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Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak**
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A positive identification of the remains of World War II Army Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak was made this past year. His funeral and burial took place June 23, 2018, in West, Texas (see story inside this issue).

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Final Resting Place Soldier's Remains Identified 73 Years After WWII Death



*Army Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak's brothers and sister welcome him home.
L to R: Edwin Husak, Irene Lancaster, Fred Husak, and John Husak*

This Saturday will mark a sort of closure for the Husak family as the remains of Army Staff Sergeant Leo J. Husak, killed during World War II, are coming back to West for a funeral and burial that day.

His remains were brought into West late Tuesday evening after being flown in to Dallas earlier in the day. His remains were brought by military and law enforcement escort to Aderhold Funeral Home in West. Several local veterans groups, scouts, law enforcement officials, and local residents lined the streets as the World War II veteran's remains were brought to the funeral home.

This all comes some 73 years after the West soldier was killed in action

on January 30, 1945, in a Netherlands battlefield.

A 10 a.m. funeral service is set for June 23 in the West Brethren Church in West with the Reverend Curtis Holland conducting the service. Internment will be at the Brethren Church Cemetery, near West, with full military honors. Pallbearers will be the United States Army Honor Guard from Fort Hood.

Staff Sgt. Husak was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Husak of West, now deceased. He was first listed as Missing in Action and later declared as Killed in Action during World War II.

He is survived by one sister, Irene Husak Lancaster; and three brothers,





Johnny, Edwin, and Fred; along with many nieces and nephews.

Growing up in West, he attended the Leggott Elementary School and graduated from West High School in 1943. He played football with the West Trojans while in high school.

He entered the Army in February 1944 and underwent indoctrination training at Camp Walters in Mineral Wells, infantry training with the 78th Army Division at Camp Butner, North Carolina, and combat infantry training at Camp Pickett, Virginia. In October 1944, Corporal Husak and the 78th Army Division were transferred to

Great Britain, and in November 1944 the Division entered the combat theater and the Battle of Hurtgen Forest in Germany, lasting from November 1944 until February 1945.

Sgt. Husak was on a patrol mission near the town of Rollesbroich, Germany, and was hit, but his buddies could not retrieve the body due to extensive enemy fire.

Since that time the Husak family was able to find out through Army records that a rescue patrol was assembled to find him at 3:05 a.m. This group approached the bunker area where he was last seen, and there



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Austin – Bible Study at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM.
– Rev. Linda Chandler

Bryan-College Station – worship at
9:00 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Mark Sebek

Buckholts – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Holy Communion on 1st Sunday.
Guest speaker on 4th Sunday.
– Rev. John Kueker

Cade Lake Community Chapel (PO Box
163, Caldwell, TX 77836) – A Home
Mission Project since 10-22-11 – Sunday
School at 11:00 AM; Fellowship Lunch
at Noon; Worship at 1:00 PM.
– Rev. Kay Polasek
Co-Pastor, Rev. Jim Heckman

Caldwell – Come as you are! **Sundays** –
explore the Bible @ 9:30 AM (all ages);
KIDS CHOIR practices @ 10:15 AM; &
worship @ 10:30 AM! **Every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday**, join the fun @ Family
Game Night, 6-7:30 PM! Check out
lifeatcbc.org for spiritual resources,
events, videos, & more! Friend us on
Facebook!
– Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

Crosby – 9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Faith Adventure
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Dime Box – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Kay Polasek

Fayetteville – Sunday School at 9:30 AM,
worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

Good Shepherd Moravian – worship at
11:30 AM and 6:30 PM every Sunday.
– Rev. Adolfo Gonzalez

Granger – Bible Study every Sunday at
9:00 AM with worship service following
at 10:15 AM.
– Rev. Larry Zabcik

Houston – Sunday School at 9:15 AM;
Worship at 10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Jerry Terrill

Industry – worship at 9:00 AM every Sunday
with Sunday School for all ages following.
– Rev. Joe Emerson

Nelsonville – Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship at 10:15 AM
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

