60

Thanksgiving Eve – This year, Christ Lutheran Church in Scituate will be hosting the Thanksgiving Eve service, beginning at 7:30 PM

Volunteer Opportunities

The strength of our church has always been largely due to the commitment of our members. It is important that we all continue to help and volunteer, which is even more important as we help support a new pastor. There are many ways each of us can choose to help. Below are just a few...

Hanover Habitat for Humanity – The Hanover Habitat for Humanity just started work on the house being built in Hanover. However, the project is now on hold due to budget issues, but hopefully will be starting up soon.

- Stacey Stahl and Kyle McGivney have volunteered to coordinate food. We will be supplying lunch every sixth week once building gets going. A sign-up is on the bulletin board for people to volunteer for food detail. Please sign-up and include phone number and email address so that they have the means to contact you when it is our turn. If you would like to help this month, please see Stacey or Kyle.
- LCC Habitat Volunteer Coordinator needed: Please contact Nick Iovino (volunteer@sshhabitat.org or 781-843-9080 x18) if you would be willing to coordinate volunteer workers on behalf of our church. Also, please let our office know (781-826-5121) if you volunteer for this position so that we don't keep asking...

Remember the Hanover Food Pantry, the shelves are bare right now! At this point, all things are needed; paper products, soaps, pasta, juices, snacks – you name it! **Please help out!!!** And many thanks to all of you who have made contributions over the last few weeks.

Mainspring – We supply meals to Mainspring on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A menu is usually posted around the first of the month and we can always use a few more cooks and bakers. The last few months we have been feeding close to 100! We have coordinators for the rest of this year, so please watch the bulletin board each month for the menu and sign-up. Kyle McGivney is doing the lion’s share of the work, so it would be great to find a few more people to help him coordinate the meals in 2010!

Coffee Hours – This year we need people to supplement the confirmation families in hosting the weekly coffee hour after church. A sign-up is on the bulletin board for volunteers to help out! It has been a rather quiet summer, with many Sundays coffeeless – even last Sunday, September 27th!... Hopefully there will be some sign-ups for the fall. Thank you for all your help!!

Worship assistants – We can always use more worship assistants. People to help with counting, Altar Guild and communion assistants would be more than welcome! We are working on an instruction session for those interested in Altar Guild, and for counters as well if need be. Please call Kathy in the office, 781-826-5121, if you would be willing to help with one of these groups.

Personal Mention

- **Happy Birthday wishes in October** are extended to **Will Bouchard, Kimberly Hayes, Ernie Hill, Rich Koertje, Phil Lindquist, Kathy MacDougall, Melanie MacKenzie, Steven Obreza, Peggy Peterson, Hilda Phillips, Kim Prestridge and Eric Yeingst.**
- **Happy Anniversary to Jim and Sharon Darcy, Chris and Satu Donahoe, Karl and Lisa Mueller, and Sean and Robin Willis!**
- **Our prayers are with the Sidney family** as they deal with two tragedies within their family. Jill Sidney, daughter of Janice and Bob Sidney, was in a bad car accident in Italy where she was working. She lost her leg below the knee. Janice is over in Italy and both Dana and Jonathan are planning to go over in October. Also, Dana’s husband Bill was diagnosed with ALS and is already confined to a wheelchair.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...



- Agnes Abrahamson**, undergoing cancer treatments
- Marie Bain**, for good health
- Ed Beck**, for continued sobriety and related health
- Ethan Darcy**, for continued healing related to his congenital heart defect
- Carla Errichiello-Hill**, for continued health and healing
- Rob Hendrickson**, for continued health and healing
- Joyce Linde**, for health and healing

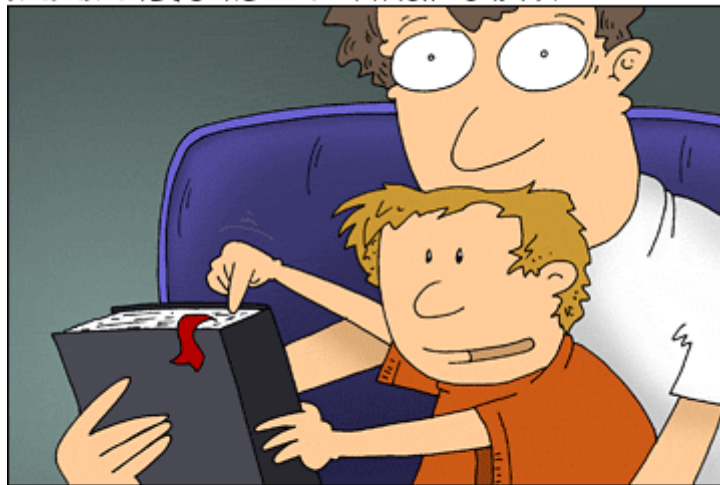
Bella, Brayden and Brett Orrall, for continued health and growth.
Bill and Harriet Williamson, for health and healing
Audrey Yeingst, undergoing treatment for cancer of the liver and bile duct
Bill Abbott, Dana Abbott's husband, living with ALS
Eva Churchill, the Hendricksons' friend, for healing from multiple health issues
Harrison Collett, 6 yr. old brother of one of our Nursery School students, diagnosed with bone cancer
Anna Fitzgerald, Agnes Abrahamson's granddaughter, dealing with epilepsy and autism
Jodi Gries, Jerry and Barbara Gorichs' daughter, recovering from cancer surgery
Jerry Haley, friend of the Sweetsers, diagnosed with a brain tumor
Lloyd Prestridge, Dan Prestridge's father, living with cancer
Jill Sidney, for healing, after losing a leg in a car accident in Italy

