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Pastor's Page

Years ago, someone told me about a plaque which was displayed in this congregation's predecessor, Seventh Street Lutheran. On that plaque was the name of every congregation member who had served in WW I. I believe there were nearly 100 names on the plaque.

Recently, a Messiah member suggested erecting a flagpole in front of the church to fly an all-weather American flag. Council considered this, and decided to solicit the views of congregation members.

There were not a lot of responses, but they fell almost equally into three groups: those who were not strongly opposed, but believe that given our financial shortcomings, this constitutes an unnecessary expense; those who strongly opposed, on the grounds that a flag should not be the predominant symbol displayed by a Christian church; and those strongly in favor.

A decision has been made, but it will depend upon you. At the June meeting of Congregation Council, a motion was approved authorizing the installation of a flagpole near the main church sign. This flagpole

will serve as a memorial honoring members of the congregation who have honorably served in the U.S. military, and all veterans who have served our nation with them.

The flagpole will display the United States national flag only, in order that the focus will be solely on this symbol of our nation and its values. Since a large cross is already prominently displayed on the front wall of the nave, no "Christian flag" is needed, and no other flag will be flown on this pole, because it is a memorial.

There will be appropriate illumination so that the flag can be flown day and night. A Special Committee of the congregation will exercise oversight concerning the flagpole, making necessary adjustments if a local, state, or Federal executive orders colors to be flown at half-staff.

In consideration of the congregation's financial limitations, the flagpole project will be funded by special "extra-mile" contributions. This means that those who contribute are asked specifically to make contributions funding the flagpole that are above and beyond your regular tithes

and offerings.

The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$400, and installation work will be done by church members (if you'd like to volunteer, please see Tom Gassert or Gene Martin).

Contributions may be made via a plain envelope marked "Memorial Flagpole" in the offering plate, or mailed to the parish office with the words "Memorial Flagpole" on the check memo line. Fund goal date is 15 Aug. 2019.

Since this is a memorial to honorable service rendered by people of faith, the presence of the flagpole is considered theologically sound and not in conflict with our primary mission of Christian witness.

Once 75% of the needed amount has been received, Council will authorize the project, with the remaining balance, if any, met from the Memorial Fund.

I hope you will prayerfully consider participating in support for this project honoring the service of our veterans. May we remember them and enjoy the freedoms they strove to preserve. Pastor +

July 2019 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 7 Sandra Smith
- 14 Ernestine Batdorf
- 21 Karen Fox
- 28 Deborah Lutz



Altar Guild

- Barbara Adams, chair
- Sherri Blouch
- Karen Zivic



Lector

- 7 Carey Kendall
- 14 Ernestine Batdorf
- 21 Karen Fox
- 28 Deborah Lutz



Crucifer

- 7 Robert Bowman
- 14 Michael Bowman
- 21 Eugene Martin
- 28 Daniel LaRue



Greeters

- 7 Marion Bowman
- 14 **NEEDED**
- 21 **NEEDED**
- 28 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 7 Michael Bowman
- 14 Ernestine Batdorf
- 21 Nancie Whelan
- 28 Deborah Lutz



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

July 7 – none

July 28—Fellowship Committee
(see page 8)



Finance Steward

Deborah Lutz



Head Ushers

Harry & Karen Hatt



August 2019 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 4 Charlotte Varone
- 11 Eugene Martin
- 18 Kathaleen Lilley
- 25 Michael Bowman



Lector

- 4 Mary Garrett
- 11 Eugene Martin
- 18 Kathaleen Lilley
- 25 Michael Bowman



Greeters

- 4 Lori Wert
- 11 **NEEDED**
- 18 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 25 **NEEDED**



Finance Steward

Harry Hatt

Head Usher

Deborah Lutz



Altar Guild

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Elizabeth Surmacz
- Lori Wert



Crucifer

- 4 Rita Savant
- 11 Sandra Smith
- 18 Ernestine Batdorf
- 25 Kathaleen Lilley



Acolyte

- 4 Mikayla Bowman
- 11 Ernestine Batdorf
- 18 Harry Hatt
- 25 Michael Bowman



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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August 4 – none



Ministry Plan Report for April & May

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

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
	*4/7	\$4,007.00	46 + / 18 LiF
	4/14	\$2,220.00	52 + / 19 LiF
Maundy Thurs.	4/18	(offering rolled into 4/21)	40 +
Good Fri.	4/19		29 +
Sat prayer	4/20		8 +
Easter	4/21	\$6,195.67	90 + / no LiF
	4/28	\$2,783.00	40 + / 17 Covenant
	5/5	\$0.00 (we traveled to Vinemont for worship)	
	5/12	\$3,822.00	36 + / 17 LiF
	5/19	\$2,540.00	40 + / 17 LiF
	5/26	\$2,917.00	48 + / 17 Covenant

