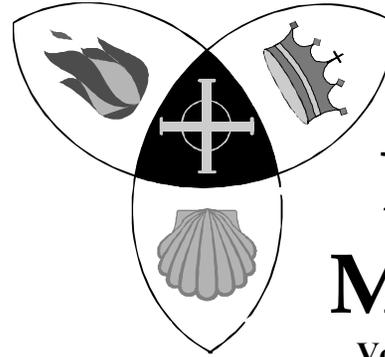


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Messiah Music Camp

June 8 - 12

*Six days you shall labor and do all your work.
But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;
you shall not do any work
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth , the sea,
and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day
and consecrated it.
-Exodus 20:9-11*

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

WHAT DO YOU DO now that graduations have been celebrated, school is finally out for a few months, the weather is heating up, and work schedules are adjusted as people take vacations? *You rest.* God commanded us to rest. God did not create us to work non-stop. It is a friendly command from our Lord who wants us to take a deep breath, take a step back, and drink in the incredible beauty of His good creation.

BUT DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM WORSHIP. God gave us the gift of the Sabbath so we would have a day to hear His word as part of this time of refreshment. The most frazzled people I meet are not the ones who work hard, but those who neglect God's word. We certainly are not planning to stop eating during these summer months. Neither should we be planning to push away from the Lord's Table and all the Lord wishes to feed us. And, as we are attentive to God's word we hear God's friendly command, "*Rest!*"

HOW DO YOU REST BEST? We have a variety of answers to that question. When you rest I would suggest you allow yourself some time to dream. That is: Dream what you want to do and where you want to be in the future. When we do not take time to dream we tend to end up on a tread mill: Out of breath, but in the same place.

I HAVE SOME DREAMS for Messiah Lutheran Church. They tend to come into focus when I pause to rest and dream. Do you have dreams for Messiah Lutheran? If so, I would like to hear them. My dreams center on continuing to grow the mission our Lord has given us. The more we reach out and the more we give away, the more our Lord gives us to use for expanding our mission. I do not understand that, but it keeps happening.

GOD CREATED THE SUMMER: Rest and dream.

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson*

Church Council Highlights

- The Montessori School lease was extended.
- The Advisory Group for Pastor Mark is in place.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2009

Special thanks...

to all who helped in making the Wednesday Nite Café possible during the school year. Wednesday night dinners will resume in August. A Café Coordinator is needed to oversee the assignment of meals, set up and clean up for the coming school year. Interested? Contact Maureen King.

Adult Choir needs you!

During the summer months, rehearsals are 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.). Try it! Come for rehearsal and sing at worship. Come for one Sunday, several Sundays or all Sundays.

THE MESSIAH MESSENGER NEWSLETTER may be received electronically if you prefer. Please contact the church Office if interested: info@mlutheran.com or 721-0041.

Incarnation Information – June 2009

A monthly update from Pastor Mark Borseth

Our target date for starting worship in Harvest is getting closer every day. Our plan is to do our first Sunday worship in Harvest on Sunday, July 26 at 10:00 am. Mark your calendar and plan to join us that day (and any other time you want to visit). If you are interested in becoming a part of Incarnation, whether it be as a member, someone who commits to attend worship for a period of time until we get the critical mass we need, an advisor to help us in an area of ministry (such as sound or nursery), a financial supporter, or one who commits to pray for Incarnation, please let Pastor Mark know your intent.

By the time this goes to print, we expect to have secured our temporary worship space. If things go as planned, we will be able to get in the building in June. The building we are looking at is the old Harvest grocery store across from the Harvest Post Office. The building isn't fancy, but the space should work well. It is in a very visible location with the potential of having signs on both the Wall-Triana and Old Railroad Bed sides of the building. We plan (with the help of some of you who are good with decoration and construction) to have it looking nice and feeling very inviting by the time we begin worship. There may be some work days in June and July where we will invite people from Messiah, St. Mark's and All Saints to help get the building and grounds ready. Parking had been an issue, but both the Harvest-Monrovia Water building and the Post Office have made their parking available to us on Sunday mornings. If you know someone who works at either of these places, please thank them for their graciousness.

We plan on beginning some programming once we are in the new building. In mid-June we will begin a weekly Bible study for those who are interested in the church. Even if you don't plan to be part of Incarnation, you are welcome to come to our Summer Bible study. There will also be social activities, information meetings and community outreach activities which will all be in the building. As we get into the building, we will let you know what things we will be needing help with – painting, lawn care, obtaining chairs and other furniture, etc. If you want to stay updated with what is going on, please go to the website (Incarnation-elca.org) or contact Pastor Mark to be added to the weekly email update. Pastor Mark also sends out a weekly email devotion. Anyone who would like to read the devotions can contact Pastor Mark to be added to the list or go to the website where a link to the devotions can be found.

We thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support. These next two months are critical to the success of Incarnation. Please keep us in your prayers! God's blessings!

