

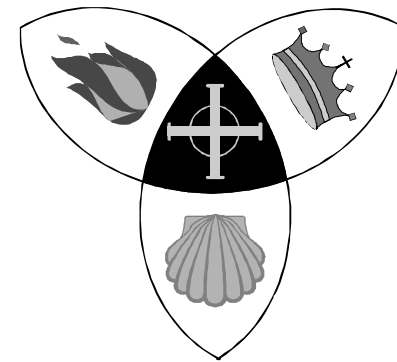
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Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 8

(The twelve year-old) Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in divine and human favor. –Luke 2:52

Dear Members and Friends of the Living Messiah,

“WHO WILL BE MY TEACHER THIS YEAR?” I remember worrying about that as a child when summer vacation was about over and a new school year approached. While that is a childhood question, it is not a childish concern.

WE LONG FOR GOOD LEADERS. What a difference it makes when we have a good teacher, coach, director, boss, commanding officer, mayor, governor, president. Many of us were shaped most by those who served in the highest offices of God’s good creation: our Mothers and Fathers.

WHEN WE HAVE GOOD LEADERS in any aspect of our lives, let us be the ones who say ‘thank you’ and let us be the ones who support them. With deep gratitude I want to thank all of the excellent leaders who have blessed MLC over the years serving on Church Council and our many ministries and committees. Also I thankful for the outstanding staff and dedicated volunteers I have had the privilege of working with at MLC. It is a joy to watch you work together using your God-given gifts caring for others and glorifying our Lord. For over 20 years all of that has been and continues to be very good, but this is the best...

JESUS IS OUR LEADER. That does not make everything easy or simple, but realizing He leads us changes everything. We know He always goes before us and will never abandon us. In Him we have hope that will not fail and peace that passes all understanding. He wants what is best for us. And, He has given His life that we might have abundant and eternal life.

“ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH has been given to Me,” Jesus said (Matthew 28:18). Think of that! Jesus has all power, but He uses it for justice and mercy. He leads by loving, sacrificing, disciplining, and showing us the way. Next time you or I are in a position of leadership, let’s remember Jesus’ model, and follow our true Leader.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND – IN THE PLANNING STAGES

Next year I am hoping to lead a tour group to the Holy Land. We would visit the places where Jesus lived, worked, died, and rose. Departure date will likely be November 1, 2011. More later. – *Pastor Scott*

Education News by Linda Peirce

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Rally Day is August 15. Sunday School teacher assistance is needed. Please contact Bobbi Huwaldt if you can help.

Adult Class Offerings

Theology and Issues Do you like to study and discuss your faith as it relates to issues we have to deal with in our life? You may want to be part of a new class being led by Bob Loshuertos. The class will select the issue they wish to discuss, do some study on it and then discuss what our faith has to say to that issue in class. At the first session we will select the topic from the desires of the class. Issues will be announced so that if others want to join the class for a particular issue they can. However, it will be necessary to be present for the first class to help select future topics. Examples of issues may be: oil spill, immigration, domestic violence, poverty, welfare, affluence, constitutional reform. You name it and if a majority wants to discuss it, we will do so. The first class will be on Sunday, August 22 and will meet during the SS hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. Contact Bob at if you have any questions.

Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups: A Renovaré Resource for Spiritual Renewal Edited by Richard J.Foster & James Bryan Smith-2005 Revised Expanded Edition. All are invited to begin this study in August. Books are available on line or through various bookstores for individual purchase. This will be a year long course beginning with writings from C.S. Lewis. Renovaré (from Latin, meaning "to renew") is a movement committed to the renewal of the Church of Jesus Christ. It’s Christian in commitment, international in scope and ecumenical in breadth. The book includes various classical writers including Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Edited by James Bryan Smith, each reading is accompanied by an introduction and meditation by Richard J. Foster. In addition, each entry includes a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. Devotional readings include: The Prayer-Filled Life; The Virtuous Life; The Spirit-Empowered Life; The Compassionate Life; The Word-Centered Life; and The Sacramental Life. Please feel free to contact Bonnie Jane Peterson with any questions.

SR. YOUTH

Coffee House July 31 in the Parish Hall. Vocal and instrumental entertainment will be provided. Contact Lois Graff or Dan Casey for more information or if you are interested in performing.

Weekly Sunday Night Meetings will resume in Aug. after school begins. Contact Dan Casey or Pastor Mark for more information.

Thank you to Dorothy Seitz and all the teachers, staff, and volunteers for a great week of Vacation Bible School July 19-23.

I am going to try to keep my article short and to the point this month. We are at a place of great potential for growth as we head into the fall, and we covet your prayers, encouragement and support as we move forward. Some highlights:

***Sunday School and Confirmation will begin in the fall.** Details are still being finalized as of the writing of this article.

