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Pastor's Page

What comes in November?

The American Thanksgiving holiday (Canada's is a different date). Are you looking forward to the smells and tastes and other pleasures of the holiday?

Family gatherings. Will you travel? Will others travel to you? Will you get to see loved ones from far away?

Fallen leaves and frost. Is raking in your future? Will you be troubled by the chill, or relieved to enjoy a warm bed?

Planning for Christmas and New Year's. Making travel reservations? Christmas lists? Resolving to be less material, and more spiritual, about the season?

What else?

Word and Sacrament at your church, each week. Do you nourish your soul, or is it on a starvation diet? Do you hunger for God, or prefer other "food" than His? Do you love His people through your presence and encouragement and prayers?

Reading your Bible. *The Bible Covenant continues with Isaiah. It's not too late to start, but remember to keep going if you're in the Covenant already—it's easy to get busy!*

The Annual Congregation Meeting. *Third Saturday in November. Important matters to consider. Also, a cultural opportunity: you can learn to make chicken pot pie under the guidance of experts, all on the same day.*

Increased demands on social services and community organizations. *Have you sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner at the Rescue Mission or Agape House, or volunteered some time and energy on behalf of the less fortunate so that they, too, will know that someone cares?*

Deployed troops. *Soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coasties, many thousands are serving both nearby and far away so that we can enjoy the benefits of their protection. Will you remember them in prayer, offer thanks and encouragement to their families,*

and strive for real justice and peace in the earth?

Children watching adults. *They always do. They're sometimes curious, sometimes confused, sometimes eager, sometimes fearful, often struggling with the demands of school, siblings, weary or stressed parents, suffering bullying, feeling forgotten or insignificant, or becoming the victims of too much abundance coming too easily. Will you pray for them, notice them, smile at them, encourage them (and their parents), and most of all, show them an example of Godliness with faith and contentment in your life and demeanor?*

God comes. *To give you His love; to provide opportunities for you to give His love and hope to people; to speak Truth to you for your own sake and for others'; to be with you as Father, Savior, and Comforter. Will you be watching for Him?*

What comes in November?

In large measure, it will be what you choose to be.

May you choose well. +

Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Lebanon Rescue Mission, Lutheran World Relief, the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC and the NALC seminary.

They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Members of Messiah,
Thank you for our calls, cards, thoughts and prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Kendall for his home visit, prayer and Communion.

See you in church!

In Christian love,
Joan Smith

Our Saints

On Sunday, November 1 we remember our members who joined the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints' Sunday:



Doris Plummer
Mary Lillie
Joyce Wagner
John Roush

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25
7:30 PM

A chorale liturgy of Holy Communion for Thanksgiving

Come and give thanks to God for all His blessings.



November Birthdays

- 2 Lee Stickler
- 3 Calvin Austin
- 4 Richard Wert
- 6 Esther Jarrett
- 7 Hailey Hartman
- 8 Georgeanna Hanover
- 9 Lorraine Long
- 11 Janet Pазsik
- 12 Erick McGuire
- 15 Karley Roof
- 17 Dennis Brossman
Pr. J. Philip Kline
- 18 Sam Palevo
- 20 Karen Hatt
- 23 Fae Appleby
- 24 Rebecca Arnold
Kathleen Runkel
- 25 Debra Stickler
- 26 Sandra Smith
- 27 Leontine Vavrous
- 29 Carson DiBiasco
- 30 Steven Anspach



November Anniversaries

- 7 Sean & Tara Behney
James & Lisa Lineaweaver
- 9 Joseph & Mary Hartman
- 16 Robert & Carol Frantz
- 18 Larry & Evelyn Shaak
- 20 Raymond & Carol Anspach
Harry & Karen Hatt
- 25 Dennis & Wendy Brossman



Change Your Clocks!



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, **November 1** at 2 AM. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to

bed on Saturday night. See you in church.

Chicken Pot Pie Luncheon

On **Saturday, November 21** the Fellowship Committee is hosting a **chicken pot pie luncheon at noon** before the annual Congregation Meeting. A sign up sheet will be posted later this month on which you may sign up to



bring a side dish, dessert or drink.

If you are interested in learning how to make authentic pot pie dough or if you would like to lend a hand in making the pot pie please come to the kitchen at 10 AM that morning. Karen Hatt will be on hand to guide the learners.

