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Pastor's Page

Once again for Lent 2019, we will enjoy Wednesday-evening bread-and-soup meals and a study. More on this in a moment; first, a request.

At our house, we still use a landline, for privacy and security during confidential calls.

Consequently we receive many calls from telemarketers as well as what I call “scout calls” (those annoying times when the telephone rings, but when one answers, there is nothing at the other end).

Because of these “scout calls,” we sometimes do not pick up when the telephone rings, for we’ve learned that not long after a scout call, we receive a telemarketer call (or two or three, until they give up because we don’t answer).

When you have a priority need for pastoral care, your call is important and won’t be ignored. Carey and I ask that if you call us and we don’t answer, please leave your name and telephone number (speak slowly and clearly). If we’re home, we will call

you back as soon as we check to see if a caller has left a message.

We both appreciate that you are considerate of our ‘home time’ and try not to call our residential number concerning minor matters. However, we do not want you to refrain from calling in the event of a matter that cannot wait, or of an emergency. In such a case, please call.

You need not provide private details of the matter at issue when you leave your message—just make sure I can identify you and return your call to the correct number (include Area Code please!). Be assured that I’ll return your call as soon as I can.

Now, back to Lent: this year the subject will be one which applies to every single disciple of Christ: *Stewardship*.

“Stewardship” is a central theme of Scripture in both Old and New Testaments, but you might not fully realize how comprehensive the concept truly is.

The five midweek sessions will each examine one

aspect of stewardship—which has many synonyms, including “management,” “administration” and “allocation.” Keep these synonyms in mind as you examine these topics:

Stewardship of *discernment*: How a disciple manages the matters of significance in life.

Stewardship of *relationships*: How a disciple manages our connections to others.

Stewardship of *self*: How a disciple manages his/her own being.

Stewardship of *resources*: How a disciple manages what God entrusts to our responsible use in this life.

Stewardship of *opportunities*: How a disciple manages the choices which we encounter as we pass through this life.

I look forward to this study, because it’s really about how we make the most of God’s blessings and purposes for us. I hope you’ll join us, beginning on 13 March. +

Thank You Notes



Thank you!

Thank you notes were received from the NALC, City of Lebanon, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Lutheran World Relief, the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC, and Lutheran Bible Translators.

All these notes are available for you to read on the bulletin board outside the office.



My thanks and appreciation to the many church members who remembered me with beautiful cards at Christmas and at my birthday. I return very good wishes to each of you. May your year be all that you wished for me!

Mary Ellen Dietrich



On behalf of Alyssa, Erin and myself, I would like to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas gifts we received. We continue to appreciate the opportunity to serve God's people at Messiah through music and offering our God-given talents to lead the people in worship and praise. May God bless us all according to His Will in this new year.

Karen Fox
Cantor Emerita

Dear Messiah Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. It was so thoughtful of you all to think of me. Playing at Messiah has always been a blessing. I have always enjoyed the opportunity of playing music as part of worship. So many times, God has given me new perspectives of His Word through the special music, hymns and liturgy.

Thank you all again for your kindness and generosity!

Erin Trovinger



Once again you went above and beyond! Super Bowl is such a fun event for our men because of you!! Thanks ever so much to everyone, especially all who organize and coordinate the event each year!

Jenny Topping
Food & Volunteer Services Manager
Lebanon Rescue Mission

Lent



For Your Information

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY



**MARCH 4
&
APRIL 7**

All donations will be given to the Rescue Mission

Graduation information sheets are on the oak table in the narthex. If you know of a Messiah member graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc. this spring please share that information so we may include it in the May/June edition of the *Messiah Messenger*.



PA Dutch Church Service Sunday, April 14 2:30 PM



Zoar Lutheran Church
560 Freeport Road
Lebanon

The entire liturgy will be conducted in PA Dutch.