***As of August 1 we will no longer have the entire building** at our disposal. We have given back some of the space in exchange for a more manageable rent. Despite this downsizing, we are excited about rearranging our space. We are tentatively planning a rummage sale to get rid of some of our extra stuff, and will keep Messiah updated on details so you can also contribute or buy items to support our ministry.

***Retired Pastor Bill Funk and his wife Helen will be joining us from August 19 to September 19** and leading us on an organized, intentional door-knocking outreach into our community. We invite any Messiah people who want to join us to sign up for one (or more) 2-hour slot and go out with them as "Silent Partners." We will be having visitor lunches after worship on September 5 & 19 to get to know people we connect with through door knocking. If you have friends interested in learning more about Incarnation, those would be great Sundays to come with them to Incarnation and worship with us.

***1-Year Anniversary or Worship** – We began worshipping on Sunday, September 13, 2009, and Messiah is going to help us celebrate one year of worship on Sunday, September 12, 2010. Pastor Scott and the MLC Council agreed to urge Messiah members to worship at Incarnation's service at 10:45 a.m. Afterwards, we will have a picnic, games and fellowship to celebrate one year for us and to culminate Messiah's 20-year anniversary as a new mission congregation. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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 Claire Strand.

BAPTISM: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...* Matthew 28:19

- Katelyn Johanna Fedrick was baptized on July 11, 2010. Baptismal sponsors were Brent and Cindy Morris.



August Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30am

Aug. 1 Now the Feast w/ LS

Aug. 8 LBW Setting 1

Aug. 15 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Aug. 22 WOV Service Word/Prayer

Aug. 29 Chicago Folk w/LS

Sundays at 11:00am

Aug. 1 LBW Setting 1

Aug. 8 Now the Feast w/LS

Aug. 15 Contemporary Service

Aug. 22 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Aug. 29 WOV Bread of Life w/LS

Dinner Theater Saturday, August 21



This year's Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, August 21. A delicious Asian dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by the show, *Beatles Review*. If you are interested in participating in the show, come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the office: Adult \$15, Child \$5. Proceeds will support missions and the music program.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

First Year Confirmation Class will be during Sunday School hour this year: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. beginning on **August 15**. First Year Confirmation is for Grades 8 and older and is an overview study of the Bible. Laurie Campbell will be teaching this class. **Second Year Confirmation Class** will be on Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning on September 1. The Second Year class studies Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* using the guidebook *Free to Be*. Pastor Peterson teaches this class. Confirmation classes are two years of study to prepare for affirming the faith we enter in Baptism. All are encouraged to pray for these young disciples as they study this faith that gives us life. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Peterson (256 721 0041).

THRIVENT NEWS: 2010 Golf Classic to Support Senior Center

Please join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in supporting the 2010 Maynor & Mitchell Golf Classic on Thursday, Sept 9, at the Hampton Cove Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Huntsville Madison County Senior Center. POC: Craig Satterfeal

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS -

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

At both services of worship on Sunday, August 8th, we will bless the backpacks our students will be carrying as they start the school year. **(So, bring those backpacks to church that Sunday.)** Children will also be given a tag for their backpacks to remind them of God's and MLC's blessings upon them as they learn and grow. On August 8th we will also install our Sunday School teachers!



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

Wednesday Night Café will be picking up again after Labor Day. Dorothy Seitz has volunteered to organize Wednesday Night Café again this year – thank you Dorothy for making time in your life for this important ministry! Please help her by

volunteering to help cook, serve, or clean up – clean up help is always especially needed and never has enough volunteers.

Bridge Club has moved permanently to the second Friday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, this month on August 13. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday August 14 at Messiah at 7 a.m. The next OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans for 50+ year olds) event will be in September.

Incarnation Lutheran Church in celebrating its first anniversary on Sunday, September 12. Messiah's Rally Day picnic will be cancelled this year in favor of this event. Be looking for the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center for this event.

In preparation for the upcoming year of events, the **Kitchen Meisters** met in June, and cleaned and re-organized the Parish Hall kitchen. Thanks to all of you who did a great job! The Kitchen Meisters will meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 1 p.m. on Saturday August 28.

Would you consider helping with an upcoming event? Contact Mary Ann Stasiak.

AARP Driver Safety Class

AARP Driver Safety class will once again be offered here at Messiah. It will be taught on Sept. 18 & 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The eight hour class offers safety features and strategies for driving. Persons over 55 may receive a discount on their insurance for completing the class. Classes will be taught by Bob Loshuertos. Register by contacting Bill or Jan Murphy.

INTERESTED IN GUATEMALA??

If you are called to be a missionary to Guatemala, but have not been able to go because of your complicated schedule, you can help choose the dates of next year's trip. Speak up now! The dates for next year's mission trip to Guatemala will be determined by the volunteers who will be going. Discussions will begin in September, so let Bill Emerson or Pastor Scott know of your interest soon.

