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From the Desk of Pr. Abera Hellemo

Just as the Lord God called to Adam; "Where are you?" the same God is calling us saying, "Where are you?" God is calling us to have a closer fellowship and relationship so that we might grow in love and service to God.

Let me introduce myself to the church family of Messiah. As you are aware, I came to you as an interim pastor for some time and I am personally appealing to you to be active in faith and life so I can partner with you in carrying out the message of hope and healing in this sin infected, constantly changing, and restless world. I cannot do the work God without your help and please join me in this noble task which God has placed in our hands. Who knows if you and I exist in time and history for "time such as this?"

As an ordained pastor I assume my ministry to be the ministry of Word and Sacrament. I strongly believe that the whole people of God and I are part of the ministry of the baptized. As an ordained pastor, I confess and teach the authoritative and normative character of the Scriptures, as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life in this restless world. In serving in accordance with the Scrip-

tures, I will be committed to carry out Jesus' Great Commission as well as Great Commandment. I believe and teach that the Gospel is the Good News through which the decisive turning point in human history occurred in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is therefore in this context I strive to faithfully preach, teach, and equip the people of God at Messiah Lutheran Church for mission and evangelism.

As we soon enter the Lenten Season, let us walk with God so closely and try to avoid whatever temptation that comes our way and entraps us from loving God. We all have problems and issues in our lives, and we all struggle to overcome the challenges we face every day.

A friend of mine told me a story of a taxi driver. One day, while the taxi driver was on his way to the airport with a passenger, suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of the taxi driver. The taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just an inches. The driver of the other car whipped his head and started yelling at the taxi driver and his passenger. The taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. Surprised by the taxi driver's patience and friendliness,

the passenger asked, why did you just do that? Adding to his comments, the passenger said, "This guy almost ruined your car and sent both of us to the hospital."

The taxi driver taught his passenger a remarkable lesson, what he now calls, "The law of the garbage truck." The taxi driver explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around with full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they will dump on you. "Therefore," said the taxi driver to his passenger, "don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to the other people at work, at home, or on the streets."

The bottom line is that successful people; especially the people of God do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, my friends, let us love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. They say, "life is ten percent what make it and ninety percent how you take it!"

May God bless us and help us in our effort to do what is noble and just in His sight.

Death: When a Leader Dies

This article was found at www.preaching.com the day after Pastor Kendall died. It was written by William D. Howden. The name of the deceased pastor in the original article has been changed to Pastor Kendall. Congregation Council president Nick Adams requested this article be included in the newsletter, for it really applies to our situation as a congregation in mourning.

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Read Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Philippians 4:1-9

The situation described in our Old Testament text may sound familiar to you; a religious leader dies before completing the ministry to which he had been called. Deuteronomy 34 recounts the death of Moses, but I could not read this passage without thinking of this congregation, without thinking of the pain you have experienced through the death of your pastor, Barry Kendall.

This account of Moses' death should help us to reflect. Moses had been called by God to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, into the promised land. But the people rebelled. God condemned them to wander for forty years in the wilderness, until the rebellious generation died off, before entering the promised land. Just before his death, Moses went up a high mountain, east of the Jordan River. He could look over into the promised land, from the Negev Desert in the south, to the Mediterranean Sea to the west, and on to the far north. He could look into the promised land, the goal he had sought for forty years. He could look into the promised land, but he could not enter it. He died before reaching his goal.

After his death, "The people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days." This, I think, is the first thing we should learn from this text: Mourning takes time. Grief is not over in an instant. An opinion poll was taken a few years ago. They asked a group of people how long grief lasted. The average response in that poll was forty-eight hours. Two days.

That is totally unrealistic. The people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. That was all they did. They mourned for thirty days. Maybe if we did nothing else for thirty days, we could end our grief in thirty days, but I'm not even sure about that. Psychologists tell us that grief in our society usually lasts about two years, more or less.

