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## Pastor's Page

Martin Luther described Christians as members of "the priesthood of all believers." Every lawful vocation, Luther taught, is holy and pleasing to God in equal measure. God "assigns" (bestows, distributes) talents (abilities, strengths, gifts of learning) in accord with God's Plan for each human life.

Thus, each of us has his or her "ministries" in the present time, each with meaning and value in the Sight of God and in our regard for one another.

There is a particular "realm of vocation" from whose ministers we have all received abundant benefits. I call it a "realm" because it is a very varied and diverse set of ministries all of which contribute to one overarching goal. This is the realm of all Ministers of Health and Wellbeing.

Have you ever considered how *many* kinds of people, how *many* kinds of skills, in how *many* different settings, are involved in fostering the health and healing, wellness and quality of life for all of us? I couldn't begin to name them all.

What I do know is that many Messiah members now serve in ministries of healing and health, or have so served in the past. I enjoy learning what people do; it helps me understand and appreciate them more.

Often, people carry out their work without others knowing what they do, or receiving any expressions of affirmation for their efforts, just because we don't think to make time to find out the nature of one another's vocations.

With this in mind, and after consulting with some of our "Ministers of Health and Wellbeing," I've decided to make time to do this.

On Sunday, 2 September, we will, during the liturgy, recognize, give thanks for, and pray for everyone in Messiah who is part of this realm of vocation.

So that we don't miss anyone, I ask that if you work in any aspect of health care or personal care, or have done so in the past, you please notify Robin in the office (717-272-2922) or by email to the church [messiahluthleb@epix.net](mailto:messiahluthleb@epix.net)

with your name and role in the field.

We won't be able to have everyone present on 9/2—including my wife, who is a Medical Technologist but must work that Sunday—but we hope to have everyone's name and role.

Obvious examples are physician, dentist, physician's assistant, nurse (BSN, RN, LPN), nurse's aide; but let us not forget dietitians, therapists, transporters, EMTs, paramedics, technical specialists (X-ray, MRI, CT, etc.), facility maintenance people, food preparation specialists, and all other associated health-related vocations. We want the chance to give thanks for *everyone* whom God has chosen, equipped, and called to love their neighbor by partnering with God in these ministries.

We also plan a meal that day (details to be worked out, but plan on a covered dish) and time during the Living in Faith hour for folks to talk about what they do if they would like to.

Please help us make Sept. 2nd a blessed and significant day! +

# July 2018 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 1 Sandra Smith
- 8 Kathaleen Lilley
- 15 Karen Fox
- 22 Kathaleen Lilley
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## Lector

- 1 Mary Garrett
- 8 Kathaleen Lilley
- 15 Karen Fox
- 22 Kathaleen Lilley
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## Greeters

- 1 Marion Bowman
- 8 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 15 **NEEDED**
- 22 **NEEDED**
- 29 **NEEDED**



**Finance Steward**  
Nicholas Adams

**Head Ushers**  
Harry & Karen Hatt



## Altar Guild

- Barbara Adams, chair
- Sherri Blouch
- Kay Zellers



## Crucifer

- 1 Gayle Hoffman
- 8 Nicholas Adams
- 15 Sandra Smith
- 22 Michael Bowman
- 29 Daniel LaRue



## Acolyte

- 1 Harry Hatt
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Michael Bowman
- 22 Ernestine Batdorf
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM.)

**July 1** — The Fellowship Committee



# August 2018 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 5 Charlotte Varone
- 12 Eugene Martin
- 19 Daniel LaRue
- 26 Ernestine Batdorf



## Lector

- 5 Pr. James DeLong
- 12 Eugene Martin
- 19 Daniel LaRue
- 26 Ernestine Batdorf



## Greeters

- 5 **NEEDED**
- 12 **NEEDED**
- 19 **NEEDED**
- 26 **NEEDED**



**Finance Steward**  
Deborah Lutz

**Head Usher**  
Deborah Lutz



## Altar Guild

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Lori Wert



## Crucifer

- 5 Andrew Hartman
- 12 Kathaleen Lilley
- 19 Eugene Martin
- 26 Robert Bowman



## Acolyte

- 5 Nancie Whelan
- 12 Mikayla Bowman
- 19 Harry Hatt
- 26 Deborah Lutz



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**August 5** — Andrew & Elizabeth Surmacz



