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## Pastor's Page

*The Kendalls were on vacation as the newsletter deadline arrived, so this month's pastoral message was prepared ahead of time.*

As we travel, garden, sip tea on the porch and do whatever else the summer months allow, here are a few things to remember, and act upon accordingly:

- Christian worship, fellowship, Word and Sacraments are provided us by God every Sunday at 9 AM. Care for your soul by availing yourself of these.
- "Stories for God's People" will be provided in July and August during the Living in Faith hour each Sunday except the fourth Sunday (Bible Covenant Sunday). You are welcome to bring your children's friends.
- If you are physically able, please offer some time and effort to care for the grounds and interior of God's House. There are areas available for the 2017 growing season; you are welcome to contact those already signed up and offer them your help in their plot.
- The Biblical "tithe" is ten percent of what we

receive from God. In case you wonder, Pastor and Carey give a tithe of their gross income. If you have concerns about sufficiency, a tithe of your net income instead is a good starting place, or goal for you to work toward. The "tithe" is not a requirement for people of faith, but it is a valuable reference point for us in beginning to define "appropriate" or "sacrificial" giving.

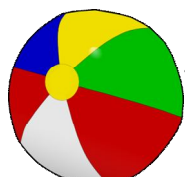
- If you have extraordinary expenses related to health, housing or other life necessities, God understands the importance of prudence.
- It is a spiritual discipline for us to effectively distinguish "needs" as opposed to "wants" and to order our life priorities accordingly.
- If you have the opportunity to do something nice with a friend, take it. Neither opportunities nor friends last forever, and both are blessings.
- Find specific things to give thanks for every day.
- Remember that God is always with us; remember that *we* are in the best situation if *we*

are also with God.

- Travel safely, return refreshed, don't be in a hurry.
- Remember to be kind to waitresses, store clerks and public servants. They work hard and are not always treated well.
- Consider the Bible part of your "summer reading"—indeed, the *best* part. Read at least a Psalm daily, and don't stop there.
- When you see someone with a problem, pray for them. If someone is disturbing you, pray for that person before becoming angry.
- Exercise patience; as with anything else, exercise produces greater strength in the thing exercised.
- Eat fresh fruit and vegetables.
- In a heat wave, invite someone without air conditioning to a sleepover and a day or two with you.
- Remember not to leave pets, children, or chocolate in your car in summertime.

Have a faithful, peaceful, safe and pleasant summer. We will look for you on Sundays and be glad to see you. Peace to you from your Pastor. +

*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.*



**THANK YOU**

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

# Membership Changes

## New address

### **Dolores Rittle**

StoneRidge Towne Center, Room 205A  
7 W. Park Avenue  
Myerstown, PA 17067  
717-866-6541



Please remove **Donna Felder** from your membership directory. She has transferred to another church.

## Cornwall Furnace and Ice Cream



Come on out for a fun day of local history and yummy ice cream!

The Fellowship Committee is organizing a trip to the Cornwall Furnace on **Saturday, July 29**. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM and car-pool over to Cornwall.

The admission fee for the furnace is \$8 (ages 12-64); \$4 (ages 3-11) and \$7 for everyone 65+.

There is a gift shop if you are interested in shopping for a souvenir.

After an interesting morning learning about our local history we will travel over to Patches Family Creamery for some delicious ice cream. We should arrive there around noon if you would prefer to join us for the sweet indulgence portion of our trip.

If you have any questions please see Karen Hatt.



## 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:

- Toothpaste
- Tissues (boxes or packs)
- Long necklaces
- Small knick-knacks
- Perfume/aftershave
- Chewing gum

- Snack packs of cookies or crackers
- Hard candy (regular & sugar free)
- Small tablets & pens
- Small chocolate bars or peanut butter cups

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



# July Anniversaries

- 1 Greg & Linda Field
- 2 Howard & Dawn Stickler
- 16 Edward & Karen Bickel
- 23 Rodney & Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 Kenneth & Kay Zellers
- 27 William & Judith Bechtold



# Worship Schedule

### SUNDAYS:

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

### WEDNESDAYS:

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

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Website: <http://www.messiahluthleb.org>  
NALC website: <http://www.thenalc.org>

# August Birthdays

- 1 Judith Bechtold
- 10 Ruth DeLong  
Harry Hatt
- 11 Karen Bickel
- 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