New Tabor – Sunday School at 9:00 AM &
Worship at 10:00 AM every Sunday,
“Tune Up” on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM.
– Rev. Dave Johnson

Ocker – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School at 9:00 AM
every Sunday.
– Rev. Dr. Brad Herridge

Pasadena – Sunday School at 9:30 AM
and worship at 10:45 AM every Sunday.
– Dr. Larry Koslovsky

Community Christian Church of
Rosenberg –
Sundays: Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School for children at 9:00 AM; worship
at 10:30 AM.
Wednesdays: 5:30 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM
Bible Study.
– Pastor Ben Kruse

Seaton –
Sunday, 9:15 AM – Prayer Gathering;
9:30 AM – Sunday School, All Ages;
10:30 AM – Worship Celebration Service.
Wednesday, 6:30 PM – Kid’s and Adult
Bible Study.
– Rev. Denise Mikeska

Snook – Sunday School – 9:00 AM;
Worship – 10:15 AM.
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Taylor – worship at 10:15 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. James Hejl

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Worship at 10:45 AM.
– Rev. Tim Chaplin

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congregation of the Unity of the
Brethren – Worship at 10:00 AM every
Sunday.
– Dr. Mark Labaj
5th Sunday – Visiting Ministers

Wall – Sunday School (for all ages) at
9:30 AM; worship at 10:45 AM every
Sunday.
– Rev. Thomas Tallas

Wesley – worship at 9:00 AM every
Sunday. Sunday School follows.
– Rev. Michael Groseclose

West – Sunday School at 9:00 AM and
worship at 10:15 AM every Sunday.
– Rev. Curtis Holland

Westheimer Community – worship at
10:30 AM every Sunday.
– Pastor Lisa Johnson

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

Daily Morsels for November 2018

By Mari-Anne K. Gordon and Dorothy E. Kocian

From the *New Revised Standard Version*, slightly modified,
unless otherwise indicated.

1. He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry
He fills with good things. Psalm 107:9
2. O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us
success. Psalm 118:25
3. The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up.
James 5:15
4. To obey is better than sacrifice.
I Samuel 15:22
5. We proclaim Christ crucified, to Jews
a stumbling block and to Gentiles
foolishness, but to those who are the
called..., Christ the power of God and
the wisdom of God.
I Corinthians 1:23,24
6. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will
pass away, but My words will not
pass away." Matthew 24:35
7. I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.
Psalm 51:13
8. Come, house of Jacob, let us walk in
the light of the Lord! Isaiah 2:5
9. Nothing in all creation is hidden from
God's sight. Everything is uncovered
and laid bare before the eyes of Him.
Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)
10. You are a forgiving God, gracious
and compassionate, slow to anger
and abounding in love.
Nehemiah 9:17b (NIV)
11. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9
12. Let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15
13. Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Psalm 111:2
14. Jesus said to the disciples, "The
knowledge of the secrets of the
kingdom of heaven has been given
to you, but not to them."
Matthew 13:11
15. For the kingdom of God is
righteousness, peace and joy in the
Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17
16. Nor does anyone light a lamp and
put it under a basket, but on the
lampstand, and it gives light to all in
the house. Matthew 5:15 (NASB)
17. Therefore, confess your sins to one
another, and pray for one another so
that you may be healed. The prayer
of the righteous is powerful and
effective. James 5:16
18. God girds me with strength and
makes my way safe. Psalm 18:32
19. The poor will eat and be satisfied;
they who seek the Lord will praise
Him. Psalm 22:26 (NIV)
20. By Your ordinances is Your servant
warned. Psalm 19:11
21. I will bless the Lord at all times; His
praise shall continually be in my
mouth. Psalm 34:1
22. Sing Psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs among yourselves, singing
and making melody to the Lord in
your hearts. Ephesians 5:19
23. You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16
24. Look, there on the mountains, the
feet of one who brings good tidings,
who proclaims peace!
Nahum 1:15 (NIV)
25. You cause the grass to grow for the
cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth.
Psalm 104:14
26. Come to terms quickly with your
accuser while you are on the way to
court with him. Matthew 5:25
27. Be doers of the word, and not merely
hearers. James 1:22
28. Your eyes will see the king in His
beauty they will behold a land that
stretches far away. Isaiah 33:17
29. I am coming to gather all nations and
tongues; and they shall come and
shall see My glory. Isaiah 66:18
30. All shall give as they are able,
according to the blessing of the Lord
your God that He has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17



were four enemy soldiers moving around there. They saw no sign of the West soldier.

