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Pastor's Page

Our 150th Anniversary Draws Near.

On August 26, 1866, a new congregation, known as "Zion's German Lutheran Church," shared its first Holy Communion liturgy in "George Borry's Meeting-house."

Mr. Borry's structure no longer exists, but that congregation became "Seventh Street Lutheran Church" and, after its relocation to Oak Street in the early 1970s, "Messiah Lutheran Church."

On Sunday, 28 August 2016, we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of that first congregation Eucharist.

A great deal has changed in the past century-and-a-half, and the pace of change seems to accelerate by the year. Both church communities and the community of Lebanon and its environs are very different from what folks were used to even forty years ago, never mind 150.

In the sense of American society, 150 years is a huge span when considering things such as transportation, family dynamics, health care and the kinds of work which sustain individuals and families.

In the sense of the Church of Christ, 150 years is not so long, especially when

considering the 2,000-plus years of Christian faith or even 499 years of Lutheranism (yes, 2017 will have another, bigger Anniversary, come Reformation Day).

The one thing we can describe as "certain" is that Jesus Christ is found where His Word is faithfully proclaimed and lived, and the life-giving Sacraments are administered in accord with the Gospel.

In this 'Year of our Lord 2016' we know the Church is made visible in many forms around the world: under open skies, in homes or huts, even in secret gatherings in places of dire persecution. Only time will tell what the future years of the Church, and for that matter the congregation presently known as "Messiah"—our third name so far—will look like.

But where we have been, what we have looked like, and who we are now as God's people here, is worth remembering and celebrating a pause to reflect and give thanks to God before we move on into the future God is preparing for us.

I hope you will all mark your calendars and schedule August 28th for worship, celebration, and the meal which modestly, but thankfully, help us mark the 150th Anniversary of the reason we gather: cele-

brating together the Lord's gift of Himself in Word and Sacrament to His people.

All of us are part of the Messiah community. Many of us have long histories in the congregation; others have brought fresh energy and insights; all of us are on this journey together. Let's take the opportunity to enjoy each other. +

Another event also draws near, also joyful . . .

Saturday, 24 September at 2 PM, Andrew Trovinger and Erin Kendall will, by the grace of God, enter into Holy Matrimony.

We regret that because of the size of the families involved, we cannot invite everyone to the wedding reception (at the Hebron Fire Co banquet hall).

However, we can invite our brothers and sisters of Messiah to share in the marriage liturgy, if you would like to come, followed by light refreshments for our church family in the Fellowship Hall.

We will post a sign-up sheet at the Information Center for those who would like to attend. Please, no gifts! We would just like to offer you the opportunity to share in Erin and Andy's happy day, if you would like to.

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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

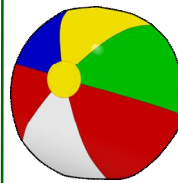
Please **amend your directory** to reflect she who joined the Church Triumphant last month:

Olive Miller
1925-2016

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, the Caring Cupboard, NAL Seminary and the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC. They are posted outside the church office.

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10

Immediately following the Living In Faith Education Hour



Provided:
Meatballs
Pork barbecue
Paper products

Sign up to bring:

Side Dish
Drink
Dessert



Special guests:

Lowell & Kathy Smith
Pastor Asif
from New Life Ministries in Pakistan



A sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board.

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
- Large print puzzle books
- Costume jewelry

- Hand lotions (small)
- Perfume/aftershave
- Snack packs of cookies or crackers
- Candy
- Tissues

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

July Birthdays

- 3 Sherri Blouch
Christian Anspach
- 4 Carla Hartman
- 9 Marjorie Beard
- 12 Michael Brossman
- 13 Beth Miller
- 14 Geraldine Bohr
Tammy Risser
- 15 George Felder
- 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



Stewardship Update



Please make plans to stay for Welcome Time on **July 3.** Don Smith and Deb Lutz will be giving an update on the "State of Messiah." We will receive an update on where we stand on giving versus spending and all the other Stewardship needs the church has (like inside and outside property maintenance). Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a yummy treat and be informed regarding the congregation's current situation.

August Birthdays

- 1 Judith Bechtold
- 10 Ruth DeLong
Harry Hatt
- 11 Karen Bickel
- 15 Benjamin Risser
- 18 Nicholas Adams
- 19 Carl Lutz
- 22 Betty Wetzal
- 27 Justin Lilley
- 28 Nicole Long
- 29 Shael Connatser
- 31 Rachel Anspach



August Anniversaries

- 1 Carl & Rosanne Lutz
- 10 Calvin & Judy Austin
- 11 Pastor & Carey Kendall
- 13 Robert & Debra Bowman
Lee & Rita Savant
- 15 Corey & Carla Hartman
- 21 Pastor J. Philip & Nancy Kline



Open Altar Flower Dates

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

August 7
August 14
December 11



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

July 2016 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 3 Nancie Whelan
- 10 Nicholas Adams
- 17 Pam Knouff
- 24 Ernestine Batdorf
- 31 Karen Fox



Lector

- 3 Mary Garrett
- 10 Nicholas Adams
- 17 Pam Knouff
- 24 Ernestine Batdorf
- 31 Karen Fox



Greeters

- 3 Marion Bowman
- 10 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 17 David Machamer
- 24 Carey Kendall
- 31 Dorothy Martin