March Birthdays

- 2 Drew Surmacz
- 8 John Schimminger
- 10 Richard Markey
Treva Matthew
- 12 Carol Anspach
Cash Anspach
Jaxson Roof
- 13 Ivy Lutz
Janet Miller
- 14 Robert Donmoyer
- 19 Jacquelyn Dohner
Pr. Rodney Lilley
- 20 Alyssa Knouff
- 24 Seth Hartman
- 28 Deborah Lutz
- 29 Kay Zellers



April Birthdays

- 3 Terri Brightbill
- 6 Karlyn Roof
- 9 Cheryl Lutz
- 10 Debra Bowman
- 11 Adam Brossman
Carey Kendall
- 12 Angela Gassert Fair
- 14 Carol Frantz
Caroline Harnisch
- 15 Robert Lillie
- 22 Joshua Risser
- 25 Howard "Skip" Stickler
- 29 Karen Zivic



March Anniversaries

- 11 Gordon & Laura Ebright
- 29 Rod & Eileen Ledger



April Anniversaries

- 4 Thomas & Janet Gassert
- 16 Donald & Karen Munford
John & Vicki Schimminger
- 24 Gary & Jacquelyn Dohner
Walter & Margaret Shirey
- 25 Bryan & Gayle Hoffman
- 27 Matthew & Jessica Lutz



Landscape Care Servants

As in previous years, we again invite you to serve God and neighbor by signing up to care for a portion of Messiah's grounds. The area chart and sign-up form are posted on the Information Center in the narthex. Tools and mulch will be available. Your offerings of time and energy are greatly appreciated.



Spring Forward!



Don't forget to **set all your clocks forward one hour** before going to bed on Saturday, March 9 so you will be on time for church on **March 10!**

March 2019 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 3 Eugene Martin
- 6 noon Charlotte Varone
- 7:30 PM Ernestine Batdorf
- 10 Deborah Lutz
- 17 Michael Bowman
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley
- 31 Daniel LaRue



Lector

- 3 Nancie Whelan
- 6 noon Charlotte Varone
- 7:30 PM Ernestine Batdorf
- 10 Deborah Lutz
- 17 Michael Bowman
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley
- 31 Daniel LaRue



Greeters

- 3 Marion Bowman
- 6 noon Ernestine Batdorf
- 7:30 PM **NEEDED**
- 10 **NEEDED**
- 17 **NEEDED**
- 24 **NEEDED**
- 31 **NEEDED**



Head Usher
Eugene Martin



Finance Steward
Karen Fox

Altar Guild

- Ernestine Batdorf, chair
- Debra Bowman
- Mikayla Bowman
- Wendy Brossman
- Kelly Roof



Crucifer

- 3 Michael Bowman
- 6 noon Rita Savant
- 7:30 PM Daniel LaRue
- 10 Sandra Smith
- 17 Gayle Hoffman
- 24 Robert Bowman
- 31 Eugene Martin



Acolyte

- 3 Harry Hatt
- 6 noon Ernestine Batdorf
- 7:30 PM Ernestine Batdorf
- 10 Deborah Lutz
- 17 Michael Bowman
- 24 Mikayla Bowman
- 31 Nancie Whelan



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

March 3 — Laurite Vranesic



April 2019 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 7 Karen Fox
- 14 Eugene Martin
- 18 7:30 PM Deborah Lutz
- 21 Nancie Whelan
- 28 Sandra Smith



Altar Guild

- 7 Kay Zellers & Barbara Adams
- 14 Lori Wert & Janet Gassert
- 18 Lori Wert, Karen Hatt & Gayle Hoffman
- 19 Janet Gassert
- 20 Tom & Janet Gassert, Kay Zellers, Rita Savant
- 21 Tom & Janet Gassert
- 28 Rita Savant, Gayle Hoffman & Carol Frantz



Lector

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- 21 Nancie Whelan
- 28 Sandra Smith



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Head Ushers
Harry & Karen Hatt



Finance Steward
Nicholas Adams

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April 7 — Dan LaRue and Kathy Lilley



Ash Wednesday

The vital penitential season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6.** On Ash Wednesday, you will have the option of attending either a mid-day liturgy, with proclamation and the im-

 sition of ashes beginning at 12 noon, or the customary evening liturgy at 7:30 PM.