On January 30, 1945, Staff Sgt. Husak was listed as Missing in Action (MIA). The Army continued to list him that way until November 23 of that year when, according to records, "evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area."



Staff Sgt. Husak was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for Bravery and Heroism under fire.

In June 1945, unidentified remains near the town were recovered and interred in the Margraten National Cemetery in the Netherlands and was listed as X-1043. Today the cemetery is called the Netherlands American Cemetery.

In June 1945, American Graves Registration Command personnel processed the remains of a soldier reportedly killed in January 1945. The remains were recovered with pieces of an American uniform; however, there were no identification tags or personal effects suggesting who the individual was.

Unable to make an identification, the remains were buried in the Netherlands cemetery. The Husak family received further reports that in March 1947, personnel from the American Graves Registration Command reprocessed the remains, but "did not suggest any association to a missing American service member at that time." The remains were buried as an unknown in the cemetery in July 1949.

Historians from the DPAA (Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency)





conducted a research project on American soldiers missing from ground combat along Germany's western border, which included a focused effort on the Hurtgen forest.

These researchers determined that only two unaccounted for soldiers were lost within a two-kilometer radius of Husak's recovery area. Staff Sgt. Husak was one of those two missing soldiers. The other service member was excluded using dental records.

In 2017, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) exhumed the remains and moved them to Omaha, Nebraska, for possible identification

through the use of DNA samples provided by Husak's brothers. The agency, after compiling all existing evidence available, concluded that the remains were that of Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak and released them to the family for burial. The identification process ended 73 years of being listed as an unknown.

"We are so grateful," He continued, "that this will put the final closure on Leo's death. We still feel a little sad because our parents cannot witness this event. We feel happy, but at the same time sad since we are reliving the death notification over again."

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December 15, 2018 – “Hey! Day” for College Students and Young Adults at the Hus School Encampment.

December 16, 2018 – Christmas Cantata Performance at Copperas Hollow Nursing Home in Caldwell, TX, at 1:30 p.m. (See information about the Cantata in this issue.)

December 23, 2018 – Christmas Cantata Performance at CHI St. Joseph Manor Nursing Home in Caldwell, TX, at 1:30 p.m. (See information about the Cantata in this issue.)

SAVE THE DATES...

January 5-6, 2019 – BYF Winter Retreat at the Hus School Encampment.

February 1-3, 2019 – Women’s Campference at the Hus School Encampment. Look for information coming SOON!

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February 23, 2019 – Children’s Rally at the Hus School Encampment.

March 30, 2019 – Spring Synodical Committee meeting at the Hus Encampment. 8 a.m.: Kolaches & Coffee; 9 a.m.: Meeting begins. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Larry Koslovsky, lwkoslo@aol.com.

July 11, 12, & 13, 2019 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) - 68th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren at Wall Brethren Church. Begins July 11 at 9 a.m. and goes through Friday evening. If there was any unfinished business, we would resume Saturday morning to conclude before lunch. More information will be available soon. ➔

It is a time of mixed emotions for the Husak family. “Overall, we have joy that Leo is finally home, but wish this could have happened 73 years ago. It is a joy and sadness for the family.”

John Husak praised the Army for their help bringing his brother’s remains home. “The Army has been absolutely wonderful in handling the transfer, and we are sincerely grateful for that.”

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to DPAA, The United States Army, and the dedicated individuals who have made this identification possible. “We also wish to thank Reverend Curtis Holland for his support and spiritual guidance.”

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to the West Brethren Church in Leo’s name or to the charity of your choice.

