

MLP Japan News



Hokkaido Biei's Panoramic Flower Gardens - Shikisai no Oka

Greetings

Guiding the Children

May is full of holidays in Japan, like Constitution Memorial Day, Greenery Day, and Children's Day, with Mother's Day on the 12th, too. These holidays make us think about family and community bonds.

I am a fifth-generation Christian on my mom's side, **immersed in the Bible and Hymns from a young age. This background has deeply shaped my faith and life.** With God's help, I hope to share Jesus' love with many people, through Bible studies and meaningful bonds.

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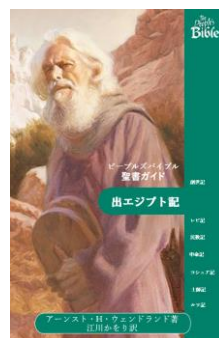
Evangelism

PB Exodus

"The People's Bible Exodus" by Ernst H. Wendland, translated by Kaori Egawa, is now available in Japanese on the LECC website: <http://leccjp.org> Please explore this wonderful commentary for either self-study or group Bible study sessions.



<http://leccjp.org/post-593/>



Events

Report

On Saturday, April 13th, the Tomato Club held its meeting. After devotion time and singing hymns, members made "Strawberry Cheese Cake Jelly Tarts." An English language lesson was also included in the meeting.

On Monday, April 15th, the Oyako Joy Club conducted a storytelling session during the Hiyoko kai at the Higashikurume City Central Library. **The next storytelling session at the Higashikurume City Central Library is scheduled for Monday, May 27th, from 11 AM.**



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

Christian Magazine Summery-*Forward in Christ***God is Still Building His Church**

Apostle Paul fulfilled his mission of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many people in numerous places. Let us also follow Paul's example.

Paul witnessed the Gospel bearing fruit and growing worldwide, yet he also faced opposition from non-believers and threats from false teachers. Similarly, today, Christians are faced with oppositions and it feels as though the number of Christian churches in the United States is declining. However, the number of Christians is increasing in regions like Africa, Asia, and Latin America. **In particular, new Lutheran church organizations are growing in Africa, and church membership has significantly increased in Vietnam. In this way, God continues to build His church across the globe.**

Mark G. Schroeder | WELS President

Youth Confirmation Practices

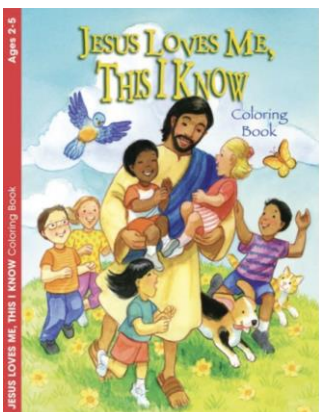
The "Parents Equipment To Teach (PETT)" program at St. Andrew's in Middleton, Wisconsin, is designed to support education at home. The program consists of 52 lessons focusing on six main parts of the catechism: the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Ministry of the Keys and Confession, and the Lord's Supper. Lessons are conducted weekly, covering one or two topics each week.



Mr. and Mrs. Jaffery, along with their two daughters, utilize this program and learn the key points of each lesson through videos provided by Pastor Randy Hunter. The material used is the updated 2017 edition of "Luther's Small Catechism," which includes questions and answers, Bible verses, and brief explanations to facilitate parents teaching their children about faith.

The program encourages parents to actively participate in the educational process, helping their children to think about and deepen their understanding of their faith. The PETT program not only encourages parental involvement but also promotes the practice of faith within the family. Through this program, children are able to contemplate and enhance their understanding of their faith, leading to its practice within the home. This example highlights the crucial role parents play in supporting their children's faith.

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Hymns and Books**Introducing a Coloring Book with Children's Bible Song Lyrics**

*Jesus Loves Me,
This I Know
Coloring Book*

Here is a delightful coloring book featuring the lyrics of a beloved children's Bible song. The **"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Coloring Book,"** published by Warner Press Kids, features the lyrics on its pages. Each page of this A4-sized coloring book contains a line from the song's lyrics, accompanied by illustrations that can be colored. This month, Joy Club is planning a craft program that will incorporate this coloring book.

This Bible song is inspired by the verse, **"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"** (Mark 10:14). As you flip through the pages, you will discover the deep affection Jesus has for children. **It shows that Jesus always loves children, regardless of their behavior being good or bad. The lyrics and the pictures also reveal that Jesus is saddened by children's sins.** We learn that Jesus took our place and died on the cross to save us from the punishment of eternal death, which is the consequence of sin. **Through this coloring book, children will come to know Jesus our Savior, who promises to take us to heaven one day.** May God richly bless all children.

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