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## Pastor's Page

Some important updates:

The 2019-2020 Bible Covenant schedule is now available. If I'm not mistaken (this occurs more and more, I find as I mark birthdays beginning in "6"), this will be the fifth year of the Covenant.

The approach has evolved over the years, from reading large portions of Scripture in the Old and New Testaments, to learning how to use published Bible study resources (Study Bibles, commentaries, Bible dictionaries), to focusing on selected topics or texts and discussing them in small groups, then presenting to the Covenant group as a whole.

Now we are taking the Bible Covenant in a new direction, in three ways.

First, we are "zooming in" on very small pieces of Scripture, just a verse or two. Participants can make use of the skills they have developed, praying the text, making use of study aids, and discussing together. The fourth Sunday of each month will continue to be "Covenant Sunday," when we come together to talk about our experience with the text over the month.

Second, since only a few lines of Scripture are involved each month, participants are encouraged to use the text every day, morning and evening, and to memorize the text each month. Think of it as "inscribing God's Word on our hearts and minds."

By doing this, we will be able to bring the text to mind as we drive, wait in lines, go for a walk, or any other time when the opportunity presents itself. We can watch for ways the text is manifested in our lives and circumstances, or those of others around us. What happens as a result will be part of our Covenant Sunday conversations.

Third, we are "re-setting the Bible Covenant as an every-member activity. When we began the Covenant, our vision was to see every Messiah member participating.

This has not happened, but with the new format, there is no reason it can't happen now. With this one-verse-each-month approach, everyone can easily participate, and receive benefits. Even homebound folks can enjoy reading and learning the verses, whether you can make it to the Covenant conversations or

not.

To encourage everyone's participation, the new 2019-2020 Covenant handout, with instructions and scheduled texts, is included in this copy of the "Messenger" (see pages 8 & 9). I hope and pray that you will all join in.

Guest congregation update: Pastor Portis' "Christian Mission" congregation continues to worship and learn here, and Angel Portis continues faithfully to clean each week as part of their offering to Messiah.

We are also hosting a new mission congregation, a branch of 'Liberti Church,' a nondenominational group of congregations first established in Philadelphia. This is a Reformation-theology-based congregation. The pastor-developer is Kasey Horvath, who works full-time at Terre Hill Concrete near Ephrata and serves as the Corporate Chaplain at Terre Hill. He is presently developing the Liberti congregation without pay. We'll see what transpires, but for now, this is the current news.

May God bless you as we draw near to Autumn (and relief from the heat). I'll look for you in worship. +

## 2019 Congregational Council Weekly Worship Schedule

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*

SUNDAYS:

9 AM The Holy Communion

10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour  
(4th Sunday of the month—Bible Reading Covenant)

WEDNESDAYS:

(as noted in the calendar and bulletin)

10 AM Anointing and Holy Communion



## ICII Annual Picnic



Come join your church family to welcome missionaries Lowell & Kathy Smith and Pastor Britto from Independent Church in India to our annual church picnic. This year the picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 8** after the finance

stewards are finished with their duties.

Hot dogs, grilled chicken and paper products will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish, drink or dessert. The sign-up sheet is located on the Information Board in the narthex.

If you have any questions please see Karen Hatt. We hope to see YOU there!

## Stuff the Truck for Disaster Response

Please join together with other members of the Atlantic Mission Region as we “stuff the truck” for Disaster Response at the AMR Convocation in Joppa, MD in October.

We will be collecting supplies for flood buckets, school kits, baby kits, healthcare kits,

blankets and quilts, Bibles (in English or Spanish) and gift cards to Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes or Target.

Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, October 13** so they can be loaded in vehicles of those traveling to Joppa for the convoca-

tion. A complete list of what is needed per kit is posted on the Information Board and will be included in future bulletins.



