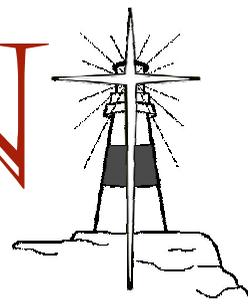


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The LORD is my light and my salvation. Psalm 27

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Lighthouse Lutheran Church
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The Reverend Dennis R. Whalen, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday evening services were an important part of Lighthouse Lutheran's Lenten observance. The services were preceded by meager meals of soup and bread. Before the worship service on Maundy Thursday, a Seder was celebrated, based on the Jewish feast marking the beginning of Passover. The wine (sparkling grape juice in our case), matza, bitter herbs, charoset, parsley, lamb, and eggs were used to retell the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Following the Seder, a regular chicken dinner was served. Maundy Thursday's worship service included Holy Communion and was the first Communion of Jocelyn Whalen. The Good Friday service featured several readings from Scripture and the stripping of the altar.

A Saturday work/cleaning day preceded the celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord. Lighthouse's choir and bell choir (singers and ringers) were part of the worship service on Easter Sunday, both choirs under the excellent direction of Dee Epphimer.

In March, collections of socks and underwear for needy children continued. April saw the beginning of collections for our servicemen and women, in collaboration with the Yellow Ribbon Girls.

Wednesday evening Bible studies resumed on Wednesday, April 10. The books of Jonah and Joel were considered.

Lighthouse Lutheran celebrated its second anniversary on Saturday, April 13 with a chicken dinner by Janice's Catering. The entertainment of the evening was provided by Gary Means, a chalk drawing artist whose abilities were very much appreciated by all.

The second annual Mother's Day Tea, hosted by Janet McClintick with assistance by Fellowship Committee members was held on Saturday, May 11. Many of our ladies and girls as well as several guests enjoyed a delightful luncheon followed by fellowship and games. Men of the congregation were happy to serve the women on that day.

Saturday, April 28 was the date of the Youth Bible Bowl competition at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saxonburg. Lighthouse's team members—Katarina Whalen, Lexi Whalen, Dennis Whalen, Zack Whalen, Jocelyn Whalen, T.J. Kuny, and Alexis Pavlinich—came in second out of the six teams participating. Coaching was under the able direction of Donna Pfeifer, assisted by mentors Cindy Morris, Carol DeHaven, Pastor and Julie Whalen, Taylor Whalen, Lorrie Kuny, Norm and Bert Amsler, and Lois and Mel Roush.

At the beginning of June, thanks to the efforts of the Evangelism Committee, especially Carol and Kurt DeHaven and Janet and Tom McClintick, a community prayer requests box was placed outside the church's basement entrance. This team selected the appropriate box and location for our needs, Tom McClintick erected the wooden post, and Kurt DeHaven applied the lettering to the box.

High school graduates Amanda Weidner (Ambridge), T.J. Kuny (Quaker Valley), and Nathan Foster (New Brighton) were honored at a reception following morning worship on June 9.

We thank Norm Amsler for his inspiring sermon on Father's Day, June 16. Following morning worship, a breakfast hosted by the Fellowship Committee was held for all the men, fathers, grandfathers, sons, and children of Lighthouse.

On Sunday, June 23 seminarian Peg Bowman of the Trinity School of Ministry worshipped with us and delivered the sermon.

This year's Vacation Bible School – "God's Backyard Bible Camp under the Stars" – was held June 24-28. Lighthouse was pleased to welcome more than thirty-five young people from preschool through sixth grade to participate in a number of activities designed to show God's redeeming love and continuing concern for us. Many volunteers under the leadership of Julie Whalen and Lorrie Kuny worked hard to make the five days a success for the children who attended. The mission focus was on collecting pillow cases for two charities—the Malawi Orphan Care Project in South Africa and the Yellow Ribbon Girls, whose efforts on behalf of our military are supported by Lighthouse Lutheran. Also, non-perishable food items for the Unionville food pantry under the direction of Nancy Liston were collected. Freedom is included in this charity's outreach.

The next "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" will be August 4. The after-worship refreshments will feature treats made with peaches.

The third annual church picnic is scheduled for August 25 at Green Valley Park, beginning at noon.

