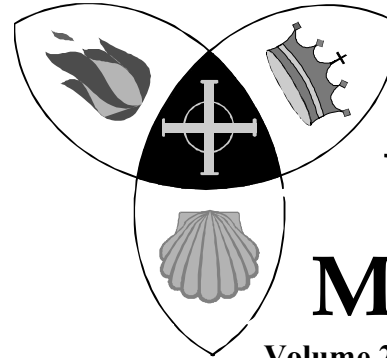


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Blessing of the Animals

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*"All praise to you, Oh Lord,
for all these brother and sister creatures."
St. Francis of Assisi*

*During the night Paul had a vision;
there stood a man of Macedonia
pleading with him and saying,
"Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9*

Dear Friends of the Restless Messiah,

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD? We do not know. That can make us anxious, especially these days. What will this financial crisis do to our retirement plans, our home values, our job security, and our national aspirations? We do not know. This, however, we do believe---

GOD HOLDS THE FUTURE. God's kingdom is coming regardless of market fluctuations and political upheaval. God will have the last word on everything and everyone. For you, child of God, God's final word is 'Yes!' Is that enough for us? We may want more, but the hope God gives will not disappoint us (see Romans 5:1-5).

GIVEN ALL THAT--I AM SO PROUD of our Congregation for voting 103 to 3 in favor of calling Pastor Mark Borseth to serve as our Pastor/Developer. Pastor Borseth is coming to help us at Messiah Lutheran, but more than that he is coming to help start a new congregation in the Harvest-Monrovia area. Apparently the same voice that long ago said to St. Paul "*Come over...and help us,*" was heard and heeded by Pastor Borseth and Messiah Lutheran Church.

LET'S WELCOME Pastor Borseth, Betsy, and their children Nathan, Andrew, and Peter. The Borseth's plan to be with us in worship on Sunday, November 2. On Sunday, November 9, at 3:00pm Assistant to the Bishop Delmer Chilton, Assistant to the Bishop Nancy Christensen, and Mission Director Gary Christensen all will be with us to install Pastor Borseth. We will have a reception following in the Parish Hall.

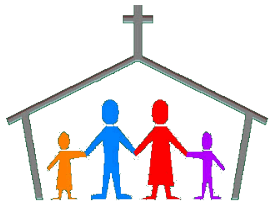
THIS IS AN ADVENTURE! With any adventure we cannot be sure what will happen next. But, with our God, we can be sure we go into a future which is securely in our loving Lord's hands.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

***PASTOR MARK BORSETH'S INSTALLATION
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Church Council Highlights

- Voted to recommend to the congregation that Pastor Mark Borseth be called to serve as Pastor/Developer for the Harvest/Monrovia area
- An ELCA proposed compensation package for the Pastor/Developer was reviewed.
- Youth Leaders' job descriptions were approved.
- Timetables for budget preparation were reviewed.
- Next Council meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.



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 (721-0041).

Births: *"You knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13*

- Julian Russell was born October 21st. He was 6lbs 8oz and was 18 ½ inches long. Proud parents and sister are Sheryl and Roger Russell, and Sarah. Proud grandfather is Art Rockett.
- Addisyn Claire Lindsey, daughter of Lori and David Lindsey, was born Oct. 24. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19 ¾ in. Proud Great Grandparents are Bill and Diane Cline

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

- Paul Burke and Micaela Ellson are engaged to be married August 1st, 2009.
- Rebbecca Kacvinsky and Robert Alferink were married on October 11th in Nebraska.

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

- Lon Stanger's uncle, Kenny Stanger, died October 6th.
- Randall Fields' uncle, Bill Fields died. The funeral was October 15th.

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

- Ty Edward Mooneyham, son of Melani and Lowell Mooneyham, was baptized on October 19th.

Elfin Magic is Sunday, Dec. 7

The Elfin Magic Workshop for Children to make Christmas presents will be Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. You may pre-register in the narthex through Nov. 9. There are 12 fun crafts to choose from and there is no craft limit or age limit.



Adult and youth volunteers and supplies are still needed. Please contact Katie O'Connell if you can help in any way.