Doug Manning tells of a friend whose child died suddenly. The child was brought to the hospital with what seemed a relatively minor ailment, but half an hour later the child was dead. The mother reacted hysterically. Everyone was trying to get her to calm down and "get a hold of herself." Suddenly she stopped and said, "Don't take my grief away from me. I deserve it, and I'm going to have it." (Doug Manning, *Comforting Those Who Grieve*, p. 12).

Even now, months after your pastor's death, you deserve your grief. It is perfectly natural. Don't let anyone take it away from you.

One reason you deserve your grief is that Pastor Kendall was not simply a friend like other friends or an acquaintance like other acquaintances. He was your pastor. He held a special place in your life and in the life of this congregation about which you care. Just as the death of Moses marked the end of an era in the history of Israel, the death of Barry Kendall may well mark the end of an era in this congregation. Because Pastor Kendall has died, things are not the same here anymore. They will not be the same again. A new era will soon begin. Just as it is natural to mourn the loss of Pastor Kendall, it is also normal to be anxious about an unknown future.

At this point, our New Testament reading has a word to say: Paul writes, "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep our hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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I do not claim to understand prayer, but I believe in praying nonetheless. William Temple, one-time archbishop of Canterbury, said this about prayer: "When I pray, 'coincidences' happen. When I don't, they don't."

Like Israel on the plains of Moab, this congregations stands poised on the brink of a new era. Moses looked ahead into the promised land, but he was not to lead his people there. Someone else would have to do that.

I expect the people were anxious. They knew what Moses had done. They knew what Moses could do. He had been a great leader, and he was sorely missed. The Bible says that "since then, there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses" - none who knew God so intimately; none who worked so many wonders. There had never been another prophet like Moses.

There will never be another pastor just like Barry Kendall. Israel never found another Moses. They did, however, find a Joshua.

Joshua, says our text, "was full of the spirit of wisdom," and Joshua also became a great leader for Israel. Joshua never became another Moses. Israel did not need another Moses. Moses had been a great leader for one era of Israel's history. Joshua became a great leader in the next era.

God's people did not need another Moses. What they needed was a Joshua, a different leader, with different skills, for a different era. What they needed was a Joshua, and God provided a Joshua. Moses died, but the future of God's people did not die with him. Moses died, but a new leader led God's people forward into the promised land.

You stand at the threshold of a new era in the life of this church. Unlike Moses, I have not been to the mountaintop to see what the future may hold. I am sure there will be challenges there, just as there were challenges for Israel, even in the promised land. But as we look ahead, I am confident that you will find a pastor to help you meet these challenges. "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

Feel free to mourn the death of Pastor Barry Kendall. Remember and celebrate his unique gifts for ministry. But do not be anxious. Your future is in God's hands.

There will never be another Moses. But somewhere out there is a Joshua or a Deborah, a Ruth or a David, prepared by God to lead this congregation into the future.



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Spring Forward!



Don't forget to **set all your clocks forward one hour** before going to bed on Saturday, March 12 so you will be on time for church on **March 13.**

Ash Wednesday



The vital penitential season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**. On Ash Wednesday, there will be **ONE** liturgy of Holy Communion, with proclamation and the imposition of ashes beginning **at 12 noon**. This one liturgy will allow Pastor Abera to hold an evening Ash Wednesday liturgy at Vinemont, the other congregation he is serving.



Lenten Study Series

The in-person soup & bread suppers and the Lenten Bible study are resuming!

Due to Pastor Abera's serving two congregations, the decision was made to move Messiah's weekly Lenten soup & bread suppers and the Lenten Bible study to **THURSDAY evenings**. The Soup and bread meal will be held at **6 PM** with the Bible study to follow at **7 PM**. If the meal does not work for you, then you are welcome to come to only the study portion of the evening.

Pastor Abera will be leading us through a Bible study based on the Lenten devotional *From Ashes to Easter* that will be released by the NALC (please watch for it in your inbox). Bring a Bible!

The dates are as follows:

- March 10**
- March 17**
- March 24**
- March 31**
- April 7**



Lenten Bread and Soup Meals



Every Thursday 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 Thursday**, 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!