# September 2019 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 1 Daniel LaRue
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Sandra Smith
- 22 Ernestine Batdorf
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## Lector

- 1 Daniel LaRue
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Sandra Smith
- 22 Ernestine Batdorf
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## Greeters

- 1 Deborah Lutz
- 8 Karen Zivic
- 15 **NEEDED**
- 22 **NEEDED**
- 29 **NEEDED**



**Finance Steward**  
Dorothy Martin

## Head Ushers

The Robert Bowman Family



## Altar Guild

- Mary Garrett, chair
- Dorothy Martin



## Crucifer

- 1 Gayle Hoffman
- 8 Robert Bowman
- 15 Eugene Martin
- 22 Andrew Hartman
- 29 Rita Savant



## Acolyte

- 1 Deborah Lutz
- 8 Nancie Whelan
- 15 Harry Hatt
- 22 Ernestine Batdorf
- 29 Deborah Lutz



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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



**September 1** — Kathy Lilley & Nancie Whelan



# October 2019 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 6 Kathaleen Lilley
- 13 Charlotte Varone
- 20 Karen Fox
- 27 Eugene Martin



## Lector

- 6 Robert Bowman
- 13 Charlotte Varone
- 20 Karen Fox
- 27 Eugene Martin



## Greeters

- 6 **NEEDED**
- 13 **NEEDED**
- 20 **NEEDED**
- 27 **NEEDED**



**Finance Steward**  
Gayle Hoffman

**Head Usher**  
Nancie Whelan



## Altar Guild

- Deborah Lutz, chair
- Rosanne Lutz
- Eileen Lutz



## Crucifer

- 6 Daniel LaRue
- 13 Michael Bowman
- 20 Ernestine Batdorf
- 27 Sandra Smith



## Acolyte

- 6 Michael Bowman
- 13 Ernestine Batdorf
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Harry Hatt



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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**October 6** — Social Ministry Committee



## Clothing Drive

On **Tuesday, November 5** (General Election Day) we will be sponsoring a clothing drive for cold weather clothes (all sizes). Please go through your clothing and your children's and grandchildren's clothing and cull too-small items and bring them to Messiah when you come to vote. You may bring them the Sunday before (11/3) if you vote elsewhere. The cold weather clothes will stay local and be given to the members of Iglesia Misionera Asamblea Cristiana (Pr. Angel's congregation). Thank you in advance!



## New Addresses

### Janet Moyer-Pazsik

508 Brookfield Circle  
Macungie, PA 18062  
NEW EMAIL: [janetemp508@gmail.com](mailto:janetemp508@gmail.com)

### Matthew Lutz

16 S. Butterfly Drive  
Myerstown, PA 17067  
Cell phone and email remain the same.

### Geraldine Bohr

Spang Crest Manor; Private Care, Suite 5  
945 Duke Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

## Rescue Mission Food Drive

### Food Drive



The Lebanon County Rescue Mission is once again sponsoring a "Bring Your Own Bag" food drive to help fill their larders.

Please fill a grocery bag or box with non perishable foods and drop them off at the Rescue Mission (1223 Bittner Blvd., Lebanon). Thank you!

This drive runs from October 14–December 6.



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**Web Site:** [www.messiahluthleb.org](http://www.messiahluthleb.org)

**AMR Web Site:** [www.atlantic-nalc.org](http://www.atlantic-nalc.org)

**NALC Web Site:** <https://thenalc.org>

## School Supplies Needed

During the month of September 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



This school supply drive is in addition to the monetary collection for Lutheran World Relief and ICII (see page 8).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# Thank You Notes



*Thank you notes were received from Lutheran World Relief, the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC and the Lebanon Rescue Mission. They are located on the bulletin board outside the office.*

Thank you, dear friends, for all your well wishes and cards you gave me at my 85th birthday celebration in June. I am so grateful for my church family—you are the best! Also, thanks to Karen and Harry Hatt for helping serve and doing kitchen duty.

Charlotte Varone



Thank you so much for your prayers for healing for my great granddaughter Mina over these past months. She was finally able to ring the bell at the hospital—she is in remission! Thanks be to

God! This goes to show: prayer works!

In Christian love,  
Mary Ann Hartman



Dear Messiah Church Family,

Thank you so much for celebrating the new addition to our family with a surprise baby shower! It was wonderful to be able to spend time with everyone. Thank you also for all of the gifts and warm wishes that we received. We cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving church family, and are so excited for you all to meet our baby girl!