(Pictures provided by the Husak Family.)



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Portion Control

- by Rev. Vanessa Mitchell

One can buy a day's meals already cooked and portioned out including all the nutritional information for each meal on the label. Nonetheless, portion control continues to be an insurmountable challenge for many. The challenge is that "living to eat" is the norm and "eating to live" is an afterthought. "Eating to live" has become a topic seemingly relevant to only Third World countries and to the impoverished within our own nation. So what are we to do? How is control over one's appetite to become a practice one engages in daily with ease rather than distress? **The answer: The Lord Jesus is to be your portion.** *When Jesus Christ is your Portion, your Everything, your Highest Delight, then not only what you eat becomes a side story in your life, but what you value most undergoes a distinct paradigm shift.* Suddenly life becomes all about living for God, enjoying God's transcendent peace, and resting in God's perfectly kept promises of eternal life and the means to move through this life here and now with a healthful holy stride.

The answer: The Lord Jesus Christ is to be your portion.

When you seek a continual conversation with Jesus Christ, all the roads of this life become simpler to navigate. Jesus is your Center. Jesus is your Everything. Jesus is the Lens by which you process all situations.

When you seek a continual conversation with Jesus Christ, you remember that you are human and that He is God.

When you seek a continual conversation with Jesus Christ, you reach the understanding that as God, Jesus's motivations are always pure – perfect. Suddenly, you are capable – by His strength which He imbues upon you – to rise above all adversities, steadily, without fear.

The answer: The Lord Jesus Christ is to be your portion.

The task of portion control is no longer about managing what you eat or determining how many meal replacement shakes you need to shed or gain a few pounds. The task of portion control is only the task of

Schedule and Details of Upcoming Unity Activities

November 3, 2018 – Seaton Brethren Church Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton Community). (See invitation in this issue for more information.)

November 4, 2018 – Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches Honor Our Veterans Service. Joint service at 9 a.m. with Industry and Fayetteville Brethren Churches. Held at the Industry Firemen's Hall, Industry, TX. Brunch will be served after the service. For more information, contact Liz Treybig, (512) 217-2140, or Liz Ripple, (979) 378-2239. Pastor: Rev. Joe Emerson.

November 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day (Observed November 12, 2018).

November 22, 2018 – Thanksgiving Day

December 1, 2018 – Christmas Cantata Performance at Snook Brethren Church at 6:30 p.m. with fellowship meal following. (See information about the Cantata in this issue.)

December 7, 2018 – Christmas Cantata Performance at Snook Brethren Church at 6:30 p.m. with fellowship meal following. (See information about the Cantata in this issue.)



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asking the Lord Jesus Christ to become your portion... your Everything, your Highest Delight, your Center, your Savior. At this stage of your shift in thought, the Holy Spirit, Christ Himself dwelling in you, will grant you the gift of portion control over your food by reversing your focus from "living to eat" to "eating to live."

So, begin the Holy practice of continual conversation with Jesus Christ.

Just talk to Him.

There is no formula to make Jesus your portion.

Just open yourself up to His Holy Presence.

Pray: "Lord Jesus, be my portion."

In the Book of Lamentations, chapter 3, the prophet Jeremiah, almost 600 years prior to the birth of Jesus Christ, sheds some light into "portion control" – that is, making God, making Jesus, your Portion: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore, I will hope in Him." The Lord is good to

those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him (Lamentations 3:21-25, NRSV).

Are you careful with your thoughts, with what you allow in and with what you send to yourself and to others?

Do you live a hope-filled existence or a hopeless one?

Is it possible that God has shown you His love and you've missed it?

Are you willing to pursue a mindset of gratitude for God's faithfulness rather than try to exact from yourself an impossible faithfulness?

Is God Your Hope?

Is Jesus Your Portion?

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Unlocking a Friendship

- by Jim Pokorny

My friend Leroy unlocked the church and prepared things every Sunday for a very long time. Whenever I arrived Sunday mornings, I could always count on seeing his pickup in the parking lot. I knew that once I entered the church, I would find Leroy busy with one task or another.

