

The Messenger

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MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

To help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.

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Our Values for Ministry

- 1) To lift high in prayer the name of Jesus Christ in all we say and do;*
- 2) To enable all persons to experience a worshipful relationship with Jesus Christ;*
- 3) To nurture and empower all persons to be disciples through a small group centered ministry that includes learning, service, fellowship, and spiritual growth;*
- 4) To help every Christian discover her/his spiritual gifts for ministry;*
- 5) To assist in the care of a hurting world.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 22nd – Confirmation Sunday (at 9:00)

Oct. 29th – Consecration Sunday (Offering 2019 Pledges)

9:30-11:00: Omelet Breakfast and Farewell to Karen & Ron Haines

12:30: Trunk or Treat

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, Nov. 11th – Veteran’s Day & Shepherd’s House Fundraiser begins at 12:00pm.

Sunday, Nov. 18th – Congregational Meeting Sunday

ONE SERVICE @ 10:00 am

Lunch (carry-in sides and desserts) & Meeting immediately following service

DECEMBER DATES – Looking ahead...

Sunday, Dec. 2nd – First Communion Sunday

Sunday, Dec 9th – Christmas Cantata at 9:00 am

Sunday, Dec. 16th – Children’s Christmas Program at 2:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Schedule

5:30 pm –Contemporary Family Praise Service

7:30 pm – Traditional Family Candlelight Service

11:00 pm – Candlelight and Carols Service

Sunday, Dec. 30th – New Year’s Eve Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Traditional & 11:00 am – Contemporary



South Africa

If you haven't heard, in October I will be traveling in a group study tour of South Africa as part of my participation in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program. It's difficult to believe that I am already completing the second year of this two-year program in December.

The South Africa trip is the second travel tour for WPLP. Last year our group visited Seattle, WA, where we explored how Christian leaders are creating innovative methods for faith communities to engage an ever-growing unchurched population. In South Africa, we will explore the lessons learned surrounding the injustice of apartheid as well as the ongoing disparities that still exist as a result of apartheid.

Rev. Libby Davis Manning, Associate Director of the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, wrote the following article which was printed in the Indianapolis Star on Sunday, July 29, 2018, speaking to "why take pastors to the other side of the world." It was printed in the Faith & Values column, coordinated by Rev. Nathan Day Wilson.

"Indiana pastors can learn vital lessons from South Africa's past"

A group of Indiana pastors of congregations will leave Indianapolis for South Africa in October.

This will be my fourth time visiting South Africa as associate director of the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program.

Each time I travel there, people ask: "Why take pastors to the other side of the world?" My response is that the pastors learn from the vivid experiences and discussions we have with South African church and civic leaders, and then we can see more clearly the common challenges in our own communities here in Indiana.

We learn about the injustice of racism during apartheid, for example, when we visit Nelson Mandela's jail cell and tour Robben Island. We have conversations with Mandela's former chaplain on Robben Island and hear how his Christian faith sustained Mandela during his 28 years of captivity.

We encounter economic inequality on our tour, as we see the disparity between affluent Cape Town and the surrounding townships where black South Africans were forced to live during apartheid and still live in squalor. We talk with pastors of congregations in the townships, who are trying to create a more abundant life for the people living in depressing circumstances.

I've studied all this from afar in the history books, of course, and while pursuing my degree at Davidson College.

But I also had the fortunate experience of my parents hosting Mpika Manyathi, a South African exchange student in the early 1990's.

He was with us when the end of apartheid was announced in May 1994. What a celebration we threw that night. I'll never forget it.

Mpika is a beloved member of our family, to this day.

But until the pastors stand in Mandela's 8-by-8 cell on Robben Island, until we tour the Apartheid Museum and understand the systemic ways whites killed blacks in an attempt to keep the races separate, until we see the horrific effects that linger to this day in South African communities and talk to South African pastors and civic leaders about their local work, the emotional weight and truth of these real challenges can be escaped.

Then, we will return home and the pastors will bring this lived experience and awareness back to Indiana and embody it in their leadership.

Indiana and our world need leaders with deep moral convictions. We need leaders who have a high regard for human dignity and who have an informed understanding of what happens in its absence.

That is why Indiana pastors will embark on a 12-day study tour to South Africa.

Note: The Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program is supported by Lilly Endowment and hosted at Wabash College. For more information about the program for early career pastors, go to www.wabash.edu/pastoral_leadership

I look forward not only to this experience, but also the opportunity to share this experience with our faith community at Messiah during the GIFT Hour, beginning in January 2019.

Peace,

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Change is in the air

Fall has come. The leaves of the trees have begun to change color, the days are getting cooler, and the harvest time has come. And each Sunday this month we experience something different in our worship. Here is a hint of what lies ahead.

October 7—While Pastor Tim is in South Africa (we wish you a great trip, PT!), Kelsey Matthias will bring us the morning message on the topic of Joy. Thank you, Kelsey! Nancy Hickman will be our guest pianist at 9:00.