Lenten Devotional

The 2022 NALC **Lenten devotional** *From Ashes to Easter* will be available online. You may access the link at www.thenalc.org. This webpage will guide to the various ways you may access the devotional to best suit your needs (either printed, via text or email, or as a podcast).



Lent



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 17
7:30 AM

Cost is **\$3 per person** (to help defray the cost and get a more accurate head count). Tickets will be on sale on April 3 and April 10 **after worship**. See Harry and Karen Hatt for tickets or more information. We will be eating in the back of the fellowship hall. (Set up is on Saturday, April 16 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 10: The Sunday of the Passion:
9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
10:30 AM The Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms

Monday, April 11 - OFFICE CLOSED

Maundy Thursday, April 14:
 OFFICE CLOSED

4 PM The Liturgy of the Last Supper with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 15:

4 PM The Passion and Death of Our Lord

Sunday, April 17, The Resurrection of Our Lord:

7:30 -9 AM Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM The Holy Communion

(No Living in Faith Education Hour today.)

Free Firewood!

Have you noticed the logs lying on the church grounds? They are available as **FREE** firewood to Messiah members! Some of the wood needs to be cut to length, and most needs to be split. If you are interested or would like more information please call Harry Hatt at 717-866-2066.



Membership Changes

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



Kathleen "Kitty" Runkel
1940—2022

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

March 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 2 (12 PM) Charlotte Varone
- 6 Kathaleen Lilley
- 13 Karen Fox
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



Lector

- 2 (12 PM) Charlotte Varone
- 6 Carey Kendall
- 13 Karen Fox
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



Greeters

- 2 **(12 PM) NEEDED**
- 6 **NEEDED**
- 13 **NEEDED**
- 20 **NEEDED**
- 27 **NEEDED**



Head Usher
Eugene Martin



Finance Steward
Gayle Hoffman

Altar Guild

- Deborah Lutz, co-chair
- Ernestine Batdorf, co-chair
- Brenda Beegle
- Karen Hatt



Crucifer

- 2 (12 PM) Rita Savant
- 6 Sandra Smith
- 13 Kathaleen Lilley
- 20 Gayle Hoffman
- 27 Sandra Smith



Acolyte

- 2 (12 PM) Karen Fox
- 6 Karen Hatt
- 13 Harry Hatt
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month after worship.)

March 6 – CANCELLED



April 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 3 Eugene Martin
- 10 Charlotte Varone
- 14 (4 PM) Deborah Lutz
- 17 Nancie Whelan
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley



Lector

- 3 Nancie Whelan
- 10 Charlotte Varone
- 14 (4 PM) Deborah Lutz
- 17 Nancie Whelan
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley



Greeters

- 3 **NEEDED**
- 10 **NEEDED**
- 14 **(4 PM) NEEDED**
- 17 **NEEDED**
- 24 **NEEDED**



Head Ushers
Harry & Karen Hatt



Finance Steward
David Machamer

Altar Guild

- 3 Barb Adams & Karen Zivic
- 10 Rita Savant & Gayle Hoffman
- 14 Teenie Batdorf & Deb Lutz (set up); Lori Wert, Karen Hatt, Gayle Hoffman during the liturgy
- 15 Deborah Lutz
- 17 Deborah Lutz
- 24 Karen Hatt & Nancie Whelan



Crucifer

- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 10 Eugene Martin
- 14 (4 PM) Gayle Hoffman
- 15 (4 PM) Rita Savant
- 17 Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Sandra Smith



Acolyte

- 3 Karen Zivic
- 10 Deborah Lutz
- 14 (4 PM) Deborah Lutz
- 17 Ernestine Batdorf
Nancie Whelan
- 24 Karen Zivic



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April 3 – cancelled



2021 General Fund Financial Summary

Income & Expenses At-A-Glance			
			Year-to-date
	Income		\$149,045.89
	Expenses		\$167,391.40
	Income Less Expenses		-\$18,345.51

