
KOINONIA

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019



10 good reasons to go to church every Sunday

1. To worship God and proclaim the gospel.
2. Because God connected us together as the Body of Christ.
3. Because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday.
4. To pray to God and sing to God together.
5. To learn to do God's Word.
6. To humble ourselves and seek God's face together.
7. To serve and bless others.
8. To love God and one another.
9. To strengthen each other's faith.
10. Because Jesus faithfully went to the synagogue on the Sabbath.

10 bad reasons to go to church on Sundays

1. To secretly feel superior to those not present.
2. To think this makes me a Christian.
3. To expect others to meet my needs.
4. To get a spiritual high or Bible secrets.
5. To attend as long as I am happy with it.
6. To hear truth that relates to ME.
7. To thank God we are not like the lost.
8. To gain merits for salvation and heaven.
9. To convince God I deserve his grace and forgiveness.
10. To match the dedication of Planet Fitness people.



The following items were discussed at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in January:

1. Denise Howard will be coming to speak on ideas for Children's Ministries on January 27th during the 10:45 service.
2. Men's Beast Feast will be Feb. 22—Ed Neiman will be the speaker. There will be plenty of "game" for the men.
3. A joint meeting of the Boards of NAC will be held on Saturday, March 9th. Time to be decided.
4. Security: Numbers have been added to the doors. Walkie talkie use began in January. Pepper spray has not yet been distributed.
5. 2 Ladies came to speak to the Ministry Board about the possibility of holding their preschool in Norwin Alliance Church.

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

May 29, 1953, beekeeper Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzling Norgay, finally reached the summit of Mt. Everest, the highest point of the earth. To reach the top 'of the earth', a person must prepare financially and physically for several years. Hillary and Norgay were the VERY FIRST two persons to arrive and LIVE to give reports about 'Traveling to the Top.'

How do you like to travel? Consider the numerous methods that are used in 2019 for travel as compared to the way that Jesus' ministries were conducted. Jesus walked many miles; Jesus borrowed a colt; (Luke 19:28ff); Jesus climbed a mountain; (Mark 9:2-9); Jesus walked on water; (Mark 6:47-51); Jesus rode a boat; (Mark 4:35-39). And these are just a few examples of how Jesus and his disciples moved from place to place.

Glance at the words that remind us of movement. Think of travel, from point A to point B in today's society: biking, cruising, driving, flying, globe-trotting, moving, sailing, sightseeing, touring, voyage, wandering, exploring, drifting, hiking, roaming, walking, dreaming, climbing, running, visiting, excursion, etc. You can easily add to the list. We recognize these words are basically physical movement, and could include mental consideration as to location, or particular addresses. On the spiritual side look at God's Word. Travel with your mind, heart and soul. Listen to the Holy Spirit's direction. Look at some verses that remind us how to 'walk' - - -

Psalm 32:8 *"I will instruct you and teach you **in the way you should go**; I will counsel you and watch over you."*

Psalm 84:11 *"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from **those whose***

walk is blameless.

Micah 6:8 *"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to **walk humbly with your God.**"*

I John 1:7 *"But if we **walk in the light**, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.*

II John 6 *"And this love: that we **walk in obedience to His commands**: As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you **walk in love.***

Closing with a testimony of a friend who 'walks' in Brazil. Alan and his brother grew up in Brazil where their parents were missionaries for many years. Alan returned to that country with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He worked with the Zarawara tribe for several years. His prayer letter at the end of 2018 stated that the New Testament for the Zarawara natives was FINALLY completed. That is definitely an expression of JOY and THANKS!! Alan was also thankful for a MOWER to keep the airfield clean. That seems like a minor project; but it has helped to transport people who need medical assistance.

Be ye thankful that Jesus holds you up all the time where you 'walk' in today's world.

Ladies and Men's Bible Studies Resume

Monday, February 11

10:30 am

Ladies will resume their study from the book "12 Extraordinary Women". Please remember to bring you books to the study.