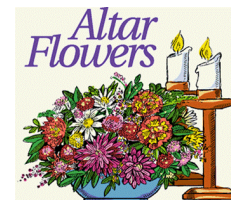
- 1 Carl & Rosanne Lutz
- 10 Calvin & Judy Austin
- 11 Pastor & Carey Kendall
- 13 Robert & Debra Bowman  
Lee & Rita Savant
- 15 Corey & Carla Hartman
- 21 Pastor J. Philip & Nancy Kline



# Open Altar Flower Dates

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

- July 2
- August 6
- August 13
- December 10
- December 31



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

# July 2017 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 2 Nicholas Adams
- 9 Kathaleen Lilley
- 16 Eugene Martin
- 23 Karen Fox
- 30 Charlotte Varone



## Lector

- 2 Nancie Whelan
- 9 Kathaleen Lilley
- 16 Eugene Martin
- 23 Karen Fox
- 30 Charlotte Varone



## Greeters

- 2 Carol Artz
- 9 Kathaleen Lilley
- 16 Nancie Whelan
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 **NEEDED**



**Finance Steward**  
Charlotte Varone

**Head Ushers**  
Harry & Karen Hatt



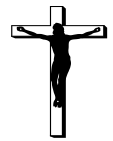
## Altar Guild

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



## Crucifer By Carol Artz

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Nicholas Adams
- 16 Carol Artz
- 23 Ernestine Batdorf
- 30 Robert Bowman



## Acolyte

- 2 Harry Hatt
- 9 Mary Whelan
- 16 Mikayla Bowman
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 Ernestine Batdorf



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

**July 2** — Harry & Karen Hatt



# August 2017 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 6 Sandra Smith
- 13 Nancie Whelan
- 20 Daniel LaRue
- 27 Nicholas Adams



## Lector

- 6 Mary Garrett
- 13 Nancie Whelan
- 20 Daniel LaRue
- 27 Nicholas Adams



## Greeters

- 6 Marion Bowman
- 13 **NEEDED**
- 20 **NEEDED**
- 27 Nicholas & Barbara Adams



**Finance Steward**  
Karen Fox

**Head Usher**  
Deborah Lutz



## Altar Guild

- Carey Kendall, chair
- Marjorie Beard
- Lori Wert



## Crucifer

By Carol Artz

- 6 Michael Bowman
- 13 Gayle Hoffman
- 20 Andrew Hartman
- 27 Daniel LaRue



## Acolyte

- 6 Nancie Whelan
- 13 Mary Whelan
- 20 Harry Hatt
- 27 Michael Bowman



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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### August 6 – **NEEDED**

(If there is no sponsor there will be NO Welcome Time.)





# Upcoming Events

## THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



July 13  
and  
August 10  
at 7 PM

We will continue our in-depth study of Romans.



**GAME NIGHT!**  
Friday, July 21  
and  
Friday, August 18  
at 6:30 PM  
Come join the fun!

## Bible Reading Covenant

Sunday, July 23  
Galatians

Sunday, August 27  
1 Peter

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 20—September 24**. 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 2  
Caring Cupboard



August 6  
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 Good Samaritan Hospital no longer informs clergy when a parishioner is admitted. If you or a loved one are hospitalized please call the church office to let the pastor know.

The **deadline** for the September issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Tuesday, August 15th**.



Newsletter Info  
**Wanted!**

## Ministry Plan Report for May

**(Budgeted need per week: \$3,483.79)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 7	\$3,947.00	54 + / 20 Hebrew class
May 14	\$2,893.10	53 + / 17 Proverbs intro
May 21	\$1,754.00	44 + / 15 Proverbs
May 28	\$2,419.00	42 + / 18 joint LiF

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

Stewardship  
*A way of living*

## 2017 Congregation Council

Harry Hatt, *President & Property chair*  
 Gayle Hoffman, *Vice President, Personnel & Strategic Planning chair*  
 Karen Fox, *Secretary & Worship and Music chair*  
 Rita Savant, *Assistant Financial Secretary & Social Ministry chair*  
 Charlotte Varone, *Publicity chair*  
 Nancie Whelan, *Assistant Treasurer & Christian Education chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Ernestine Batdorf, *Financial Secretary*  
 Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*  
 Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer & Finance chair*  
 Deborah Lutz, *Evangelism/Stewardship & Volunteer Resources chair*



## June Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

- Harry Hatt is the voting delegate to the Atlantic Mission District Convocation, along with Pastor Kendall, to be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Camp Hill on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14, 2017. Gayle Hoffman and Nancie Whelan will also attend.
- Kitchen parking lot lights were installed on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.
- Council approved the Strategic Planning Committee's continuing research to find a faith based group interested in sharing use and expense of the building.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Karen Fox  
 Congregation Council Secretary

