



NEWSLETTER

Happy
Father's
Day

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From the Pastor

Do You Have The Time?

There are many Christian leaders today who accept and teach that the days of Genesis are millions of years. They often use a passage from the New Testament to prove their point. In 2 Peter 3:8 it says, "With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." However, this passage is not a good one to use to support their premise.

In fact, this passage has nothing to do with creation week. Rather, it is emphasizing that God is not bound by the measurement of time. The words are not referring to a 24 hour creation day. The context is referring to the 2nd coming of Christ, and that God is not limited by natural processes and time as humans are. Look at the words, "With the Lord a day is a thousand years".

It is true the word "day" doesn't always mean a 24 hour day. If I tell you I will come to your house during the day, it means while it is light, not a 24 hour day. Or if I ask you what day you are coming to my house, that would be a reference to a day in the week, not a 24 hour day. So how do we know that the day mentioned in Genesis is a 24 hour day?

The key to it being a 24 hour day is the context. Whenever the word day is used in the Old Testament with a number, with evening and morning, or just evening or just morning, or with day and night, it always means a 24 hour day. Since that is the way it is used in Genesis 1, we know it is a 24 hour day.

Churches that try to make the Genesis day longer, are trying to accommodate the teaching of evolution. Evolution needs millions of years of time and death for it to have any possibility of being plausible. Unfortunately, what that does is to change the Bible in how sin and death entered the world. Evolutionary thought has animals getting diseases, animals eating each other, long before man came into existence. If that were the case, God would have been a liar when he said, "Everything was very good, when man came along." Plus, the Bible says that sin and death came into the world as a result of man's sin in the Garden of Eden, not because it was already in existence before man was created.

As Christians, we need to be able to defend the teachings of God's Word, and refute evolutionary teachings. Carbon 14 dating is inaccurate, since they don't have a true beginning point to work with, nor do they take into consideration how a cataclysmic event like the flood could throw off their figures. The Bible is clear. The world as we know it is only 6000 years old. God made an old world.

May we all take the time to explain to anyone promoting evolution with creation that the Genesis day is a 24 hour day, not millions of years!

Open Bible 90 Day Challenge

Join Pastor Schulz in Reading the New Testament

1. Start reading the Bible today -- there is no better time, and there's no reason to wait.
2. Set aside a specific time each day. Set your schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are great, but feel free to use any time that works consistently for you.
3. Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not simply to accomplish your next reading. Say a short prayer to God before you begin, asking the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!
4. Any questions you have, email Pastor Schulz at pastoropenbible@gmail.com

- June 1st - Philippians 1; 2; 3
- June 2nd - Philippians 4; Colossians 1, 2
- June 3rd - Colossians 3; 4; 1 Thessalonians 1
- June 4th - 1 Thessalonians 2; 3, 4
- June 5th - 1 Thessalonians 5; 2 Thessalonians 1; 2 Thessalonians 2
- June 6th - 2 Thessalonians 3; 1 Timothy 1; 2
- June 7th - 1 Timothy 3; 4, 5
- June 8th - 1 Timothy 6; 2 Timothy 1; 2
- June 9th - 2 Timothy 3; 2 Timothy 4; Titus 1
- June 10th - Titus 2; Titus 3; Philemon 1
- June 11th - Hebrews 1; Hebrews 2; Hebrews 3
- June 12th - Hebrews 4; Hebrews 5; Hebrews 6
- June 13th - Hebrews 7; Hebrews 8; Hebrews 9
- June 14th - Hebrews 10; 11; 12
- June 15th - Hebrews 13; James 1; James 2
- June 16th - James 3; James 4; James 5
- June 17th - 1 Peter 1; 1 Peter 2; 1 Peter 3
- June 18th - 1 Peter 4; 1 Peter 5; 2 Peter 1
- June 19th - 2 Peter 2; 2 Peter 3; 1 John 1

- June 20th - 1 John 2; 1 John 3; 1 John 4
- June 21st - 1 John 5; 2 John 1; 3 John 1
- June 22nd - Jude 1; Revelation 1; 2
- June 23rd - Revelation 3; Revelation 4
- June 24th - Revelation 5; Revelation 6
- June 25th - Revelation 7; Revelation 8
- June 26th - Revelation 9; Revelation 10
- June 27th - Revelation 11; Revelation 12
- June 28th - Revelation 13; Revelation 14
- June 29th - Revelation 15; Revelation 16
- June 30th - Revelation 17; Revelation 18
- July 1st - Revelation 19; Revelation 20
- July 2nd - Revelation 21; Revelation 22

Who's Who at Open Bible



After years of evading the long arm of Who's Who, Dennis Duessler's time has come. Though he is one of the founding nine male members, he's never been in the newsletter spotlight.