Love, Andy and Erin



## Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum Trip

Come join your church family on **Saturday, October 12** for a road trip to tour the Columbus Chapel and the Boal Mansion Museum in Boalsburg, PA. We will leave the Messiah parking lot at 8:30 AM.

The **Boal Mansion** has been in the Boal Family for over 200 years and 8 generations. See original furnishings and art work!

The **Columbus Chapel** is a centuries-old chapel inherited from the Columbus Family in 1909 when it was shipped from Spain to Boalsburg. It contains art work from the 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries and two pieces of the True Cross of Jesus given to the Columbus Family in 1817 by the Bishop of Leon.

After our tour of the mansion and chapel we will have lunch at **Duffy's Tavern** in Boalsburg fol-

lowed by a tour of the **PA Military Museum**. We may even stop for a sweet treat on the way home!

**Admission** to the Columbus Chapel and Boal Museum is \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids 6-17. Children under 6 are free. Admission to the PA Military Museum is \$6 (ages 12-64), \$5.50 (ages 65+), \$5.50 for veterans and \$4 for kids 3-11.



For more information on either the Columbus Chapel or Boal Mansion Museum please see <http://www.boalmuseum.com>. For more information on the PA Military Museum please go to <https://www.pamilmuseum.org>.

## Upcoming Events



### IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 12  
and  
Thursday, October 10

New study series!

### Annual Atlantic Mission Region Convocation with Lutherans for Life Conference



Fri. October 18  
&  
Sat. October 19

Trinity ELC, Joppa, MD

See Pastor if interested.

### Annual Altar Guild meeting Saturday, November 2 at 9 AM

Conference Room



## August Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. They did not meet in July.

- Finalization of the American Flagpole project was discussed. We hope for dedication on November 10, 2019.
- There may be a need to have more *a capella* services due to staff shortages.
- Fellowship activities were discussed for the upcoming months; check out September/October newsletter (see pages 2, 5, 6, and 14)
- Discussion on possible rental space to Liberti Lebanon Church.
- It was voted to remove the picnic pavilion due to unsafe conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Hoffman  
Congregation Council secretary



## School Kit and Health Kit Collections



When the summer draws to a close it will be time to think about school and school/health kits for Lutheran World Relief and the Independent

Church in India. **We collect the money and buy the supplies** in bulk at various stores in the area. This enables us to be good stewards of the offerings that are donated. Please consider a generous donation again this year to see if

we can send even more kits than last year. There will be an offering plate in the Narthex until **October 6**. Many thanks in advance for your support of this project. Any questions—see Kathy Lilley.

# 2019-20 Bible Reading Covenant Schedule

*The Bible Covenant experience this year is intended to draw together the various dimensions of Bible usage presented and practiced over the last four years. The goal is to provide participants opportunities to experience Scripture as an integral and vital component in our Christian journey, and to highlight the value of one's "Scriptural community" (those reading, studying, praying and conversing about Scripture texts beside you).*

*Each month, a short text of one or more verses will be presented. Over the course of the month, each participant is asked to:*

**Read** the selected verse/s as often as possible, even several times each day. You are encouraged to make use of the notes and explanations in your study Bible, and to consult resources such as a Bible dictionary or commentary to increase your understanding of what you read. You are welcome to work with others in the use of such study resources.

**Pray** in connection with your reading: *Before* reading the verse/s; *Immediately after* reading them; *At other times in the day* as the verse/s, or content from your praying, comes to mind; *For* your fellow participants in the Covenant study, all of whom are using the same verse/s you are.

**Engage in reflection** – “think about”—the verse/s you have read, the prayer content your verse/s prompt in you, and your reaction/s to the verse/s. Guidelines for reflection:

- Your reflection should be done deliberately, during a time when you are not occupied with other things (even washing dishes or driving takes away from truly effective contemplation).
- Your reflection is meant to allow you to “live within” the verse/s. In other words, how does this verse or verses speak to you, at this point in your faith journey, in the present circumstances of your life?
- You are encouraged to reflect also on your past life experiences: do you recognize a Truth within the verse/s that became visible to you in an event in your past?
- You will benefit by reflecting on how your past experiences might have been different, if you had been able to understand the selected verse/s then, as you understand now. Let these thoughts lead you into contemplating your future: How might the Truth within these verse/s benefit you in time to come?
- It is strongly recommended that you write down the thoughts that come to you in contemplation. Make notes each time you engage in reflection. Review these notes weekly (at least) as you move through the month. Bring your notes with you to the convened Covenant session on the fourth Sunday of the month, either to refer to, or, if desired, to share.