Ministry to the Persecuted Church:

On Sept. 16, Sidra, a Christian teenage girl, was abducted by Muslims in Pakistan. She was with family members when 16 Muslims isolated her and her brother, and then beat him badly and abducted her. Sidra's father and mother are frantic and are requesting prayer for their daughter's safe return. This is the second time Sidra has been abducted by Muslims. In February 2008, she was abducted while getting ready for school and was held in captivity for eight months. While being held Sidra was violated and Muslims attempted to force her to deny Christ, but she refused. Recently the family was holding prayer meetings in their neighborhood and praying for Muslims in their home. They believe this upset local Muslims and led to the abduction.

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I REALLY LIKE YOUR BIBLE, DAD ... HOW DO YOU TURN IT ON?

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“Finding the Right Daily Devotional for You”

by Jim Burns, Ph.D.

Daily devotions . . . “quiet time” – whatever you call it, it’s an important part of the spiritual maturing process.

I don’t know about you, but I know a lot of people who, if they’re really honest, don’t “do devotions” all that well. The *idea* of spending time with the Lord, worshipping and praising Him, receiving nourishment from His Word – it all sounds so appealing. But actually *doing* it? That’s another thing.

One of the best ways to get kids excited about daily devotions is to make them as personal as possible. What I mean by that is this is one-on-one time with God we’re talking about. It’s not for anyone else – just *you*.

That’s why I think it’s important to encourage your kids – especially the teenagers – to develop their own devotional routine.

Now, of course you’ll find lots of great resources at your favorite Christian bookstore – One Year Bibles are helpful, devotional journals where you can write prayer requests and other thoughts about God are also great.

And let’s not forget the Internet. Over the past ten years, a number of fantastic online devotionals have cropped up. (One in particular *I’m* rather fond of us just a couple of clicks away here. Just go to our homepage, and click on the icon that says, “Join the YB Community.” There you can sign up for our daily electronic “e”votional.)

The point is here, whatever you do, do *something*. Parents – even if your kids don’t fully understand what they’re reading in God’s Word, at least they’re “reading God’s Word.” And Scripture is clear when it declares that the Word of God will not come back void!

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ADOPT AN EXPENSE PROGRAM

(January – December 2009)

Below is the list of “Adopt-An-Expense” program items for 2009, so far. As mentioned at the January congregational meeting, the **goal is to get \$1,600 of adopted expenses by the end of the year. We are three-quarters of the way there!** Does this mean we can beat the goal??? There

are still many expenses which can be adopted. Many thanks to Cory and Don Burroughs, Gudrun Davis, Carla and Ernie Hill, Jackie Johnson, Patty Owen and the 4th-6th grade Sunday School, and Audrey and Ray Yeingst for their contributions. Please remember that you can adopt a portion of any expense. Every little bit helps!!!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approx. cost</u>	<u>Remain. Amt</u>	<u>Adopted</u> (this year)
2009 Expenses			
Sunday School Supplies			
Fall material	380.00	140.00	240.00
Winter material	380.00	380.00	
Spring material	380.00	380.00	
VBS Supplies	1000.00	1000.00	
Offering envelopes	500.00	500.00	
Disposable Communion Cups	110.00	0.00	110.00
Portals of Prayer	160.00	160.00	
Confirmation Scarves	40.00	40.00	
Certificates (Baptism, 1 st communion...)	60.00	60.00	
Altar Candles	500.00	500.00	
Eternal Candles	125.00	125.00	
Calendars	30.00	30.00	
Communion cruet	94.00	0.00	94.00
Holy Week bulletin covers	90.00	90.00	
Pastors' wives conference	90.00	0.00	90.00
Financial Secretary expenses	280.40	0.00	280.40
Confirmation Scarves	35.00	35.00	
Confirmation Robes	240.00	240.00	
Confirmation Bibles	165.00	165.00	
4 th Grade Bibles	95.00	95.00	
Puppet Ministry			
Deluxe Puppet Pack	116.00	0.00	116.00
6 Inbetweens	144.00	39.00	105.00
6 Full/Half Body Puppets	240.00	40.00	200.00
Stage Materials/Props	300.00	300.00	

TOTAL ADOPTED: \$1,235.40