Shouldn't we know more about a man we let open our envelopes?

Dennis was born in Columbus, WI and grew up in Juneau, WI. He attended college at Spencerien (now a part of Concordia), earning a BA in Accounting. He worked in Manufacturing/Accounting for USG in a suburb of Chicago until retiring 15 years ago. He loved living in that region and enjoyed all the activities of a metropolitan area, but the climate convinced him to find a home here in Stonecrest.

Golf is now his main sporting activity – Dennis plays three times a week including Saturdays with a group from church. He did not reveal his handicap. He used to love to snow ski in Colorado and admits he still has his boots and bibs packed away “just in case”. Dennis also enjoys playing cards and dining out; his favorite restaurant is Too Jays in any of The Villages' downtowns.

Small Group Ministry

As the leader of the Men of Leisure group at Open Bible, Dennis holds a monthly breakfast and bible study at a local restaurant. He noted that this goes on hiatus for the summer but all men are welcome to join in when they can and the dates are listed in the newsletter and bulletin.

Dennis is noting a significant anniversary this month – he returned from his tour in Vietnam 50 years ago June 3rd. He was in the Army for two years and remembers his draft notice came as an “invitation from friends and neighbors to serve your country”. He also shared that he and several buddies met Martha Raye in the lobby of a hotel in Saigon while on leave and she was very friendly and spoke at length with each of them.

Like many members, a trip up North comes around when the weather warms. Dennis is headed to Wisconsin soon to help his sister and brother-in-law celebrate their anniversary as well as get in a few Friday night perch dinners. One question that remains: as a Wisconsin native who lived a long time in Chicago – Packers or Bears? You’ll have to ask Dennis when you see him.

Submitted by: Ruth Ann Niermeyer

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine Committee Kickoff

The Sunshine Committee is so pleased that twenty-seven 27 members have volunteered to “Share Gods Love” with members in the hospital or rehab centers.

We still have 2 half month slots (last two weeks in June and August) needing to be filled in The Villages/Leesburg and 6 slots open (June, July, August, November, January 2017 & February 2017) in the Ocala area. If you are interested in helping to spread some love and friendship, please contact Jim Johnson to volunteer. Jim's home phone number is 352-753-0394. Thank You

Jim Johnson & Dan Blaho, Co-Chairman

Most of the small groups are on summer vacation. Activities will begin again in September.

Fellowship Group: (led by Joe & Paula Malec, Dan & Karen Pearson)

Our last activity before our summer break was a Potluck and PoKeNo night. We had about 25 in attendance. Lots of good food and laughs. Stay tuned for more exciting activities starting in September.

Fore-Giving Friday Golfers:

Every Friday afternoon, a group of "Fore-Giving Golfers" from Open Bible plays on one of The Villages Executive courses. The location varies, but the friendliness does not. If you are a beginner, a hacker or an old duffer, we invite you couples or singles to join us. Sandy Fehlhaber jim.fehlhaber@gmail.com, puts in the request every Monday evening. She will need your ID# and email address.

Happy Hearts-Happy Hands Handiwork Will not meet June, July and August. We will resume on the Fourth Thursday of the month. September 22nd from 9:00am until Noon. (Note new meeting day). Keep creating over the summer for the love of God. Quilts and other beautiful items are very much appreciated. Have a Blessed summer!. Sincerely, Sandy Pawlowski

A Special Thank-You

A special Thank-you for the donation from the Donna Reed Memorial fund. It will be used for the purchase of new tables to be used in our new Fellowship Hall.

Snowbird Picnic

All are welcome to the annual snowbird picnic on July 22 at Carol & Jerry Yahn's home in Wisconsin. We'll have a noon potluck lunch followed by cards & games and a fish fry at 5:00 at a local restaurant.