**Memorize** the selected verse/s designated for a given month, and endeavor to retain them as you move forward in the Covenant month-by-month.

**Attend** the convened Covenant session with your fellow participants (fourth Sunday in most months, except for possible holiday interruptions to the normal pattern), and **Participate**.



# Bible Reading Covenant Schedule, con't

## 2019-20 Covenant Monthly Selected Verse/s:

- September:** **Exodus 14.14** *The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still.*
- October:** **Isaiah 54.10** *For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and My covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you.*
- November:** **Luke 21.33** *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.*
- December:** **Luke 1.37** *For with God nothing will be impossible.*
- January:** **Matthew 3.1-2** *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."*
- February:** **James 1.5** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let that one ask God, Who gives to all people generously and without reproaching, and it will be given to you.*
- March:** **II Chronicles 7.14** *If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves, and pray and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*
- April:** **John 11.25b-26a** *I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.*
- May:** **John 6.54-56** *He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*
- June:** **Proverbs 19.17** *The one who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay that one for such a deed.*
- July:** **Psalms 27.1** *The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*
- August:** **Philippians 4.6-7** *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 your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Supplemental verse:** *Below, list and write one verse of Scripture which is of particular value and significance to you already. In the course of our Covenant year, at the time you find yourself led to do so by God, share this verse with your partners in the Covenant.*

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# Atlantic Mission Region 2019 Annual Convocation



Lutherans  
For Life

## with Lutherans for Life Conference

# Did God Really Say...?

## Friday, October 18

(registration begins at 10:30 AM; lunch at 11:30 AM; Convocation opens at 12:30 PM)



Featuring Plenary Speaker  
The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba  
Assistant to the Bishop for Mission

&

## Saturday, October 19

(12 PM close of Convocation but LFL Conference continues until 3:30 PM)

### Featuring Speakers

The Rev. Scott Licht  
Lutherans for Life

Dr. Robert Benne  
Jordan Trexler Professor Emeritus & Research  
Associate for Religion and Philosophy

The Rev. Mark Chavez  
General Secretary, NALC

The Rev. Dr. Dennis DiMauro  
Pastor, Trinity LC, Warrenton, VA

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1100 Philadelphia Road  
Joppa, MD 21085



# Featuring

Our second annual AMR Women's Conference and an  
informal Men's Bible Study on Friday morning  
PLUS Stuff the Truck for Disaster Response!

Registration materials are available. Please see [www.atlantic-nalc.org](http://www.atlantic-nalc.org) or ask your pastor.

General Fund Financial Summary  
January through June 2019

Income & Expenses At-A-Glance			
			Year-to-date
Income			\$68,329.16
Expenses			\$86,745.52
Income Less Expenses			-\$18,416.36

	Year-to-date
Income:	
Total Giving	\$68,329.16
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$68,329.16</u></b>
Ministry Plan Year-to-date	\$88,922.50
Expenses:	
Staff	\$58,071.41
Administrative	2,116.30
Maintenance	18,031.81
Committee	0.00
Additional	1,900.00
Benevolence	6,026.00
Loan Repayment	600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$86,745.52</u></b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b><u>(\$18,416.36)</u></b>

January through March	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total to Charity
NALC	\$4,020.00		\$4,020.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$300.00		\$300.00
Mission Partners*	\$190.00		\$190.00
NALC Seminary	\$190.00		\$190.00
NALC Disaster Response	\$190.00		\$190.00
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape	\$190.00		\$190.00
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$190.00		\$190.00
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$190.00		\$190.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$190.00		\$190.00
ICII	\$190.00		\$190.00
City of Lebanon	\$186.00		\$186.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,026.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,026.00</b>

