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## Pastor's Page

**You may have heard,** or read, something about the new PA laws going into effect this July which require criminal background checks for persons who work with children.

Council and committees at Messiah have been laboring for several months now in an attempt to understand, and comply with, these legal obligations. Unfortunately, it has been a struggle.

The law as written can be interpreted in a number of ways, and no one has provided a definitive explanation of just who is, and is not, included. Until clarifications are provided by the state—or the law is amended in the Legislature—we are doing the best we can.

Pastors are required to have three separate checks, including one from the FBI. Other staff and volunteers may be required to have two, if they work directly with children; this part is vague.

However, separate from the background-check issue is the matter of “Mandated Reporters”—those who are legally required to report to the proper authorities any suspected abuse of a child under the age of 18. This is a matter which we will also

have to study and understand, and implement at Messiah.

As part of our overall efforts to protect children and comply with the laws, we are making a change in policy:

When a child under the age of 14 must leave the nave during worship, that child must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian until he/she returns to the nave.

Since the church doors are not locked during worship, we must insure that children are not placed in a vulnerable situation. The simplest way to do this is to ask parents to stay with their child. We appreciate our parents' understanding about this. I also ask everyone to be understanding when a parent must step out of worship to accompany their child.

**We are also working** on another alteration in our practice, this one entirely constructive.

Pastor, Christian Education committee members, Council and interested church members are teaming up to build a new approach to Christian faith development.

Rather than separating

children from their families to learn about the Bible, Christian teachings, and discipleship, we are preparing to offer an integrated learning approach for all ages together, especially for parents and children to share together.

Our vision is to offer resources and experiences that will foster growing understanding and confidence in matters of faith, and growing thankfulness and joy in response to God's goodness, that will be every-day and life-long, and will let parents and children actually **talk together** about God, what God has done (and is doing) for us, and how to relate to Him and to one another as people of faith.

The old Sunday School model, reflecting the structures of public education (and originally established for the practical education of unschooled children) no longer works. Nor, we think, should it be used.

Parents and children are separated much of the time by work or school responsibilities, activities, and social circles (including “texting”). The Church should bring people together. This is one of our goals. If you would like to help bring the vision to fulfillment, please speak to me; your help is welcome.+

*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.*

## Membership Changes

### Address Change:

#### Fae Appleby

Leffler Healthcare Center, Room 321  
Lebanon Valley Brethren Home  
1200 Grubb Road  
Palmyra, PA 17078



### New Email Address:

**Nancy Smith:** [nancysmith.ns61@gmail.com](mailto:nancysmith.ns61@gmail.com)

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

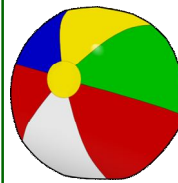
#### Joyce Wagner

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



## Thank You Notes



**THANK YOU**

Thank you notes were received from the Lebanon Rescue Mission, Lutheran World Relief, Water Missions International, and the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC. They are posted outside the church office.

The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who donated towards the purchase of geraniums to decorate the chancel for Pentecost.

Janet Gassert  
Altar Guild President

## Faith & Fellowship Event



Have you attended a family reunion this summer? We are planning to have the first (in what we hope to be a quarterly) gathering of **Messiah Family** with a "Faith and Fellowship Pot Luck Brunch" on **Sunday, August 16** following worship (10:30 AM). We will have a faith topic to discuss at each table and lots of good food to share! A sign up sheet will be posted later this summer so we know how many tables to set. See Deb Lutz if you have any questions.

## Prize Collection for Spang Crest



Every July Messiah has participated in the Friends of Spang Crest Prize Collection. The residents are very appreciative of your generosity as you provide them with fun and useful prizes for them to choose.

During the month of July a box will be placed in the narthex to receive any of the items listed below. These are the **most requested things** that the residents at Spang Crest pick for Bingo or racing prizes:

- Large print word search books
- Long necklaces
- Toothpaste

- Hand lotions (small)
- Perfume/aftershave
- Snack packs of cookies or crackers
- Chocolate candy
- Quarters to use to shop in gift shop

Please contact **Nancie Whelan** with any questions. And thank you for continuing to support one of our local senior residences!

## July Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Garner
- 3 Sherri Blouch  
Christian Anspach
- 4 Carla Hartman
- 5 Dayton DiBiaso
- 9 Marjorie Beard
- 12 Michael Brossman
- 13 Beth Miller
- 14 Geraldine Bohr  
Tammy Risser
- 15 George Felder
- 16 Barb Carpenter
- 19 Pastor James DeLong
- 29 Dawson Behney



## July Anniversaries

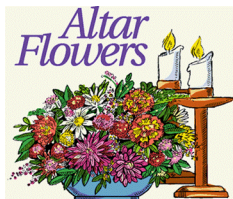
- 1 Greg & Linda Field
- 2 Howard & Dawn Stickler
- 16 Edward & Karen Bickel
- 22 Donald & Nancy Smith
- 23 Rodney & Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Reuben & Janet Miller  
Kenneth & Kay Zellers



## Open Altar Flower Dates

Looking ahead to the rest of the year there are multiple dates that are still open for flower sponsorship:

**September 13**  
**December 6**  
**February 14, 2016**



If you are interested in sponsoring the altar flowers for any of these dates please contact Janet Gassert at 272-3757.

