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Pastor's Page

There are signs that many public venues are returning to more “usual” (I’m not sure I’ll use the term “normal” again in my lifetime) levels of activity. Many churches have reopened (we recently marked the one-year anniversary of our reopening for in-person worship, and give thanks to God that we were able to worship safely throughout that year).

I believe the time has come for us to encourage a return to in-person worship rather than “at-home,” and have a related question:

If you have been worshipping at home, do you use the links to hymns which Robin has included in electronic copies of the weekly bulletin?

It takes time each week for Robin to search and evaluate these hymns. Sometimes she finds hymns that “work” right away, but most often, she must sift through a number of renditions to find the right one. Often the musical accompaniment is nothing like the hymn we know; sometimes there are more, or fewer, verses (often with different words) and sometimes she cannot find one

at all. As you can imagine, this takes time from other necessary tasks in her three part-day-per-week schedule.

We would like to know whether these hymn links are being used. If you do make regular use of them, please let Robin know, either by phone (717-272-2922) or email: messiahluthleb@epix.net

We are considering discontinuing this particular feature, so your responses will be important.

Important Anniversary:

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Recently we have heard certain elected officials downplay the significance of 9/11 compared to more recent events. Twenty years ago, people vowed: “We will never forget.” But some have.

Council has approved holding a “Commemorative Remembrance” on Saturday, 11 September 2021 during the precise time period of the attacks and their immediate aftermath.

My plan is to open the nave at 8.30 AM so that people may engage in prayer and contemplation of the terrible attack

made upon all of us twenty years ago, and its victims.

A printed Timeline of the key events of that September morning will be distributed. On the minute of the major episodes—the strike on each tower and on the Pentagon; the crash of Flight 93; and the collapse of each tower—will be marked with a chime. Votive candles will be available for those who desire to light one as a gesture of solemn remembrance.

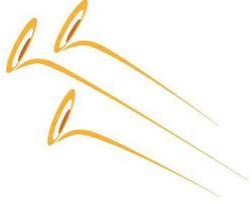
In addition, there will be a display in the narthex featuring certain items representative of that day and its aftermath.

There will be no music or singing, no readings or addresses. This is to be considered a time of solemn remembrance and personal prayer or reflection, suitable for church and secular people alike; the public will be invited via Messiah’s digital sign. The time span corresponds to the events of that morning, which began at 8.46 AM and saw the final collapse at 10.28 AM.

Mark your calendars. We must not forget. +

Membership Updates

Please **amend your directory** to reflect they who joined the Church Triumphant recently:



Nancy Potteiger
1944-2021

Robert Donmoyer
1924-2021

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

New Email!

Susan Galbraith has a new email address. It is s.galbraith@live.com.

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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!



July 2021 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 4 Eugene Martin
- 11 Karen Fox
- 18 Kathaleen Lilley
- 25 Sandra Smith



Altar Guild

- Barbara Adams, chair
- Sherri Blouch
- Karen Zivic



Lector

- 4 Nancie Whelan
- 11 Karen Fox
- 18 Kathaleen Lilley
- 25 Sandra Smith



Crucifer

- 4 Rita Savant
- 11 Kathaleen Lilley
- 18 Gayle Hoffman
- 25 Eugene Martin



Greeters

- 4 **NEEDED**
- 11 **NEEDED**
- 18 **NEEDED**
- 25 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 4 Deborah Lutz
- 11 Karen Zivic
- 18 Nancie Whelan
- 25 Daniel LaRue



Finance Steward
Dorothy Martin

Head Ushers
Harry & Karen Hatt



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

July – cancelled



August 2021 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 1 Ernestine Batdorf
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Eugene Martin
- 22 Charlotte Varone
- 29 Daniel LaRue



Lector

- 1 Mary Garrett
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Eugene Martin
- 22 Charlotte Varone
- 29 Daniel LaRue



Greeters

- 1 **NEEDED**
- 8 **NEEDED**
- 15 **NEEDED**
- 22 **NEEDED**
- 29 **NEEDED**



Finance Steward
Harry Hatt

Head Usher
Deborah Lutz



Altar Guild

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Elizabeth Surmacz
- Lori Wert



Crucifer

- 1 Sandra Smith
- 8 Daniel LaRue
- 15 Kathaleen Lilley
- 22 Gayle Hoffman
- 29 Rita Savant



Acolyte

- 1 Ernestine Batdorf
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Karen Zivic
- 22 Karen Hatt
- 29 Daniel LaRue



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Ministry Plan Report for April & May