Wed Lent study attendance 4/3 20
 4/10 18

* - A Cappella Sunday



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

2019 Congregation Council

Karen Fox, *President and Worship & Music Chair*

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

Gayle Hoffman, *Secretary and Volunteer Resources Chair*

Nancie Whelan, *Assistant Treasurer and Christian Education Chair*

Ernestine Batdorf, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Publicity Chair*

Rita Savant, *Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship Chair*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer and Finance Chair*

Got Yarn?



Do you have extra yarn, maybe leftover from a project? Yarn that you hate to throw away, but you don't know what to do with? I had a lot of yarn like that. When I heard of the needs of the people of Iglesia Misionera Asamblea Cristiana for warm clothing last year I started to make scarves for them using my leftover yarn. It's actually quite fun to put different yarns together to make something new for someone in need. I have used up much of my odds and ends and it occurred to me to let you all know what I am doing in case you have yarn that you would be willing to donate. Any contributions would be appreciated. My goal is to fill a storage container with hats and scarves for them for this Christmas. Many thanks in advance for helping me to realize this goal. Feel free to leave your yarn in the choir room.

Thank you!
 Karen Fox



July Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Blouch
Christian Anspach
- 4 Carla Hartman
- 13 Beth Miller
- 14 Geraldine Bohr
Tammy Risser
- 15 George Felder
- 16 Elizabeth Surmacz



July Anniversaries

- 1 Greg & Linda Field
- 16 Edward & Karen Bickel
- 23 Rodney & Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Kenneth & Kay Zellers
- 27 William & Judith Bechtold
- 28 Louis & Karen Zivic



Ice Cream Sundae Bar



Who doesn't like ice cream on a hot summer day?? Come join your church family for an afternoon of good fellowship, shade, corn hole, grilled hot dogs and a delicious ice cream sundae bar!

Saturday, July 6
3:30 PM
On the lawn/pavilion

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Information Board in the narthex. Please sign up to bring ice cream, toppings, hot dogs or buns. Paper products and drinks will be included.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Hatt. See YOU there!



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
- 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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May Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

- Correspondence was read from City of Lebanon Authority about excess use of water which was found to be running water in toilets over period of 12 hours before being stopped.
- Pastor Kendall explained the April 18 Southwest Elementary School Evacuation Drill where Messiah was used as the evacuation site for ~ 500 students and teachers.
- Fellowship Committee is planning a hot dog roast and sundae bar on Saturday, July 6.
- We received a report of damaged trees on the property that will have to be removed.
- K. Lilley will be Messiah's delegate at the national NALC Convocation in Indianapolis. Motion made and approved to provide a donation to assist with expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Hoffman
Congregation Council Secretary

June Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

- There was discussion and approval of installation of a flagpole with contingency for an "Oversight Group" to maintain and display the flag in the appropriate manner. Request forms for those wishing to support this effort will be made available with the goal of having the flagpole dedicated by Veteran's Day, 2019.
- Sign-up sheets for the July 6 picnic with hot dogs and ice cream sundaes will be made available.
- There was discussion on the adjusted rate change for the interest payment on the roof (4.2% to 6.10%). We are trying to make adjustments to pay off the balance sooner and possibly to re-finance the loan.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Hoffman
Congregation Council Secretary



AMR Annual Fall Convocation



The Atlantic Mission Region fall Convocation will be held on **Friday, October 18 & Saturday, October 19** at Trinity ELC in Joppa, MD with the theme *Did God Really Say...?*

The Convocation this year will be linked to **Lutherans for Life's** annual conference. There will be many dynamic speakers, including The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba (who was supposed to

speak at the Convocation held here, but he was taken ill the day of the Convo.)

A **Women's Conference** and **informal Men's Bible Study** plus **Stuff the Truck** will be included in the 2-day event.

Much more information and registration sheets will be available in mid-August. Look for them in your bulletins and the fall newsletter!

Thank You Notes



Thank you so much for all the prayers for my husband Ken. He is getting stronger every day with his exercises. Your prayers and thoughtfulness were much appreciated!

Kay Zellers



Thank you to my church family for all the flowers, prayers and cards during my recent illness. They were truly appreciated!

