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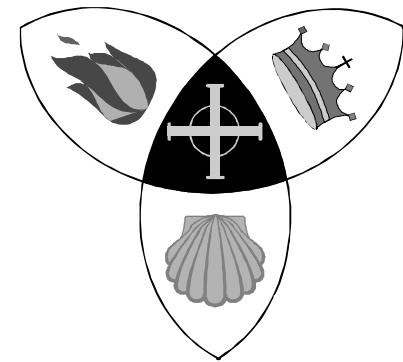
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Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A nursery attendant is provided. All are welcome. **Our website is [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org).** Church Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., staffed by our Office Managers. The Pastor is Rev. Scott Peterson. Pastor/Developer is Rev. Mark Borseth. The Church telephone is (256) 721-0041 email: [info@mlutheran.org](mailto:info@mlutheran.org). For newsletter articles call Stacy.

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# MESSIAH LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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## Vacation Bible School July 19 - 23

*Mark your calendars and grab your gear. This is an event loaded with rockin' music, energy-packed games, and amazing Bible stories.*

*Joseph went to Bethlehem...  
because he was of the HOUSE and lineage of David.  
--Luke 2:4*

Dear Members and Friends of the Living Messiah,  
**IMPORTANT NEWS:** You have more than one house, and the one you are living in is not the most important one. Whether the roof you sleep under is apartment, condo, mortgaged, or has your name on the title, you have a greater house. As indicated above...

**RESIDENCE DOES NOT MATTER!** Joseph and Mary **lived** in Nazareth, but it did not matter where Joseph and Mary happened to reside at the moment. What mattered was where he came from, where his family came from--and that was Bethlehem. He was *of the house and lineage of David*. Doesn't that say a lot?

**YOU AND I** are of the *house and lineage* of Joseph and Mary's Son Jesus. He is the One who gives us our identity; our *house and lineage*. He adopted us into His family. He builds us together into His house. He is the Master Builder. We are His workmanship.

#### SPEAKING OF HOUSES...

+We dedicated the *Habitat for Humanity* house for Deborah Cowan June 19. Of the 9 churches who supported this build, MLC supplied the most workers, worked the most hours, and had the most joy doing all that.

+The *Building Committee* has set the ambitious goal of having a Congregation Meeting on September 19, to propose a plan for expanding MLC's current sanctuary and narthex. MLC Council has appointed a task force to research options for funding facility expansion.

+King David (see above) yearned to build a house, a temple for the Lord. God told David 'no' and assigned that house building project to David's son, Solomon. But, God gave David an infinitely greater promise. God said...

**"A SON OF YOURS** shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:13). God foretold the coming of King David's descendant Jesus. **HE** is our OTHER HOUSE. We have been welcomed into God's house and lineage.

**HOUSE AND LINEAGE:** Joseph was of the house and lineage of David. We are of the house and lineage of Joseph's adopted Son, Jesus. He is the One God promised to King David. *The house of Jesus lasts forever.*

**ISN'T THIS COOL?** A Christmas story in July! And, in it is our promise of an eternal home with our Lord and all God's children.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Scott Peterson*

#### Incarnation Information

**Confirmation and Sunday School starting at Incarnation in the Fall.**  
Details still to be set.

Come and join us for any or all of the above activities. Bill and Helen Funk are looking for "silent partners" who will walk with them to knock on doors. YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY ANYTHING! Let Pastor Mark know if you want to help in that way! We believe late summer and into the fall can be an exciting time of growth for Incarnation, but we need your help and we need your prayers. Our goal is 25 new households actively involved at Incarnation by Christmas. God's blessings!

#### **Incarnation Building/Finance Update**

Our building lease ends July 31, and will be renewed starting August 1, but with some changes:

We have been running a deficit financially, so we have decided to give back part of the building (the storage area in the back and the north class room) in exchange for lower rent. The building owner has agreed, so we will need to move some things and possibly look for storage for some of our things that won't fit in the other part of the building. If you can help us move and/or store some things, let Pastor Mark know.

This lowered rent still leaves us running in the red each month, so that is why we need you to keep visiting, inviting and praying. Ultimately, the way we will fix our budget is by growing the congregation. We are working hard, but ask for your help.

One plus is that our new lease is month-to-month so we can renegotiate terms or be flexible to move to another space if we find one that will better meet our needs.

#### **Wednesday Nights at Incarnation**

Now that Wednesday Café has come to an end at Messiah, why not come join us this summer for Wednesday Pizza, Bible Study and Prayer at Incarnation. We meet at 6:00 for Pizza (free will offering accepted) and continue with fellowship, an informal study where we will be traveling through the book of Acts and prayer. Come join us! There will be no Wednesday meeting on July 7 (during VBS) or July 28 (and possibly August 4) since Pastor Mark is on Vacation.

#### **Join Incarnation on Facebook**

Pastor Mark has a goal of having 100 people on Incarnation's Facebook page by the end of summer. This page is used for devotions, Bible study discussion, prayer requests and to give updates on upcoming events. Join our page to be part of the devotions or discussions or just to be reminded to pray for us. Our page is Incarnation Lutheran Church – Harvest AL.