# Ministry Plan Report for June & July

**(Budgeted need per week: \$3,420.10)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6/2	\$3,185.00	50 + / 14 LiF
6/9	\$3,013.00	40 + / 19 LiF
*6/16	\$1,316.00	34 + / 11 LiF
6/23	\$1,366.00	42 + / 7 LiF
6/30	\$2,193.00	56 + / no LiF (Charlotte's birthday)
7/7	\$3,849.00	40 + / 16 LiF
*7/14	\$2,754.00	37 + / 13 LiF
7/21	\$3,005.22	40 + / 11 LiF
7/28	\$2,889.00	53 + / no LiF (baby shower)



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

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

### September Birthdays

- 1 Anita Keisch
- 6 Daryl Artz
- 9 Louise Scaramuzzino
- 13 Corey Hartman
- 18 Robert Bowman, Jr.
- 19 Lori Wert
- 21 Daniel LaRue
- Nancie Whelan
- 22 Elizabeth Brightbill
- 25 Janice Hartman
- 27 Gordon Ebright
- Rosanne Lutz



### October Birthdays

- 3 Richard Miller
- 4 Thomas Gassert
- 6 Mikey Adams
- 7 Linda Field
- Andrew Trovinger
- 12 Michael Anspach
- 14 Keeley Hartman
- 16 Irma Long
- 18 Pam Knouff
- 25 Andrew Surmacz
- 27 Richard Gehret
- 29 Carol Artz
- 30 Rick Knouff



### September Anniversaries

- 5 Harry & Karen Fox
- 6 Randy & Debra Miller
- 17 Michael & Sherri Blouch
- 24 Andrew & Erin Trovinger

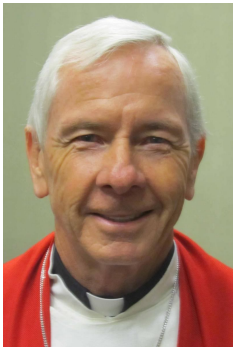


### October Anniversaries

- 8 Pastor James & Ruth DeLong
- 10 Shawn & Kelly Roof
- 12 Kevin & Sandra Smith
- 23 Daniel & Susan Galbraith
- 26 Andrew & Jill Hartman
- Clyde & Gail Peters



## Dan Selbo Elected Bishop



The Rev. Dan Selbo was elected bishop of the North American Lutheran Church by the 2019 NALC Convocation on Friday, August 9, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bishop Selbo currently serves as pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in San Jose, California. He holds Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bishop Selbo was elected on the fourth ballot over the Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland, Ohio. The Convocation narrowed the list of candidates from 14 nominees to four on the first ballot on Thursday. The four finalists were Pastor Riesen, the Rev. Dr. David Wendel of Jacksonville, Florida, assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism, and the Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin, president of the North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

More than 800 delegates and visitors gathered August 7-9 for the 2019 Convocation and Mission Festival around the theme, "Walking by the Spirit with the Fruit of the Spirit."

A Thursday night banquet honored Bishop John Bradosky for his service to the Church. Bishop Bradosky is retiring and did not seek reelection. The banquet featured the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite, a poet, priest and singer from Cambridge, England.

Bishop Selbo was installed as bishop during the closing worship of the Convocation, but his four-year term officially begins October 1.

The Mission Festival that preceded the Convocation highlighted the NALC's relationship with Lutherans in Ethiopia and Tanzania. The Rev. Dr. Alex Mkumbo, bishop of the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and the Rev. Yonas Yigezu, president of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, were featured speakers for the Mission Festival. They also brought greetings to the Convocation and took part in the installation service for Bishop Selbo. The Mission Festival also featured a variety of breakout sessions to equip members for mission.

**Other Elections:** The Rev. Bassam Abdallah of Prospect, Kentucky, and Scott Kramer of Boerne, Texas, were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Jennifer Gold of Helotes, Texas, and the Rev. Leslie Haines of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were elected to the Court of Adjudication.