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

- 3 Daniel LaRue
- 10 Daniel LaRue
- 17 Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Andrew Hartman
- 31 Eugene Martin



Acolyte

- 3 Mary Whelan
- 10 Keeley Hartman
- 17 Abbey Hartman
- 24 Mikayla Bowman
- 31 Nancie Whelan



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

July 3 —Kathaleen Lilley



August 2016 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 7 Michael Bowman
- 14 Charlotte Varone
- 21 Daniel LaRue
- 28 Nancie Whelan



Lector

- 7 Robert Bowman
- 14 Charlotte Varone
- 21 Daniel LaRue
- 28 Nancie Whelan



Greeters

- 7 David Machamer
- 14 Deborah Lutz
- 21 Ernestine Batdorf
- 28 Carol Artz



Finance Steward

Harry Hatt

Head Usher

Janet Pazsik



Altar Guild

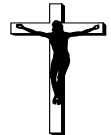
- Carey Kendall, chair
- Marjorie Beard
- Lori Wert



Crucifer

By Carol Artz

- 7 Eugene Martin
- 14 Rita Savant
- 21 Rita Savant
- 28 Sandra Smith



Acolyte

- 7 Abbey Hartman
- 14 Keeley Hartman
- 21 Mary Whelan
- 28 Mikayla Bowman



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August 7 – Deborah Lutz



General Fund Financial Summary for May

	May	Year/date
Income	\$14,290.15	\$65,559.44
Expenses	\$14,851.00	\$74,822.22
Income-expenses	-\$560.85	-\$9,262.78

Income	May	Year/date	Expenses	May	Year/date
Regular giving	\$13,820.00	\$64,544.39	Staff	\$10,004.83	\$50,401.03
Jesus Tree envelopes	\$275.00	\$510.00	Administrative	\$354.45	\$1,846.54
Bowl of Blessings	\$0.00	\$0.00	Maintenance	\$2,558.39	\$13,157.99
Checking interest	\$0.15	\$1.05	Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations (use of church)	\$165.00	\$165.00	Additional	\$500.00	\$2,250.00
Other Gen. Fund*	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$339.00</u>	Benevolence	\$1,333.33	\$6,666.66
Total Income	\$14,290.15	\$65,559.44	Loan Repayment	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
			Total expenses	\$14,851.00	\$74,822.22
			Income less expenses	-\$560.85	-\$9,262.78

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

Benevolence Giving

May 2016	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total Given to Charities
NALC	\$775.00		\$775.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$75.00		\$75.00
The Great Commission Society	\$54.17		\$54.17
North American Lutheran Seminary	\$54.17		\$54.17
Independent Church in India	\$54.17		\$54.17
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$54.16		\$54.16
NALC Disaster Response	\$54.16		\$54.16
Lutheran World Relief	\$54.16		\$54.16
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter	\$54.17		\$54.17
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$54.17		\$54.17
City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes)	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$1,333.33	\$0.00	\$1,333.33

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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

There will be



NO THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY this summer.

We will begin an in-depth study of Romans in the fall.



There will be **NO EVENT NIGHT** this summer.

The fun will commence once again in September.

Bible Reading Covenant

Sunday, July 24
The Book of Esther

Sunday, August 21
(3rd Sunday)
The Book of Ezra

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 21-September 25**. 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 3
Caring Cupboard



August 7
Rescue Mission



We do **NOT** have a sponsor for the **September 4 Welcome Time** yet. Please consider giving of your time and culinary talents to sponsor this time of fellowship in the fall.



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: \$3,575.60)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 1	\$3,590.50	82 + / 23 LiF
May 8	\$3,365.00	56 + / 13 LiF
May 15	\$2,229.00	63 + / 26 Conversation
May 22	\$3,062.00	64 + / 25 LiF
May 29	\$2,101.00	46 + / 21 LiF

Received to date: \$65,559.44

Needed to date: \$77, 471.25

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship

"LiF" denotes Living in Faith



2016 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams, *President & Property co-chair*
- Charlotte Varone, *Vice President & Personnel chair*
- Nancie Whelan, *Secretary, assistant Treasurer & Christian Ed chair*
- Harry Hatt, *Fellowship co-chair*
- Deborah Lutz, *Evangelism & Volunteer Resources chair*
- David Machamer, *Property co-chair*
- Lori Oliver, *Publicity chair*
- Rita Savant, *Social Ministry chair & Financial Secretary*
- Donald Smith, *Stewardship chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

- Ernestine Batdorf, *Assistant Financial Secretary*
- Janet Gassert, *Altar Guild*
- Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*
- Karen Hatt, *Fellowship co-chair*
- Gayle Hoffman, *Strategic Planning chair*
- Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer & Finance chair*



June Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

- Eight members of the Council were present; two were excused.
- Devotions were led by Don Smith. Nick Adams will lead at the next meeting in August.
- Congregation Council will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on August 9 and it will be a Council picnic at a place to be determined.
- Council approved the transfer of George Felder to Christ UCC in Annville.
- The Smith Family / ICII picnic will be held on Sunday, July 10.
- George Strohm Plumbing has started replacing the HVAC system in the office and fellowship hall.
- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Pam Knouff as assistant Treasurer.
- Council appointed Kathy Lilley as Treasurer and Nancie Whelan as assistant Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Adams