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Other Side of the Mountain

First, my prayers and a very **BIG THANK YOU** to those who are working so hard to medically care for us, daily protect us, and those making sure we stay well. My prayers go to everyone who suffered losses and to those who are ill.

With social distancing and staying isolated, time initially passed very slowly but now it seems to be a routine where I can do the stuff I have put off for what seems like forever. I even did the Thirty Books of the Bible again – (Answers below). I hope you enjoyed the quiz. Do you need more things to keep you engaged? Let me know and I'll send you some interesting and/or fun links for you to enjoy (privately of course).

Love, Peace and Wellness!!

Susan Darcy

(email at: sldarcy@roadrunner.com). The second letter of my eMail is the letter L.

Answers for The Thirty Books of the Bible

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is **a most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois, worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however will soon find themselves in a **jam**, **especially** since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of the **m at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, **surveyed** over 200 patrons who reported that this

puzzle was one of the most difficult that had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking Somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

Old and New Testaments of the Bible

Old Testament	Old Testament	New Testament	New Testament
• Genesis	• Proverbs	• Matthew	• James
• Exodus	• Ecclesiastes	• Mark	• 1 Peter
• Leviticus	• Song of Solomon	• Luke	• 2 Peter
• Numbers	• Isaiah	• John	• 1 John
• Deuteronomy	• Jeremiah	• Acts	• 2 John
• Joshua	• Lamentations	• Romans	• 3 John
• Judges	• Ezekiel	• 1 Corinthians	• Jude
• Ruth	• Daniel	• 2 Corinthians	• Revelation
• 1 Samuel	• Hosea	• Galatians	
• 2 Samuel	• Joel	• Ephesians	
• 1 Kings	• Amos	• Philippians	
• 2 Kings	• Obadiah	• Colossians	
• 1 Chronicles	• Jonah	• 1 Thessalonians	
• 2 Chronicles	• Micah	• 2 Thessalonians	
• Ezra	• Nahum	• 1 Timothy	
• Nehemiah	• Habakkuk	• 2 Timothy	
• Esther	• Zephaniah	• Titus	
• Job	• Haggai	• Philemon	
• Psalm	Malachi	• Hebrews	

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

We are here and we are there. Each of us, isolated in our own places and attempting to maintain social distancing and our health. Being caught up in this pandemic has proven stressful. It has led to some experiencing greater symptoms of depression and loneliness. It has led to intense financial difficulties for many. Our national economy may not be able to recover.

Yet, God has still got this. He is still seated on the throne. He is not up pacing wondering how his creation is going to make it through this. He is not going without sleep because of worry or anxiety. He has got this.

And so does His Church.

We have not given up. We have found new ways to maintain contact. We have attended church services over the internet. We have shared holy communion. We have continued to pray. We have, in some ways taken over Facebook—Sunday mornings inundating the news feeds with live services in which the word of God is shared. We have continued to pray. In some cases, we have even learned to pray more.

This is only a brief word of encouragement. I thought about trying to figure out how to show the numbers. Do you realize that, though only one or two people may come in to the service through Facebook, the resulting numbers of viewers is 40+. That is not including the regular members coming together through the Zoom meeting. That is 40 souls whom COS has touched that, if it was not for this virus forcing us to think outside the building, we might never have reached. This is impressive if you ask me.

And, given the benefit to His creation, we have to consider the potential of continuing in this way even once everything is returned to “normal.”

Those who survive trauma know that “normal” gets redefined after the trauma passes. It will never be what it was prior to the event. Those who perhaps have relatives that shared stories following the Great Depression or those who have served in the military or experienced great personal loss know exactly what I mean. Make no mistake, what we are experiencing now is going to leave a mark. Our normal will no longer be what it was just 5 years ago. It never can be. We don't have a handy dandy DeLorean to use to go back in time. All we have is what comes next.