October 14—Pastor Tim will still be gone, so we will have another guest speaker. As I write this, we are still looking for someone to speak.

October 21—The Rite of Confirmation will occur at the 9 AM service. Come and support these young disciples!

October 28—Reformation and Consecration Sunday. Two great reasons to gather! In addition, breakfast will be served in Satre Hall. Hope to see you there!

Soli Deo gloria! Glory be to God alone!

For Messiah's ministry of worship and music,

Stan Engle

Staff Updates



Well, as the saying goes, it's never easy to say good-bye. However, that is our reality as Messiah's Preschool & Childcare Director, Karen Haines, vacates her director position to relocate with husband, Ron, and son Ethan, to the Atlanta, Georgia, area.

Karen, the daughter of former Messiah Associate Pastor Rev. James Peper, has been an active leader for Messiah's community of faith. She has served as our Preschool Director for four years. In addition to reigniting our preschool ministry, Karen has taken on the task of initiating child daycare and pursuing the Indiana state standards of "Paths to Quality." However, Karen's ministry has been centered in the love she has for Christ, the kiddos she serves, and the Messiah community. Karen has inspired us by the way she has handled life's challenges and simultaneously loved others.

Of course, her husband, Ron, has also served in various capacities, from serving as President of the Church Council to cooking for various occasions. Ethan, although he's a Patriots fan ;), has participated in many of Messiah's youth ministry activities and events. All this is to say, we will miss the Haines family.

Please join us in sending Karen, Ron, and Ethan off on Sunday, October 28th, during our Omelet Extravaganza in Satre Hall Gymnasium, in-between worship services from 10:00am to 11:00am. There will also be a short sending liturgy at both services on this day.

WORSHIP

Rock n Praise

Our next Rock N' Praise is scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 5:00pm! Come and hear some inspiring music as we worship together.

October 2018 Sunday Servers

October 7

Acolytes	9:00 Arianna Smith; 11:00 Lexi Matthias
Nursery Asst.	9:00 ; 11:00
Assisting Minister	Beth Crilly
Communion Asst.	<i>NO COMMUNION</i>
Fellowship Hosts	Dan & Georgia Schmidt
Lectors	9:00 Rich Franklin; 11:00 Jeff Gernhardt
Tellers	Roger & Heidi Griebel, Vivian Lemmon
Ushers	9:00 Dave & Debbie Branfield; 11:00 Ron Haines, Shirley Strobe
Altar Flowers	Don Theurer

October 14

Acolytes	9:00 Owen Gernhardt; 11:00 Maddy Knapke
Nursery Asst.	9:00 ; 11:00
Assisting Minister	Bill Marker
Communion Asst.	<i>NO COMMUNION</i>
Fellowship Hosts	Dan & Georgia Schmidt
Lectors	9:00 Craig Hooker; 11:00 Marlie Gernhardt
Tellers	Frank & Lisa Feichter, Judy Klemm
Ushers	9:00 Dave & Debbie Branfield; 11:00 Ron Haines, Shirley Strobe
Altar Flowers	Grace Reed

October 21

Acolytes 9:00 Mason Crum; 11:00
Nursery Asst. 9:00 ; 11:00 Cheyenne Spriggs
Assisting Minister Jan Johnson
Communion Asst. 9:00 Craig Hooker, Kristy Huffine
11:00 Kathy Johnsonbaugh, Garry & Jean Pook
Fellowship Hosts Dan & Georgia Schmidt
Lectors 9:00 Jan Johnson; 11:00 Michelle Miller
Tellers Debbie Branfield, Cindy Wortman, Ann Verba
Ushers 9:00 Dave & Debbie Branfield; 11:00 Ron Haines, Shirley Strobe
Altar Flowers Laura Bradford

October 28

Acolytes 9:00 Danica Janes; 11:00 Gabby Knapke
Nursery Asst. 9:00 Kira Vorpahl; 11:00 Maddy Knapke
Assisting Minister Jan Johnson
Communion Asst. 9:00 Cory Dold, Bill Marker
11:00 Deb Bruick, Michelle Miller, Richelle Rush
Fellowship Hosts Dan & Georgia Schmidt
Lectors 9:00 Joe Kinder; 11:00 Aaron Diers
Tellers Cali Edwards, Barb Franklin, Warren Harris, Emily Keltner
Ushers 9:00 Dave & Debbie Branfield; 11:00 Ron Haines, Shirley Strobe
Altar Flowers Jo Ann Abramow

GROWTH & LEARNING

Trunk or Treating

This month the Journey will be hosting the Fall Festival Trunk or Treating on Sunday, October 28. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:30. There will be bags for treats provided that the children can decorate, along with other activities. The trunk or treating will begin around 1:00p/1:15p. There will be designated cars in the parking lot for the children to go around “trunk or treating.” In case of bad weather the events will be moved indoors. We are in need of adults and youth volunteers to sit in their cars, or parking spots, and hand out treats. We are also in need of bags of candy or other trinkets or treats for the children. Any donations can be left in the office. Come dressed up wearing your costumes and decorate your vehicle and bring a friend to have fun celebrating the fall season with Messiah! Any questions, contact Heidi Kissner.

