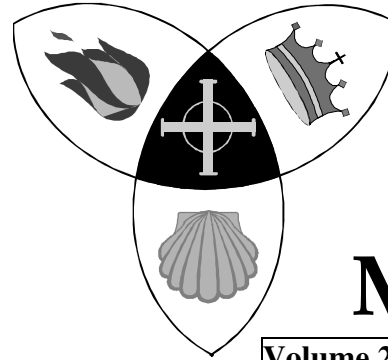


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MESSIAH LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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Music Camp
July 21 - 25

*During the night Paul had a vision:
there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying,
"Come over to Macedonia and help us."*

*When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia,
being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.
—Acts 16:9-10*

Dear Friends of the living Messiah,

"MISSION BEGINS AT HOME" is an old saying, but it is not a Bible verse. I used to bristle when someone said "mission begins at home" because I interpreted it to mean, "Our concern is for ourselves, not others." I thought it was just an excuse to justify self-interest. Now I see some truth in that old saying. We do have missions at home serving in our families, neighborhoods, communities, and congregation.

"MISSION NEVER STOPS AT HOME" is not a Bible verse either, but it describes what happened again and again in the Bible. God intends that the nurture we receive in our family homes and church home equip and empower us to be missionaries near and far from home.

JUNE WAS A MISSIONS MONTH for Messiah Lutheran.

- We had youth attending camps. Much of what they learned is training for missions.
- We had two missionaries visit our Lutheran sisters and brothers in Guatemala.
- We had health and school kits assembled at Messiah to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- We participated in dedication of a Habitat for Humanity home that members helped build.
- VBS supported a mission in Peru providing food and education to children.
- Now in July we will have five missionaries in the NW Territories teaching Bible school to native children and serving as our Christian ambassadors in those communities.

WHAT'S NEXT? Occasionally I get asked, "When will we get the new Mission Developer Pastor?" I do not know, but as I write I have talked with two pastors that sound like very strong candidates to join us at Messiah in this new mission venture. This Pastor will start out serving half time at Messiah and half time starting a new congregation in the Harvest/Monrovia (Toney?) area. The plan is within three years this Pastor will be serving full time in a new organized congregation.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MISSION? On Sunday, July 13, at 9:45 a.m., in the Parish Hall I will explain more about the process and progress. I would welcome your thoughts, concerns, and questions as we prepare to begin this new mission adventure.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, in July of 1988, Bonnie Jane and I were flown to Huntsville to see the area and listen to plans of starting a new Lutheran congregation in a growing community called Madison. My prayer is that 20 years from now a vibrant congregation is well established in a neighboring community. We need them to join us in the mission of sharing the good news of our gracious Lord and Savior Jesus, the Messiah.

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Scott Peterson

JULY BIRTHDAYS



1	Joe Paxton	20	James Long
2	Mitchell Holden	21	Andrew Adkins
2	Stephanie Holden	21	Debra Peterson
4	Abigail Warren	23	Nancy Grant
5	Quinn Lange	24	David Attenberry
5	Jacqueline Stender	24	Anna Flowers
10	Tim Wade	25	Lydia Osterndorf
11	Lyn Blevins	25	Jayson Perry
11	Bill Murphy	26	Iain Shriver
14	Kelli Boehme	27	Amanda Boxx
14	Joshua Byers	27	Emma Langley
14	Justin Byers	27	Karin Prigmore
14	Esben O'Connell	28	Jordan Mahafza
15	William Emerson	28	Pete Woods
17	Philip Lindsey	29	Julia Lindsey
18	Shaun Scheurich	30	Peggy Hanna
19	Cory Wasmoen		

Errors or omissions are unintentional--please call corrections to the office (721-0041).

Church Council Highlights

- A nametag ministry will begin in July.
- Lease with Montessori school has been signed - classes have begun weekday mornings.
- Messiah will be the host congregation for a conference gathering this fall.
- There have been conversations between Pastor Scott and several Pastor/Developer candidates.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Comforters...

will not be meeting during the month July. Regular meetings will resume in August. For more info, contact Annette Joens.

OUTREACH NEWS from Claire Strand

Nametag Ministry- With the hopes of encouraging fellowship and communication among all worshippers at Messiah, outreach is beginning a nametag ministry. Upon entering the church for worship, stop by the Welcome Center to receive a stick-on nametag. This isn't mandatory, but serves as a tool to improve relationships built around the body of Christ.