Carol Frantz



Dear Pastor Kendall and Sisters and Brothers of Messiah Lutheran Church:

Please accept our deepest and profound appreciations for your visiting and worshipping God, most high with us here at Vinemont Community Lutheran Church. It was unfortunate that I missed that exciting worship experience

with you due to unforeseen circumstances that Sunday morning. A special thank you for Pastor Kendall's willingness to help fill the gap during the worship service and his visit at the hospital.

I just want to let you know that the experiences our two churches shared has been a source of encouragement and excitement among the churches within our district. It is my hope and earnest prayer that our mutual love and worship experiences continue to grow and mature so that we might be a continuing source of encouragement for other churches to follow our example.

May the God of all goodness and grace continue to lead and guide us as we strive to embark in carrying out the message of hope and healing in this ever increasing secular and post-modern society like ours.

In His Service,

Pastor Abera B. Hellemo

Vinemont Community Lutheran Church



NALC Disaster Response Mobile Tool Trailer



Join with Reformation Lutheran Church, Lancaster and the Atlantic Mission Region to equip a fully functioning Disaster Response mobile tool trailer to

help rebuild the lives of those affected by disasters.

We know how devastating disasters can be—hurricanes, tornadoes, fire, flooding, etc. Volunteers who donate their time, hands, skills and hearts for needed clean up and rehab work do not always have the appropriate equipment for needed tasks. By equipping a fully loaded rapid response mobile tool trailer this necessary work can be accomplished.

To date: a 16' cargo trailer has been purchased

with the donations received from other AMR congregations and individuals in our area. The interior design and modification is currently underway. We are now in the phase of securing power and hand tools and building supplies.

If you would like to sponsor a tool or help to sponsor the tool trailer please make your check payable to **Reformation Lutheran Church** and have **“tool trailer”** on the memo line. Please mail the check to **Disaster Response Tool Trailer Project, PO Box 172, Mount Joy, PA 17552**. You may visit www.atlantic-nalc.org or call 1-844-442-9442 for more information.

With your help we'll be able to soon turn the tool trailer over to NALC Disaster Relief Coordinator Mary Bates. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

There will be
NO
THURSDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY
this summer.

We will begin a new study in September.



Bible Reading Covenant

Sunday, July 28

&

Sunday, August 25

Mark 9:2-13; Matthew 17:1-13;

Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

10:30 AM

in the Fellowship Hall

Special Mid-Summer Welcome Time



Sunday, July 28

after worship

Come enjoy fellowship and goodies with your church family!

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 18—September 29**. Many thanks in advance for your support of this project.



For Your Information



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

July 7

August 4

All going to the Rescue Mission

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 Atlantic Mission Region has a newsletter: **The Atlantic Vine**. It has all sorts of news and discipleship ideas from around our Mission Region. Please go to www.atlantic-nalc.org and look under the “news & events” tab or see Rob-in for more information.

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.

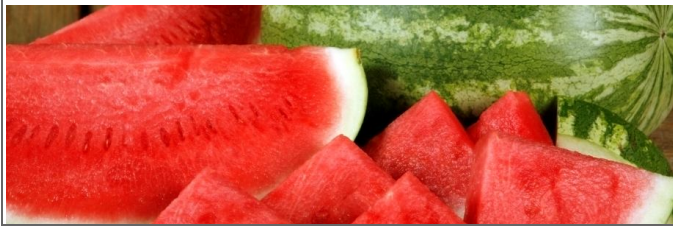
Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

9 AM The Holy Communion
 10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
 4th Sundays: Bible Reading Covenant study

WEDNESDAYS:

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



ICII Picnic



The annual ICII picnic is set for **Sunday, September 8**. Mark your calendars and watch your bulletin for more information! Come join your church family and visit with missionaries Lowell & Kathy Smith as we enjoy good fellowship and good food.

Autumn Newsletter

The **deadline** for the September/October issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Tuesday, August 13**. 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
- Toothbrushes
- Tissues (boxes or packs)
- Hand lotion
- Hair brushes
- Hair items (barrettes, headbands, etc.)
- Long necklaces
- Grippy socks
- Perfume/cologne/aftershave/body spray
- Chocolate bars
- Tic Tacs
- Sugar-free candy (hard and chocolate bars)

- Hard candy
- Small tablets
- Pens
- Snack packs of cookies
- Snack crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Pretzels (snack sized bags)
- Quarters to spend in the gift shop
- Small stuffed animals
- Coloring books for adults

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