Budgeted need per week: **\$3,396.13**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering received</u>
Maundy Thurs.	4/1	(rolled into 4/4)	30 +
Good Fri.	4/2		22 +
Prayer Vigil	4/3		5 +
Easter	4/4	\$6,843.00	67 + / no LiF
	*4/11	\$2,319.76	29 + / 16 LiF
	4/18	\$1,940.00	35 + / 18 LiF
	4/25	\$2,983.00	31 + / 13 LiF
	5/2	\$3,849.00	38 + / 16 LiF
	5/9	\$3,068.00	38 + / 12 LiF
	5/16	\$1,748.00	29 + / 11 LiF
	5/23	\$2,240.00	31 + / 18 LiF
	*5/30	\$1,639.00	36 + / 14 LiF

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
 LiF—Living in Faith Education Hour
 * - A Cappella Sunday



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

- Treasurer and financial reports were read and accepted per final audits.
- Planning a “Gathering of Remembrance” on September 11, 2021 for the 20th anniversary of the terrorists’ attack on the U.S.
- Discussion on the possible opening for additional services and events for the summer and fall.
- Continuation of the mask-wearing and social distancing; thank you to everyone for being diligent!

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

- Reports were read and approved pending audit.
- September 11 “Gathering of Remembrance” and September 12 “Return to Church” discussed.
- Covid-19 mask wearing discussed with FULLY VACCINATED people allowed to remove masks in the building starting on June 20. The Nave will also be open for member/member related funerals and memorial services starting June 20.
- Property tree trimming discussed.



Respectfully submitted,
 Gayle Hoffman
 Interim Congregation Council Secretary



July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries

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



2021 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams**, *President*
David Machamer, *Vice-President, Evangelism, Personnel and Property Co-Chair*
Gayle Hoffman, *Interim Secretary, Volunteer Resources*
Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary*
Michael Ernst
Harry Hatt, *Property Co-chair*
Deborah Lutz, *Stewardship Chair*
Karen Zivic

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

- Karen Fox**, *Worship Planning*
Karen Hatt, *Fellowship Chair*
Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer and Finance Chair*
Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*
Nancie Whelan, *Treasurer*

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 John & Nancy Kline



Autumn Newsletter



The **deadline** for the September/October issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Friday, 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!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 11

8:30 AM

A Commemorative Remembrance of the Terrorist Attacks on Our Nation

In the nave



September 12

Watch your bulletin for more information!

Logo Design Contest!



Calling all artistic people out there! The Atlantic Mission Region is holding a logo contest! And we

would like to invite everyone in the Region who is interested to submit an entry for consideration!

- The logo should be simple in design and easily reproduced and resized. It will be used on letterhead, on the website, on business cards, etc. This logo will brand the Atlantic Mission Region.
- Logos are pictorial, not wordy. Please keep words (if any) to a minimum.
- The logo should be an identifier of our Region and should somehow incorporate the four Core Values of the NALC (Christ Cen-

tered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, Congregationally Focused).

- All submissions must be original work and will be vetted by the AMR Council before inclusion in the contest.
- Each submission will become the property of the AMR.
- The contest will be held at the AMR Convocation on Friday, October 22 at Holy Cross ELC, Nazareth, PA. The logo with the most votes WINS!

Deadline to submit an entry is Friday, August 27. Please send your submission with the signed submission form (available from Robin) to Robin at rjhh67@gmail.com. Good luck!



For Your Information



FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

July 4

August 1

All going to the Rescue Mission



Ingathering Sunday and Collecting school kit supplies for **Lutheran World Relief** And **ICII**

has been discontinued.

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

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

WEDNESDAYS:

(as noted in the calendar and bulletin)
 10 AM Communion by appointment
 10:30 AM Communion by appointment

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.



School Supplies Needed

During the month of August the Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive that will benefit the mission church that worships here at Messiah (Pr. Angel's church).

A box will be placed on the table outside the sanctuary for you to place any of the following:

- Back packs
- Spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- Pencils (if mechanical then also supply the lead)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Rulers
- Glue sticks
- Blunt scissors



Thank you in advance for your generosity!



AMR Annual Fall Convocation



The Atlantic Mission Region's annual fall Convocation is currently being planned to be held in person on **Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23** at Holy Cross ELC, Nazareth, PA.



The Convocation's theme this year—*The Fullness of God's Worship*—will center around the discussion and experience of different styles of

worship (traditional and contemporary). We will discuss what is essential to worship and how worship is experienced differently in different cultures.

Presenters at the Convocation will be **Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen**, president of the North American Lutheran Seminary; **Rev. Christopher Porter** (pastor at Lebanon LC, Lebanon Church, VA); **Rev. Jay Jackson** (pastor at Trinity ELC, Joppa, MD); and **Lara Bhasin** (M.Div. student at the NALS).

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

Everyone is invited to attend this event. Much more information and registration sheets will be available in mid-August. Look for them in your bulletins and the fall newsletter!