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Pastor's Page

News . . .

The first important piece of news is on Page 2, as we continue the *Bible Reading Covenant* into a third year. The new monthly Bible reading schedule is being laid out now, with reference to books of Scripture requested in the recent bulletin insert survey.

This is a ministry for all ages—young children are encouraged to participate with parents, both in the readings and the fourth-Sunday conversations—and some new options for partnering will be available. We hope to see 100% of Messiah members participate, even if your work schedule does not allow you to attend every fourth-Sunday gathering.

If you have not yet experienced the Bible Reading Covenant, I encourage you to speak to some of your friends at Messiah and find out what you've missed. Everyone is also welcome to invite friends from beyond the congregation both to participate in the reading schedule and the fourth-Sunday conversations.

Next, a somewhat unusual new activity will be starting at Messiah this fall: our own *Model Train Ministry*.

How can model trains be called a "ministry?" First of all, healthy opportunities for fellowship and creativity, carried out in a Godly context, are forms of ministry: places where faith and life meet in a positive way. There are some interested model train fans in the congregation who would like to use some of the spare space in Messiah to engage in this hobby together. We hope to have a layout on the fellowship hall stage in time for the holidays, just for fun. This might make a pleasant stop for the young and young at heart in the time before or after Christmas Eve worship.

If you have unused model-train items which you no longer have a use for and would like to find a home for, please contact the church office; Robin can let the train folks know. They can help you unload such things at church, or pick them up at your house if that's more convenient for you.

Finally, we are working to re-create Christian education at Messiah to provide effective resources for Christian learning, faith formation and living as faithful servants while recognizing the many demands placed upon schedules in the modern world.

The Confirmation Ministry format is being changed from a pastor-centered activity to a partnership between parents/grandparents, student, and pastor.

The "Sunday School" concept is obsolete, and we are working on another form of partnership between church and home to foster learning in both settings in order to fill the present void in learning and living The Faith. If you would like to participate in the formation of this new approach, please notify me of your interest and you will be included in the effort. We expect that this will be a process, just as the Bible Reading Covenant ministry has progressed and evolved since its inception. Your perspectives, help and prayers will be valuable. +

Yes!

Messiah Lutheran Church

**2 Cor 1:20*

For in Him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through Him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:20

Covenant Day

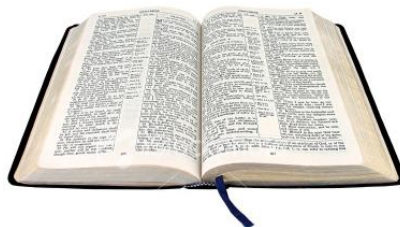
Sunday, September 13, 2015

9 AM
Worship

10:30 AM
Covenant Day Welcome Time and Discussion

Make plans to stay for our Covenant Day which kicks off a new year of Living in Faith Education! We will be discussing the passage from 2 Corinthians and what it means to us and how it informs our life in faith. So make plans to stay—enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, some yummy snacks and good, stimulating conversation!

If you have any questions please see Nancie Whelan, Christian Education chair.



Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Lebanon Rescue Mission, the NALC Seminary, Water Missions International, and the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC. They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

I want to thank the membership of Messiah for remembering John with the beautiful flowers and plant. He really enjoyed them.

Many thanks,
Ramona Roush



Dear People of Messiah,

Please accept our deepest, heartfelt appreciation for your kind remembrance of our husband, father and grandfather. Your generosity is overwhelming and will be used to offset expenses incurred with George's illness.

God bless you for your thoughtfulness.
Melanie, Toby, Eric, William & Austin Gettler

To Pastor Kendall and Members of Messiah,

I want to thank you, Pastor, for all your visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and then in the Caplan Rehab Center. It really meant so much to me.

I also want to thank the members of the congregation for all their visits and cards while I was in the hospital and the weeks in the Rehab Center. I'm doing very well now. Again, thank you!

