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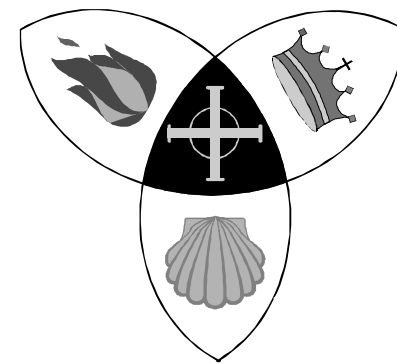
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Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A nursery attendant is provided. All are welcome. **Our website is www.mlutheran.org**. Church Office 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. For newsletter articles call Stacy Tidwell.

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Lord Use Me

The Story of St. Francis

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I, send me!" --Isaiah 6:8*

Dear Friends of the living Messiah,

"LORD, USE ME," is a concise prayer. A friend taught me that prayer and I stole the words to entitle a children's musical based on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. (The children of MLC will present this musical during worship at both services on Sunday, June 13. Don't miss it!) **"Lord, use me,"** is more than a title: **It is our mission** as people of God.

"GOD DOES IT ALL," we Lutherans are anxious to remind ourselves and share with anyone who will listen. And, it is true: God claims and names us in Baptism. God keeps speaking His word to us. God cares for us through the people of His Church. And, Lord feeds us with His very self in the Lord's Supper. Heaven, our eternal destination, is clearly promised by our Lord. So what is left for us to do? Is there some way to shout, **"Thank you,"** to God? When we ask that question, we are beginning to talk about mission.

GOD CAN AND WILL USE US. In June Messiah Lutheran will have three missionaries to Guatemala—Christina Daniel, Dennis Fry, and Bill Emerson, and five missionaries to the NW Territories of Canada—Heather and Debbie Neely, Sue Doubleday, Lois Graff, and Songae Wasmoen. They are the ambassadors of MLC to our Christian sisters and brothers to the south and the north. (Like astronauts, they are the ones that go, but that could not happen without all of us back here 'on the ground'.) Yet...

"LORD, USE ME," is **our** prayer wherever we are. You and I have callings too. How is God going to use us? Here is where the prayer of St. Francis might give us direction and inspiration.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

*Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

May God use you and me in the coming days. And may we keep returning to our Lord for renewal and then go out again with renewed energy and joy.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

Join Incarnation's Journey on Facebook

We want to invite you to be part of our journey through Acts this summer by joining our Facebook page – Incarnation Lutheran Church – Harvest, AL. This will give you a chance to be part of our devotional and prayer life, and it will be a place to keep up with what is going on at Incarnation.

VBS & Confirmation Coming Up at Incarnation

Details are still being finalized for Vacation Bible School at Incarnation. Stay tuned for more info. We are planning on beginning Confirmation class at Incarnation in August. It will be a two-year program which can be started as early as grade 6 (starting time is based on family preference). Talk to Pastor Mark if you have questions.

Men's Breakfast at Incarnation – Saturday, June 12 at 7:00 a.m.

All men of Incarnation and Messiah (and as many of your friends as you want to invite) are invited to our Men's Breakfast-Fellowship-Devotion-Prayer time. We will meet at Incarnation on Saturday, June 12 at 7 a.m. Talk to Pastor Mark if you want more info.

Vacation Bible School July 19-23 ***Baobab Blast: God's great*** ***Get-Together***

Mark Your Calendars: Summer is just around the corner, and we are planning an exciting VBS Adventure in the African Savannah for your kids! 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, from 8:30am-12pm each day.

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. Leaders for worship, music, arts and crafts, science, outdoor activities, story time, and snacks are needed.

Contact Dorothy Seitz for more information. Be on the lookout for on-line registration, coming soon to www.mlutheran.com.



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...* Matt 28:20

- Madeleine Vada Brown and Byron Alexander Brown were baptized on May 2. Parents are Mary and Paul Brown. Baptismal sponsors are Jack and Chris Long.

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

- Svenja Ritter graduated from Bob Jones and Heidi Pedersen graduated from Belmont University. Congratulations!!

Confirmations: *Jesus grew in wisdom and in years...* Luke 2:52

- Luke Myers, Adam Neely, Gina Saladino, Michael Spence, William Strand, Alex Velazquez, and Rachael Wier completed their second year of study and were confirmed on May 23.

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

- Harald Krauthoefer, father of Dagmar Miller, passed away in his home in Germany on May 11. He was 74.

Sing in the Choir on Sunday Mornings!

During summer months, rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 8 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 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.