**2020 budgets were approved.** The Convocation approved a \$2.2million Operating Budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for the church's designated funds: \$723,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$197,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$123,500 for the Disaster Response Fund. Most of the budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves.

**A new NALC Global Worker,** the Rev. Heidi Punt of Christ United Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, North Carolina, was commissioned for service in Haiti with Sundouloi Ministries (SMI Haiti).

**Reports** of the work of the NALC's staff, teams, task forces, ministries and ministry partners were warmly received.

**Events preceding the Convocation** were the Mission Festival, Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology, Women of the NALC Annual Gathering and the Ventures in Youth Ministry Symposium. The Convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's annual Lutheran Week.

**Documents, photos and videos** from the Convocation and other events of Lutheran Week will be posted at [lutheranweek.com](http://lutheranweek.com)

# Annual Congregation Meeting



**Reminder:** The **annual congregation meeting** will be held on **Saturday, November 16 at 2 PM**. The day will conclude with a soup, salad and bread covered dish supper which will be held at after the congregation meeting. (see below).

At this meeting we will be electing new Congregation Council members for 2020, going over the proposed Ministry Plan for 2020, 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 Communion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when making your offering at Messiah) in the current calendar year.



# Congregation Meeting Supper



On **Saturday, November 16** the Fellowship Committee is hosting a **soup, salad and bread covered dish luncheon** after the annual Congregation Meeting. A sign up sheet will be posted in November on which you may

sign up to bring a soup, salad, bread, dessert or drink.

So come on out and enjoy some good food and fellowship with your church family before we turn to business. Please contact Karen Hatt if you have any questions.

See you there!



# Christmas Cookies Needed!



The Fellowship Committee is seeking bakers from the congregation to make Christmas cookies for our fellow members. These cookies will be distributed during the Advent season.

If you would like to help bake and/or pack the cookie containers please sign up on the sheet that will be posted on the Information Board in October. Watch your bulletin and the November/December newsletter for information on when we will be packing the cookie containers.

We are asking for volunteers to **bake different kinds of cookies** so we can have a bigger selection of cookies to hand out. We will NOT be baking at the church. Please bring your cookies to the church **by Sunday, November 17**. They will be packed at a later date. We ask that your cookies be already bagged— 3-4 large cookies per bag or 5-6 smaller cookies per bag.

Thanks in advance for your help! If you have any questions please contact Karen Hatt.



## For Your Information

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** Take a minute to tell Pastor Kendall “thank you” for his service to Our Lord and this congregation.



### LWR INGATHERING SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 6**

Urgent need: New or “like new” blankets



Lutheran World Relief



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 someone from the Evangelism Committee: Deb Lutz, Mary Garrett or Charlotte Varone. Thank you!



### FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

**September 1  
October 6**

All to the Rescue Mission



## Raspberry Cream Pie

### **Crust:**

2 C. graham cracker crumbs

1/2 C. melted butter

1/4 C. granulated sugar

Combine the crumbs, butter, sugar and mix. Press into either one 9x13” or two 9” pie pans. Bake for 5-7 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool thoroughly.

### **Cheese layer:**

2-8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened

1/2 C. sugar

1 tsp. almond extract

1-16 oz. Cool Whip

Beat cream cheese and sugar with mixer. Fold in whipped topping and almond extract. Spread over cooled graham cracker base. Chill.

### **Fruit layer:** (you can substitute any fruit with the corresponding jello)

1-3/4 C. water

1/2 C. granulated sugar

3 T. cornstarch

1-3 oz. package flavored gelatin (use flavor of fruit)

1/2 tsp. almond extract

6 C. prepared fruit

Combine water, sugar and cornstarch in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until thick. Stir in gelatin and almond extract. Cool at least 5 minutes. Stir in fresh fruit and gently fold to coat fruit with glaze. Heap into chilled cheese base. Cover and chill until gelatin sets; it takes a couple of hours. Note: Can be made the day before you need it. For one pie, cut the recipe in half. I’ve used peaches, strawberries and raspberries—all are delicious!

This recipe is being shared by Janet Gassert who brought it to the Congregation Council picnic. She received many requests for the recipe. So, here it is.

