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Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from Him who is and Who was and Who is to come, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

As I write this brief reflection on post resurrection week, it is only fitting to contemplate on Jesus' first post appearance to His disciples. As we all are aware, Jesus' disciples were so traumatized and scared and for the fear of the Jews they confined themselves in a locked room.

The first thing Jesus offered for those frightened disciples was peace. Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you." He did that three times. To find peace in life is the most important thing, in my humble opinion. In the absence of peace, no matter how wealthy and powerful you may be, nothing would make sense. In the absence of peace, there will be no joy or happiness in life. We all do well in our daily tasks if we have peace with God, with man, and with ourselves.

What I want us to ponder here is Jesus' action. As we all heard (those of you who attended our Sunday worship service on April 24th) Jesus also commissioned His disciples saying, "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

However, Jesus chose to set His disciples free from fear

before He sent them to carry on the message of the cross.

What is Fear?

If peace, according to Leah Klempere, is "the absence of fear and the presence of trust," fear in my understanding is the absence of both peace and trust.

If the risen Christ had not freed His disciples and breathed in them the power of the Holy Spirit, they would have remained powerless and not able to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the same risen Lord comes to us through His Word and Sacraments offering us all the necessary spiritual food and drink to equip us for service. Like disciples, we, too, experience fear of one thing or another.

I am certain that we do not have a fear of persecution and imprisonment from our local government. Nevertheless, we have a fear of the future of our church.

Like many other churches we worry too much whether or not we could be able to maintain our church building. Captivated by fear, we are not able to strive for mission and evangelism in order to grow our church.

While I truly share your fears and frustrations, I want us to have faith in the risen Lord and learn how to trust God.

Kingdom mindset

We must have a kingdom mindset rather than be seized by fear and often ask ourselves "How much would it cost?" as opposed to how would this impact the work of the kingdom of God.

The church of our time must offer people something they cannot get from anywhere else. If the church of Jesus Christ today does not embrace or have the kingdom mindset, we would remain the same even if we have money. We don't expect to grow our church by repeating the same old habit; we don't achieve a new and better results by repeating old and outdated ways of doing things. Let us pray fervently so that we might be free from fear and move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit to do what we are called to do, that is strive to furthering the cause of the kingdom of God.

It is my hope and constant prayer that the church of Jesus Christ both here and throughout the globe will be a place where depressed people, hurting people, frustrated and confused people can find love, acceptance, help, hope, peace, forgiveness, guidance, and encouragement.

I remain servant of Christ & co-worker with you.

March Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

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

- Financial reports were read/approved pending audit.
- Committee reports were given.
- Changes to some of the Covid precautions were made. Rail spacing and seating spacing will be done away with; the front doors will no longer be locked during services.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Zivic
 Congregation Council Secretary

April Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

- Financial reports were reviewed and accepted pending audit.
- Possible re-start of Welcome Time in May; on nice weather days it can be held outdoors under the portico.
- Many property updates including: baby changing station installed; new re-wiring of the overhead lights in the pastor’s office; lawn mowing contract has been renewed; mulch delivered for our gardeners (hint!); cleaning of the kitchen, and a check-up of the automatic door by Reed’s Locksmith.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gayle Hoffman
 Substitute Congregation Council Secretary



Welcome Time Returns!



The Fellowship Committee would like to start having Welcome Time beginning May 1 and then the first Sunday of each month after that. Welcome Time will be held in the hallway outside the office. Then, when it gets warmer we can have it outside until it gets cold again. If no one signs up to sponsor a given Welcome Time by the last Sunday of the preceding month then it will be cancelled for that month. Welcome Time will be held after worship. Any questions—see Karen Hatt! And thank you!

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.



May 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 1 Sandra Smith
- 8 Ernestine Batdorf
- 15 Karen Fox
- 22 Eugene Martin
- 29 Charlotte Varone



Altar Guild

- Karen Hatt, chair
- Barbara Adams
- Harry Hatt
- Karen Zivic



Lector

- 1 Mary Garrett
- 8 Ernestine Batdorf
- 15 Karen Fox
- 22 Eugene Martin
- 29 Charlotte Varone



Crucifer

- 1 Eugene Martin
- 8 Kathaleen Lilley
- 15 Eugen Martin
- 22 Sandra Smith
- 29 Kathaleen Lilley



Greeters

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



Acolyte

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



Head Usher
Gayle Hoffman

Finance Steward
Deborah Lutz



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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



May 1—Brenda Beegle & Carey Kendall



June 2022 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 5 Deborah Lutz
- 12 Nancie Whelan
- 19 Sandra Smith
- 26 Kathaleen Lilley



Altar Guild

- Nancie Whelan, chair
- Karen Hatt
- Mary Whelan



Lector

- 5 Carey Kendall
- 12 Nancie Whelan
- 19 Sandra Smith
- 26 Kathaleen Lilley



Crucifer

- 5 Gayle Hoffman
- 12 Sandra Smith
- 19 Eugene Martin
- 26 Gayle Hoffman



Greeters

- 5 Carey Kendall
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- 19 **NEEDED**
- 26 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 5 Deborah Lutz
- 12 Nancie Whelan
- 19 Harry Hatt
- 26 Karen Hatt



Head Ushers
Raymond & Carol Anspach

Finance Steward
Michael Ernst

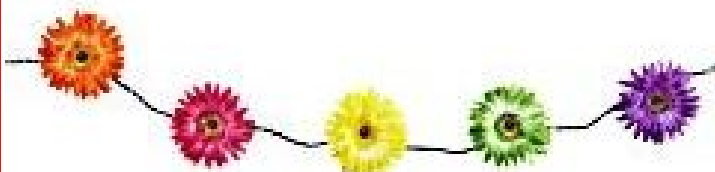


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June 5 — Kathy Lilley & Nancie Whelan



Pentecost Geraniums



The Altar Guild is accepting donations for geraniums to decorate the chancel for Pentecost (**June 5**). Please place your donation in a plain envelope and clearly mark it for “geraniums.”