The chicken and broth will already be made so the only thing that needs to be done is put together the dough, roll it out, and cook it! Come and join us! Remember, "many hands make light work." Please contact Karen Hatt if you are planning to come to learn or help.

Annual Congregation Meeting



Reminder: The **annual congregation meeting** will be held on

Saturday, November 21 at **2 PM**. The day will begin with a chicken pot pie luncheon which will be held at 12 noon (see above).

At this meeting we will be electing new Congregation

Council members for 2016, going over the proposed Ministry Plan for 2016, and discussing other church business.

Active (voting) membership is defined by our Constitution as making **four Communion of record** (completing the Communion record card when you receive Holy Com-

munion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when making your offering at Messiah) in the current calendar year.



Ministry Plan Report for September

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,476.75)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
9/6	\$2,639.00	55 + / 20 LiF
9/13	\$4,365.76	63 + / 24 Covenant Day
9/20	\$3,180.00	47 + / 14 LiF
9/27	\$2,364.75	61 + / 28 LiF

Received to date: \$125,081.73
Needed to date: \$135,593.25

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



November 2015 Schedules

Assisting Minister

By Sharon Garner

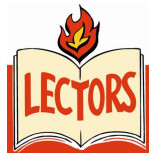
- 1 Sandra Smith
- 8 Pam Knouff
- 15 Charlotte Varone
- 22 Deborah Lutz
- 25 (7:30 PM) Eugene Martin
- 29 Ernestine Batdorf



Lector

By Sharon Garner

- 1 Carey Kendall
- 8 Pam Knouff
- 15 Charlotte Varone
- 22 Deborah Lutz
- 25 (7:30 PM) Eugene Martin
- 29 Ernestine Batdorf



Greeters

- 1 Ernestine Batdorf
- 8 Deborah Lutz
- 15 Dorothy Martin
- 22 Rita Savant
- 25 (7:30 PM) Carey Kendall
- 29 Nicholas and Barbara Adams



Finance Steward

Nicholas Adams

Head Usher
Eugene Martin



Altar Guild

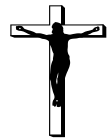
- Rita Savant, chair
- Suzette Buffamoyer
- Carol Frantz
- Gayle Hoffman



Crucifer

By Carol Artz

- 1 Rita Savant
- 8 Sandra Smith
- 15 Sandra Smith
- 22 Kay Zellers
- 25 (7:30 PM) Kay Zellers
- 29 Nicholas Adams



Acolyte

By Sharon Garner

- 1 Mikayla Bowman
- 8 Mary Whelan
- 15 Michelle Blouch
- 22 Abbey Hartman
Mikayla Bowman
- 25 (7:30 PM) Mary Whelan
- 29 Abbey Hartman



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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



November 1

The Andrew Hartman and
Corey Hartman Families

General Fund Summary for September

September Year/date

Income	\$12,467.00	\$125,081.73
Expenses	\$14,184.09	\$133,449.01
Income-expenses	-\$1,717.09	-\$8,367.28

Income	September	Year/date	Expenses	September	Year/date
Regular giving	\$12,152.75	\$122,295.40	Staff	\$9,447.27	\$86,680.32
Jesus Tree envelopes	\$100.00	\$1,200.00	Administrative	\$279.58	\$3,293.11
Bowl of Blessings	\$100.00	\$281.00	Maintenance	\$2,682.24	\$26,741.58
Checking interest	\$0.25	\$2.33	Committee	\$0.00	\$9.00
Donations (use of church)	\$30.00	\$620.00	Additional	\$375.00	\$4,125.00
Other Gen. Fund*	<u>\$84.00</u>	<u>\$683.00</u>	Benevolence	\$1,300.00	\$11,700.00
Total Income	\$12,467.00	\$125,081.73	Loan Repayment	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>
			Total expenses	\$14,184.09	\$133,449.01
Budgeted Year-to-date		\$135,593.25	Income less expenses	-\$1,717.09	-\$8,367.28

*initial envelope, altar guild, communion gifts, etc

Benevolence Giving

September 2015	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total Given to Charities
NALC	\$775.00		\$775.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$75.00		\$75.00
North American Lutheran Seminary	\$50.00		\$50.00
Independent Church in India	\$50.00		\$50.00
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$50.00		\$50.00
NALC Disaster Response	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$50.00		\$50.00
City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes)	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lutheran Bible Translators	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00

Annual Altar Guild Meeting



You are invited to attend the annual Altar Guild meeting on **Saturday, November 7 at 9 AM** in the Conference Room. All members of the

Altar Guild should attend, and any members of the congregation who would like to join or know more about the Altar Guild are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Janet Gassert at 272-3757.