#### **Continued**

## Incarnation Information

**June 2010**

In case I forget to say it later - "Thanks Messiah for all of your prayers, gifts, encouragement and support for us at Incarnation!"

Now that I have said that, I want to say one more thing before I forget about it – "Now we need you more than ever. We need you to visit worship during slow summer months so people see vitality when they visit. We need you to volunteer to help out (music, Vacation Bible School, sitting in the nursery, knocking on doors, making that extra financial gift) since some of our people have not had a break for many months.

We are excited about the end of our first year of ministry and the beginning of our second. We have some significant events which we want to invite you to be part of.

**Our First Vacation Bible School – Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, July 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Please come and bring kids to attend and/or yourself to help out. Questions – talk with Betsy Borseth.

### **Leadership Workshop and Dinner with Mission Director Nancy**

**Christensen – Sunday, July 11 from 3-7 pm.** We want not only the people from Incarnation but also those from our supporting congregations to come and help develop skills and set priorities as we move into a new year of outreach and ministry. I expect a wonderful workshop, and look forward to finishing the evening with a Taco Dinner. Let Pastor Mark know if you plan to attend so we can know how many to prepare for.

**Door Knocking Campaign with Pastor Bill & Helen Funk – August 19-September 19.** Retired Pastor Bill Funk and his wife Helen have been traveling the country knocking on doors and inviting people to attend Lutheran Mission Congregations, and they will be doing just that in Harvest in August and September. They have been blessings to every congregation they have visited, and we hope to get several new faces in the door at Incarnation (and make them feel welcome so they come back) while Bill and Helen are here.

### **One Year Anniversary of Worship – Sunday, September 12 at 10:45.**

Part of Messiah's 20th Anniversary of being a mission congregation is to come and worship with us at Incarnation on our 1-year anniversary of worship. Our first worship was September 13, 2009, so Messiah has decided that instead of having an 11:00 service at Messiah on September 12 to have everyone join us at Incarnation at 10:45 that day. More details will come out as they are finalized.



## July Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship  
WOV = With One Voice LS = Lord's Supper

### Sundays at 8:30am

July 4 Hymn Service w/ LS

July 11 LBW Setting 2

July 18 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

July 25 WOV Serv. of Word & Prayer

### Sundays at 11:00am

July 4 Hymn Service

July 11 Chicago Folk w/ LS

July 18 Contemporary Service

July 25 WOV Bread of Life w/LS



### Vacation Bible School

July 19-23

**Baobab Blast:  
God's Great Get-Together**

We are planning an exciting VBS Adventure in the African Savannah for your kids! Baobab Blast is an open invitation to be part of God's great get-together! This program offers kids the opportunity to listen to the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be part of a community of believers.

This fun packed week is for everyone between the ages of 4 and 10 (5th grade).

The adventure begins on Monday, July 19 and continues through Friday July 23, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. each day. Drop off begins at 8 a.m.

Our VBS kids present what they have learned at church on Sunday July 25. We hope your whole family will be able to join us.

Our mission project this year is AFRICA JAM! Africa Jam is a youth empowerment organization serving more than 10,000 young people in Cape Town, South Africa. Each morning we will collect a love offering to support Africa Jam.

Volunteers needed: Come join me under the Baobab Tree and help create an exciting African adventure for our children this summer. A variety of opportunities are available for adults and youth (6th grade and up). Contact Dorothy Seitz for more information.

## 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 will be on sale soon.



## 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.

**Birth:** *Lord, you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13*

- Katelyn (Katie) Johanna Fedrick was born May 26. She weighed 6lbs 14oz and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Tom and Lisa Fedrick.
- Kay Swanson announces the birth of a great grandson on April 30.

**Relocations:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom... Proverbs 9:10*

- Scott and Lisa Hoff and Morgan have relocated to Dallas, TX.
- Bill and Jamie Hetherington have relocated to Houston, TX.
- John and Mary Pendley have relocated to Selinsgrove, PA.

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

- Steve Lutz, brother-in-law of Jacquie Fry, passed away June 14.

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## Education News by Linda Peirce

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Children's Sunday School will resume on August 15! Please contact Bobbey Huwaldt if you can serve in any way.

### Youth News

- Eight Jr. Youth and two Sr. Youth attended Lutherock camp in June.
- The Youth groups will meet monthly this summer. For more info, please contact the church office.



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

**Movie Night at Messiah** will be Saturday July 17 in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m., produced by Paul Zutter. The movie will be "Up". Come and enjoy a cool evening at the movies!

**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 July 9. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

The **OWLS** (Older Wiser Lutherans for 50+ year olds) and the Men's Breakfast will be taking a break in July. The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday August 14 at Messiah and the next OWLS event will be in September.

Other upcoming events:

- 1st Year Celebration at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 12 September
- Kitchen Meisters meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, late August

Can you help with an upcoming event? Contact Mary Ann.