Messiah Music Groups

Come, enjoy music and sing, ring or play your instrument to the glory of God. Attend one or more of the choirs and ensembles at Messiah. For information, call Lois Graff. Children's, youth and bell choirs and ensembles will begin soon. Watch bulletins and website (mlutheran.com) for start dates.

Cherub Choir (Grades K-1) Wednesdays 6-6:30 p.m.
Younger children are welcome with consent of director. Children sing and ring children's handbells.

Seraph Choir (Grades 2-4) Wednesdays 6-6:30 p.m.
Fall session – hand chimes.

Junior Choir (Grades 5-6) Wednesdays 6-6:30 p.m.
Fall session – vocal.

Youth Ensemble (Grades 7-12) Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble
(Grades 7-Adult) Bi-weekly Sundays 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Cantabile Bell Choir Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Notabella Choir Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.



Please join us Saturday, August 28 at Joe Davis Stadium in our *Walk to Defeat ALS*.

Imagine losing control of your foot, then your leg, then both legs - your

brain tells your body to work but it just can't respond. ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive disease that robs people of the ability to control their bodies. It is difficult for family members and friends to watch this disease rob their loved one of precious time here with us. What can you do to help?

1. You can join our walk team on Saturday, August 28 in our *Walk to Defeat ALS*. Monies raised help to support families and to fund research into ALS. Register online www.als.org, select Alabama, register and look for our team: Thrivent Financial Messiah Lutheran Church. There is also a link on our Facebook page. Or there is a registration coupon on the flyer on the Sunday School board - You can return it to Mary Mast.

2. You can support a walker on our team with a donation.

3. Come out and support our walk team's spaghetti dinner at Messiah Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 8. Your donation at dinner that evening will go to our walk team.

OUTREACH NEWS

from Claire Strand and Jacquie Fry

Summer is moving past very quickly. **The school bus is in the narthex again this year for school supplies.** Please place markers, pencils, crayons, folders, notebooks, glue, and any other common school supplies in or near the school bus. Now is the time when stores are having big sales on all the needed school supplies. Thank you for helping local students who need our help this year.

Milestone Children's Corner daycare has changed its name to Milestone Christian Academy. It continues its mission to provide affordable daycare to low income families in the Huntsville area and is enlarging its outreach to older children in summer and after school programs. The much needed tall fence around the play yard that Messiah provided money for has been installed and looks great. It is a huge improvement and will make outdoor play much safer. A group of 4 year olds from Milestone attended Messiah's VBS program this summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach children and families who have not heard the Good News of God's love for us.

When you are buying new jackets this fall, remember that the outgrown coats can be used by those in need. There will be a box for coats (all sizes) and blankets and pillows for the homeless and those in need. If your children have outgrown their school clothes, you can donate them to Christmas Charities Throughout the Year, which strives to provide clothes for school to children in need. If you have questions or suggestions for other ways to live out our Christian faith, please contact Jacquie Fry.

Thank you to all of you who reach out in so many ways to those in need in our community.

Jacquie Fry, Community Outreach

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship Now the Feast w/LS 11:00am Worship LBW Setting 1	2 <i>Martin & Laurie Campbell Connor</i>	3 <i>Kimberly Carper</i>	4 <i>Jill & Dan Casey Daniel & Calliope</i>	5 <i>Doris Chojnowski Tara</i>	6 <i>Trudy Clare</i>	7 <i>Joy Clavin</i>
8 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 1 10:00 am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS	9 <i>Diane Cline</i>	10 <i>Deborah Coates Keenan, Savannah</i>	11 7:30 pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>David & Camille Cobb</i>	12 8:30 am Morning Study Group Church Council 7pm <i>Lauren Cole</i>	13 7:30 pm Bridge Club <i>Keith & Katharine Correia Hayden, Devin</i>	14 7 am Men's Breakfast <i>Dorothy Corron</i>
15 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School Rally 11:00am Worship Contemporary Service	16 <i>Linda Cox</i>	17 <i>Jim & Toni Daniel Christina, Allison</i>	18 7:30 pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Lisa D'Antonio Mary Grace</i>	19 8:30 am Morning Study Group <i>Bob & Diane Davis Andrew, Claire</i>	20 <i>Terry De La Paz & Bob Smith Olivia, Aleksey Smith</i>	21 6 pm Dinner Theater <i>Gerard & Anita deJong Meggy</i>
22 8:30am Worship WOV Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS	23 <i>Matthew & Jutta DeMarsh Daisy, Sandra, Matthew Jr</i>	24 <i>Adam & Heather Doubleday</i>	25 <i>Mike & Sue Doubleday Kari</i>	26 <i>Frazier Douglass</i>	27 <i>Robin Douglass</i>	28 1 pm Kitchen Meisters <i>Walk to Defeat ALS</i> <i>Douglas Drahota</i>
29 8:30am Worship Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship Bread of Life w/LS	30 <i>William & Marcie Emerson</i>	31 <i>Rebecca Englert</i>				NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday August 15