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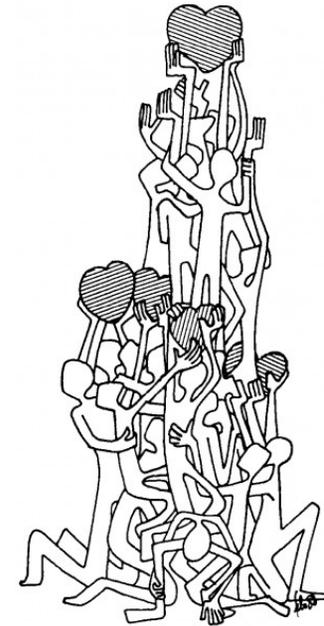
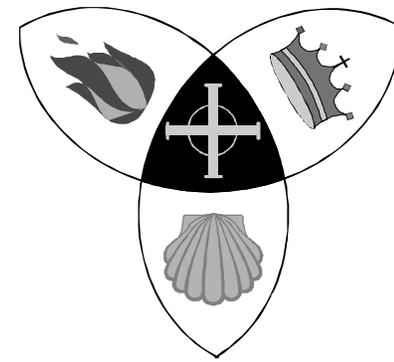
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Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. A nursery attendant is provided. All are welcome. **Our website is 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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Messiah Lutheran Church
God's People Reaching Out!

You are invited to our
20th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 30

*If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might Lord of both the dead and the living. –Romans 14:8-9*

Dear Friends of the Risen Messiah,

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR PRIORITIES? We have relationships and goals in life that we say are our top priorities. Yet, the way we are using our time and other resources may not reflect those priorities. So, this is encouragement to take a step back and assess how you are doing with your priorities. Many of us are entering a season when....

MOMENTOUS CHANGE IS UPON US. May is brimming with transitions and new life. School year ends and long awaited vacations are launched. At MLC we will celebrate Baptisms (May 2), graduations, Confirmations (May 23), and our 20th anniversary as an organized congregation (May 30). Some of us are facing other changes that are difficult and painful. Whether we are participants marking milestones or just observers watching the parade going by, it is wise to pause and reflect and ask...

WHAT SHALL WE DO with the remaining time God has given us for this life? The prayer of St. Francis points us in the right direction. Basically it says, "Lord, use me." This is not just a matter for the vibrant and young. My life has been changed in powerful ways by both newborns and by people who knew death was quickly approaching. Make no mistake...

OUR LORD INTENDS TO USE US. What honor and privilege are bestowed that we are called to serve the Lord of heaven and earth! And what wondrous things happen when we put our gifts together and our Lord multiplies them. May the Holy Spirit give us discernment and also the comfort of knowing that no matter how high or low we go...

JESUS HAS BEEN THERE BEFORE US. We never embark, travel, or arrive alone (see Psalm 139). So, let us step into the new day with courage and confidence. As St. Paul reminds us above, "*We are the Lord's.*"

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

Incarnation Information **Continued**

Special Pentecost Worship – Sunday May 23 at 10:45

During the season of Easter our focus at Incarnation is learning about and preparing for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This Pentecost we will include an excellent video – "How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit?" as part of our worship service. May we not just remember an historical event, but be part of an ongoing experience of God pouring out his Holy Spirit on his people so we can be empowered to be his witnesses in Jerusalem (Harvest), Judea (Greater Huntsville area), Samaria (Northern Alabama) and to the ends of the earth!

Vacation Bible School at Incarnation – June 14-18

Incarnation will be holding our first Vacation Bible School this June 14-18. Details are not yet finalized, but mark your calendar and plan on bringing kids and/or helping out. More info will be coming soon.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity – Update!

Work on the home for the Cowan family continues on schedule! Construction is to be completed in late May, with the Dedication Ceremony on the calendar for Saturday, May 29. Volunteers are still needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays: sign-up for a full day or just a few hours, whatever you can spare! Please contact your church's Thrivent Builds Champions, Gerard deJong or Owen Wasmoen.

Incarnation Information

May 2010

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out not knowing where he was going.”