Summer Study at Incarnation: The Alpha Course

A few of you have started this course at Messiah and have said you enjoy it. If you want to take the whole 10-week course, join us at Incarnation on Wednesday nights starting in mid-June! Details still to be finalized. For more information on the course you can go to their website - <http://alphana.org>.

Senior Youth to Meet During Summer

Several of the Senior High Youth are interested in meeting occasionally during the summer (for coffee, ice cream, at the park, etc.). We plan on getting together once every 2-3 weeks, but the specifics have not been set. If you are on the -Senior High email update list, you will get all of the updates. If you are not on that list and would like to be added, please give Pastor Mark your email address.



June Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice

Sundays at 8:30am

June 7 WOV Serv. Word/Prayer

June 14 *Man with a Mission* w/LS

June 21 Bread of Life w/LS

June 28 LBW Setting 2

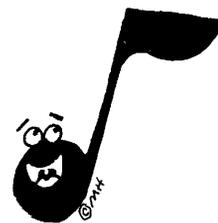
Sundays at 11:00am

June 7 WOV Serv. Word/Prayer

June 14 *Man with a Mission* w/LS

June 21 Contemporary Service

June 28 LBW Setting 2 w/LS



Music Camp June 8-12

Man with a Mission

The time for Music Camp is here! This year, we will be learning and retelling the story of Paul in the original musical *Man with a Mission* written by Pastor Scott and Lois Graff.

Mornings will be filled with music, worship, drama, crafts, snacks and recreation – the afternoons with fun activities. After learning the musical and having an incredibly fun week, you will be sharing what you have learned at both services of worship on June 14.

The cost is \$75/child. Scholarships are available – please talk to Lois Graff or Pastor Peterson (721-0041). Registration forms are available on the Welcome Center or you can register Monday morning, June 8th. Remember to tell your friends!

The more adults and youth that are involved in the camp, the more enjoyable it is for the children. If you are able to help at all during the week, please contact Lois Graff

SANCTUARY EXPANSION???

At the May 3 Congregation Meeting approval was given for an expenditure of \$2500 from the New Facilities Fund to get assistance from a builder/architect on a floor plan and visual renderings of a possible expansion to Messiah Lutheran's sanctuary. The Facilities Expansion Committee will have several open forums during the summer months to solicit input from members of the Congregation and to share information. Another option for overcoming overcrowding in worship is adding another service of worship. This also is being explored and will be discussed. Watch for dates and times of these gatherings. A likely time will be 9:45-10:45 on some Sunday mornings.

On Eagle's Wings Update

On June 25, missionaries from Messiah Lutheran Church will begin their journey to villages northwest of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Lois Graff will be traveling to Wha'ti to begin a week of Summer Bible School with the children and adults there. On July 2, Sue Doubleday, Kari Doubleday and Chris Berry will travel north to teach in Wekweti and Marsha Wade will join Lois to teach in Gameti. Between the three villages, Messiah missionaries will be teaching over 190 children! With God's help, the relationships that have developed through the years will foster community members to join in teaching during the week and seeds of faith will grow long after the *On Eagle's Wings* teams are gone.

Thank you for all you have done to support this ministry over the last 12 years. Please continue your prayers for the Dene and Inuit people of northern Canada that their faith will be strengthened and renewed through Summer Bible School. And please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide the teachers in spreading the Good News to all of the children and adults in the communities.

Peace,
Lois Graff

A Note of Thanks from OEW...

Thank you to all who supported the On Eagle's Wings auction on May 2. Over \$3000 was raised, supplemented by \$1000 from Thrivent! Because of your support, many children (and adults) will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ next month in Wha'ti, Wekweti and Gameti of northern Canada.

PASTOR SCOTT ASKS: Like a home visit?

I miss the days when I had more time for home visits with members and friends of MLC. The months of June and July have less programmed activities for me. So, if you would like to get together to visit, please call the office and we will arrange a time this summer.

Blessings to you, Pastor Scott Peterson



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans)

The OWLS will meet at Insanity Skate Park, on Hughes Road, for a game of Mini golf on Friday, June 12 at 7:00 pm. Following golf we will go across the street to Kenny Mango's for coffee & dessert. Call Jan Murphy if you plan to attend

OUTREACH NEWS from Claire Strand



D-Day!- Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, June 6, 10am

6118 Melrose Rd

Huntsville

All are invited!

(see www.mlutheran.com for directions)



Stephen Ministers rely on God to direct their actions and help them as they care for their care receivers. Stephen Ministers pray for their care receivers and may pray with them when they welcome prayer. Stephen Ministry care is based on grace; Stephen Ministers strive to be the face of Christ to their care receivers.