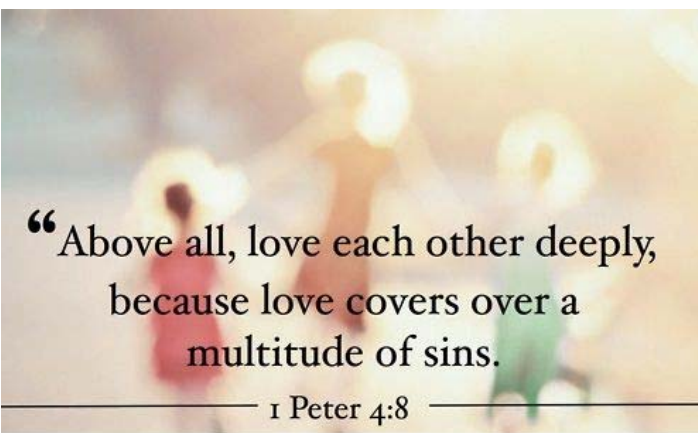
Men will resume their study from Genesis

“THE ABIDING”

by: Brian Rendulich

Sometimes in the Christian life, it may seem like nothing is happening and God may not seem close. It may feel like something is amiss. Sullen moods appear on the horizon and the heart is melancholy. This is the human experience and has been known by all people at one time or another. Certainly no one is exempt. However, for the believer in Christ, things are a bit different. Even sad times are teachers and our trials are our instructors in life. Know this: God abides regardless of the circumstances. The Holy Spirit stays with the believer and brings him through even though there may only be the slightest spiritual effort on his part. In this case, presence means everything. Once relationship is established, as it is with the child of God, the opportunity for help abounds. No son or daughter of the Most High need fret. He is more capable and willing to come to the aid of the afflicted or desperate. And the distance from heaven to the heart is eclipsed and becomes negligible.

What, then, is the ultimate understanding? There is none...until we get to heaven! But for now, know that the very things we go through were meant to bring us closer to God and show us more of Himself. This fact may be hard to perceive while going through the midst of a storm. Nevertheless, time is a great healer and patience is a strong attribute to have. Realize that God knows your pain and will bring a swift remedy. Here, knowing the promises of the Bible is gold. Find one and stand on it!



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It's time to have **GAME NIGHT** again!

This month's Game Night will be transformed into a Valentine's dinner and our version of the "newly-wed" game.

Come **Friday, February 8 at 6:30 PM** in the youth area. (Only the youth door will be open.)

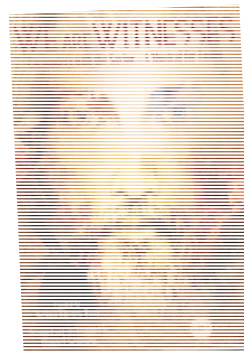
Please watch for more information and a sign-up sheet on the narthex shelf.

Please plan to attend. This will be a great night of food, fellowship, and FUN!

EASTER CANTATA

This year's Easter Cantata, "WE ARE WITNESSES", is in and ready for us to begin practices. We will present this beautiful cantata on Easter Sunday morning at the 10:45 service.

Everyone over age 13 is welcome to join us at 7:30 pm for practice beginning Thursday, February 7th.



"Throughout Jesus' ministry, people experienced divine appointments with Him that left them amazed and in awe. WE ARE WITNESSES is the retelling of those testimonies."

Please plan to join us on Easter Sunday for this inspiring cantata.

MEN'S "BEAST FEAST" DINNER

Friday, February 22, 2019

6:30 pm

Speaker: Ed Neiman

Please begin inviting your family, friends, and neighbors to this year's Men's Dinner.

Venison, Bison, and Ostrich are among the meats being prepared.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex with the number you are bringing.

2019 PRAYER CHAIN

New 2019 Prayer Chains are in the process of being put together.

What is the Prayer Chain and what does it do?

Those members and adherents of Norwin Alliance Church who wish to be prayer intercessors for the church family are placed on Deaconess' lists. You are called to pray only - you do not need to make any phone calls. When the intensive prayer chain is activated (for emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family), your Deaconess will call you for your prayers. This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elder for prayer.

Not all prayer requests go through the intensive prayer chain. As stated above, only emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family are placed on the intensive chain ~ unless the family specifically requests that the full chain be activated. Some prayer requests are of a personal nature and only the Elders and Deaconesses are contacted for prayers.

When calling in prayer requests, if you want the intensive prayer chain activated, please indicate this when calling. In the same manner, not all requests are printed on the Praise and Petition sheet. We try very hard to honor everyone's privacy. If you would like your request printed on the Praise and Petition sheet, please state this when calling in for prayer.

When called to prayer ~ pray as though the need was for a member of your own family ~ we are all a part of God's family.

EVERYONE who would like to be part of the Prayer Chain needs to submit your name and phone number to the church office by **February 17th**. **If your name is not received, you will not be put on a list**

If you have any questions about the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Himler, Jeff Ewing, or Pastor Bob.



*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
I Thessalonians 5:17*

PRAYER CHAIN

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain.

Please include my name.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please turn this completed form into the church office by Sunday, February 17, 2019.