Pastor Whalen's Message (continued)

pain upon the cross. In addition to this emotive, inner anguish, Christ does something to aid His people by forgiving their sin through His death and brings them back into a relationship with God. This is vitally important to believers because if compassion were only the emotional state of sympathy, we would continue to be dead to sin. However, Christ's act of compassion restores us.

There is one last thing I would like to point out about compassion. St. Paul writes that as we are united with Christ, so should we imitate Him in love, fellowship with the Spirit, and compassion, since we are now of the same mind and intent upon the same purpose as He is (Philippians 2:1-2). This means that we are called to be compassionate towards others. In the past, I may have understood this to mean, "Be kind to one another." However, as I attempt to imitate Christ, I know that this requires much more. We are instructed, through Christ, to suffer along with others and take on their pain. However, it does not stop with an emotional bond of sympathy. We are taught to aid them as well. As Christ took upon Himself to free us from our sin, we are called to take up our own cross and help our neighbors out of their suffering.

Pastor Whalen's Message

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32 New International Version*

A couple of weeks ago, I was working through a text and preparing Sunday's sermon. While examining the translations, I was amazed at the number of Hebrew and Greek words that are translated into the English word "compassion" or "compassionate." In the Old Testament there are at least five different Hebrew words that are translated into the English word or word form "compassion." In the New Testament there are at least eight different Greek words. Each word has a subtle difference from the others. One, for instance, stresses the emotional expression of crying along with someone in agony, while another word focuses on the love from a mother or father towards their helpless child. As I pondered the variety of meanings among all of these different words used in Hebrew and Greek, I could not help but see the similarities between them as well. Each word focused on not only the emotional expression of pity for someone else, but also an outward expression of love towards that person in order to reduce or alleviate that burden upon the other's life. Let me express that another way, because it completely changes the manner in which we understand compassion. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, compassion was not only a sympathetic feeling towards another, but also the act of putting oneself in that person's place and helping the person through his sufferings. In fact, as the Church grew and Latin became the language of choice, these Hebrew and Greek words were often translated into the Latin *cum* (with) and *passio* (suffering), thus "to suffer with" or "to take part in another's suffering."

So, why is this important to us? Well, for me, my understanding of God's compassion for His children has completely changed. For instance, in the Old Testament God spoke to His people and proclaimed ". . . [I] will have compassion on [my people]" (Deuteronomy 13:17, 30:3, 32:36, etc.). This is neither the language of a distant God who did not care for His children nor simply mercy upon those deserving punishment. In fact, this language indicates that God "suffered with" His children. He felt their sorrow and pain emotionally and, in addition, He did something to aid and help His people out of their sorrows because of the love He had for them. Another great illustration of God's compassion comes from David. David seeks God's compassion when He asks God to forget his sins (Psalm 51:1). David desires God not only to acknowledge his sorrow for the sins he committed with Bathsheba, but also for God to act by removing his sins and bringing David back into a relationship with the Lord.

The ideal representation of compassion comes from the Gospels. Jesus heals many people of their physical ailments and the Gospel writers continually state that Jesus had compassion upon them (Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, Mark 1:41, etc.). Once again, Jesus was not only sympathetic towards the people, but also He took action and healed them. In fact, this theme is central to the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). When the son returned home, the father had compassion for him and not only forgave him, but also his love overflowed at the return of his lost son. This story is central to the Gospel message. For those who call upon Christ as Lord, He has had compassion upon them. Christ suffers along with His people and experienced their emotional (and physical)

THE HEALTH NOOK

As the days of summer come upon us, the thoughts of the beach, summer vacations, and tropical destinations begin to come to mind. After the long winter we wish to journey to those destinations where the sun is so bright and the temperatures are warm and balmy, but, that dream destination could be dangerous if we do not take the appropriate precautions. Each year in the United States, the number of new skin cancer cases exceeds the number of new breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancers—combined. Ultraviolet radiation from sunlight and indoor tanning is a major risk factor for the most common skin cancer. The earth's ozone layer shields the majority of ultraviolet radiation, however it does not shield the most dangerous of all radiation types. That is why we must protect ourselves and our children from the harmful rays of sunlight.