If in the Milwaukee Wisconsin area, we hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. We have extra beds if you'd like to stay overnight. Maps to show the easy access off I894/41 are provided via email. Please email Carol at: jercaryahn@gmail.com



Council Highlights

Movie night at Open Bible was a huge success, with approximately 130 people in attendance the majority were not members of Open Bible. It was a great opportunity for people to see our beautiful facility and share in a Christ centered activity.

Our future expansion is always exciting. The date for a ground breaking celebration has been scheduled and plans and contracts will be finalized soon. The Long Range Planning Committee will be receiving training from Cross Roads Consulting to assist us in setting Goals for our future growth.

The "go ahead" has been given to Pastor Schulz to investigate the possibility of having a Vacation Bible School at Open Bible!

The Building and Grounds Committee and people they have recruited have been busy doing projects around the Church to help beautify our facility. Great job by all!!

The Capital Funds Committee has been working hard on their training and are excited about being able to contact the congregation their help in facilitating our expansion. We should all pray for the success of our Committees as we pursue the goal of sharing The Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Otto

New Life in Christ

A New Life in Christ class is continuing on Mondays in June the following dates: June 6th and June 13th. The time of the class is 7:00 – 8:30pm at Open Bible.

Take a look at God, creation, the work of the Holy Spirit, Baptism, Lord's Supper, the dual natures of Jesus Christ, Heaven and Hell, Judgment Day and more. Class is a good refresher for members and pre-requisite for those wanting to join Open Bible.

LWMS News



The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's convention is held every year during the last full weekend of June and is hosted by local LWMS circuits. It is a wonderful opportunity to

gather together with other mission-minded WELS women for worship, fellowship, and learning about missions at home and around the world.

The convention typically begins with a communion worship service on Thursday evening and ends with a service on Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday are filled with a mixture of mission speakers, workshops, devotions and entertainment.

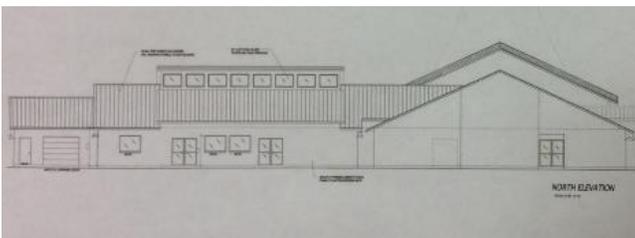
The 53rd Annual Convention of LWMS will be held June 23 – 26, 2016 at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois. This year's theme: Christ Alone, Our Cornerstone. Next year's convention will be held in Orlando, FL.

"We have currently completed the structural design for the pitched roof design with windows for additional natural light in the new fellowship hall. This also features a sloped ceiling design inside the fellowship hall to help with the acoustics. Attached you will find the new elevations showing the new roof line and windows. We are also currently working on the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Design now that we have the structural matters worked out."

"I anticipate having a Design Development set of plans for owner review by the end of June. I have added the September 25th date for the ground breaking ceremony to my calendar and look forward to completing the plans in advance of this date. Let me know if you have any other questions or comments on the attached plans. Thanks"



Building Expansion Update From Signature



Happy Anniversary



Alan & Pam Johnson – 1
Gene & Bette McConkey – 3
John and Janis Liermann – 5
Frank & Genie Selvey – 7
Greg & Carol Wendorf – 7
Jerry & Mary Brooks – 10
Ron & Diane Brutlag – 14
Joe & Mary Price – 15
Ken & Elisabeth Wells – 15
Tom & Betty DeWitz – 18
Larry & Ardyce Fronk – 20
Fred & Judy Hainen – 20
Ken & Brenda Severa – 20
Dan & Karen Pearson – 25
Walt & Bonnie Farnsworth – 25
Ray & Norma Welch – 28
Bob & Carol Hinz – 29

Happy Birthday



June Murray – 1
Elvin Schlegel – 3
Maya Ute Mitta – 4
Pat Holmes – 5
Joanne Stuedemann – 7
Jeanne Schulz – 9
Brenda Severa – 11
Mary Whitford – 11
Carol Stauske – 12
Ruth Niermeyer – 13
Ken Wells – 13
Donna Davis - 17
Jennifer Schlegel – 19
Frank Selvey – 21
John Kiewra – 25
Ardyce Fronk – 27
Mary Brooks – 29
Ted Hahm – 29
Norma Welch - 29