Caring Cupboard Thanksgiving Meals



As in years past, we would like to provide each of our clients with a complete Thanksgiving meal. In order to do this we need YOUR help! You can help in several ways:

- Contribute a complete meal
- Contribute one or more components of the meal
- Provide cases of individual items
- Monetary contribution

What Is Needed:

- A 10-14 lb. turkey or an 8-10 lb. roasting chicken
- Stuffing mix, boxed
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Fresh yams / sweet potatoes
- Fruit (canned fruit cocktail, peaches, or pears)
- Cranberry sauce
- Muffin mix
- Dessert mix (cake, brownie, cookie or muffin—if providing cake mix please include frosting as well)
- Canned gravy/gravy packets
- Stick margarine or butter
- We DO NOT need canned

vegetables. Please only focus on the items listed.

Please mark your donations “Thanksgiving Meals.” Your donations can be dropped off at the Caring Cupboard **by November 23**. Our hours are

Mon 9 AM-12 PM
and 3-6 PM
Wed 9-11:30 AM
and 5:30-7 PM
Fri 11:30 AM-2 PM

Questions? Call 838-9493



For Your Information

November 1 FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month we collect food and personal care products for our neighbors in need. Unless there is a special request from a specific agency, the schedule is as follows:

November:
Caring Cupboard

PLEASE DO NOT MIX SOAP AND FOOD IN THE SAME BAG. Thank you.



Please sign up today to be a **Greeter!** All the dates for 2015 are filled—thank you! The sign up sheets for 2016 are posted.

The **Welcome Time** sponsor sheet for 2016 is posted on the Information Center in the narthex.



If you purchased a pictorial directory make sure you pick up a picture expansion pack at the congregation meeting on November 21. Your 2016 offering envelopes will also be available for you to pick up.

Volunteers are needed to set up the **luminaries on Christmas Eve** before the 4 PM service and to remove them after the 7:30 PM service.



If you can help please contact the Evangelism Committee: Deb Lutz, Sharon Garner, Mary Garrett, or Charlotte Varone.



Attention all bakers: The Living in Faith youth will be baking Christmas cookies during LiF time on **Sunday, November 29** in preparation for caroling and visiting the shut-ins. All helping hands will be appreciated!

Tree of Giving



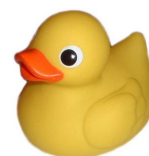
Look for our **TREE OF GIVING** in the narthex all this month. This year we are collecting gifts for the **Agape House**.

Once again we will be collecting bath items such as kid toothpaste, toothbrushes, kid body wash and shampoo, animal wash cloths or animal puffy scrubs and bath toys small enough to fit in a stocking. Bath items for the mothers include puffy scrubs, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, tooth-

paste and floss. Requests for cleaning supplies for the shelter and gift cards from Walmart or any grocery store also are included.

The Tree will be in the narthex **through Saturday, December 5**.

The Social Ministry Committee looks forward to the congregation's generous response to the annual **TREE OF GIVING** and offers an advance "thank you!" to those who participate this year to help their neighbors.



Rescue Mission Food Drive

To save money and go green "bring your own bag" filled with non-perishable food items to any of these locations: the Lebanon Rescue Mission (1223 Bittner Blvd), any Lebanon County Fulton Bank, M&T Bank, or Woodforest National Bank (inside the Lebanon Walmart).

These donations will fill our food pantry for a full year. All donations stay in Lebanon County. This food drive will run from **now until December 19**. Thank you for your continued support!