Most Americans believe that if they tan then they cannot develop skin cancer. That is not the truth. Tanning is a reaction and defense against ultraviolet radiation. The skin darkens to prevent further damage to our DNA, and that damage can accumulate over time. The sun can cause skin cancer, even though a person is tan. Besides skin cancer, sunlight exposure is also linked to cataracts, macular degeneration, and retinal damage, all of which can cause blindness.

Besides long periods of exposure to direct sunlight, there are inherent risk factors which can increase the likelihood of developing skin cancer—fair skin, hair and eye color, reactions to sunlight, freckling tendencies, ethnicity, family history, and sun exposure in childhood. Persons who have a history of sunburns during childhood and adolescence or when tanning bed exposure occurs during adolescence, the risk of skin cancer increases by 75%.

Skin cancer may appear as a little mole or freckle on the body. If left untreated, it can be deadly. Skin cancer is easy to monitor. Check your skin monthly. If you notice any abnormal moles, freckles or skin lesions, contact your healthcare provider for a more thorough examination. Even though skin cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in the United States, it is potentially preventable if detected and treated early.

We know that sunscreens will protect us from damaging sunlight, but most of us neglect to use them. There are a number of sunscreens available, but which are the best? The Skin Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society recommend a sunscreen with a SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of 15 or higher, using liberal amounts, applying the product twenty minutes prior to exposure, and reapplying it every two hours or after swimming or sweating. Beside the sunscreen, wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts, long pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Seek shade whenever possible, especially between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., when ultraviolet radiation can penetrate even the shaded areas. Use caution around water, sand, and snow; even snow will reflect sunlight and cause overexposure. Get Vitamin D safely through your diet; do not depend on sunlight alone. Minimal exposure is a good source of Vitamin D, but be sensible and don't overexpose. That is dangerous. Avoid overuse of tanning beds. There is no such thing as a safe tanning bed. They can be as harmful as the direct sunlight if not used with caution.

Revelation 21:23 says: "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp." God gave us our bodies so that we might work for His glory. Protect your skin. We all have the greatest light shining upon us, the light from the glory of the Lord.

If you have any questions regarding skin cancer or any other health related topics, please feel free to contact one of your Parish Nurses, Bert Amsler or Kurt DeHaven.

Information obtained from "Our Best Defense" by Jolynn Greenhalgh, DNP, ARNP

Kurt DeHaven

EVANGELISM 103

Being Jesus' Disciples

Have you ever wondered how it was possible for Jesus to have such a colossal impact on the world, when he lived for only thirty-three years and taught for a short three years in one small area of the world, an area that measured a mere forty-four miles long and twenty-five miles wide? The answer to this is **DISCIPLESHIP**. Jesus took a small band of twelve ordinary men, and in three years trained them and turned them into a force that shook the very foundations of the world. Empowered by God's Spirit they took the message of Jesus, His Resurrection, and His offer of forgiveness for sin to the ends of the earth.

Being one of Jesus' disciples and spreading the Gospel is evangelizing. You may be asking yourself, "How do I evangelize?" Some people find it very hard to share their faith and experiences. Even if you are nervous, you just have to have the courage. Courage is not the absence of fear, but is doing what is right even when you are feeling uncomfortable about doing it.

Following are a few steps to help you be a good evangelizer.

1. Pray before you evangelize. Remember—out there is a world of lost people and many who have never heard the Gospel. Ask the Lord for guidance and for Him to empower you as He did those early disciples, so that you too can shake the very foundations of the world.
2. Don't rush directly into the topic of witnessing when you are with someone. Start with some small talk, and ask about what has been going on in the person's life lately.
3. Pay attention to what the person says. A most effective tool that you can use is to ask questions about the person's life. You can ask almost any question but make the last question, "If you were to die today, do you think you would go to Heaven?" If there is stumbling on this question, it would be good to share John 3:16.
4. Talk about the Ten Commandments. You can begin with God's holiness compared to our unrighteousness, or you can begin by going through the Ten Commandments. If you can, gently ask if the person has ever lied, stolen, dishonored parents, wanted what a neighbor has, or lusted, and then felt guilty afterward. Tell him that he can say a simple prayer asking God's forgiveness. Give assurance that God sent His only son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for all of our sins, but first, there must be repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. If the person seems receptive, pray with him. Prayer is a powerful tool; never be afraid to ask if you can share a prayer. There may not be a willingness to pray aloud with you, but you can pray and let him know God's presence is with him and that God will always be there for him. All that has to be done is reach out and take what is freely offered.