	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Income:	
Total Giving	\$149,045.89
Total Income	<u>\$149,045.89</u>
Ministry Plan Year-to-date	\$177,845.00
Expenses:	
Staff	\$117,108.06
Administrative	2,886.48
Maintenance	25,583.57
Committee	0.00
Additional	5,125.00
Benevolence	15,488.29
Loan Repayment	1,200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$167,391.40</u>
Income Less Expenses	<u>(\$18,345.51)</u>

January through December	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total to Charity
NALC	\$9,981.14		\$9,981.14
Atlantic Mission District	\$716.27		\$716.27
Mission Partners*	\$450.00		\$450.00
NALC Seminary	\$516.05		\$516.05
NALC Disaster Response	\$516.05	\$223.53	\$739.58
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape	\$516.05		\$516.05
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$516.05		\$516.05
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$516.05		\$516.05
Lutheran World Relief	\$516.05	\$0.00	\$516.05
ICII	\$516.05	\$280.00	\$796.05
City of Lebanon	\$516.05		\$225.00
Total	\$15,275.81	\$503.53	\$15,488.29

*Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries, The Great Commission Society, Water Missions International, Lutheran Bible Translators

December & January Ministry Plan Summaries

Budgeted need per week for 2020: \$3,327.52

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
*12/5	\$5,535.00	29 + / 14 LiF
12/12	\$2,557.00	37 + / no LiF
12/19	\$3,505.00	29 + / 15 LiF
4 PM 12/24	(rolled into 12/26)	75 +
7:30 PM 12/24	(rolled into 12/26)	29+
12/26	\$4,559.00	30 + / no LiF

Budgeted need per week for 2022: \$3,364.92

1/2	\$3,869.48	33 + / 14 LiF
1/9	\$0.00	0 + (ice)
*1/16	\$3,286.00	34 + / no LiF
1/23	\$1,941.10	28 + / no LiF
1/30	\$1,041.00	25 + / no LiF

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
 "LiF" denotes Living in Faith
 * denotes an A Cappella Sunday



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us



Stewardship and You

We are all stewards of God's gifts to us. The dictionary defines stewardship as the act of managing another's property or financial affairs.

Here at Messiah (according to our Stewardship Policy of Nov 2012) the Congregation Council strives to provide regular (10%) giving to regular benevolence. The benevolence is divided appropriately and includes, but is not limited to the NALC, the Atlantic Mission Region, and other organizations approved by the Council. This practice serves as a model to encourage tithing (regular giving of a proportion of income) as a measure of faithful stewardship.

Stewardship does not stop with finances, however. The ongoing day-to-day operation of the 'bricks and mortar' church; the weekly/monthly duties of members to provide worship; the prayers for the Church of God, our town, state,

country and world; and our ongoing worship of God and Jesus Christ needs to continue in a faithful and fruitful manner.

Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to do to help. Here are a few suggestions for you to consider: Altar Guild, Assisting Minister, Crucifer, Greeter, Usher, Fellowship, Education, care of Messiah property and grounds. Any member of Council can talk to you about this and point you in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Remember—God is Good—All of the Time!



Friends of Spang Crest

The Friends of Spang Crest is an auxiliary organization dedicated to supporting activities and projects benefiting the residents of Spang Crest, Luthercare’s Senior Living Community in Lebanon. In 2020-21 the Friends of Spang Crest donated over \$10,000 to Spang Crest for programs, services and purchases including:

- Benevolent care
- Resident Christmas gifts
- Outdoor patio furniture
- Outdoor band concerts

- Activity Program Equipment
- Fish Tank maintenance

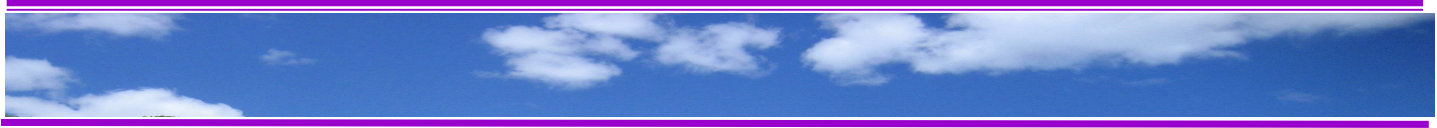
Your membership dues, combined with generous donations from congregations, individuals, annual fundraising events and proceeds from the Spang Crest Gift Shop, will allow Friends of Spang Crest to continue its work in 2022.