Comforters Quilts On Display Now

The annual Silent Auction fund raiser for the Comforter's will run the month of November. Quilts will be on display in the narthex. Questions? Call Annette Joens.



Nov. Services of Worship

LBW = green Lutheran Book of
Worship

WOV = blue With One Voice supplement

Sundays at 8:30am

- Nov. 2 LBW *Setting 2* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 9 WOV *Service of Word and Prayer*
- Nov. 16 LBW *Setting 2* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 23 *Bread of Life* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 30 LBW *Setting 1* with Lord's Supper

Sundays at 11:00am

- Nov. 2 *Now the Feast* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 9 *Chicago Folk* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 16 *Contemporary Service*
- Nov. 23 LBW *Setting 2* with Lord's Supper
- Nov. 30 LBW *Setting 1* with Lord's Supper

Blessing of the Animals Nov.8

A "Blessing of the Animals" community worship service to celebrate God's creation will be held at Messiah on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m.



Bring your animal companions to church for a special blessing. If your animal is large (horse) or ill, please bring a picture. For more information, please call the Church Office at 721-0041.

Congregation Meeting Nov 23

On Sunday, November 23, there will be a Congregation Meeting to adopt a 2009 budget for Messiah Lutheran Church. All Confirmed members are voting members. Everyone is welcome. Please come to celebrate God's abundant blessings and seek together the future God has

planned for us. A mailing of the proposed budget will be sent out to members prior to the meeting.

OUTREACH NEWS from Claire Strand

The collection "turkey" for the **Breaking Free Rescue Mission** will be in the Narthex during November and December for your donations. All gifts are used to purchase turkeys and hams for holiday meals served at the mission. Last year we collected enough for more than 12 turkeys! For more information, contact Joy Le.

Many area **food pantry** shelves run dry during the holiday season. Remember you may contribute to them through Messiah by placing any non-perishable items in the baskets marked "food pantry" located in the Narthex. Joy Le coordinates this mission.

Hurting? Struggling? Discouraged? Stressed? Confused? Broken? **Stephen Ministers** are ready to care. Your congregational Stephen leaders are Anita deJong, Claire Strand, and Trudy Clare. Please talk to one of them or Pastor Peterson if you need care.

Thanks to **Elaine Shriver** for the new non-fray tassels on all the green hymnals in the sanctuary.

Ring and Sing

Come out for the annual *Ring and Sing* on Sunday, December 14. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and will include music from adult, youth, and children's bell and vocal groups. In addition, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ring handchimes as Christmas carols are being sung. The concert is free. A free-will donation will benefit the Madison County library, with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a co-sponsor for the event.



On Eagle's Wings Advent Breakfast

The 11th annual On Eagle's Wings Advent Breakfast will be on Sunday morning, December 14. Please offer your continuing support for this mission that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Aboriginal people of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in Canada.



JUNIOR YOUTH (continued)

- Look for more information in the Church bulletins and on the Church bulletin boards over the next several weeks.
- Dec. 7 - Assisting with the Elfin Magic Christmas Workshop
- A Christmas Fundraiser - more information soon

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

TWEENS

- Tweens try to meet monthly. All 3rd – 5th graders are welcome. For more information, contact Debi Peterson.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- 1st year classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This class is open to all 8th graders and older.
- 2nd year classes meet on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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In Gratitude from Trudy Clare

The "Food for the Afflicted" program of Messiah Lutheran is a well managed and gratefully accepted service of the church.

I've been the recipient of good things from this group twice this year, once as I was recovering from pneumonia in the summer and now after having a knee replacement.

The meals which are so cheerfully delivered not only satisfy the body but strengthen one's spirit. Thank you for reaching out and lifting me up.

*Blessings on y'all from me and my caregiver.
Trudy Clare*

Education News

Celynn Ballard

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Sunday School is in full swing. God is painting our lives green as we grow in our faith and learn the Good News!
- Please pray for the Sunday School teachers and children of Messiah as they grow in God's word.
- Thank you to all who contributed to our offering for Birthday Kits...we assembled 21 kits in all – exceeding our goal of 10!
- Our next stewardship project will be collecting small toys, hard candy, personal items, etc. for *Operation Christmas Child*. We will collect items until Nov 16th. Additional information is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board.