Time moved ever forward, as did Sunday after Sunday. One Sunday I was in for a surprise. Shortly after we began speaking, Leroy interjected that he wanted me to become his backup for Sunday mornings. I agreed. The following Sunday, I arrived earlier and found Leroy sitting in his truck patiently waiting for me. We exchanged greetings as we approached the church doors. I watched as he unlocked the door. We entered the church together and I then accompanied him as he went about each task, carefully explaining each step to me.

It me took several Sundays to learn everything. It took no time at all for me to appreciate Leroy's patience. The routine changed one Sunday when he suggested he perform one task while I perform another. As time went by, we began dividing the tasks between us. I was especially happy at

this stage. Not only did it demonstrate his growing trust in me, but by working together as a team, everything got done more quickly than it could by one person working alone. When finished, we often adjourned to the Sunday School office and had many pleasant and meaningful conversations.

One Sunday Leroy surprised me with a set of keys that I would need as his backup. I felt especially blessed, because I now counted him among my closest friends.

One Saturday night my telephone rang. It was Leroy. He had come down with the bug that had been making the rounds and asked if he could count on me to unlock the church the following morning. I agreed and told him not to worry about anything beyond getting better. It was quite unusual not seeing his pickup in the parking lot the next morning. Before I exited my vehicle, I said a prayer for Leroy to get better soon, and another that I would not forget any of the things he taught me.

Leroy prepared me for everything except one thing; the experience of unlocking the doors and entering the church alone. Being early in the morn-

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ing, there was very little in the way of natural light inside the church. I began by turning on the lights in the Narthex. I know God is everywhere, but entering the Sanctuary alone, I could really feel His presence in the silence. As I set about my tasks there, it seemed like every unintentional sound I made was amplified many times over. I wanted nothing more than to apologize to God for disturbing the serenity.

I then set about the other tasks required. When finished, I went over them again in my mind to make certain I had not forgotten any.

Time went by and Leroy and I continued working together almost every Sunday. Every once in a great while he would call me on a Saturday night and ask me to take care of things on Sunday for him.

Those days seem so long ago to me today. The duties Leroy patiently taught me have now fallen to me. I recall a time long ago when Leroy

mentioned that he performed every task as if he did it for the Lord, no matter how small the task was. I believed that because I could see it for myself in the way he performed each one. I try to perform them the same way today. That is as it should be. Our response to God and our fellow man should be rooted in faith, hope and love... even in the smallest of things.

I still feel God's presence in the total silence of the Sanctuary every Sunday morning. I still feel like apologizing for even the slightest sound I make. It's a bit ironic when I pause to think about this when the congregation joins together in song, which can never seem too loud at all.

If it were at all possible, I know Leroy would still be doing these things without expecting anything in the way of recognition or thanks. That said, I hope he will not mind me thanking him for his trust, his patience and his friendship.

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Czech Republic Pastor Visits Texas UOB Churches

- by Liz Ripple



Front row, left to right: Margaret, Karen, Liz, Rev. Zenaty, Betty.
Back row, left to right: Eugene, Bill Schovajsa, Ray, Rev. Evans, Joe, Rev. Joe Emerson. **Not pictured:** Sandra, Kathy

The Rev. Daniel •enatý, from Czech Republic was a guest at the Fayetteville Brethren Church on June 13, 2018. Rev. •enatý is currently serving as the General Secretary of the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren in Czech Republic and the chairman of the Ecumenical Council of Churches. He was here in the U.S. to serve as an Ecumenical Delegate to the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly that was held in St. Louis, Missouri. While in the U.S. he wanted to visit an area that had an "historically Czech heritage." He was put in contact with Rev. David M. Evans (retired Presbyterian minister, member of Mission Presbytery) of Dripping Springs, who became •enatý's host to introduce him to Texas.