So, I will close with a period of trauma that comes out of the bible. Right now we are celebrating Easter. It is the time in which we remember most intently the journey of Jesus to the cross, his death and then his resurrection. Prior to the resurrection, what was normal now like for the disciples? It was loaded with fear. The disciples were hidden behind locked doors. Even after Jesus confirmed his resurrection to his disciples many still went back to their old lives for a time (or at the least tried to). This was their new normal.

And then they were obedient.

Following the resurrection and teachings Jesus gave them, he left them with one last instruction. Don't do anything until the power comes from on high. That is, until the coming of the Holy Spirit. What did it take for that next normal? They had to get together. They had to pray together, and they had to agree in that prayer in the deepest sense of agreement. Then, 50 days after the resurrection, the power from on high was released and the Church was born.

Our new normal is something similar. We cannot nor should we go back to what life was like before. We should press on. We should pray on. We should believe on. And we should look for the next move that God calls us to.

Blessings and peace to all

Father Frank Lockwood

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

During these days of sheltering in place, I find things to keep me occupied. Tony and I take care of granddaughter Evelyn during the week. I will be home schooling for Pre-Kindergarten and my first attempt was interesting. It's been a while since a 4 year old has spent a lot of time in this home, and recircuiting my brain has been interesting. Today Tony and I will spend time making stations in the many rooms of this home - one for painting, one for school work, and the rest as play space. Mr. Rogers said that the work of children is play and play expands the mind, teaches social and emotional skills, and wires the brain for critical thinking. As adults, we need to remember to play. God has given us the beautiful earth and our ability to find enjoyment in simple things such as puzzles, walking, and connecting to His love. Keep playful and enjoy the nature of God.

From the Treasurer

Well...another month of social distancing-staying in place- limited if non existent outside activities....add to that the unseasonably cool weather....It is hard not to be depressed.

On the plus side I was able to fill a 10 yard dumpster with excess "stuff" from the attic & cellar. It always amazes me how many things we are able to "collect" over the years. This current "down time" has given me the opportunity to get the house in much better order...and for that I am grateful..

I was even able to locate old paperwork that I has assumed was long gone.. a true miracle

Another positive is getting to see my partner much more often- he is now working from home so he is upstate more than before...his office was also able to get a Federal Loan- so they are

rehiring staff this week...and his workload will return to some semblance of normalcy- however you want to define it.

Have been discovering walking routes here in New Lebanon...the vistas are much more obvious when I walk...and I am constantly reminded how lucky I am to live in this beautiful area

So there are many blessings ...if I have the good sense to appreciate them

Financially...Church of Our Saviour remains in extremely good shape.
Many members have continued with their contributions—for that we are all grateful
Our fuel oil use has reduced...so that is a fiscal silver lining

Finally...I share with all of you our deep feeling of loss with the passing of Father Dugger- many years ago this great and gentle soul welcomed us into the church...and that spirit has stayed with Rich & me through many good and bad times...Rest in peace Padre

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Daniel Herzog
Deacon Leslie Groneman
Rev. Randolph Lukas
Father John
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Bishops of Lutheran Synods

The Right Rev. William Love, Bishop
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Scott Larabee
John
Kenneth Duchazme
David Curran

Special prayers for the family of Rev Clinton Dugger

US Military
Vestries & Ministries of Christ Church Cocksackie and Church of Our Saviour

Special Prayers for all who are suffering from the COV19 virus & Those essential workers who are putting so much at risk for all of our sakes

CALENDAR- MAY 2020

All Church activities have been suspended because of the current health alerts

Here are some contact phone #'s

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Bitsy Sheffer-Winig 518-766-6343
Richard Dauchy 518-938-1290- cell 518-641-8935 Texting always OK

We have been able to do Zoom Church Services & Bible Study- Below is the information

Bible Study Zoom info- Saturdays 5:30 PM
Meeting ID: 860 7057 7019
Password: 829171
One tap mobile
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Sunday Services Zoom info- Sundays 8 AM
Meeting ID: 814 3303 2574
Password: 786465
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