Thank you!

Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

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



Ministry Plan Report for February & March

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
2/6	\$5,130.00	13 LiF / 35 +
2/13	\$1,902.00	15 LiF / 24 +
*2/20	\$1,651.00	14 LiF / 34 +
2/27	\$2,979.00	14 LiF / 35 +
Ash Wed. 3/2	(rolled into 3/6)	28 +
3/6	\$4,887.00	12 LiF / 28 +
*3/13	\$1,037.00	10 LiF / 22 +
3/20	\$2,399.00	13 LiF / 34 +
3/27	\$2,142.00	14 LiF / 30 +
Lenten study 3/10—14	3/17—15	3/24—9
		3/31—12



NOTE: "+" denotes Worship

"LiF" denotes Living in Faith

* - A Cappella Sunday

Opportunities to Serve!

Do you feel like you would like to serve your church family but don't really know how? Or have limited time? No worries! There are opportunities to serve God and Messiah right NOW!

We need someone to be **head usher for the month of September**. It can be a couple working together or a single person. Training is available. If interested please contact Gayle Hoffman or Robin in the office.

How about serving as a **crucifer**? At present we only have four (4) people serving as crucifer.



It would be great to have more to spread out the schedule! Again, training is available. Please see Gayle or notify Robin.

Of course we need **greeters**—all it takes is the ability to push the door button with a smile and a cheery hello to greet your fellow members and visitors to worship. Please sign up on the Information Board and take a “greeter duties” card to familiarize yourself with what to do.



Thank you for considering how YOU can serve!

Summer Newsletter



The **deadline** for the summer issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Tuesday, June 14**. This issue will cover events, meetings and schedules for the months of **July and August**. Please make sure you have all your information turned in to the office (and on the work room calendar) by this date. Thank you!

Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC, the Rescue Mission, the Caring Cupboard, and Lutheran World Relief. They are available for you to read on the bulletin board outside the office.

Dear friends at Messiah,
Thank you for remembering me with your prayers and flowers during my illness. I have a ways to go and with your continued prayers, I hope my surgery will have a favorable outcome. God bless you all, and thanks again.

Sincerely,
Lee Savant



Thank you to everyone who made soup or gave a donation to purchase soup. Thank you also to all who helped set up, tear down and cleaned up. I would also like to thank everyone who helped set up, tear down, and cook the Easter breakfast. After each event we had to set back up for Pr. Angel's congregation. Again, thank you!

Karen Hatt
Fellowship Committee chair



2022 Congregation Council

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



Membership Changes

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



Mary Ellen Dietrich
1919—2022

Leontine Vavrous
1926-2022

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

May Birthdays

- 2 Avery Fox
- 3 Abbey Hartman
Jill Hartman
- 5 Rita Savant
- 8 Matthew Lutz
- 9 Eileen Ledger
- 10 Mia Lutz
- 16 Joseph Hartman
Mary Whelan
- 28 Annabel Karnes
- 30 Evelyn Shaak
- 31 Janet Grun



June Birthdays

- 1 David Machamer
- 2 Ray Mayopoulos
- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 5 Michelle Blouch
Karen Munford
- 7 Vicki Schimminger
- 13 Janet Gassert
- 14 Mike Adams
- 16 Laura Ebright
- 18 Sue DeSendi
- 24 Wendy Brossman
- 26 Andrew Lutz
- 27 Eugene Martin
- 29 Charlotte Varone



May Anniversaries

- 5 Lee & Debra Stickler
- 7 David & Suzette Buffamoyer
- 19 Dylan & Michaela Swoyer
- 22 Steven & Rachel Anspach
Richard & Beth Miller
- 27 Rick & Pam Knouff
Ray & Vivian Mayopoulos
- 28 Nicholas & Barbara Adams



June Anniversaries

- 11 Peter & Holly McGuire
Andrew & Elizabeth Surmacz
- 24 Daryl & Karen Artz
Eugene & Beth Martin
Richard & Lori Wert
- 27 Kenneth & Dorothy Martin
- 28 Bernard & Ernestine Batdorf



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<http://www.atlantic-nalc.org>

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.

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

May 1

June 5

All donations will be given to the
Rescue Mission.



Emergency Contact Information

Recent experiences have shown us that there is a need for a file of emergency contact information for members of Messiah “just in case.” This file will be secured and used only if an emergency situation arises and we need to contact someone on your behalf. You may list as many people as you would like.

Please provide us with the names, relationship and phone contact information for those you would like us to contact in case of an emergency here at the church. You may leave this information on Robin’s desk or fold it and place it in the offering plate. The Finance Stewards will make sure Robin receives this information.

Thank you for your willingness to make sure we know who to call!

Your Name _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name

Relationship to You

Phone Number(s)

Name	Relationship to You	Phone Number(s)

OPTIONAL:

If you wish please list any emergency medications you carry with you (ex. nitroglycerin, epipen, etc.)