Some tips to help you with your evangelizing would be to not speak of Hell, fire, and brimstone. Just give the basics of the Good News—how Jesus came from Heaven and bore all the punishments that we deserve. Explain that Jesus died on the cross for all our sins, He arose from the grave on the third day, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father.

We aren't called to convert people; all we are called to do is proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and pray for those people. It's the Holy Spirit Who regenerates us.

If the person isn't ready to accept the things you have shared about the Good News, say that you will pray for him, offer your time if he wants to talk, and always be friendly.

The first group of Good News messengers were ordained by Jesus and called Apostles. The second group of messengers was made up of ordinary people who faithfully shared the Gospel.

Who are God's messengers today? You are, if you are following in the footsteps of the second group of messengers and taking the message of Jesus Christ next door, around the block, to the work place, and to the ends of the earth.

Recall how you first heard the Good News of the Gospel of Christ. Whom did God SEND to you with the message of salvation? Now, whom do you know who needs to hear the Good News from you?

Is it your goal to make a positive difference in the lives of others, those whom God has placed in your life? You can make a difference. Use your God-given position, possessions, and opportunities to help others today and every day. Then you too may be able to "shake the very foundations of the world."

Excerpts from: wikiHow, "How to Evangelize"; Jim George, *The Bare Bone Bible Facts*

Carol DeHaven

Walk with God

A new community outreach of Lighthouse Lutheran is the Walk with God, the first of which will take place very soon. Participants will walk as a group through areas of Freedom silently praying for the people, families, businesses, and schools, as well as other issues with which the community is struggling. We are eager to reach out through prayer to the community in which our congregation is happy to be located.

Unscramble the words below to make a sentence telling of our joy as Christians as we share the Gospel of Jesus.

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EDAD YB EHT LOGRY FO TEH REFATH, OS

EW OTO YAM KAWL NI SEWSEN FO EFIL.

Getting Acquainted

This is the tenth in a series of articles about our members and friends, offered to help us learn more about our fellow Christians at Lighthouse Lutheran Church.

JOHN AND NANCY BERES

John Beres and Nancy Holzworth met shortly after graduating from high school. John lived in West Mayfield and graduated from Beaver Falls High School. Nancy graduated from New Brighton High School. They married on June 17, 1967 and have celebrated 45 years together. They have lived for 39 years in the home they built together in West Mayfield.

John was Catholic and Nancy belonged to Trinity Lutheran in New Brighton. John later joined Trinity and they were members there until joining Lighthouse Lutheran.

They have a son, John, and a daughter, Amy. Their son and daughter-in-law, Debbie, live in Hermitage, Pennsylvania and have two sons, Alex and Niko. John Jr. was plant manager for Wheatland Tube before becoming an independent consultant in January. Their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Richard Young, live in Enon Valley and have three daughters, Ashley, Alyssa, and Aricka. Amy is a physical therapist for Heritage Valley Hospital and Richard is a high school teacher at Riverside.

John retired from US Airways in March, 2011 after working forty-two years for three major airlines. He attended Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics after high school and received his FAA license in aircraft maintenance. He first worked for Northwest Airlines when they lived in St. Paul, MN. They came back to Pennsylvania where John worked for Eastern Airlines and then USAirways.

Their spare time is filled with grandchildren's sports. John and Nancy's hobbies are golfing and gardening. They like to travel to Myrtle Beach to start the golf season a little early each spring. They have gardens at their house and also much larger ones at their daughter's. John plants the veggies and Nancy grows the flowers.





Jocelyn Whalen at the reception following her first Communion



above right:
Lighthouse's Seder celebration



Lighthouse Lutheran shows its concern for the community.



A place setting at the Mother's Day Tea



At the anniversary dinner—
Janet McClintick is honored, and
Gary Means shows his skill as a
chalk artist.



Jim Hoffman, George Nicoletti, and
Scott Brenneman enjoy pancakes and
strawberries at the Father's Day break-
fast.



Three forks, one dessert—
Tom, T.J., and Lorrie Kuny
share a tasty treat.



More views of the Father's Day breakfast—Karen, Jack, Ginny, Mel, Lois, Cindy, and Duane enjoy the morning's fellowship.