OUTREACH NEWS from Claire Strand

Work is going well on the Thrivent **Habitat for Humanity** house. A number of our members are involved in the building on Saturdays. New volunteers are always welcome.

The church rummage sale and bake sale at Messiah was held on May 22, to support the Habitat project. Thank you to all who contributed clothes, household items, and baked goods for the rummage sale. Special thanks to Paulette McNamara for heading up the sale and to all who assisted in running the sale. Over \$1,900 was raised for Habitat.

Messiah has an ongoing supportive relationship with the **Milestone Children's Corner** in Huntsville. Over \$2,900 was donated from the Lenten offerings to be used for a new and safer fence around the play area. Milestone has done a number of fundraisers to add to our donation to cover the cost of the fence. The new fence will be installed on May 24. Thank you. The box for new or gently used toys, games, and books remains in the narthex at Messiah and donations are always welcome. Thank you to those who have continued to bring in donations. They are very much appreciated. On a recent visit to Milestone I saw toys and CD players donated by Messiah members being used in the daycare rooms. Milestone continues to grow and is a very exciting outreach in the community.

Community outreach funds were used to provide diapers for those affected by the recent tornadoes in Alabama. Supplies were being collected at Grace Lutheran Church.

Stephen Ministry has been in operation at our church for 2 years. The ministry has been a blessing to both the caregivers and the care receivers. In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another Stephen Ministry training class in late June. If you would like to participate in this training and in this ministry please talk to Charlie Underwood or Claire Strand soon.

Messiah sends missionaries this month to Guatemala and the NW Territories. On June 18th, Christina Daniel, Bill Emerson, and Dennis Fry travel to Iglesia Luterana de Guatemala. On June 25th, Deb and Heather Neely, Sue Doubleday, Songae Wasmoen, and Lois Graff will teach summer Bible school in the villages of Gameti and Wekweti in the NWT. Please keep them and their missions in your prayers.

Get out your knitting needles and wood carving tools this summer. We need your handicrafts for this fall's Handmade Market. Proceeds from the market will feed children in the school we sponsor in Honduras.

God's work in our community is being done through you, the members of Messiah.

Education News

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Awards Day was on Sunday, May 16.
- Children's Sunday School will resume on August 15!

Youth News

JUNIOR YOUTH

- The Jr. Youth are preparing for Lutherock camp the week of June 20. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome at all Jr. Youth activities. Contact Lisa Bartel or Beth Thompson for information.

TWEENS

- Tweens try to meet monthly. We had lots of fun in May at our Rainbow Mountain Hike followed by Pizza at church. All 3rd – 5th graders welcome.

On Eagle's Wings Mission Thanks You

Thank you to all who attended or contributed auction items and baked goods for the On Eagle's Wings Collectibles Auction on May 1. Over \$3,300 was raised, supported with \$1,000 in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans supplemental funding! Thank you for supporting this ministry as we prepare for the 13th summer of teaching in the Tlicho region, this year in the communities of Gameti and Wekweeti.

90th Birthday Party for Margaret Smith

Margaret Smith will be turning 90 on June 7! The Smith and Zesinger family would like to invite the congregation to help us celebrate this milestone. Please join us on Sunday, June 6 for cake and coffee between services in the Fellowship Hall.

On Eagle's Wings Mission Update

On June 25, missionaries from Messiah Lutheran Church will begin the long journey to the Tlicho region of the Northwest Territories of Canada. Summer Bible Schools will be held in the communities of Wekweeti and Gameti the week of June 28 – July 2. Sue Doubleday, Deb and Heather Neely will travel to the community of Wekweeti and Songae Wasmoen and Lois Graff to the community of Gameti. Because there are no Sunday School classes in the communities, many children long for this week to learn more about Jesus and his abiding love for them.

Thank you for your prayers of support for this ministry. Thank you for reaching out in love and walking with our Tlicho brothers and sisters as they learn more about Jesus. Please continue your prayers, especially during the week of Summer Bible School that as God's word is spoken and taught, the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of all that hear the Good News.

Peace, Lois Graff



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

Father – Son Bowling: Glen Long will be the host of a Father-Son bowling event on Saturday June 5. Please contact Glen Long to let him know you are coming, or look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Kitchen Meisters: During inventory of the kitchens, we realized that we need quarterly re-organization and review of both kitchens to check how everything is working, what we might re-organize to make use of the kitchens easier, and some light cleaning and maintenance. We will plan for the first Kitchen Meisters on June 19th from 9 AM – 12 noon. If you have an interest in how either of Messiah's kitchens is running, please join us to help with this event.

