



Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES

January 12, 2014

NEW! Bible Study Next Sunday



Benjamin Franklin's once said -
"Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." According to Franklin, nothing is certain in life except these two things we dread.

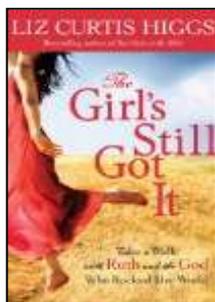
Certainly death is something people dread more than taxes. Death is the great unknown and therefore is a person's greatest fear. What is death like? Will it hurt? What happens after death? What happens to our bodies, our souls? These are just some of the questions we will ask and answer in our upcoming Adult Bible class. There is a lot we don't know about the afterlife, and sadly many people look for answers outside of the Bible. Thankfully God has revealed all we need to know about the afterlife in his holy Word. He speaks of two destinations: heaven and hell. Benjamin Franklin was right in saying death is a certainty for all people. We can take Franklin's statement one step further though - all people, without a doubt, will die and that means all people will end up in either heaven or hell.

Guest Presenter

Sunday, January 12, Pastor Nathanael Scharf, the recruitment director for Luther Preparatory High School will serve as guest presenter. Adults and kids 5th grade + are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you Sunday. ~ Pastor Free



Book Review from our Church Library



The Girl's Still Got It

By Liz Curtis Higgs

Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling - uncertain of her future. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together. And hang out with Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who blesses both

women and honors God, big time.

You'll tarry in the corners of their ancient houses, listen to their conversations, and consider every word of every verse until you can say, "I *totally* get the book of Ruth. And I see what God is trying to teach me through this rags-to-riches redemption story – he has a plan for my life." Does he ever!

NOTE: Women's Bible Study will study this book next.

An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all had beautiful voices and sang in the choir? Wouldn't it be great if each one of us had the ability to stand up in the front of the congregation and



preach a powerful sermon? Wouldn't it be terrific if all the men were ushers and all the women were on altar guild? Oh, wait a minute, maybe not! Who would sit in the pews and listen to the sermon and hear the music? God has

given each of us gifts and abilities that we can use to serve him. Some of us are better at planning a fellowship event than washing dishes, and some of us are better at unloading folding chairs than counting the offering. Yet together we are able to make the church run smoothly, to spread the gospel in our communities and throughout the world.

Upcoming 2014 Rallies and Retreats

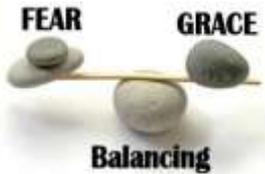
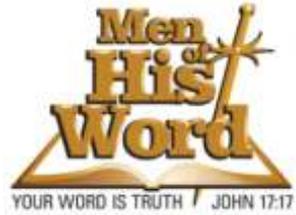
Men of His Word Conference

February 15, 2014

Oshkosh, WI

Theme: For Such a Time as This

www.menofhisword.org



Pathways to Christ - Spiritual Retreat

March 14 - 16, 2014

Oshkosh, WI

Theme: **How God Balances the Truths of the Bible**

www.pathways.martinlutheroshkosh.com

Today's Christian Women Retreat

March 28 - 30, 2014

Grand Travers Resort & Spa

Acme, MI

www.tcwr.org



LWMS Annual Convention

June 26 - 29, 2014

Dallas, TX

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

www.lwms2014convention.com

Mission Prayer

Dear Savior, who shines as the light of the world, use our Apache Christian Training School to reflect your light among the people of the Apache nation. Continue to give success to this program as the school trains Apaches to be leaders in their congregations. Amen.



Birthday Greetings



This week, we extend birthday greetings to Stuart Engelke (January 16). Enjoy your day!

Service to Our Lord

	January 6 - 12	January 13 - 19
Pianists	Margaret Schubring	Becky Miller
Ushers - 8:00	Sean Hogan Reilly Hogan	Mark Kreklow Dale Manzel
Ushers - 10:30	Dan Schoenbeck Rosie Schoenbeck	Doug Salzwedel Howard Smith Bob Fry
Refreshments	Pearl Salzwedel	Manzel McCormack
Cleaning	Frick Jones	Salzwedel E. Smith

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance:

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