Lorrie and Janet are busy preparing the delicious repast.



Ray Hall and daughter Kaycie converse during the Father's Day breakfast.

Our three 2013 high school graduates—Nathan Foster, Amanda Weidner, T.J. Kuny

During his hymn-writing career, Philip Paul Bliss wrote the words and music to hundreds of songs such as "Almost Persuaded," "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!," "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," "The Light of the World Is Jesus," "Whosoever Will," and "Wonderful Words of Life." He also wrote the words for "It Is Well with My Soul." It is an interesting fact that none of his songs were copyrighted.

Philip Bliss was born in Rome in the mountainous region of northeastern Pennsylvania. Philip got his love of singing from his father, Isaac. During the early years of his life, Philip had little education except for his father's singing and the teachings of his mother, though the Bible was a continuing inspiration in his life.

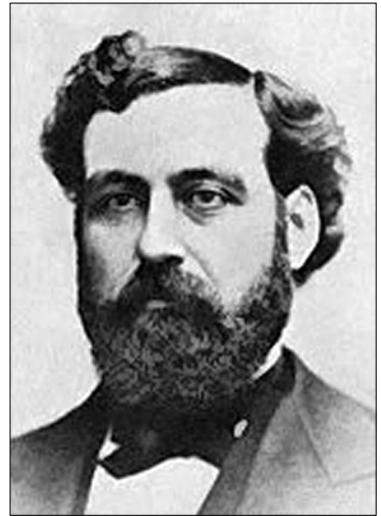
At the age of ten, he heard a piano for the first time, and it made him more determined to become a musician. When Philip was eleven years old, he left home to spend the next five years earning his way in logging and lumber camps and sawmills. He was exceptionally strong for his age, able to work alongside grown men.

At thirteen he became assistant cook in a lumber camp at \$9 a month. Two years later, he was promoted to log cutter, and the following year he became a sawmill worker. Unclear as to what vocation he wished to pursue, he planned to prepare himself for any opportunities which might present themselves, also spending some of his money in musical training. Philip stayed true to his Christian faith despite the pressure of living with the rough men in the camps.

When he was seventeen he went to Bradford in northwestern Pennsylvania and completed the schooling for his teaching certification. The next year Philip secured a teaching position at nearby Hartsville in western New York. During the times when there was no school, he earned money doing farm work. In 1857 he attended J. G. Towner's vocal school in Towanda in northeastern Pennsylvania. Here he received his first formal voice training. Because of Towner's influence, Philip attended a musical convention in Rome, Pennsylvania later that year.

In 1858 he became a teacher at the Rome Academy. Here he met Lucy Young. She was a young poet from a musical family and encouraged him to develop his musical talents. Though not yet 21, he and Lucy married. He had a deep love for her and admired the testimony of her life in Christ. Philip continued to study music while working on his father-in-law's farm for \$13 a month.

He earned additional money teaching music in the evenings, and the following year he became a traveling music teacher, riding with an accordion on an old horse. Aware of his deficiencies, he very much wanted to be the student of a knowledgeable musician.



Philip Paul Bliss
born July 9, 1838
died December 29, 1876

To this end, Lucy's grandmother gave him \$30 so that he could attend a six-week course of study at the Normal Academy of Music in New York state. Within three years, having attended each summer session and studying the rest of the year at home, he acquired the reputation in his home area of a music authority. His first composition, published in 1865, confirmed his belief that he had musical ability.

Philip and Lucy had moved to Chicago in 1864 when Philip was 26. It was here that he began to lead musical institutes, and he became well-known as both a teacher and singer. In the summer of 1865, he undertook a two-week concert tour with Mr. Towner which earned him \$100, a very large sum in those days. During a second concert tour, he was offered a position at a monthly salary of \$150 with Root and Cady Musical Publishers.

Between 1865 and 1873, with Lucy often by his side, he held musical conventions, singing schools, and sacred concerts sponsored by his employers. He was not yet a full-time evangelical singer, though he was becoming more popular in concert work. At this time, he wrote a number of hymns and songs for Sunday school. Many of these were incorporated into two books, *The Triumph* and *The Prize*.

In 1869, he attended a revival meeting at a church where D. L. Moody was preaching. The congregational singing that evening was rather weak. From the audience, Philip's voice attracted Mr. Moody's attention. Moody invited Philip to come to his Sunday evening meetings any time he wished, to help with the singing.