## August Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Conner
- 10 Ruth DeLong  
Harry Hatt
- 11 Karen Bickel
- 13 Louise Scaramuzzino
- 15 Benjamin Risser
- 18 Nicholas Adams
- 19 Carl Lutz
- 22 Betty Wetzel
- 27 Justin Lilley
- 28 Nicole Long
- 29 Shael Connatser
- 31 Rachel Anspach



## August Anniversaries

- 1 Carl & Rosanne Lutz
- 11 Pastor & Carey Kendall
- 13 Robert & Debra Bowman  
Lee & Rita Savant
- 15 Corey & Carla Hartman
- 16 John & Sharon Garner
- 21 Pastor J. Philip & Nancy Kline



## Welcome Time Help Available

Would you like to sponsor Welcome Time some month but are reluctant to sign up due to the logistics of setting up and making coffee? Fear not! There is help available! Deb Lutz and Karen Hatt are available to help anyone who is interested in "learning the ropes" of Welcome Time sponsorship. They will be on site on your Big Day to make sure all goes smoothly. Give them a call! (By the way, we still need Welcome Time sponsors for **July 5, September 6 and November 1!**)



# July 2015 Schedules

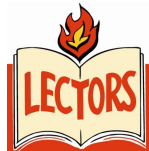
## Assisting Minister By Sharon Garner

- 5 Pam Knouff
- 12 Daniel LaRue
- 19 Karen Fox
- 26 Deborah Lutz



## Lector By Sharon Garner

- 5 Carey Kendall
- 12 Daniel LaRue
- 19 Karen Fox
- 26 Deborah Lutz



## Greeters

- 5 Eugene Martin
- 12 David Machamer
- 19 Daniel LaRue
- 26 Carol Artz



## Finance Steward Nancie Whelan

## Head Ushers Harry & Karen Hatt



## Altar Guild

- Carol Artz, chair
- Barbara Adams
- Sherri Blouch
- Michaela Blouch
- Michelle Blouch



## Crucifer By Carol Artz

- 5 Carol Artz
- 12 Ernestine Batdorf
- 19 Robert Bowman
- 26 Robert Bowman



## Acolyte By Sharon Garner

- 5 Abbey Hartman
- 12 Joshua Risser
- 19 Michelle Blouch
- 26 Mikayla Bowman



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

## July 5 —NEEDED



# August 2015 Schedules

**Assisting Minister**  
**By Sharon Garner**

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Nicholas Adams
- 16 Nancie Whelan
- 23 Eugene Martin
- 30 Michael Bowman



**Lector**  
**By Sharon Garner**

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Nicholas Adams
- 16 Nancie Whelan
- 23 Eugene Martin
- 30 Michael Bowman



**Greeters**

- 2 Raymond & Carol Anspach
- 9 Harry & Karen Hatt
- 16 **NEEDED**
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 **NEEDED**



**Finance Stewards**  
 Nicholas Adams, Donald Smith,  
 and Nancie Whelan

**Head Usher**  
 Janet Pazsik



**Altar Guild**

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Marjorie Beard
- Lori Wert



**Crucifer**  
**By Carol Artz**

- 2 Michael Bowman
- 9 Michael Bowman
- 16 Gayle Hoffman
- 23 Gayle Hoffman
- 30 Andrew Hartman



**Acolyte**  
**By Sharon Garner**

- 2 Mary Whelan
- 9 Abbey Hartman
- 16 Joshua Risser
- 23 Keeley Hartman
- 30 Michelle Blouch



**WELCOME TIME Sponsors**

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**August 2** —Jill Hartman and Carla Hartman



# General Fund Financial Summary for May

	May	Year/date
Income	\$18,014.27	\$74,471.41
Expenses	\$15,061.16	\$75,536.51
Income-expenses	<b>\$2,953.11</b>	<b>-\$1,065.10</b>

Income	May	Year/date	Expenses	May	Year/date
Regular giving	\$17,529.00	\$72,774.05	Staff	\$9,945.95	\$48,039.00
Jesus Tree envelopes	\$350.00	\$610.00	Administrative	\$402.87	\$1,971.48
Bowl of Blessings	\$100.00	\$100.00	Maintenance	\$2,812.34	\$16,056.03
Checking interest	\$0.27	\$1.36	Committee	\$0.00	-\$30.00
Donations (use of church)	\$30.00	\$455.00	Additional	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
Other Gen. Fund*	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$531.00</u>	Benevolence	\$1,300.00	\$6,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$18,014.27	\$74,471.41	Loan Repayment	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
			<b>Total expenses</b>	\$15,061.16	\$75,536.51
			Income less expenses	<b>\$2,953.11</b>	<b>-\$1,065.10</b>

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

## Benevolence Giving

May 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	\$20.00	\$70.00
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
The Great Commission Society	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$1,300.00	\$20.00	\$1,320.00

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## Worship Schedule

**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

# Upcoming Events

## BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on  
**Thursday, July 9**  
and  
**Thursday, August 13**  
at 7 PM

to continue our study  
of the Gospel of John.



