

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Monday, September 13, at 7:00 PM, the Monday evening Bible Study group will begin review of a new, as yet unpublished, book from Dr. George Byron Koch. The topic is the Jewish roots of Christianity. Dr. Koch was the author of *What We Believe and Why*, the book we studied in the fall of 2020 and continuing into 2021. That book dealt in part with the concept of how Jesus reflected the Jewish thought of his day, and how the Greek-speaking early Church changed many of His concepts. In his new book, Dr. Koch develops that in much greater detail.

Our first session, on September 13, will be a review of the key concepts from *What We Believe and Why*, which is handled in the first chapter of the new book. If you were not part of our group for that study, but would like to join us now, you may want to consider getting a copy of that book. Kindly see Mark Hamilton or Vince Hardt for a copy. As the second book is pre-publication, we will provide copies of the chapters as we go along, electronically if that works for you.

As Christians, we revere and study the Hebrew Bible as part of our canon, which also includes the New Testament. We will look at how that part of Scripture set the pattern for the life of Jesus and His significance to the world. Christianity started out as reform of Judaism, not as a new religion. We will explore the social, cultural and political reasons for the separation between these faith streams that occurred in the first 300 years after the life of Christ, and how that changed our focus on His message. Through study of the Jewish calendar and festivals, we will discover the organizational pattern of the Gospel of John, which unlike the other three Gospels, does not assert that it is a chronological biography of Jesus. (We saw this in our Sunday readings a few weeks ago, when John tied the Feeding of the Five Thousand to the Jewish Passover, which is unique to John.)

As a pre-publication review group, we will have the opportunity to send commentary back to the author as to which parts of the book are most effective and which may confuse or even upset us. He may make some revisions based on our questions and suggestions. So, we may be strengthening a significant resource for future generations of learners.

We hope to meet live in the Great Room, subject to revision based upon the progress in eradicating COVID-19 from our community. In any event, if we meet live, we will provide a Zoom option for those who prefer to participate that way. The Monday night group has become cohesive over the years, sharing treats and conversation as well as our Bible study. Still, there is always room for more, and we will make you feel welcome. Kindly contact Mark Hamilton or Vince Hardt if you have not participated before so that we may add you to our Email list.

Biography of the Author: The Rev Dr. George Byron Koch (coke) has been the Pastor of Resurrection Church, West Chicago, since June of 1994. The church changed its name to New Jerusalem House of Prayer in June of 2015. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics in 1968 from Elmhurst College. While in college he was active in the Civil Rights Movement, wrote a newspaper column, hosted a series of local radio programs and led a band called "The Establishment." He earned a Master of Divinity from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1992, and a Doctor of Ministry from King's College and Seminary (now King's University) in 2003.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF *GRACE TO YOU*

FROM JEAN JESKE - MARILYN HAS HAD OVER 240 LIKES ON "I REMEMBER GLEN ELLYN WHEN!"

Meet Grace Church member, Marilyn Goodrich - owner of Goodrich Farms right outside GE on Trails End Road - She is 93 years old and has been bringing her goats, chickens and rabbits to Pioneer Day at the Glen Ellyn History Center for over 26 years. She is the only farmer in DuPage County who raises goats. Marilyn has been a member of our congregation from the very beginning. She was a Sunday School teacher forever! **If the sun shines on Sunday, September 26 - she will be at Pioneer Day 2021 at the History Center.**



MUM SALE BLOOMS AT GLEN ELLYN HISTORY CENTER

Pre-orders have begun for our annual mum sale, the Historical Society's fall fundraiser. The mums are \$17 each or 3 for \$48. These are large two-gallon mums. Six colors are available this year! Pre-orders can be placed online at <https://stacyscornersstore.com/shop> or at the Glen Ellyn History Center at 800 N. Main St. Glen Ellyn or by phone at 630-469-1867.



Pre-orders are being taken throughout the month of August. Mums can be picked up at the History Center Wednesday, September 8th thru Saturday, September 11th. Mums can also be delivered to your local home or business at no charge. Contactless pickup at the History Center is also available. Questions? Just call us at 630-469-1867 or email director@gehs.org. We are very grateful for your support!

4TH OF JULY SHOPPING CART BRIGADE COMES THROUGH!

Thanks to Grace members and a crew of Glen Ellyn Food Pantry volunteers, the food drive during the GE 4th of July parade was a great success. A total of 88 bags of food and nearly \$300 in donations were collected. Special thanks to the members from Grace who participated: Dominic LoGalbo and wife Leigh McMillen, Dru Geraghty, Pastor Melody and Marty Eastman, and the Swiston family. This was Dominic's **15th YEAR** coordinating the Brigade, and he has turned in his wheels! We thank him from the bottom of our carts for all of his hard work for this super successful endeavor. Parade watchers love the Brigade, so if you want to see us in the parade next year, please let Dom or Carol Asselmeier know of your intentions.

VIRTUAL DUPAGE PADS RUN4HOME

Please go to their website DuPagePADS.org/Run-4-Home-2021 for more information on how to participate September 15 - September 30.



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ONE STEP AT A TIME
10K & 5K Run, 5K Walk