

MLP Japan News



Hydrangeas from Hase temple in Kanagawa prefecture

Greetings

In Honor of Father's Day

June is the month to celebrate Father's Day. Let us pray that fathers around the world may be blessed and joyfully cherish their children.

The Bible teaches us that God, the Creator, is our heavenly Father. **As believers in Jesus, we can lovingly call out to God as "Father."** This privilege is unique to Christians. For this reason, we can live with joy and faith in our Heavenly Father, who is always with us and answers our prayers.

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Evangelism

Asia One Team Missionary

Pastor Peter Janke, a missionary of "Asia One Team," of WELS and his family visited the MLP office in Tokyo on May 20. They traveled from their mission field in Thailand. Sam Brandt, who is doing missionary work at LECC Mito Church, guided them. Pastor Peter's wife, Alanna, is the granddaughter of Pastor Habben and his wife Margie, who served in Japan for over 30 years. This summer, Pastor Janke, Alanna, and their two children will move to Brisbane, Australia, to begin their mission work there. Please pray for their ministry in this new location.

Events

Report

On June 8 at Tomato Club, a Christian cooking class for junior high and high school students, we made delicious banana pound cake.

On June 14 , the annual "Taste of Missions" event was held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Wisconsin, USA. On-site, worship service was held and food trucks offered a variety of international cuisines, providing a fun opportunity to taste dishes from around the world as participants learned about missionary activities in various countries.

<https://tasteofmissions.com/>



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH
For those who are led by the Spirit of God
are the children of God.

Romans 8:14

Christian Magazine Summery-*Forward in Christ*

Q&A with David Sharf

A question from a new father :

"I didn't have a great father growing up, and now I'm going to be a father. What advice can you give to a new dad?"

The following advice from Pastor Scharf is based on Biblical teachings and serves as a guide to enriching your faith life at home:

1. Love God

Teach your children the importance of inheriting a deep love for the Savior. As the spiritual leader of your family, make Joshua 24:15 your family's motto: **"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."**

2. Love Your Wife

By loving your wife and setting an example, you teach your children the qualities to look for in a future partner and how to love their spouse. Ephesians 5:25 says, **"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."**

3. Love Your Children

Raise your children according to God's Word. Follow the teaching of Ephesians 6:4: **"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."** Live a faith-filled life with your children through prayer and hymns, guiding them with God's teachings even during difficult times.

Parent Conversations

Summer is a crucial time for family faith development, but the challenges of parenting never end. Without intentional actions, summer can lead to undesirable routines for children. Amy Weichel and her husband Derek have established a nightly routine that has created a positive bedtime habit that their children look forward to. **They have outlined activities that focus on God's Word and have created plans to continue their faith journey together as a family.** This includes having a short family worship session before dinner, conducting a weekly family Bible study, and having a brief prayer time every morning while traveling. Amy is the founder of the website "Faithful Parent," which supports Christian parents in keeping their families focused on Jesus. For more details, please visit: <https://www.faithfulparent.org>

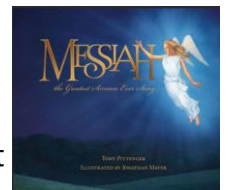
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Hymns and Books

Introduction to the Translation of Handel's Messiah

We are pleased to introduce the translated commentary book on Handel's "Messiah." This book is a translation of the English picture book "Messiah: The Greatest Sermon Ever Sung," written by Pastor Tony Pittenger.

Although this Japanese version produced by MLP contains only the text without pictures, **it offers a Christian interpretation of the entire lyrics and composition of the musical masterpiece, "Messiah."** By listening to the recorded audio of the music while reading the commentary, you can understand why Handel composed the music the way he did. This book is especially recommended for those who already enjoy classical music and choral works. **However, even those who are not usually familiar with classical music will find it a great introduction to appreciating Christian music as a new form of enjoyment, deepening their faith.** The book is available for free on the LECC website. Please access it via the QR code or link provided and enjoy reading it. <http://leccjp.org/post-78/>



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