# Ministry Plan Report for April & May

Budgeted need per week: **\$3,420.10**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
(Easter Sunday) 4/1	\$6,710.00	74 + / 0 (no Lif)
4/8	\$1,956.00	48 + / 15 Didache study
4/15	\$2,108.59	42 + / 15 LiF
4/22	\$1,630.00	46 + / 15 Bible Covenant
4/29	\$2,585.00	41 + / 21 LiF
5/6	\$2,910.00	33 + / 13 LiF
5/13	\$2,300.00	34 + / 13 LiF
5/20	\$2,812.56	54 + / 16 LiF
5/27	\$2,145.00	62 + / 19 Bible Covenant



## 2018 Congregation Council

Harry Hatt, *President and Property Chair*  
 Gayle Hoffman, *Vice-President and Personnel Chair*

Karen Fox, *Secretary and Worship & Music Chair*  
 Nancie Whelan, *Treasurer and Christian Education Chair*

Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary, Publicity and Volunteer Resources Chair*

Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer and Finance Chair*

## AMD Convocation

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the annual Atlantic Mission District Convocation which will be held HERE at Messiah on **Friday, October 19—Saturday, October 20.**



We are deep in our planning of this awesome event which will include participants from New England to Maryland. The Keynote Speaker and preacher for the Communion liturgy will be **The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba**, Assistant to the Bishop for Mission of the NALC.

There will be two break-out sessions on Friday that will explore how we can become better disciples and give us tools to share our faith. There will be many opportunities to have great conversation, good food and experience a deepening of our faith on both days.

Registration materials will be available this summer, so please see the Atlantic Mission District website <http://www.atlantic-nalc.org> (or speak to Robin or Kathy Lilley) for more information.

## AMD Women's Conference

The first annual AMD Women's Conference will be held on **Friday, October 19 from 9-11 AM** here at Messiah. Come join many women from our Mission District as we learn about women of faith and how God led them and leads us. More information can be found on the AMD website.

*Summer vacation is a great break for everyone. But the needs of the church never take a vacation. Please remember your offerings, gifts and tithes to Messiah when you are on vacation. Thank you.*

## Tentative Picnic Date



The ICII picnic is tentatively set for **Sunday, August 19**. Mark your calendars and watch your bulletin for more information!



## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAYS:

9 AM The Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour

### WEDNESDAYS:

(as noted in the and bulletin)  
10 AM Anointing and Holy Communion

## New Members

We welcome Elizabeth and baby Drew Surmacz to membership at Messiah! Their address is:

**Andrew, Elizabeth and Drew Surmacz**  
44 Oak Knoll Circle  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
412-215-3884

## Autumn Newsletter

The **deadline** for the September/October issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Wednesday, August 15**. This issue will cover events, meetings and schedules for the months of **September and October**. Please make sure you have all your information turned in to the office (and on the work room calendar) by this date. Thank you!



## Prize Collection for Spang Crest



Every July Messiah has participated in the Friends of Spang Crest Prize Collection. The residents are very appreciative of your generosity as you provide them with fun and useful prizes for them to choose.

During the month of July a box will be placed in the narthex to receive any of the items listed below. These are the **most requested things** that the residents of Spang Crest pick for Bingo or racing prizes:

- Toothpaste
- Tissues (boxes or packs)
- Hand lotion
- Small sun catcher figurines
- Chocolate candy

- Tic Tacs
- Small tablets & pens
- Peppermint Life Savers
- Snack packs of cookies or crackers
- Hard candy (regular & sugar free)

Please contact **Nancie Whelan** with any questions. And thank you for continuing to support one of our local senior residences!



# Upcoming Events

There will be  
**NO**  
**THURSDAY EVENING**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
this summer.

We will begin a new study in September.



## GAME NIGHT!

**Friday, July 20**  
and  
**Friday, August 17**  
at **6:30 PM**

Come join the fun!