Before they went to Fayetteville, they went to La Grange and visited with folks who had Czech heritage at the Presbyterian Church and the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. They joined up with Bill Schovajsa (rep from TCHCC), who took them to the Wesley Brethren Church, where Rev. Mike Groseclose met and showed them the historical church that was built in 1866. On the way to Fayetteville they stopped in at the Industry Brethren Church, where they were met by Liz & Harvey Treybig.

At Fayetteville Brethren, •enatý went through the church cemetery, where he saw many familiar Czech names. It was learned that he is originally from Vsetin, where several of the original Czech Moravian Brethren

saw thousands of people who had been dead come back alive. There is not a superhero in any comic book anywhere who saw the sorts of things that John saw. And when the new heavens and earth showed up for the happy ending to life on planet earth, and our story was all told, John retransformed, and came back. John is a superhero, not only for traveling through the other dimensions, but for being brave enough to come back and to write the Book of Revelation.

John's Kaleidoscope

Directions to make: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/how-to-make-a-simple-kaleidoscope-for-kids/>, or purchase on Amazon.

God had the angels take John from Earth to see Heaven. John saw Jesus being worshipped and he saw angels flying back and forth. Our kaleidoscope is a little like trying to look into a 4th or 5th dimension.

Superhero Freeze Tag

None of us have been to Heaven like John. Some of us may have been to places like California, or even Hawaii, for a trip. Some of us may have cool computers or cell phones that not everyone else has. We've all been granted certain privileges in life that we should be thankful for.

1. Choose one student to be "It".
2. If a student sees "It" coming towards them, he can say the name of a superhero to be safe. Then, sit down and can be safe for ten seconds; after ten seconds they must stand back up!
3. If "It" thinks a student has been sitting for longer than ten seconds or did not originally call out the name of a superhero, then he or she can say "1, 2, 3, you are no longer free!" and is now able to tag the sitting student.
4. The game is over after all players have been tagged out.

John was given the gift of seeing Heaven before he died. He saw the great Second Coming of Jesus, and the beautiful new heavens and new earth. We do not know when all this will happen. It's kind of like being tagged in our game. You never knew when that tag was coming, and you had to think ahead to know which superhero you would name. Jesus even told his disciples: "Nobody knows that great and terrible day, except the Father alone." We are meant to be joyful while on earth. But all the while we need to be sober and keep watch. We never know when we will be "tagged" and need to be prepared to give an account of all our actions.



Visiting Other Worlds

Materials:

- King, queen, and jack playing cards
- Brown paper bag, cut open to lay flat
- Cup of water
- 3 pencils

Superman came from Krypton. He could lift a planet and carry it through space. *Hawkwoman* and *Hawkman* are crime-solving superheroes from the planet Thane-gar, who were beamed to earth to solve crimes. *Kilowog* is a green lantern BolovaxVik. He mentored most of the green lantern superheroes. **What is extra special about all these superheroes?** *They are from other planets, other worlds.* Heaven is another world.

Do we know what heaven is like? There are three superheroes who have been to heaven. They are Enoch, Elijah, and John. The difference between these men is that John was allowed to come back and tell us what happened. That is the Book of Revelation in our Bible! John was Jesus' favorite disciple. He also wrote the Gospel of John and First, Second, and Third John. He was transformed to go into heaven.

Why can't we see heaven from earth? We cannot see heaven because we were created to only exist in, and understand, three dimensions. We can only understand length, width, and depth. *Hold up three pencils, crossing two to denote length and width, then spearing them at the cross section to denote depth.* This is all we are designed to see and understand. However, theoretical physicists, also known as string theorists, have determined that mathematically there are ten dimensions. Regular superheroes only travel in 3 dimensions. John went into the 4th, 5th, and maybe the 6th dimensions. Let me introduce you to the Flatlanders. They can only see in 2D – left and right. *Lay out brown bag and face cards.* **Could they see us??** No. That would mean they would be seeing into the dimension of depth, and there is only length and width. So, they can't see us. **Does that mean we are not here?** No. John was telling people about God, but since the people could not see God, they didn't believe. They put John in jail and did many other horrible things. God decided to rescue John by pulling him out of earth and took him to Heaven. He saw angels. He saw Jesus. He saw the devil and totally bad-guy murderers thrown into the fiery pit. He saw helicopters and bombs on the earth, with angels going back and forth from heaven, helping out and doing God's will. He



In the Fayetteville Brethren church cemetery.