Hebrews 11:8

Just today I had two people tell me that they have a strong sense that Incarnation is going to succeed and thrive. It's good to get those words of encouragement when it is sometimes hard to see much progress toward the destination or even know what the destination will look like when we get there. Thank you to everyone for your support, participation, prayers and encouragement along the journey of birthing and growing a new church. I remember the excitement of bringing Nathan home from the hospital and being so excited about this gift who had just been birthed into our family. But I also remember thinking, what kind of crazy people would send a baby home with two adults who have no experience in raising kids? It was thrilling and overwhelming at the same time. Yet, as I look back I see God was there providing help, advice, resources, people and energy to equip us in fulfilling our call to raise this child. What God called us to do, he equipped us to do. I would love to be able to read the end of the story regarding Incarnation and know how it is going to work out ahead of time, but that's not how God works. Just as Abraham went not because he knew what he would encounter in his journey, but because he trusted the one who called him, we at Incarnation don't know what tomorrow or next month or next year will look like, but we do know the one who called us to this adventure. And we know he is faithful!

May we continue to run with perseverance the race set before us. May we fix our eyes on Jesus and move forward into the next stage of this adventure. May we encourage one another, and may we remind each other that God is faithful. The day will come when we, like Messiah celebrate our 20th anniversary and we will look back and remember starting this journey not knowing what to expect. But until that day comes, may we learn to trust and follow the one who has called us to go.

Thanks to everyone who is on this journey with us. And thanks to those praying for us, encouraging us and supporting us in our journey. As the Bible says, both those who go into the battle and those who stay home providing support will share in the rewards.

Family Worship on Mother's Day (May 9)

This Mother's Day the youth and children of Incarnation will be leading our worship service. Katie Spence will be preaching and our children and youth will be providing most of the worship leadership. Come and join us as we honor all mothers, grandmothers and daughters!

Congregational Meeting/Cookout on Sunday May 16

After our 10:45 worship service, we will gather for a cookout and a time to talk about where we have been and where we are going as a new mission start. Everyone is invited to come and eat, and everyone who has any interest in the ministry of Incarnation is invited to stay as we evaluate, pray, dream and set the course for the coming months at Incarnation. We don't have "voting members," we just have people who are on the journey with us. If you consider yourself to be one of those on the journey, come join us.



May Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice

Sundays at 8:30am

May 2 *Chicago Folk* w/ LS

May 9 WOV Serv. Word & Prayer

May 16 WOV *Bread of Life* w/ LS

May 23 LBW Setting 2 w/ LS

May 30 *Now the Feast* w/ LS

Sundays at 11:00am

May 2 LBW Setting 2

May 9 ELW Setting 1 w/ LS

May 16 Contemporary Service

May 23 LBW Setting 2 w/ LS

May 30 *Now the Feast* w/ LS

~~~~~ *On Eagle's Wings* ~~~~~

## **Collectibles & More Auction May 1**

Have you ever attended an auction? It is great fun for all ages! Be sure to attend on Saturday, May 1 for the 13th annual **Collectibles & More Auction** supporting the *On Eagle's Wings* mission.



The fun will begin at 4:30 p.m. with preview of the items. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. with auctioneer Ken Grant and run through the dinner hour, but don't worry! Pizza, soft drinks, and homemade desserts will be available for sale at reasonable prices. Free childcare will be provided and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. This is a Thrivent-sponsored event with supplemental funding!

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## **Congregation Meeting**

### **Sunday May 2**

**12:00 Noon in the SANCTUARY**  
**ELECTIONS and OTHER BUSINESS**

**Confirmed Members are voting Members. All are welcome.**

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## **Rummage Sale Set for May 22**

The church rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 from 8 a.m.– Noon. Proceeds from the sale will support Habitat for Humanity. You may bring items for donation to the Parish Hall beginning on Monday, May 17 through Friday, May 21. *Help is needed on Thursday and Friday to price the items and on Saturday during the sale.* To help with the sale, contact Paulette McNamara.



### Welcome new members!

On April 25, we received into membership:

- Jamie and Emily Householder, Emma
- Mary Brown, Gracie, Maddie, and Xander
- Cornelia Tegtmeier, Konrad
- Daniel and Deidre Hopkin
- Tim and Tracy Bare, Jeremy



**Congratulations to our 11 high school graduates!** They are Katie Azzam, Katie Hetherington, Katie Spence, Heather Neely, Heather Pedersen, Alex Velazquez, Natasha Smith, Matthew Demarsh, Lee Richert, Trip Richert, and Joe Grimes. You're invited to celebrate their accomplishment by filling baskets with "sending gifts" such as dormitory appliances, cleaning supplies, phone cards, stamps, microwave popcorn, mini toolkits, etc. Baskets are located in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall. (Errors or omissions are unintentional, please contact the church office if you know of additional graduates.)



Dedication ceremony is tentatively planned for May 30, at 3pm.

Thank you for supporting the *Lunches for Learning* mission by attending the Taco Luncheon! The meal was delicious, thanks to Jackie and team! For more info about L4L visit the website [www.lunchesforlearning.org](http://www.lunchesforlearning.org)



The weather was beautiful on April 17 for the annual *Serving the City* interdenominational blitz on



Madison. Nine "servants" from Messiah participated in laying mulch at Kids' Kingdom, making lap blankets, weeding and cleaning rose gardens, handing out water at the soccer fields, and building a wheelchair ramp.

## Messiah Lutheran Church

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 30, Messiah Lutheran will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organization as a Congregation. After 8:30 Worship there will be a Reception in the Fellowship Hall. After 11:00 Worship there will be a celebration dinner in the Parish Hall. Please come as we give thanks to God for blessing MLC over the years and look forward to our ongoing mission as 'God's People, Reaching Out'.



### 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 28:20

- Brooklyn Alaina Ridzelski-McCombs and Sebastian Andrew Ridzelski-McCombs were baptized on April 25th. Parents are Mark and Jonnianne Ridzelski-McCombs. Sponsors are Chari and Scott Adams.

## Summer Choir Schedule

Children's Choirs, Youth Ensemble, Instrumental Ensemble, Notabella Choir and Cantabile Bell Choir will have their last rehearsals the week of May 19. For all those interested, please come to Music Camp June 7-11! The Adult Choir will continue to meet through the summer months at:

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

Dinner Theater rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Watch the newsletter, weekly church bulletins and the calendar at [www.mlutheran.com](http://www.mlutheran.com) for changes to the above. Or contact Lois Graff.

## Thrivent's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lutheran Night with the Huntsville Stars

It's time for baseball, hotdogs, peanuts, popcorn and fellowship! **May 7** is the official date for Thrivent's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lutheran Night with the Huntsville Stars at Joe Davis Stadium! You may purchase your tickets at the Thrivent Huntsville Office: 7500 Memorial Parkway SW, Suite 115M, Huntsville, AL; or at your local Lutheran church office. Please plan to come and enjoy the game, special events and the picnic and fellowship under the big tent. We will be honoring all military families by asking our members to donate phone cards that will enable our brave men and women serving overseas to contact their family members back home. The Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity program will also be recognized.