Save the Date:

August 29, 2009

Joe Davis Stadium

Summer Choir Schedule

Children's and youth choirs began their summer break on May 20. But remember Music Camp the week of June 8 – 12! The following groups will continue through the summer months:

Dinner Theater Rehearsals

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 8 am
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 10 am

Education News

Celynn Ballard -

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- We had a great Award's Day on May 17. It might go down as the longest one in Messiah history!
- The kids have done such a great job this year with stewardship. Our offering last month will be going to Incarnation Lutheran for kid's books for their library and for activity bags for the children to use during their worship service.
- Thanks for a great year and THANKS to our wonderful teachers!
- Dottie Hanson's Sunday School class will continue to meet during the summer. They are studying the book of Hebrews.

Youth News

SENIOR YOUTH

- An end-of-the-year celebration was held at the Spence's house. They will take a break from weekly meetings until school begins again.
- Sr. Youth continue to make plans for attending summer camps and programs which include: Lutherock, Affirm, and the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

All 9th – 12th graders are welcome at any or all activities.
Contact John Shriver or Marsha Wade for information.

JUNIOR YOUTH

- The Jr. Youth had an end-of-the-school year pool party at Mrs. Beth's house on Friday, May 22.
- Several Jr. Youth members will attend Lutherock the week of June 21.

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome at any or all Jr. Youth activities.
Contact Lisa Bartel or Beth Thompson for information.

TWEENS

The Tweens will try to meet one or two times over the summer. If anyone has an idea for the group please contact Debi Peterson at or All 3rd – 5th graders are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be the week of July 13 - 17.

The theme this year will be Discovery Canyon.

Help will be needed in all areas. Everyone has something to offer!

Please considering volunteering!

Contact Celynn Ballard at or Maureen King at



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

From Linda Zutter

Father and Son Outing - Saturday, June 20.
Fishing at the Stender pond. Meet at church at 6:45 a.m. Don't forget your fishing pole...worms will be provided! Sign up at Welcome center.
Contact is Dan Byers

Summer Fellowship Coffee Hosts Needed - We are looking for individuals to host coffee and refreshment following each service during the summer. Help is needed to set up, bring pastry/cookies, and to clean up. Please sign up at Welcome Center.

Interested in helping with a Fellowship? Contact Maureen King,



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.

BAPTISM: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...*
Matthew 28:20

- Tabitha Isabella Rinyu, daughter of Nicholas and Marty Rinyu, was baptized on Sunday, May 3.

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

- Mary Maloney, sister of Sue Doubleday and JoAnne Maloney passed away May 4.

Marriage: *the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13*

- Joshua Trexler and Alicia Sanders were married May 17 in a ceremony at Messiah.

Confirmed

- Allison Daniel, Hannah Osterndorf, Christopher Shriver, Iain Shriver, Jessica Stender, Matthew Wade, and Jacob West were confirmed May 31.

Graduated:

- Kyle Mumaw graduated from Mississippi State in May with a degree in finance.
- Rick Grulich graduated from the University of Alabama in May.

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>John & June Labansky, "Marc"</i>	2 <i>Erik & Victoria Lakso; "Emma"</i>	3 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Scott & Robin Lakso; "Elizabeth"</i>	4 <i>Anneliese Lange</i>	5 <i>Eric and Autumn Lange, "Cara, Quinn"</i>	6 10 am Habitat for Humanity Dedication <i>Michael Lange, "Willow, Talon"</i>
7 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship WOV Word/Prayer 11:00am Worship WOV Word/Prayer	8 Music Camp <i>Gary & Juli Langford</i>	9 Music Camp <i>Tien & Joy Le, "Adam, Alex"</i>	10 Music Camp 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Brian & Theresa Lee</i>	11 Music Camp 7pm Council Meeting <i>Gary & Karin Lindsay ,"Athena, Andrea"</i>	12 Music Camp 7pm OWLS <i>Phil & Judy Lindsey</i>	13 Music Camp Dress Rehearsal <i>Brian & Carola Long, "Vanessa, Alexander"</i>
14 8:30am Worship <i>Man with a Mission</i> w/LS 10:00am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship <i>Man with a Mission</i> w/LS	15 <i>Craig & Terri Long, "Rachel"</i>	16 <i>Bob Loshuertos</i>	17 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Sherry Mahafza, "Zachary, Joseph, Jacob, Jordan"</i>	18 <i>Cory & Lori Mahanna, "Michael"</i>	19 <i>Joanne Maloney</i>	20 Father/Son Fishing Event 6:45 AM <i>Tina Marbrey</i>
21 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship Bread of Life w/LS 11:00am Worship Contemporary Sev.	22 <i>Steve & Patrice Marotta, "Paisley, Basia"</i>	23 <i>Jack and Mary Mast, "Rebecca, Mikayla"</i>	24 7:30 Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Amy McCarthy, "Charles"</i>	25 <i>Mike & Judy Kidd</i>	26 <i>Lloyd & Deb McDaniels, Erin, Morgan"</i>	27 <i>Ryan McDaniels, Jacob McDaniels</i>
28 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 10:00am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS	29 <i>Timothy and Nicole McKnelly, "Libby"</i>	30 <i>Tom & Paulette McNamara</i>				NEWSLETTER DEADLINE June 21