Left to right: Rev. Zenaty, Rev. Evans, Joe Ripple

families had immigrated from in the 1850's and settled in the Ross Prairie area. He answered several questions about the churches in Czech Republic and how they worship, and he conversed in Czech with Margaret & Eugene Michalsky. A BBQ dinner was served in his honor. While in Austin, he met with Rev. Linda Chandler, pastor of Austin Brethren Church.

The foundations of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB) stem from the Hussite church (1431-1620) and the Unity of the Brethren (1457-1620). The ECCB was established in 1918, when the Lutheran and Calvinist wings of the local protestant creed were united in one. Their existence, however, had not been legal until Joseph II issued his Patent of Toleration in 1781, following a long and tough anti-reformation campaign that began in 1620. Even after issuing the Patent of Toleration, Protestants still had to face many restrictions, which would only be lifted following the Protestant Patent of 1861. Today,

the ECCB church is divided into 14 seniorates and has a total of approximately 250 congregations and 100,000 members. The church is headed by a six-member Synodal Council, like the Unity's Synodical Committee, that is represented by clergy and lay representatives.

The Unity of the Brethren in Texas and the ECCB in Czech Republic have a close connection and share many of the same challenges that face our churches today. When Rev. Zenaty was installed in 2015, he explained a shared vision of the representatives: "I would like every single Protestant in our country to have a dignified space for expressing his/her faith. I would like us, as the Church, to be joyful, humbly self-sufficient and attractive for those around us. Let us not be blackmailed by fear that we are statistically shrinking. On the contrary – let this lead us to a missionary courage, to finding how to offer the beauty of faith in Christ and the life of the Church."



Seaton BC Christian Sisters Bake Sale and Quilt Show Invitation

The Christian Sisters of Seaton Brethren Church are hosting their annual bake sale and quilt show fundraiser on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 12561 State Highway 53, Temple (Seaton community).

Featured items in the sale will be kolaches, cakes, pies, cookies, bread, jellies, chicken & dressing, home-made egg noodles, homemade canned goods and craft items. A re-sale shop will be open. Sandwiches and home-made soup will be available to purchase for lunch. Quilts will be on display in the sanctuary.

A handmade quilt and gift cards from different businesses will be given away for a love donation of \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. The proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the many projects the Sisters support. The sale is open to the public with free admission. For more information, please contact Helen Haisler at (254) 718-5356.

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Preaching the Word, Loving the People

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM

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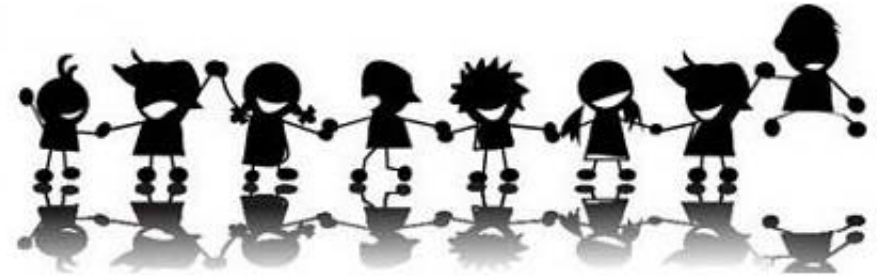
Jennifer Chervenka

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Cemetery

Sharon Marek

(254) 869-2845



Sunday School Helper

My Father's house has many
rooms

John 14:2

A super hero visits other worlds. John is one of only a handful of people on planet earth who were allowed to view Heaven before they died. The others were Enoch (Genesis 5) and Elijah (2 Kings 2). John was allowed to come back and share his experience! This month's activity will focus on John and how he shares his experience of Heaven with us. NOTE: This is a very cool way to talk about Heaven, but for older children & youth.