In 1870, Major Daniel W. Whittle heard Philip leading the singing at a gospel meeting and was impressed with his voice. The major recommended Philip for the position of choir director at Chicago's First Congregational Church. Philip and Lucy moved into an apartment in the Whittle home. Root and Cady were yearly publishing many of Philip's compositions. His fame began spreading.

In the fall of 1870, Philip assumed the additional task of Sunday school superintendent at the Congregational Church. This work continued for three years until his busy schedule made it impossible for him to continue. His first Sunday school book, *The Charm*, was published in 1871. Early in 1873 Moody asked Bliss to be his music director for some meetings in England, a request which Philip declined.

During the winter of 1873 Moody urged him in a letter from Scotland to devote his entire time to evangelistic singing. Philip was facing a time of decision. Early in 1874 he decided to join his friend, Major Whittle in a short evangelistic tour. That was March 24-26, 1874. At one of the services Philip sang his "Almost Persuaded," and many in the audience were won to Christ. The following afternoon, Philip gave up everything—musical conventions, writing of secular songs, business position, work at the church—to be free to devote full time to being Mr. Whittle's song evangelist and children's worker. Mr. Whittle dedicated *his* life to full-time evangelism at the same time.

This was the beginning a successful evangelistic career with Major Whittle. A revival song-book for

use in their campaigns was put together, *Gospel Songs*. The sale of this book brought royalties of \$30,000, which went into the development of the pair's evangelistic efforts. Some twenty-five campaigns were conducted in Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia.

At a ministers' meeting in late 1876 conducted by D. L. Moody in Chicago's Farwell Hall, with over 1,000 preachers present, Philip introduced to the gathering a new song for which he had just written the music—"It is Well with My Soul." That year, Lucy and Philip spent the Christmas holidays with his mother and sister at Towanda and Rome. They planned to return in January to Chicago for work with Moody but were asked to return sooner for meetings to be held the Sunday following Christmas. He wired a message. "Tickets for Chicago, via Buffalo and Lake Shore Railroad. Baggage checked through. Shall be in Chicago Friday night. God bless you all forever." They decided to leave their two little children with Philip's mother.

The Pacific Express encountered a severe snowstorm and was about three hours late as the eleven-coach train pulled by two engines approached Ashtabula, Ohio. Passing over a flood-weakened trestle, the first engine reached solid ground on the other side, but the rest of the train plunged seventy-five feet into the icy water of the ravine below.

Fanned by gale-like winds, the fire which broke out soon engulfed the wooden coaches. Philip fought his way free, but discovered that Lucy was still trapped inside the wreckage. Returning to the car, he remained at her side. No trace of their bodies was ever discovered. It was calculated that out of 160 passengers there were only 14 survivors.

Philip's trunk reached Chicago safely. It contained many hymn-poems for which he had not yet written the music. One such was "My Redeemer," which became world famous when music was added by James McGranahan.

The funeral was held in Rome, and memorial services for Philip and Lucy were held throughout the nation. On December 31, D. L. Moody spoke at a memorial gathering in Chicago, and on January 5, a song service was held to honor Philip, 8,000 filling the hall, with another 4,000 outside.

Information for this article was gleaned from Ed Reese's *The Life and Ministry of Philip Bliss*.

On the evening of Lighthouse Lutheran's second anniversary dinner, we were entertained by chalk drawing artist, Mr. Gary Means. One of the drawings which Mr. Means created that evening was of a lighthouse guiding a storm-tossed ship to safe harbor. He told us that the pilot of such a vessel could find safe berth by keeping two lower shore lights in line with the main beacon. He then drew the picture with Philip Bliss's "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" playing in the background. In fact, the inspiration for Bliss's song was an incident in Cleveland harbor during which a ship crashed on the rocks with the loss of many lives because of the failure of the lower lights.

Church Council Meeting Highlights

March 18, 2013 7:30 P.M.

as taken from meeting minutes.

Pastor Dennis Whalen, Norman Amsler, Tom Kuny, and Carol DeHaven, Marsha Bischoff, and Dee Phillips were present.

Following devotions, the minutes of the February 21, 2013 council meeting were approved as presented.