## Music Camp June 7-11

Messiah's 17th annual Music Camp will be held the week of June 7 – 11. The original musical "Lord, Use Me" will be presented at both services on June 13. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday morning. The musical recounts the story of St. Francis and the impact that God's call had on his life and has on our lives.



The camp is 9 am – 4 pm each day. Campers will enjoy music, drama, arts & crafts, recreation and a snack in the morning. After lunch there is an activity (roller skating, bowling, swimming, etc.) The cost is \$75 per child. Invite your friends and neighbors! If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lois Graff.

## **Youth News**

### **SENIOR YOUTH**

- The Sr. Youth had their annual Easter Breakfast on April 4 and raised approximately \$1,125. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated.
- The 30-Hour Famine was on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Youth also helped with the Taco Luncheon as part of the 30-Hour Famine.
- Mrs. Azzam will be holding a career counseling workshop that the youth are invited to attend for a discounted rate.

### **JUNIOR YOUTH**

- On Friday, March 26, the Jr. Youth met to stuff Easter eggs for the Church Easter egg hunt. After the work was completed, they enjoyed a pizza dinner.
- On Saturday, March 27, they assisted the fellowship committee with the annual Easter egg hunt. In addition, they sponsored a hot dog lunch with the profits going to charity.
- On April 24, the Jr. Youth participated in the 30-hour famine.
- Nine Jr. Youth members are preparing for a trip to Lutherock camp the week of June 20.

### **TWEENS**

- The Tweens went to the Botanical Gardens on April 18th.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- Thanks to Dorothy Seitz for volunteering to lead the planning of VBS this summer. Please contact her if you are interested in helping.

## **Confirmation Sunday – May 23rd**

*Seven disciples are preparing to affirm the Christian faith they entered in Baptism on Confirmation Sunday which will be Pentecost Day, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11 a.m. service. Those preparing are Rachel Wier, Luke Myers, Adam Neely, Gina Saladino, Michael Spence, William Strand, and Alex Valezquez. Please pray for them as they prepare for this important step in their life of faith.*

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## **Special Thanks...**

Thanks to everyone at Messiah Lutheran Church for their thoughts and prayers following the death of my dear mom, Jean Swank. She was a wonderful woman, and her love of music lives on every time Lydia plays the piano or sings! Our family truly appreciates your notes of care and concern.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn and Dan Scroggins, Ben, Chase and Lydia



## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

by Mary Ann Stasiak

**Mother Daughter Fondue Party:** Are you a mother or a daughter? All Messiah and Incarnation women and girls are invited to come to the Mother Daughter Fondue Party in the Parish Hall on Saturday May 8 at 11:30 a.m. We'll be enjoying beef, cheese, and chocolate fondues, and then we'll make corsages (with silk flowers) to keep or to share. If you want to make a corsage, you need to pre-pay \$7.50 each at the Welcome Center before or after Sunday services through May 2, and specify what color you want the main flower to be: red, pink, yellow, or peach. Bring a scissors or small wire cutters.

**Kitchen Meisters:** During inventory of the kitchens, we realized that we need quarterly re-organization/review of how both kitchens are working – what we might re-organize to make use of the kitchens easier, do we have too many of one thing, not enough of another, and some light cleaning and maintenance. We will plan for the first Kitchen Meisters in June for a Saturday morning or afternoon – 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 will continue through May 19.** On behalf of Dorothy Seitz and myself, many thanks to those who volunteered for this important ministry. A special request remains for help with dinner clean up.

**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 May 14. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, May 8 at 7 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Come for good food, fellowship and Good News. See Pastor Mark for more info.

**Messiah will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Sunday May 30** with many special guests and events. As part of the celebration, there will be some special foods for fellowship in Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service, and a special BBQ lunch after the 11:00 service. Beth Mumaw will be the coordinator for these fellowship events, please watch for the sign up sheets in the Narthex - we can use your help!

**A Father/Son event** is in the planning stages to be held sometime in June.

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