## Sing In the Choir on Sunday Mornings!

During the summer, rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 8:00 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:00 a.m.) After rehearsal, the choir will sing an anthem for worship. There is always room in the choir for more! Come try it for one Sunday, several Sundays or all.

## Note of Thanks

*A most sincere thank you to all my friends at Messiah who helped me celebrate my 90th Birthday with attendance, cards, phone calls and gifts. God loves you and I do too.*

*Blessings! Margaret Smith*

# M e s s i a h   L u t h e r a n C h u r c h   C o u n c i l

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**President** - Pastor Scott Peterson

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**Outreach** - Claire Strand

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**Fellowship** - Mary Ann Stasiak

**Property** - Paul Pederson

**Finance** - Lee Smith

**Youth Rep.** - Allison Bartel

**Sunday School Superintendent** - Bobbey Huwaldt

Council usually meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7p.m.  
(This month it will be July 15, not the 8<sup>th</sup>) All are invited.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

**from Claire Strand**

Welcome home **Messiah missionaries** to Guatemala and the Northwest Territories!

The **2010 Habitat for Humanity** build was a very successful mission. The home was dedicated on June 19th. Thank you to the site team, the yard sale team, the bake sale team, and to all who offered time, prayers, and contributions. God bless you for helping to provide the blessings of homeownership to the Deborah Cowan family.

**Milestone Children's Corner** is now Milestone Christian Academy. The name was changed to reflect the change to a Christian curriculum. The new security fence at Milestone, made possible by your Lenten contributions, was installed in May. The fence provides security for the playground, separates the younger children from the older, and barricades the driveway so it can be used now. Thank you! Milestone's enrollment continues to grow. To accommodate the children they are leasing a building across the street. For this facility, they will need more tables, a refrigerator, and a freezer. Also needed is a lawn shed (about 6x10) to store playground toys. Contributions to Milestone can be made through Messiah Lutheran Church by designating your gift or you may contact Claire Strand or Bill Emerson. Check Messiah's website to see pictures of the fence and also pictures of the fleece blankets given to Milestone from the children of Messiah's 2010 Music Camp.

Applications to become a **Stephen Minister** are still being accepted. Please call 256-837-7013 or email [Claire@mlutheran.com](mailto:Claire@mlutheran.com) for information.

Save the date: August 29, 2010,  
**Walk to Defeat ALS**

Do you have organizational skills? Love taking photos? We want you to become **Messiah's Church Historian**. Inquiries can be made at the church office. [Info@mlutheran.com](mailto:Info@mlutheran.com), or 256-721-0041



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Tracy &amp; Stacy Armstrong William, Zachary</i>	2 <i>Dick &amp; Barb Azzam Ben &amp; Katelan</i>	3 <i>Chris &amp; Jessica Baldridge</i>
4 <b>8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship Hymn Service w/LS 11:00am Worship: Hymn Service</b>	5 <i>Tom &amp; Celynn Ballard Thomas, Kate</i>	6 <i>Tim &amp; Tracy Bare Jeremy</i>	7 <i>7:30pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal</i>	8 <i>Mark &amp; Lisa Bartel Alison, William</i>	9 <i>David Beier</i>	10 <i>Christine Berry</i>
11 <b>8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 10:00 am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship Chicago Folk w/LS</b>	12 <i>Chuck &amp; Lyn Blevins</i>	13 <i>Craig &amp; Linda Boehme</i>	14 <i>7:30pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal</i>	15 <i>Matthew &amp; Kelli Boehme Gwen, Julian</i>  <i>8:30 am Morning Study Group</i>  <i>Church Council 7pm</i>	16 <i>Pat &amp; Michael Bonaker Zach, Nick</i>	17 <i>Mark &amp; Betsy Borseth Nathan, Andrew, Peter</i>  <i>6 pm Movie Night</i> <i>Danny Boxx &amp; Christina Coraccio Amanda</i>
18 <b>8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW 2 w/LS 11:00am Worship Contemporary Service</b>	19 <i>Scott Bridge</i>	20 <i>Ricky &amp; Rosemary Brooks Jeni</i>	21 <i>8-12 VBS</i>  <i>7:30pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal</i>	22 <i>Greg &amp; Kerri Brown Alexandra, Savannah</i>  <i>8-12 VBS</i>	23 <i>Paul &amp; Mary Brown Grace, Madeline, Byron</i>  <i>8-12 VBS</i>	24 <i>James &amp; Bettie Brumley</i>  <i>John &amp; Mary Burke</i>
25 <b>8:30am Worship WOV Word &amp; Prayer 10:00am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship Bread of Life w/LS</b>	26 <i>Virgil &amp; Susan Burren</i>	27 <i>Dan &amp; Cheryl Byers Justin, Joshua, Jonathan</i>	28 <i>Martin &amp; Laurie Campbell Connor</i>  <i>7:30pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal</i>	29  <i>8:30 am Morning Study Group</i>  <i>Kimberley Carper</i>	30  <i>Dan &amp; Jill Casey Daniel, Calliope</i>	31 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>Sunday July 18</b>  <i>Doris Chojnowski</i>