## Bible Reading Covenant

**Sunday, July 22**  
Job, Chapters 38-42

**Sunday, August 26**  
Jude

10:30AM  
in the Fellowship Hall

# School Kit and Health Kit Collections



When the summer draws to a close it will be time to think about school and

school/health kits for Lutheran World Relief and the Independent Church in India. For the past couple of years with

your generous donations, we were able to assemble multiple kits for LWR and monetary offerings to the ICII orphans so that they would be able to start their school year with the proper supplies. **We collect the money and buy the supplies** in bulk at various stores in the area. This enables us to be good stew-

ards of the offerings that are donated. Please consider a generous donation again this year to see if we can send even more kits than last year. There will be an offering plate in the Narthex from **August 19–September 30**. Many thanks in advance for your support of this project.



# For Your Information

## FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month we collect food and personal care products for our neighbors in need. Unless there is a special request from a specific agency, the schedule is as follows:

**July 1**  
Caring Cupboard



**August 5**  
Rescue Mission



We do **NOT** have sponsors for the **September 2** and **November 4 Welcome Times** yet.

Please consider giving of your time and culinary talents to sponsor this time of fellowship in the fall.



The Good Samaritan Hospital no longer informs clergy when a parishioner is admitted. If you or a loved one are hospitalized please call the church office to let the pastor know.

The **deadline** for the September/October issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Wednesday, August 15**.



**Wanted!**

## May Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

- Use funds from the Memorial account in the amount of \$650.00 to replace the cocoa mats at the main narthex doors, the yellow doors, the kitchen and the back door of the education building.
- Convert the center and east main doors to panic bars with the appropriate hardware and alterations and inquire about an auto-open on the west main door.
- The top of the electric sign was damaged during a recent storm. It has been repaired.
- The Council members will study safety and security measures for the property and for individual persons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Fox  
Congregation Council Secretary

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## June Congregation Council Highlights

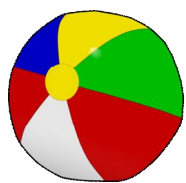
The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

- Use funds from the Zeller Trust to pay the 2018 bill for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed assessment. The bill was unknown at the time of the 2018 Ministry Plan adoption.
- New cocoa mats were installed by Harry Hatt at the narthex doors, the double yellow doors, the kitchen door and the back-exit door.
- Emergency exit bars will be installed at the two eastern narthex doors and a power door will be installed at the west narthex door.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Fox  
Congregation Council Secretary

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## A Thank You Note



**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the many get well cards, telephone calls and beautiful altar flowers that I received while recuperating from my knee replacement operation.

Please accept this thank you from me as a small token of appreciation for the support you've given me. You cannot imagine how much strength your support has given me during this difficult time. Thank you all for

your prayers, thoughtfulness and words of encouragement.

After a few setbacks, I think I am finally gaining some strength back and hope to be with you all soon. God has blessed me so much, and He continues to shower my life with blessings from my Messiah family and friends.

Love and Blessings,  
Janet Gassert

# July Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Blouch  
Christian Anspach
- 4 Carla Hartman
- 9 Marjorie Beard
- 13 Beth Miller
- 14 Geraldine Bohr  
Tammy Risser
- 15 George Felder
- 16 Elizabeth Surmacz
- 19 Pastor James DeLong



# July Anniversaries

- 1 Greg & Linda Field
- 2 Howard & Dawn Stickler
- 16 Edward & Karen Bickel
- 23 Rodney & Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Kenneth & Kay Zellers
- 27 William & Judith Bechtold



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michaela Blouch and Dylan Swoyer upon their marriage on May 19. We wish God's richest blessings on them as they begin their new life together.

**Dylan and Michaela Swoyer**  
100 Locust Avenue  
Fredericksburg, PA 17026



# August Birthdays

- 1 Judith Bechtold
- 10 Ruth DeLong  
Harry Hatt
- 11 Karen Bickel
- 15 Benjamin Risser
- 18 Nicholas Adams
- 19 Carl Lutz
- 22 Betty Wetzel
- 27 Justin Lilley
- 28 Nicole Long
- 29 Shael Connatser
- 31 Rachel Anspach



# August Anniversaries

- 1 Carl & Rosanne Lutz
- 11 Pastor & Carey Kendall
- 13 Robert & Debra Bowman  
Lee & Rita Savant
- 15 Corey & Carla Hartman
- 21 Pastor J. Philip & Nancy Kline



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