Looking ahead...

- Nov. 30 - No Sunday School – Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 17 – 7p.m. WEDNESDAY Night – Children's Christmas Program
- December 21st - Birthday party for Jesus
- Dec. 28 and Jan 4 - No Sunday School - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Youth News

SENIOR YOUTH

- Senior Youth meetings are on Sunday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00 in the Youth Room.
- The Senior Youth will continue coordinating Messiah Mugs this year, so please make sure to get your coffee on Sunday mornings and support them.
- Outings will be planned once a month. Suggested activities included canoeing, bowling, camping, and climbing. All Senior youth are invited.

For more information, please contact: John Shriver or Marsha Wade

JUNIOR YOUTH

On September 21, the Jr. Youth went ice skating. A meeting was held on October 19 to discuss plans for the Halloween Party/Chili Cook-off on October 25 where the Jr. Youth will run the games. Group T-shirts have been ordered and should be in soon.

Upcoming activities include:

- Nov. 2 - Meeting after second service
- Nov. 16 - Participation in the Christmas Workshop at Grace Lutheran Church. The Youth Groups will be asking the congregation to provide filled shoeboxes to support Operation Christmas Child for this event.



Fellowship Committee News

from Linda Zutter

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who participated in the **Grand Chili Cook-off/Halloween Party**. A special thanks to the Jr. Youth for providing decorations and games.

Christmas Cookie /

Ornament Exchange - Saturday, December 13th,



2:30-4:30 p.m. at Diane Oliver's home in Madison. Come and enjoy the fellowship and if you wish to participate in *either or both* of the exchanges: bring one dozen of cookies to share and three dozen of cookies to swap; bring a wrapped ornament, \$10 limit. Sign-up at the Fellowship bulletin board or contact Diane Oliver

Wednesday Nite Café - Dinner is provided Wednesday evenings @ 5:30 during the school year. Everyone is welcome. (**No meal November 26th**, Thanksgiving week.) The cost is \$3 per person with a family cap of \$15. On a rotating team schedule, helping hands are needed for set up, meals, and clean up. Contact Café Coordinator, Marsha Wade

Ladies Bible Study - A small group Bible Study is held at Judy Johnston's home from 11a to Noon on Thursdays (*note time change*). Most lessons last one hour to 90 minutes in length. The Stonecroft Ministries study is **1 John - Christ: Our Life**. Register for the class by contacting Judy Johnston 325-2851.

Interested in helping with an upcoming event? Contact Linda Zutter

Thrivent Financial News

We are approaching the end of the year and its time for the Thrivent National Chapter elections. A voting location will be set up in the Narthex this month where Thrivent members will be able to vote for their Chapter leaders. Please stop by the voting area and fill out a ballot for this election. Also this month, Thrivent will be supporting "The Comforters" silent auction and a landscaping project around our new church sign. You can automatically become a Thrivent member by investing through Thrivent Financial or, for a small fee, purchase an associate membership. All Thrivent benefits are free to Thrivent members. For more information on becoming a Thrivent member or to learn about Thrivent benefits, please contact your Thrivent Coordinators: Debbie Neely, Jan Murphy or Beth Thompson or go to www.thrivent.com.

November 2008

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2 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship Now the Feast w/LS 12:00 Junior Youth mtg 12:15 Instrumental Ens 5:30 Cantabile Bell Choir 6:30 Senior Youth Group	3 <i>David & Katie O'Connell Sanden, Liam, Esben</i>	4 10 am Comforters <i>Diane Oliver</i>	5 5pm Year 1 Confirmation 5:30 – 6:30 Church Dinner 6:00pm Year 2 Confirmation 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir <i>Geoff & Jennifer Oltmans Drake</i>	6 8:30 a.m. Morning Study Group 11 am Bible Study at Judy Johnston's 7:00 pm Church Council Budget Meeting <i>Brian & Audrey Osterndorf Lydia, Hannah</i>	7 <i>Joe Paxton, Nathan</i>	8 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals <i>Sandy Paxton, Nathan</i>
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