Both liturgies will feature the same sermon. The noon lit-

urgy is to make the time easy to remember, and to make attendance possible for people who might take time at lunch, for those who do not drive at night, or who must work a late shift.

Lenten Study Series

Pastor Kendall will be leading a Lenten study series on the many aspects of **Stewardship** every Wednesday evening during the season of Lent. Please read Pastor's article on the front page of this newsletter for more information.

The dates are as follows:

March 13—Discernment (How a disciple manages the matters of significance in life)

March 20—Relationships (How a disciple manages our connections to others)

March 27—Self (How a disciple manages his/her own being)

April 3—Resources (How a disciple manages what God entrusts to our responsible use in life)

April 10—Opportunities (How a disciple manages the choices which we encounter as we pass through this life)

The Soup and Bread meal (see below) will be held at 6 PM with the study series to follow at 6:45 PM. If the meal does not work for you, then you are welcome to come to only the study portion of the evening.



In accord with our mission **“to bring Christ to people and people to Christ,”** you are invited and encouraged to bring friends with you to experience the renewing power of the Season of Lent and its glorious fulfillment in the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

Bring your Bible!

Lenten Bread and Soup Meals



Every Wednesday evening in Lent the Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a soup and bread supper beginning at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

We need **volunteers** to either make soup or to give a donation to Karen Hatt so soup may be purchased. We would like to have **two varieties of soup per Wednesday**, so we would prefer two volunteers per week. The committee will

supply the bread, drinks and paper products. Sign up sheets are posted on the Information Board in the narthex so we may get a head count. This sheet will also list the soups that will be provided for that week.

Please consider joining us for nourishment and fellowship prior to our Lenten study series. It's food for the body and soul!



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14 The Sunday of the Passion:
9 AM The Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms

10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour

Monday, April 15 - OFFICE CLOSED

Maundy Thursday, April 18:
 OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 PM The Liturgy of the Last Supper with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19:

7:30 PM The Passion and Death of Our Lord

Saturday, April 20:

7—8:30 PM Prayer Vigil on the Eve of Easter

Sunday, April 21, The Resurrection of Our Lord:

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast

9 AM The Holy Communion
 (No Living in Faith Education Hour today.)



Membership Changes



Please **amend your directory** to reflect those who joined the Church Triumphant last month:

Ethel Matthew
 1941-2019

Fred Van Winkle
 1934-2019

Nancy Van Winkle
 1934-2019

Carol VanRaay
 1940-2019

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

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 21
 7:30 AM

Cost is **\$2 per person** (to help defray the cost and get a more accurate head count). Tickets will be on sale from March 24 – April 14 **after worship**. See Harry and Karen Hatt for tickets or more information. We will be eating in the Chapel Room. (Set up is on Saturday, April 20 at 9 AM).

Menu



Scrambled Eggs

Little Smokies

French Toast Sticks



Fruit Cup

Coffee

Tea

Juice



The sign-up sheet will be located on the Information Center in the narthex.

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*

2018 General Fund Financial Summary

Income & Expenses At-A-Glance		
		Year-to-date
Income		\$140,347.17
Expenses		\$168,870.14
Income Less Expenses		-\$28,522.97

	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Income:	
Total Giving	\$140,347.17
 Total Income	 <u>\$140,347.17</u>
 Ministry Plan Year-to-date	 \$88,922.50
 Expenses:	
Staff	\$115,638.78
Administrative	3,417.48
Maintenance	28,908.57
Committee	0.00
Additional	4,750.20
Benevolence	14,955.11
Loan Repayment	1,200.00
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$168,870.14</u>
 Income Less Expenses	 <u><u>(\$28,522.97)</u></u>