Hus Encampment Capital Building Campaign

Pledge Form:

Please accept this joy-filled pledge.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email _____

3-Year Pledge: ☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$50,000 ☐ \$25,000 ☐ \$15,000

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$7500 ☐ \$5000 ☐ \$2500 ☐ \$1500

☐ Other _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash

(Please make checks payable to: "Hus Encampment Building Fund")

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard – Credit Card # _____

Exp. _____ Security # _____

Remaining Amount: \$ _____ to be paid over the next

☐ 12 months ☐ 18 months ☐ 24 months ☐ 36 months

Monthly Payment Amount: \$ _____

☐ Please charge my credit card monthly ☐ Please bill me monthly

☐ Please use electronic funds transfer from my bank acct. monthly:

Bank Name _____

Routing # _____ Account # _____

☐ The Hus Encampment may list my name and pledge amount in written materials when giving thanks to donors.

Signature: _____

Mail donation to:

Todd Corporon, Hus Board Treasurer
5350 County Road 124
Georgetown, TX 78626

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Seaton BC Sausage Supper Invitation

The Seaton Brethren Church annual sausage supper fundraiser will be held Saturday, February 16, 2019, beginning at 3 p.m. until the sausage is gone. The menu consists of home-made pork sausage, sauerkraut, new potatoes, seasoned green beans, bread, homemade desserts and tea or coffee. Dine in or drive-thru plates will be available for \$10 each.

The **LOCATION** of the supper is at **Seaton Star Hall**, 10842 State Hwy. 53, Temple (Seaton). There will be a bake sale consisting of kolaches, pies, cakes, strudels, other baked goods & jellies; a raffle and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the church, community and other projects. The public is invited.

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Website:
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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
*"Bear ye one another's burdens
And so fulfill the Law of
Christ."* (Gal. 6:2)

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You are Invited to Participate in a Cantata Honoring The Birth of Christ! “The Greatest Story Ever Told”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Caldwell Brethren Church will be having a Cantata this year honoring the Birth of Christ! We would like to invite you to come and be a part of this time to serve and honor our Lord. If you enjoy singing, please come and join us!

Description:

“The Greatest Story Ever Told” will bless your socks off! As our Cantata Choir will sing and celebrate together, our guests will experience the story of the birth of Jesus Christ from the viewpoints of many who witnessed it firsthand.

Complimented by poignant narration and festive orchestration, these songs will stir the souls of all who gather for performances!
This Christmas Let's Sing The Greatest Story Ever Told!

The songs are:

*For Unto us a Child Is Born, with Open the Eyes of My Heart
Heaven Sings Glory*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

A Strange Way to Save the World

One King, with We Three Kings of Orient Are

It's Still the Greatest Story Ever Told

It's About the Cross

Go Tell!, with Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Finale: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

All are welcome, whether you have experience or not! Please come and join us for this amazing time of fellowship and service!

If you are interested, please let your church representative know or contact 979-450-1820 by text or voice, or email lurbanovsky@gmail.com.

Caldwell Brethren will be ordering books for the participants; the cost of the book is \$7.99 per person.

Performance Dates:

- Our main performance will be at Caldwell Brethren on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary with a fellowship meal following.
- We will have an additional performance at Snook Brethren on December 7th at 6:30 p.m. in their Sanctuary with a fellowship meal following.

Tentative Outreach Performance Dates:

- We will have an outreach performance at Copperas Hollow Nursing home Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
- We will have an outreach performance at the CHI St. Joseph Manor Nursing Home Sunday, December 23, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in Caldwell, Texas.

Practice Dates:

- Thursday, November 1, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 8, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 6:00-7:45 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (with fellowship meal)
- Thursday, December 6, 2017, at Snook Brethren 6:00-7:30 p.m.

WALL BRETHREN CHURCH

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

<i>President</i> <i>Board of Elders</i> Lance LaBedelle 325-227-9900	<i>Pastor/Director of Youth and Young Family Ministries</i> Ryan Volkman 325-213-0671	<i>Church Office Secretary</i> Libby Lane Tu-F: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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