There will be

## NO EVENT NIGHT

this summer.

## Bible Reading Covenant

**Sunday, July 26**

The Book of Ruth

**Sunday, August 23**

I and II Thessalonians

10:30AM

in the Fellowship Hall

# 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. For the past couple of years

with your generous donations, we were able to assemble multiple kits for LWR and monetary offerings to the ICII orphans so that they would be able to start their school year with the proper supplies. **We collect the money and buy the supplies** in bulk at various stores in the area. This enables us to be good stew-

ards 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.



# For Your Information

## 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:

**July 5**

Caring Cupboard

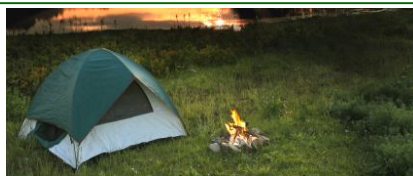


**August 2**

Rescue Mission



We do **NOT** have sponsors for the **July 5, September 6 and November 1 Welcome Times** yet. Please consider giving of your time and culinary talents to sponsor these fellowship times in the fall.



Newsletter Info  
**Wanted!**

The **deadline** for the September issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Friday, August 14th**. This issue will contain the financial information for the months of **June and July**.

# Ministry Plan Report for May

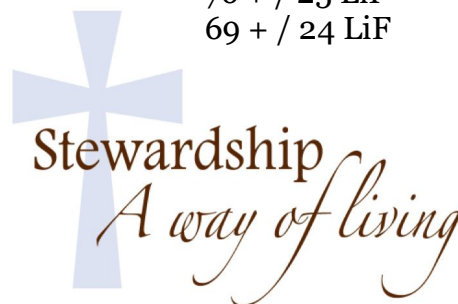
*(Budgeted need per week: \$3,476.75)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 3	\$3,811.20	68 + / 26 LiF
May 10	\$4,176.00	96 + / 19 LiF
May 17	\$4,713.00	77 + / 10 LiF
May 24	\$2,819.00	76 + / 25 LiF
May 31	\$2,488.00	69 + / 24 LiF

**Received to date: \$74,471.41**

**Needed to date: \$75,329.58**

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



## June Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

- Eight members were in attendance. One member was excused.
- Devotions were led by Teenie Batdorf.
- Ruth DeLong was appointed to be the delegate from Messiah at the National Convocation of the NALC to be held in Dallas, TX on August 13-14, 2015.
- Council unanimously passed a child protection policy for Messiah pending any changes to the new child protection law by the state. This policy may be viewed on our website.
- Due to the new state child protection law, we would ask that any child 14 and under be accompanied by a parent if he/she leaves the sanctuary during the service.
- Our first Faith and Fellowship pot luck brunch will be held on Sunday, August 16. More information can be found on page 3 of this newsletter and in future bulletins.
- Council approved a motion to have Wert Bookbinding cover the Palm Lutheran Church logo on the LBWs (hymnals) we purchased from them. Cost of covering the logo is \$0.55 per book. We have approximately 300 hymnals that need to be covered. We will use these hymnals as replacements for the damaged ones we currently use.
- Congregation Council will not meet in July. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Adams  
Congregation Council President



## Messiah Lutheran Women



The Messiah Lutheran Women will be holding their annual luncheon at the Blue Bird Inn on **Sunday, August 2 at 12 noon**. It will be “Dutch treat.” **All women of the congregation are invited to attend the lunch.** Please contact Kathy Lilley by July 26 at 926-8614 to let her know if you will be attending so that she may make reservations. Hope to see you there!

## Pecan Pie Cake Recipe

Deb Lutz made this cake for the Pentecost birthday celebration, and she had many requests for the recipe. So, here you are—enjoy!

- 1 box yellow cake or butter cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 C. melted butter
- 1-1/2 C. light corn syrup
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 C. dark brown sugar, packed
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1-1/2 C. chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325°. Mix cake mix, 1 egg and the melted butter until well blended (batter will be like dough). Reserve 2/3 C. batter. Spread/press the remainder of the batter into a greased 13x9” pan and bake for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Mix reserved batter with the corn syrup, 3 eggs, brown sugar, vanilla and pecans. Pour this mixture on top of the cake and bake for an additional 50-60 minutes.



## 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*
- Brenda Beegle, *Volunteer Resources 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*

## Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 12**

Immediately following the Living In Faith Education Hour



- Provided:**
- Hamburger barbecue
  - Hot dogs
  - Paper products



- Sign up to bring:**
- Side Dish
  - Drink
  - Dessert

**Special guests:**  
 Lowell & Kathy Smith  
 Pastor Britto  
 from Independent Church in India



A sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board.