Membership levels are:
 Membership \$2.00
 Contributing \$5.00

Sustaining \$10.00
 Patron \$25.00

You may submit your membership contribution directly to Messiah’s Key Person Nancie Whelan. Please add “Friends of Spang Crest Membership” on the memo line of your check.

Thank you!



January Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

- Financial reports were read/approved pending audits.
- A draft of a letter of agreement with Pr. Abera Hellemo was voted upon.
- Committee reports were given; a new lectionary for 2022 was purchased.
- New officers for the 2022 year were chosen as well as 2022 committee chairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Hoffman, interim Congregation Council secretary



February Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

- Financial reports and audit committee report read/approved pending audits.
- The Letter of Agreement with interim Pastor Abera Hellemo has been signed.
- Committee reports were given.
 - The Lenten soup & bread suppers will begin Thursday, March 10 at 6 PM. The Bible study will be at 7 PM.
 - The Easter breakfast will be served on Sunday, April 17 at 7:30 AM.
 - The lights on the portico and batteries for the floor scrubber have been installed.
 - The sink spigot in the sacristy has been repaired.



Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zivic, Congregation Council secretary

A Mother's Lasting Legacy of Faith

The following was written by Michelle (Kuhn) Parker as a tribute to her mother Shelley Kuhn who died of cancer on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Shelley and her husband Rod have been my best friends for the last 46 years. Michelle's description of her mother's faith and the expression of her own faith are so compelling that I thought it important to share.

-- Dave Machamer

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One week ago today, I tucked my mother into bed and said, "I love you." When I woke up Saturday morning, she was with Jesus. Friday evening was the last earthly I love you, the last kiss on the cheek, the last time I would ever be able to look into her eyes and tell her how much I appreciated her.

I am forever grateful that I was able to be with my mother the week before she passed away. She had been battling cancer for over a year, and the last month of her life was marked with a lot of physical signs that her body was losing the battle with cancer.

In God's grace, my siblings and I were able to all gather with my mom and dad for some precious family time, and we spent the next 3 weeks caring for my mom at her home while she was on hospice. It was a gift to have those weeks with my parents, and it was also a privilege to see my mother respond with miraculous grace when her body was falling apart. I never heard a complaint, I never saw anger or hopelessness... Instead I saw joy amidst hardship as she clung to the promises that Jesus would always be with her and take care of her.

Her battle cry during those last days was songs of worship to Jesus; she sang them day and night, and was requesting to sing hymns right up until the evening before she passed away. She truly had her eyes set on Jesus.

Watching the process of my mom dying was one of the most sacred moments of my life. It was evident that the more her body fell apart, the

stronger her soul became, through the power of Jesus. It was miraculous! Praise the Lord He forgives our sins and gives us this powerful, death-defeating hope! She was a living testimony of Paul's prayer in Romans 15:13: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

So today, I abound in hope, even though the grief of loss is very raw and real right now. My faith was strengthened as I saw the Lord take care of my mom, over and over again this past year; my understanding of how the Lord "fills us" with joy and peace and hope has been made deeper by watching His work in my mom's life, especially this past month.

One of the phrases my mom said to me a couple of weeks before she died was, "I just want everyone to know how much Jesus loves us," and that phrase has stuck with me, as I have seen how much the love of Jesus transformed her life, even in death.



Thank You Notes



Thank you!

Thank you notes were received from the NALC, City of Lebanon, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Lutheran World Relief, Caring Cupboard, Water Missions International, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries, and the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC. All these notes are available for you to read on the bulletin board outside the office.

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, but this year especially I am grateful to be involved in such a kind and gracious congregation. I have always enjoyed the opportunity of paying music, and am so appreciative of your flexibility and support in these ever changing times.

Thank you also for all of your kindness in regards to the loss of my father. Your generosity, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for all your kindness and generosity.