January through December	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total to Charity
NALC			\$7,839.90
Atlantic Mission District			\$849.88
Mission Partners*			\$600.00
NALC Seminary			\$744.54
NALC Disaster Response			\$744.54
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape			\$744.54
Lebanon Free Clinic			\$744.54
PACC Caring Cupboard			\$744.54
Lutheran World Relief			\$744.54
ICII			\$744.54
City of Lebanon			\$453.55
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,955.11

*Ethiopian Church Relief Fund, The Great Commission Society,
Water Missions International, Lutheran Bible Translators

December & January Ministry Plan Summaries

Budgeted need per week for 2018: **\$3,420.10**

	12/2	\$2,647.00	37 + / 23 Bill O.
	12/9	\$3,477.68	46 + / 15 LiF
	12/16	\$2,033.00	40 + / 14 Covenant
	12/23	\$2,746.00	50 + / 12 LiF
4 PM	12/24	(offering from both liturgies combined)	87 +
7:30 PM		\$5,408.00	46 +
	12/30	\$2,457.00	48 + / 17 LiF

Budgeted need per week for 2019: **\$3,346.31**

	1/6	\$2,765.00	46 + / 13 LiF
	1/13	\$2,025.00	31 + / 13 LiF
	1/20	\$1,355.00	19 + / 11 LiF
	1/27	\$2,595.00	42 + / 17 LiF

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
"LiF" denotes Living in Faith



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

February Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

There was no meeting in January.

- Fellowship: Bread and Soup suppers for Lent are being planned. The meals will extend from March 13 until April 10, 2019, weather permitting.
 - The Easter Breakfast will be served in the Chapel Classroom. Tickets will go on sale (\$2.00 each) AFTER church.
 - A Sundae Bar with homemade ice cream, toppings and hot dogs is being planned for July 6th.
 - A picnic with the ladies from the churches that helped with food preparation and service for the Convocation is being explored. Other Fellowship activities are in the works.
- Council approved \$12,000 from a recent bequest to be applied to the roof loan to reduce the principal.
- \$1,000 from the Zeller Trust was approved to be sent to ICII to help with the rebuilding necessary after the cyclone rendered some of their buildings inhabitable.
- Harry Hatt reported that the Fellowship Hall will be painted.
- Harry and Karen Hatt are donating leftover building materials to help replace the shed roof. The church would fund the other materials needed.
- Thanks were expressed to all the Messiah volunteers and the Missionary Church for all the custodial help that is given.
- Officers and committee chairs for 2019 can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Fox
Congregation Council secretary

Friends of Spang Crest



The Friends of Spang Crest is an auxiliary organization dedicated to supporting activities and projects benefitting the residents of Spang Crest, Luthercare’s Senior Living Community in Lebanon. In 2018 the Friends of Spang Crest donated over \$26,000 to Spang Crest for programs, services and purchases including:

- Benevolent care
- Resident Christmas gifts

- Electronic calendar boards
- Shower room renovation project
- Specialty wheelchairs
- Resident Halloween event
- Outdoor band concerts
- Family Entertainment nights
- Fish Tank maintenance

Your membership dues, combined with generous donations from congregations, individuals, annual fundraising events and proceeds from the Spang Crest Gift Shop, will allow

Friends of Spang Crest to continue its work in 2018.

Membership levels are:

Membership	\$2.00
Contributing	\$5.00
Sustaining	\$10.00
Patron	\$25.00

For more information about being a “friend” to our residents or to make a contribution, please see **Nancie Whelan** (our Key Person). The membership drive will run until the end of March.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update



Thanks to everyone who made this year’s Souper Bowl of Caring another great

success. We donated **\$710 in cash** and **174 items of food** to stock the shelves at the Rescue Mission. The folks who run the Rescue Mission and the

guys who are living at the Mission truly appreciated the Souper Bowl party and everything that the congregation does for them throughout the year.



Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

- 9 AM Service of Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
- 4th Sunday—Bible Reading Covenant study

WEDNESDAYS:

- 10 AM Anointing and Holy Communion (as noted on the calendar)
- 6 PM Soup and Bread Supper
- 6:45 PM Lenten Study Series

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