Pastor Whalen presented the March, 2013 financial report. Net income for February was \$7,956.11. As of February 28, the checking account balance was \$17,807.63, and the interest-bearing account balance was \$64,491.53. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit. An audit was completed on the treasurer's report through December 31, 2012 and accepted by the Audit Committee.

Pastor Whalen presented his report for February 22, 2013 through March 18, 2013. Deanne Eppihimer joined Lighthouse Lutheran Church on March 6 as a new member. A new members' class will be held after Easter. Lighthouse hosted the Good News Club at Big Knob Elementary School on February 20 and March 6. Lenten services continued with meager meals served at 6:00 P.M. and vespers at 7:00 P.M. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

The Evangelism Committee met March 5, 2013. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

The Fellowship Committee met March 5, 2013. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Tom Kuny received two estimates for the replacement of the church sign. It was moved by Pastor Whalen, seconded by Marsha Bischoff, and carried to hire Key Signs and Design to make the new sign and replace the Plexiglas.

A request was made by the Fellowship Committee for the use of the church's fellowship hall on May 11 for the Mother's Day Tea. It was moved by Dee Phillips, seconded by Norm Amsler, and carried that the Fellowship Committee be allowed to use the hall on that day.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2013 at the church.*

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*No meeting was held in April.

Church Council Meeting Highlights

May 20, 2013 7:30 P.M.

as taken from meeting minutes.

Pastor Dennis Whalen, Norman Amsler, Dee Eppihimer, Tom Kuny, Carol DeHaven, Marsha Bischoff, and Dee Phillips were present.

Following devotions, the minutes of the March 18, 2013 council meeting were approved as presented.

Dee Eppihimer presented the March and April, 2013 financial reports. Net income for March was \$10,111.78. As of March 31, the checking account balance was \$22,321.34, and the interest-bearing account balance was \$67,023.51. Net income for April was \$6,871.40. As of April 30, the checking account balance was \$18,964.81, and the interest-bearing account balance was \$72,164.06. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Pastor Whalen presented his report for March 19, 2013 through April 23, 2013. Marjorie Gaynell Romanchak and JoAnn Kalcevic transferred church membership from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Brighton, to Lighthouse Lutheran, April 7, 2013. It was moved by Norm Amsler, seconded by Carol DeHaven, and carried to send a maximum of \$500 from Lighthouse's National Benevolence Fund to an LCMC congregation in Oklahoma or the Red Cross for the relief of victims of the recent tornado. A copy of the pastor's report is attached to the minutes.

The Evangelism Committee met May 7, 2013. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

The Fellowship Committee met April 2, 2013. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Tom Kuny will check into the cost of garbage service through Waste Management, contact Guzyk Lock and Key in Ambridge regarding the making of new keys for the church building, and get bids for the cleaning and polishing of the Fellowship Hall floor.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 at the church.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A SHORT QUIZ ON THE OPENING CHAPTERS OF JOSHUA

Last spring, Lighthouse Lutheran's young people performed outstandingly well at the Youth Bible Bowl on the book of Acts held at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saxonburg. Next spring, the competition will be on the Old Testament book of Joshua. To whet our interest in the contents of this book, the quiz below is offered.

1. Who succeeded Moses as the leader of Israel?
Abraham Joshua Jacob Caleb
2. What is the name of Joshua's father?
Aaron Jerushad Nun Eleazar
3. What river marks the eastern boundary of the land which God gave to Israel?
Nile Euphrates Tigris Jordan
4. What two characteristics was it God's command for Joshua to possess?
wise and of good cheer noble and well-spoken strong and of good courage
5. How many spies did Joshua send to Jericho?
twelve two four three
6. With whom did the spies reside which Joshua sent to spy out the city of Jericho?
Rahab Rebecca Ruth Rachel
7. Where did the prostitute hide the spies?
under the bed among the flax stalks in the attic in rolled-up carpets
8. Name the first miracle related in the book of Joshua.
the sun stood still the walls of Jericho fell the waters of the Jordan parted
9. How many priests carried the rams' horns as the city of Jericho was compassed?
seven twelve eight one
10. How many times was Jericho compassed before the walls fell?
two sixteen thirteen seven
11. Who violated God's command forbidding the taking of plunder from Jericho?
Gideon Achan Zerah Og