Love and blessings,
Betty Wetzell



To the Congregation of Messiah Lutheran:

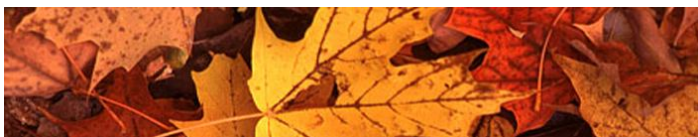
Just a note to say your kindness really made my day receiving the geranium Pentecost Sunday. Rod planted it in our flower bed and it continues to bloom. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God Our Father, who has loved us everlasting through His grace encourage you and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Rod and Eileen Ledger



I want to thank you for thinking of me with all the cards and prayers. It was truly appreciated.

Kitty Runkel



Open Flower Dates

There is one date left in 2015 that is in need of flower sponsorship:

December 6

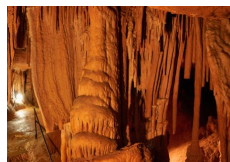
There are several dates in 2016 that are open as well:

- February 14, 2016
- June 19, 2016
- August 7, 2016
- August 14, 2016



Please contact Janet Gassert at 272-3757 if you are interested in sponsoring flowers.

Indian Echo Caverns



The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a trip to Indian Echo Caverns on **Sunday, September 27**. We will meet at the church at **12:30 PM** and carpool. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors over 62, \$10 for children ages 2-11, and children under 2 are free. You may bring a bag lunch to enjoy before we leave on our trip. A sign up sheet will be posted after Labor Day.

Upcoming Events



BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 10
7 PM

We will continue our discussion of the Gospel of John.

COVENANT DAY

Sunday, September 13
10:30 AM

Stay for Welcome Time and great discussion on the passage from 2 Corinthians and how it influences your life of faith.



EVENT NIGHT

Thursday, September 17
6:30 PM

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

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Congregation Council met on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. There was no meeting in July.

- All members were present. Devotions were led by Lori Oliver. Don Smith volunteered to have the devotions in September.
- Brenda Beegle issued a letter of resignation from the Council. She is moving from the area and wishes to worship with her husband. Council accepted her resignation with regret.
- The hymnals we received from Palm Lutheran Church have been sent to Wert Bookbinding to have the Palm logo on the front cover concealed with a gold bar.
- Nick Adams was named as the voting lay delegate from Messiah who will attend the Atlantic Mission District Convocation in Abington, PA on October 17.
- "Re-Birth" Day has been changed to Covenant Day because it is the day we will renew our Covenant of discipleship. Covenant Day will be held on Sunday, September 13 during the Living in Faith Hour. The Christian Education Committee will host a Welcome Time, and we will have table discussions like last year.
- The Fellowship Committee is planning activities for the fall, including a trip to Indian Echo Caverns in September. They are also planning on having a covered dish meal after the Living in Faith Hour on Sunday, August 28 of next year (2016) in celebration of Messiah's 150th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Adams, 2015 Congregation Council President

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

from **August 23-September 27**. Many thanks in advance for your support of this project.



September 2015 Schedules

Assisting Minister

By Sharon Garner

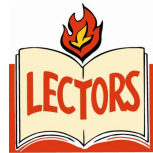
- 6 Mary Garrett
- 13 Deborah Lutz
- 20 Karen Fox
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



Lector

By Sharon Garner

- 6 Robert Bowman
- 13 Deborah Lutz
- 20 Karen Fox
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



Greeters

- 6 Marion Bowman
- 13 Kay Zellers
- 20 Ernestine Batdorf
- 27 Harry & Karen Hatt