Thank you,
Erin Trovinger



To the Congregation at Messiah,

I would like to thank you so much for your generosity this past Christmas. It is an honor to work here, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness so very much.

I would also like to thank all of you for your continued support and encouragement during these last few months. It has been a challenge working “solo” in the office. Thank you to volunteers who came in and those who just checked to see if I needed anything—that meant so very much to me as I worked through not only losing my boss, but my friend. What a privilege to work with this congregation!

May the Lord bless all of you.

Robin Harris



Dear Messiah Members,

Thank you for your generosity at Christmas. Your Christmas gift was gratefully received. It is always a delight to lead the people in worship, and I thank God for the abilities with which He has blessed me.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Karen Fox



Dear Messiah Family,

Your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring, and the love you offer are comforting in the loss of my mother.

Thank you.

Brenda Beegle

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to David & Christy Kendall, big siblings Colbie, Barrett, and Ivy (and to grandmother Carey Kendall) on the birth of

Cassie Hope Kendall.

Cassie was born on January 15, 2022. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20” long. May God richly bless this growing family.

And It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Andy & Erin Trovinger, big sister Emily (and to grandmother Carey Kendall) on the birth of

Daniel Seth Trovinger.

Daniel was born on February 16, 2022. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21” long. May God richly bless this growing family.



Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Souper Bowl of Caring another great success. We donated **\$600 in cash and 115 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 Super Bowl party and everything that the congregation does for them throughout the year. Maybe

next year we can share the pizza and watch the game with them.



2022 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams**, *President, Christian Ed. co-chair*
David Machamer, *Vice-President, Evangelism, Personnel, and Property co-chair*
Karen Zivic, *Secretary*
Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary*
Brenda Beegle, *Christian Ed co-chair*
Michael Ernst
Gayle Hoffman, *Stewardship, Volunteer Resources chair*
Deborah Lutz, *Publicity chair*
Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:
Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*
Harry Hatt, *Property Chair*
Karen Hatt, *Fellowship Chair*
Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer and Finance Chair*
Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*
Nancie Whelan, *Assistant Treasurer*

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 for you to use. If you feel you can't care for one or two flowerbeds by yourself please feel free to team up with someone else to work together. What a great outdoor fellowship opportunity! Your offerings of time and energy are greatly appreciated.



For Your Information

**FOOD
COLLECTION
SUNDAYS**

**MARCH 6
&
APRIL 3**



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 newsletter.



**PA Dutch Church Service
Sunday, April 24
2:30 PM**



Zoar Lutheran Church
560 Freeport Road
Lebanon

The entire liturgy will be conducted in PA Dutch.
Refreshments will follow.

March Birthdays

- 2 Drew Surmacz
- 8 John Schimminger
- 12 Carol Anspach
Cash Anspach
Jaxson Roof
- 13 Ivy Lutz
Janet Miller
- 14 Brenda Beegle
- 19 Pr. Rodney Lilley
- 20 Alyssa Knouff
- 24 Seth Hartman
- 28 Deborah Lutz
- 29 Kay Zellers



March Anniversaries

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



April Birthdays

- 3 Terri Brightbill
- 6 Karlyn Roof
- 9 Cheryl Lutz
- 10 Debra Bowman
- 11 Adam Brossman
Carey Kendall
- 12 Angela Gassert Fair
- 14 Caroline Harnisch
- 22 Joshua Risser
- 29 Karen Zivic



April Anniversaries

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



Spring Convocation

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 30** for the annual spring gathering of the thirteen congregations of the Central Mission District.

This spring's Convocation is currently scheduled to be held at **Vinemont Community Lutheran Church** (1278 Fritztown Rd.) **Reinholds, PA** from 8:30 AM (fellowship and registration) to 12:15 PM with lunch.

We will enjoy good fellowship, worship together, and conduct the business of the Mission District, including an election for a Central M.D. dean. We also will be looking at and discussing ***New Eyes for Mission***, an evangelism tool from the NALC. Come join us!

Cost of the event is \$15. Registration materials will be released soon. Please see Pastor Abera or Robin if you are interested in attending.

Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

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

**REMEMBER—
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