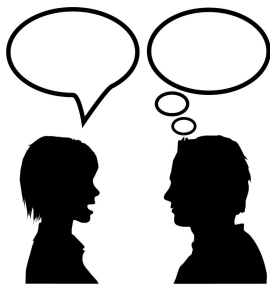
October Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

- All Council members were present. We welcomed David Machamer as the newest member. He is serving the remainder of Brenda Beegle's two year term.
- Devotions were led by Deb Lutz. Charlotte Varone will lead devotions next month.
- Kathy Lilley, representing the Finance Committee, presented the proposed 2016 Ministry Plan. After some discussion Council approved to put it on the agenda for the annual Congregation Meeting.
- The Strategic Planning Committee proposed giving a presentation on a 5-year plan for ministry on Sunday, November 15 after worship and at the annual Congregation Meeting on November 21. This was approved by Council. (see page 8 of this newsletter)
- Andrew Trovinger, future son-in-law of the Kendalls, was approved for membership at Messiah.
- There will be two new candidates for election to the Congregation Council: Harry Hatt and Rita Savant. Charlotte Varone is eligible for re-election.
- Mary Garrett has been appointed as member at large of the Personnel Committee.

Submitted by Nick Adams,
Congregation Council President

You are Invited to a Congregation Conversation



The Strategic Planning Committee cordially invites everyone to a congregation conversation intended to support the development of our new five year plan for ministry and witness for Christ here at Messiah.

The conversation will be held on **Sunday, November 15** in the nave during the Living in Faith time immediately following worship. It will provide background information you will

need that will support the five year plan information to be presented at the annual meeting the following Saturday, November 21.

We will be sharing the history of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Zeller Trust Fund, and the stewardship policies of the congregation. We will also discuss our current ministry and gather feedback and input for our five year future plan. We encourage everyone to attend so that you are informed and energized to take on the blessings and challenges for the next five years of ministry at Messiah.

Address Changes

Please remember to notify the church office if you have **moved**, are planning to move, have a **new email address**, or have a **new phone number**. It is really important for the church office to stay current with addresses and phone numbers. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.



Fair Trade Fair

St. Luke Lutheran Church (1432 Heidelberg Ave, Schaefferstown) invites you to attend the SERVV Fair Trade Fair on **Saturday, November 7 from 8 AM—12:30 PM**.

This fair will feature fairly traded handcrafts from all around the world. Purchase a gift from our sale and you will provide income, dignity and hope to people in developing regions of the world. All profits will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.

All of the crafts sold at the Fair Trade Fair are handmade by artisans from countries around the world. At the fair you will find pottery, jewelry, woven goods (such as table linens and scarves), seasonal items, coffee, olive oil, and

chocolate, as well as other unique items. Because of the great demand, greater amounts of food items, especially chocolate and coffee will be available this year. Catalogues to order additional items will also be available. Free coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

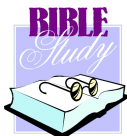
By supporting Fair Trade, we make choices in line with our beliefs and affirm human dignity by promoting fair wages, children's rights, women's rights, equal employment opportunities, and organic farming to protect people and the environment. Change lives while you shop!



Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, November 12
7 PM

Conference Room



We will be continuing our discussion of the Gospel of John.



EVENT NIGHT
Thursday, November 19

6:30 PM

Come on out for a fun evening of games and fellowship.

The church office will be
CLOSED
on November 26 and 27.



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Tom and Cheryl (Lutz) Pompeo on the birth of

Ellis Parker Pompeo.



Ellis was born on September 21, 2015. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz and was 20" long. May God richly bless this new family!

Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

9 AM The Holy Communion
 10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
 (Joint class on the 4th Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAYS:

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

"Yes!" Tote Bags & Umbrellas



If you are thinking of a special gift for Thanksgiving or Christmas you might consider a Messiah tote bag or umbrella. The Evangelism Committee has tote bags for \$13 and umbrellas for \$20 for purchase. There are envelopes and a box on the table in the narthex for your convenience. You will receive your purchase in a timely manner from one of the ministry team members: Charlotte Varone, Deb Lutz, Mary Garrett and Sharon Garner.

2015 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams, *President, Social Ministry & Property chair*
- Charlotte Varone, *Vice President & Personnel chair*
- Nancie Whelan, *Secretary & Christian Education chair*
- Pam Knouff, *Treasurer*
- Ernestine Batdorf, *Financial Secretary & Publicity chair*
- Deborah Lutz, *Evangelism chair*
- David Machamer
- Lori Oliver
- Donald Smith, *Stewardship chair*
- Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:
- Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*
- Janet Gassert, *Altar Guild president*
- Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*
- Gayle Hoffman, *Strategic Planning chair*
- Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer & Finance chair*
- Rita Savant, *Assistant Financial Secretary*

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