# May 2010

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>2</b><br>8:30am Worship<br>Chicago Folk w/LS<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship:<br>LBW Setting 2<br>12:00 Congregation Mtg<br>4:30 pm Notabella Choir<br>5:30 pm Cantabile Choir<br>6:30 pm Sr Youth                         | <b>3</b><br><br><i>Norm &amp; Sheilah Scheurich<br/>Jennifer, Shaun</i>                     | <b>4</b><br>10 am Comforters<br><br><i>Dan &amp; Carolyn Scroggins<br/>Ben, Chase, Lydia</i> | <b>5</b> 5pm Year 1 Confirmation<br>5:30 – 6:30 Church Dinner<br>6:00pm Year 2 Confirmation<br>6:00pm Children's Choirs<br>6:30pm Youth Ensemble<br>6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir<br>7:30 Adult Choir<br><br><i>Lee &amp; Dorothy Seitz<br/>Walter, Andrew, Hannah</i> | <b>6</b><br><br>National Day of Prayer<br><br><i>Dan &amp; Michelle Shaffer</i> | <b>7</b><br><br>7:05 pm Thrivent Lutheran<br>Night at the Stars Baseball<br>Game<br><br><i>Rex &amp; Fran Shaffer</i> | <b>8</b><br>7 am Men's Breakfast at<br>Messiah – Parish Hall<br><br>11 am Mothers &<br>Daughters Fondue<br><br><i>John &amp; Elaine Shriver<br/>Iain, Christopher</i> |
| <b>9</b> <i>Mother's Day</i><br>8:30am Worship<br>WOV Word & Prayer<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>ELW Setting 1 w/LS<br>12:15 Instrumental Ens<br>4:30 pm Notabella Choir<br>5:30 pm Cantabile Choir<br>6:30 pm Sr Youth | <b>10</b><br><br><i>Lee &amp; Janet Smith</i>                                               | <b>11</b><br>10 am Comforters<br><br><i>Margaret Smith</i>                                   | <b>12</b><br>5pm Year 1 Confirmation<br>5:30 – 6:30 Church Dinner<br>6:00pm Year 2 Confirmation<br>6:00pm Children's Choirs<br>6:30pm Youth Ensemble<br>6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir<br>7:30 Adult Choir<br><br><i>Todd Smith</i>                                     | <b>13</b><br><br>Church Council 7pm<br><br><i>Marge Spalding</i>                | <b>14</b><br><br>7:30pm Bridge Club<br><br><i>Tim &amp; Kay Spence<br/>Katie, Michael</i>                             | <b>15</b><br><br><i>Larry Stanbery, Erin Livingston<br/>Masayuki, Yoshiyuki, Hiroyuki</i>                                                                             |
| <b>16</b><br>8:30am Worship<br>WOV Bread/Life w/LS<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>Contemporary Service<br>4:30 pm Notabella Choir<br>5:30 pm Cantabile Choir<br>6:30 pm Sr Youth                                          | <b>17</b><br><br><i>Lon &amp; Connie Stanger<br/>Josh, Ben</i>                              | <b>18</b><br>10 am Comforters<br><br><i>Karl &amp; Judy Starkloff</i>                        | <b>19</b><br>5pm Year 1 Confirmation<br>5:30 – 6:30 Church Dinner<br>6:00pm Year 2 Confirmation<br>6:00pm Children's Choirs<br>6:30pm Youth Ensemble<br>6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir<br>7:30 Adult Choir<br><br><i>Ed &amp; Mary Ann Stasiak</i>                      | <b>20</b><br><br><i>Bobbie Stender</i>                                          | <b>21</b><br><br><i>John &amp; Tammy Stender<br/>John, Jessica, Jacqueline,<br/>Jennifer, Jacob, Jaxon</i>            | <b>22</b><br><br>8 am Rummage Sale<br><br><i>David Stradley</i>                                                                                                       |
| <b>23</b><br>8:30am Worship<br>LBW Setting 2 w. LS<br>11:00am Worship<br>LBW Setting 2 w/ LS and<br>Confirmation                                                                                                                       | <b>24</b><br><br><i>Stephen &amp; Claire Strand<br/>William, Katrina, Michelle</i>          | <b>25</b><br>10 am Comforters<br><br><i>Joe &amp; Jean Stuart</i>                            | <b>26</b><br><br><i>Kay Swanson</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>27</b><br><br><i>Dennis &amp; Lisa Sweet</i>                                 | <b>28</b><br><br>6:30 pm OWLS<br><br><i>Judy Sylvester</i>                                                            | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>30</b><br>8:30am Worship:<br>Now the Feast w/ LS<br>11:00am Worship<br>Now the Feast w/ LS<br>20 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary<br>Celebration                                                                                           | <b>31</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br><br><i>Cornelia Tegmeier<br/>Konrad, Harriet, Arvid</i> |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                       | <hr/> <b>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE<br/>Sunday<br/>May 16</b>                                                                                                            |