Each Sunday, please continue to sign and pass the **fellowship pads** resting in the church pews. These serve as another tool to get to know your neighbors. As you sign, read the names of others sitting in the pew with you and say hello.

Messiah's **prayer shawl ministry** has many shawls on hand to help bring comfort to those in need. Prayers for comfort and peace are woven into the designs of the shawls. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl please contact Annette Joens. Donations of yarn to this ministry are needed and appreciated.

Welcome back, Jim Daniels and Bill Emerson. Jim and Bill returned June 18th from a week of mission work at the Lutheran Church in **Guatemala**.

We remember in prayer our missionaries to the **Northwest Territories** this month. On July 3, Lois Graff, Sue Doubleday, Kari Doubleday, Marsha Wade, and Chris Berry will travel to the communities of Wekweti and Gameti, where they will teach a week of summer Bible school.

Summer Choir Schedule

Children's and youth choirs began their summer break on May 21. Please plan to come to Music Camp July 21 – 25! Groups that will continue to meet through the summer months and their meeting times are:

Dinner Theater Rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 8 a.m.
 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 10 a.m.

Watch the newsletter, weekly church bulletins and the calendar at www.mlutheran.com for changes to the above.



July Services of Worship

LBW = green Lutheran Book of Worship
WOV = blue With One Voice supplement

Sunday at 8:30am

July 6 LBW *Setting 1* with Lord's Supper
July 13 WOV *Service of Word and Prayer*
July 20 LBW *Setting 2* with Lord's Supper
July 27 *Martin Meets Grace*

Sunday at 11:00am

July 6 WOV *Service of Word and Prayer*
July 13 LBW *Setting 1* with Lord's Supper
July 20 *Now the Feast* with Lord's Supper
July 27 *Martin Meets Grace*

Music Camp July 21 - 25

Music Camp is just around the corner! This year, we will be learning and retelling the story of Martin Luther in "Martin Meets Grace".

Mornings will be filled with music, worship, drama, crafts, snacks and recreation – the afternoons with wonderful activities like roller skating, swimming and bowling. After learning the musical and having an incredibly fun week, you will be sharing what you have learned at both services of worship on July 27th.

The cost is \$75. Scholarships are available – talk to Pastor Scott at the church office (721-0041). Early registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and on the website. Please sign up early if you can and remember to tell your friends!





Fellowship Committee

News

from Linda Zutter

Game Night - All are invited to **Game Night, Saturday, July 12,** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite game and snack to share. Beverages provided.

Summer Fellowship Coffee Hosts - We are looking for individuals or families to host coffee and refreshments following each service during the summer. Help is needed to set up, bring pastry/cookies, and to clean up. Please see Fellowship bulletin board to sign up.



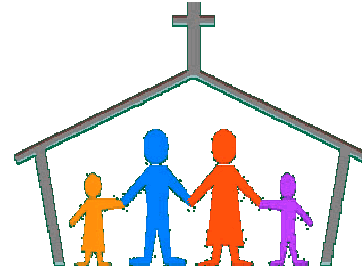
Annual Church Picnic Sunday, August 10 will coincide with Sunday School Rally Day. Following late service, we will have a cookout at the church with games and inflatable slide. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. See volunteer sign up sheet at the Welcome Center to assist with side dishes, grilling, set up, clean up, etc.

A **Wednesday Nite Café Coordinator** is needed to oversee the assignment of meals, set up and clean up for the coming school year. Interested? Contact, Debbie Neely or Linda Zutter.

Ladies Bible Study - Interested in guiding or hosting a Stonecroft Bible Study in September? Contact Judy Johnston.



Enjoy complimentary coffee and refreshments following each service in the Fellowship Hall.



LIFE PASSAGES

This newsletter feature announces significant transitions in the life of our community of faith. Birth, Death, Baptism, Graduation, Confirmation, Job Change Relocation, Engagement, Marriage, or any other life passage you would like announced will be included. Contact Outreach Assistant Claire Strand (721-0041).

Confirmands

On June 1, Alison Bartel, William Hetherington, Joseph Mahafza, Lydia Scroggins, Chris Wasmoen, Jayson Perry, John Stender, Jr, and Angela Yoo, were confirmed as adult members of the Lord's church.

Death: *Remember I am with you always to the end of the age Matthew 28:20*

- Charlie Underwood's mother, Ila Underwood, died peacefully on May 20.
- Lee Seitz's great aunt, Martha Page, died May 31 at the age of 90.