Finance Steward

Nancie Whelan

Head Ushers

Robert and Michael Bowman



Altar Guild

- Mary Garrett, chair
- Dorothy Martin
- Nancy Smith



Crucifer

By Carol Artz

- 6 Andrew Hartman
- 13 Daniel LaRue
- 20 Daniel LaRue
- 27 Kathaleen Lilley



Acolyte

By Sharon Garner

- 6 Mikayla Bowman
- 13 Mary Whelan
- 20 Abbey Hartman
- 27 Michelle Blouch



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

September 6— Carol Artz and Daniel LaRue

September 13—Covenant Day
Christian Education Committee



General Fund Financial Summary, June & July

| | June | July | Year/date |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | \$12,026.86 | \$12,118.25 | \$98,616.52 |
| Expenses | \$14,652.98 | \$13,785.06 | \$103,974.55 |
| Income-expenses | -\$2,626.12 | -\$1,666.81 | -\$5,358.03 |

| Income | June | July | Year/date |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Regular giving | \$11,646.60 | \$11,903.00 | \$96,323.65 |
| Jesus Tree envelopes | \$255.00 | \$60.00 | \$925.00 |
| Bowl of Blessings | \$81.00 | \$0.00 | \$181.00 |
| Checking interest | \$0.26 | \$0.25 | \$1.87 |
| Donations (use of church) | \$40.00 | \$95.00 | \$590.00 |
| Other General Fund* | <u>\$4.00</u> | <u>\$60.00</u> | <u>\$595.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$12,026.86 | \$12,118.25 | \$98,616.52 |

*initial envelope, altar guild, communion gifts, etc.

| Expenses | June | July | Year/date |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Staff | \$9,950.51 | \$8,432.50 | \$66,422.01 |
| Administrative | \$380.54 | \$488.03 | \$2,840.05 |
| Maintenance | \$2,546.93 | \$3,089.53 | \$21,692.49 |
| Committee | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -\$30.00 |
| Additional | \$375.00 | \$375.00 | \$3,250.00 |
| Benevolence | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$9,100.00 |
| Loan Repayment | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$700.00</u> |
| Total expenses | \$14,652.98 | \$13,785.06 | \$103,974.55 |
| Income less expenses | -\$2,626.12 | -\$1,666.81 | -\$5,358.03 |

Benevolence Giving

| June/July 2015 | Regular Giving Benevolence | Additional Designated Giving | Total Given to Charities |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NALC | \$1,550.00 | | \$1,550.00 |
| Atlantic Mission District | \$150.00 | | \$150.00 |
| North American Lutheran Seminary | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Independent Church in India | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| PACC Caring Cupboard | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| NALC Disaster Response | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Lutheran World Relief | \$100.00 | \$20.00 | \$120.00 |
| Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Lebanon Free Clinic | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes) | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| The Great Commission Society/ Water Missions International | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Total | \$2,600.00 | \$20.00 | \$2,620.00 |

Ministry Plan Report

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

| Date | Offering Received | Attendance |
|------|-------------------|---------------|
| 6/7 | \$4,376.65 | 71 + / 22 LiF |
| 6/14 | \$1,779.00 | 59 + / 19 LiF |
| 6/21 | \$2,132.60 | 79 + / 18 LiF |
| 6/28 | \$3,980.00 | 58 + / 20 LiF |
| 7/5 | \$2,566.00 | 57 + / 19 LiF |
| 7/12 | \$3,710.00 | 62 + / picnic |
| 7/19 | \$2,894.00 | 69 + / 19 LiF |
| 7/26 | \$2,968.00 | 71 + / 23 LiF |

Received to date: \$98,616.52

Needed to date: \$105,461.42

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



2015 Congregational 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*

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*

Membership Changes

New Member:

Judith Bechtold

2004 Lehman Street

Lebanon, PA 17046

717-450-3253

jbechtold68@gmail.com



Email Changes:

Don Smith: donsmith1022@gmail.com His "paonline" account is no longer valid.

Kay Zellers no longer has a valid email. You may remove her from your contact list.

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

John Roush

1930-2015

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



WATCH FOR STOPPED BUSES AND CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL.

Medical Supplies Available

There are medical supplies here at the church that are available for use.