Wednesday Night Café is over until school starts in August. Many, many thanks to Dorothy Seitz for leading this important ministry, and to the many volunteers who made this a great event for Messiah all year through.

Bridge Club moved permanently to the 2nd Friday of every month meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, this month on June 11. New & experienced players welcome! Bring a friend and snack to share. Contact Mary Ann or Ed Stasiak.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday June 12 at Incarnation at 7 a.m. Contact Pastor Borseth for any further information.

The OWLS will be meeting for mini-golf and coffee on June 18. Jan Murphy will have more details.

Thanks to Beth Mumaw for organizing the 20th Anniversary celebration coffee between services and the BBQ luncheon – a beautiful job well done!

Other upcoming events:

- Movie Night in July
- 1st Year Celebration at Incarnation Lutheran Church, Sept. 12

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

Thrivent's 22nd Annual Lutheran Night with the Huntsville Stars

Thrivent's Lutheran Night with the Stars was a rousing success. Messiah's own Gerry Myers started off the evening's festivities with an inspiring rendition of the National Anthem, and Pastor Scott Peterson threw out the first pitch of the game! Much fun and fellowship was shared under the big tent. Old friends got to reconnect; new friends were made; children got to enjoy playing in the mild spring evening, and everyone even got to enjoy an exciting baseball game as well. The Stars, who were behind for most of the game, made an electrifying comeback in the bottom of the ninth to win the game, 6 to 5! The excitement continued even after the game ended. Dan Meyer, a leader on Thrivent's Northwest Alabama Chapter, wowed the crowd with his death-defying sword-swallowing demonstrations! In closing, we here at Thrivent want to send a special thanks to all of you who donated phone cards that will enable our brave men and women serving overseas to contact their family members back home. God Bless You!

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am Comforters <i>Dennis & Lisa Sweet</i>	2 <i>Judy Sylvester</i>	3 <i>Cornelia Tegmeier Konrad, Harriet, Arvid</i>	4 SE Synod Assembly in Chattanooga <i>Mark & Beth Thompson Kyle, Meghan</i>	5 Father-Son Bowling SE Synod Assembly in Chattanooga <i>Brad & Stacy Tidwell Natalie, Canon</i>
6 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW 2 w/LS 11:00am Worship: LBW Setting 2	7 9-4 Music Camp <i>Ed & Georgann Trexler</i>	8 9-4 Music Camp <i>Joshua & Alicia Trexler</i>	9 9-4 Music Camp 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Charles & Lana Underwood</i>	10 9-4 Music Camp Church Council 7pm <i>Alex & Liz Vaughn</i>	11 9-4 Music Camp 7:30 Bridge Club <i>Tim & Marsha Wade Allie, Maddie, Matthew</i>	12 7 am Men's Breakfast at Incarnation 9 am Music Camp Dress Rehearsal <i>Brian & Sarah Walker Justin, Evelyn</i>
13 8:00 – 11:00am LWR Pancake Breakfast 8:30am Worship <i>Lord Use Me</i> 11:00am Worship <i>Lord Use Me w/LS</i>	14 <i>Wayne & Bobbi Walker Heather</i>	15 <i>Douglas & Hillary Warren Gina, Abigail</i>	16 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Owen & Songae Wasmoen Chad, Cory, Chris</i>	17 8:30am Morning Study Group <i>Richard & Bonnie Webb</i>	18 7pm - Owls Mini Golf <i>Richard & Tammy Weber Michale Ward, Scott Ward, David, James, Laura</i>	19 9 am Kitchen Meisters <i>Scot & Sharon West Jacob, Jordon, Kyle</i>
20 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship ELW Setting 1 w/LS 11:00am Worship Contemporary Service 6:30 pm Sr Youth	21 <i>Sam & Ginny Whitaker</i>	22 <i>Ryan & Janine Wilson Hunter, Reed</i>	23 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Pete & Devonee Woods Abby, Aaron</i>	24 8:30am Morning Study Group <i>Gloria Yoo Paul, Angela</i>	25 <i>Mark & Janel Zesinger Merritt, Jamie, Natalie</i>	26 <i>Paul & Linda Zutter</i>
27 8:30am Worship WOV Word & Prayer 10:00am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship Bread of Life w/LS	28 <i>Oz & Liz Alcocer Nicolas, Gabriel</i>	29 <i>Rebecca Alferink</i>	30 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Barbara Allen</i>			NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday June 20