Coordinator Needed

We are currently seeking replacements for our Communion Assistant and Lector Coordinator and our Usher Coordinator. If you have an evening or two to spare each month and are looking for a way to serve, please consider volunteering. No training necessary! If you are interested, please contact Lynn Russell.

Partner in the Gospel

Rebecca Kolowe, daughter of Mark and Dottie Hanson serves the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania as diaconal minister. You can watch a video of the sermon she preached on July 1 relating to mission and On Eagle's Wings. Go to www.trinitylansdale.com and click on the "sermons" link on the left. Choose "watch the video" and then "sermon video archives."

Messiah Singles

Messiah Singles had a great first interest meeting on June 8. They plan to meet again on July 13th at 12:15 in room 11. Singles of all types are invited. Group contact is Catherine Frye.

Notes from Education & Youth

Celynn Ballard, Education & Youth Chair education_rep@mlutheran.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Rally Day is set for August 10 with a theme of "Let God Paint My Life".
- Youth Sunday School teachers are still needed. Please contact Cheryl Byers or Sarah Walker if you are interested.
- Anyone interested in teaching an adult Sunday School class, contact Celynn Ballard.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 2-6. The children enjoyed activities centered around the theme of Rainforest Adventure. A total of 39 children attended.
- Over \$215 was collected to support the Huch Uy Runa project. Huch Uy Runa is a non-governmental organization that since 1983 has taken kids ages 5-17 off the street, offered them food and shelter, and along with a lot of love and affection, has given them the opportunity to get an education and learn a trade.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's VBS such a great success and to Dorothy Seitz for coordinating such a fun week for the children!

YOUTH

- Several of our senior youth will be attending Luther Rock in Boone, NC from June 22-28. Pray that this experience will nurture their faith journey during this week at camp and beyond.
- The senior youth held a lock-in on June 13. Although they decided not to actually spend the night at church, they enjoyed time with friends as they painted the youth room. Make sure to drop by and see what a great job they did!
- The Junior Youth and Tweens will begin meetings again in the Fall.
- Youth leaders are still needed. Please contact Celynn Ballard if you would be willing to help with the Tweens (grades 3-5) or the Senior Youth (High School).

Dinner Theater, Saturday, August 23



This year's Dinner Theater, H.M.S. Pinafore will be held on Saturday, August 23rd. A delicious dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the delightful Gilbert & Sullivan show following at 7 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the musical, come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale soon. Proceeds will benefit the music program and the Guatemala mission.



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Property – Owen Wasmoen
Finance – Jim Daniel
Youth Rep. - Ben Azzam and Zachary Mahafza

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Dick & Barbara Azzam, Benjamin, Katelan</i>	3 <i>Doris Chojnowski, Tara</i>	4 <i>Trudy Clare</i>	5 <i>Joy Clavin</i>
6 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 1 w/LS 11:00am Worship WOV Word/Prayer	7 <i>William & Diane Cline</i>	8 <i>David & Camille Cobb</i>	9 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Lauren Cole</i>	10 7:00 pm Church Council <i>Josh Collins</i>	11 <i>Dorothy Corron</i>	12 <i>Jim & Toni Daniel, Christina, Allison</i>
13 8:30am Worship WOV Word/Prayer 9:45am New Mission Start Info Session 10:00am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship LBW Setting 1 w/LS 12:15 Singles Meeting	14 <i>Lisa D'Antonio, Mary Grace</i>	15 <i>Bob & Diane Davis, Andrew, Claire</i>	16 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Terry de la Paz & Bob Smith, Olivia, Aleksey Smith</i>	17 <i>Gerard & Anita deJong, Meggy</i>	18 <i>Matthew & Jutta DeMarsh, Daisy, Sandra, Matthew Jr.</i>	19 <i>Adam & Heather Doubleday</i>
20 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 11:00am Worship Now The Feast w/LS	21 Music Camp <i>Mike & Sue Doubleday, Kari</i>	22 Music Camp <i>Robin Douglass</i>	23 Music Camp 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Frazier Douglass</i>	24 Music Camp <i>Douglas Drahota</i>	25 Music Camp <i>William & Marcie Emerson</i>	26 <i>Rebecca Englert</i>
27 8:30am Worship Martin Meets Grace 11:00am Worship Martin Meets Grace	28 <i>Dave & Judee Erwin</i>	29 <i>Thomas & Lisa Fedrick, Ryan</i>	30 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Randall Fields</i>	31 <i>Jeff & Bonnie Flowers, Anna</i>	<i>You are invited to pray for the households on this calendar listed at the bottom of each day.</i>	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE July 20th