- 2 canes with spider feet
- 5 walkers
- 4 walker extensions
- 1 potty chair
- 1 potty seat to put directly on a toilet
- 4 tub or shower benches
- 1 wall bracket handle for the shower
- 2 nebulizer sets

If you are interested in borrowing any of these items please contact Barb Adams at 273-9147.

September Birthdays

- 1 Anita Keisch
- 2 Ethel Matthew
- 5 Reuben Miller
- 6 Daryl Artz
- 8 Heather DiBiasco
- 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
Fred Harnisch
Rosanne Lutz
- 28 Terry Wilson
- 29 Matthew Knouff
- 30 Sean Behney



September Anniversaries

- 5 Harry & Karen Fox
- 6 Randy & Debra Miller
- 7 Garret & Nancy Conner
- 10 Tilman & Nancy Frye
- 17 Michael & Sherri Blouch



For Your Information

September 6 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:

September
Caring Cupboard



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

2015 CROP Walk for Hunger



Mark your calendars! The annual Lebanon County CROP Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 18**. Dave Machamer is our new Messiah walk organizer. Pledge envelopes for those who wish to support Messiah's walkers in this humanitarian effort will be available after Labor Day. Look in the October newsletter for more details (like the route that will be walked this year and

meeting time and place).

The money raised through this event helps people around the world to establish family gardens or improve their gardening methods to provide food for their families. Equipment, training, food for a local church-run pantry, or raising chicks to become egg laying chickens are other ways that help can be provided. Dave encourages all Messiah walkers to take part to help these needy people, and ask that those who won't be walking to sup-

port our walkers by making pledges.

And there is another way you can help! Messiah has been asked to add several dozen cookies to those that will be served to the walkers after the walk is completed. Please let Dave know if you can do some baking for this event.

WALK, PLEDGE OR BAKE! Thanks in advance for your participation!



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Zucchini Cobbler

Here is the recipe for Zucchini Cobbler that was made by Karen Hatt for the July Welcome Time. Enjoy!

8 C. chopped, seeded, peeled zucchini (from about 3 lbs.)
2/3 C. lemon juice
1 C. sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

Crust:

4 C. all purpose flour
2 C. sugar
1-1/2 C. (3 sticks) cold butter, cubed
1 tsp. ground cinnamon



In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, cook and stir the zucchini and lemon juice for 15-20 minutes or until zucchini is tender. Add the sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; cook 1 minute longer. Remove from the heat; set aside.

For the crust, combine the flour and sugar in a bowl; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 1/2 cup into the zucchini mixture. Press half of the remaining crust mixture into a greased 15x10" baking pan. Spread the zucchini over the top; crumble remaining crust mixture over the zucchini. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake at 375° for 35-40 minutes or until golden and bubbly. Serves 16-20

SUNDAYS:

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

Bus Trip to New York

Our sister church in the NALC St. John, Fredericksburg is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on **Saturday, September 12** to see *Matilda, the Musical* on Broadway. Cost is \$134 per person which includes coach bus transportation and a reserved ticket in the rear mezzanine of the theater.



Please meet at the Farmer's Pride/Bell & Evans parking lot in Fredericksburg at 6:45 AM. The bus will stop for breakfast at a McDonald's in Phillipsburg, NJ before proceeding on its way to NYC. After being dropped off in the city you will have approximately 2-1/2 hours to do what you would like in the city before the curtain goes up at 2 PM. The bus will depart after the show and stop at Clinton Station in Clinton, NJ for supper. We will arrive back in Fredericksburg at approximately 9:15 PM. Cost of meals is NOT included in the trip.

Please call Carol Wolfe at 865-3835 if you are interested in going.

Lightning Cake

This recipe "floated up to the surface" on Pastor's desk while he was cleaning his office.

1 C. sugar
1-1/2 C. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 egg in a measuring cup, then add milk to make 1 cup
3 T. melted butter or margarine

Mix all together and pour into a greased and floured 8x8" pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