Journey in October

Journey completed its first lesson set on Adam and Eve. In October the Journey will study Noah’s Ark and begin our study of Moses.

One of the Journey’s programs is Bible Bucks. This is an incentive program that encourages the children to earn “Bucks” and then spend them in the Bible Bucks Market. This is a great way to reward kids for completing memory work, bringing their Bibles to Sunday School, bringing in canned food items or even inviting their friends to church.

Donations are accepted for any items that are new or slightly used.

Our first Market will be Sunday, October 14, in Satre Hall. Teachers will take the kids to shop the last part of class.

EDGE Corn Maze and Fall Lockin October 5-6

On October 5 we will be meeting at Messiah at 6:00p and head up to the Waterloo Corn Maze. Afterwards we will be coming back to Messiah for our Fall Lockin! Although we usually encourage the kids to bring a friend to all youth events, we ask that for the Fall Lockin that they just bring themselves. This gives us all a chance to get to know each other.

er a little better. We will need at least one additional driver. Cost is \$7/student and includes admission to Corn Maze & Hayride, and lock-in. Please pick your children up Saturday morning at 7:00am. There is a concession area there – the kids will be responsible for their concession purchases.

Looking for a way to help with the Lock-In without staying up all night? If you would like to come in around 6 and make breakfast for the kids (we just heat up Pillsbury rolls and crescents) and clean up the kitchen afterwards we will be happy to accept your help!

An RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary, for planning, food and transportation purposes. Contact Heidi with any questions, heidijokissner@gmail.com.

CIA Lock-In and Haunted House October 19-20

We will meet at church at 8:00p and drive to the Haunted House. We will need drivers for this and brave souls to go through with the kids. Help is very much appreciated!

Cost is \$10 per student and includes Haunted House & Forest admission and Lockin. Please have the students bring a snack and any movies they may want to share. They will also need money to buy anything at the concession stands at the Haunted House.

The Gathering 2018, Lansing, MI

PULSE youth, grades 9-12, are heading to downtown Lansing, MI, December 27-30 for The Gathering, a four day youth conference at the Radisson & Lansing Center. The conference includes worship, small groups, service opportunities, speakers, live music and other experiences for youth and young adults.

Cost is \$160/person- **students/chaperones pay \$60**, Messiah covers the rest, if **RSVP by November 13**. Cost includes hotel and activities and free tshirt and transportation to and from.

Cost is \$185/person – **students/chaperones pay \$85**, Messiah covers the rest, if **RSVP after November 13** (does not include free tshirt)

Students responsible for own meals, lunch and dinner. Messiah will provide breakfast items.

Deposits due December 1.

GROWTH & LEARNING, cont.

EDGE Events

Sunday October 5-6 – Waterloo Amazing fun corn maze & Lock-In

Saturday October 14 – Youth House 12-2p \$2p per student

Sunday October 28 – Trunk or Treating, 1230-230

CIA Events

Sunday 10/7 - CIA 10-11, Youth House, \$2 per student

Friday 10/19 – CIA Lockin and Haunted House

Sunday 10/21 – CIA 10-11, Youth House, \$2 per student

Sunday 10/2 – Trunk or Treating, 1230-230

PULSE Events

Sunday October 7 – Youth House 6p-8p,- \$2

“I Can Only Imagine” part 1

Sunday October 14 – Youth House 6p-8p, \$2-

“I Can Only Imagine” conclusion & discussion

Sunday October 21 – Pumpkinpalooza, Stellhorn Pointe Apt. 500-700

Sunday October 29 – Trunk or Treat 12:30-2:30ish

PULSE will be meeting for lunch with the families in Satre Hall and heading to the parking lot to provide a trunk, or table, dress up and help hand out candy with the other ‘trunksters’ in the parking lot. This is a fun and great opportunity for the kids to hang out with some of the adults as well as the kids at Messiah.

NO YOUTH HOUSE AT 6P

Sunday Nov. 5 – Youth House 6p-8p, \$2

Confirmation Sunday

The Rite of Confirmation Sunday, where our youth affirm their baptismal promises, is scheduled for October 21st, 2018, at the 9:00am worship service. Please contact Heidi Kissner with any questions regarding the details for the day.

First Communion

*****DATE CHANGE*** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**

It is common practice within the ELCA, and other traditions, to offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to younger children according to individual church and family preferences. At Messiah, we currently offer that opportunity to families with younger children. We will offer First Communion Instruction this fall.

All New Communicants will be formally recognized on Sunday, December 2nd, at the service of the families' choice.

If you are interested in having your child/children receive communion, we are offering the following instructional classes (60mins) that you (or other adult/guardian) and your child must attend (only one of the classes):

- ◆ Saturday, October 27th, 2018, at 10:00am & 2:00pm, in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Saturday, November 3rd, 2018, at 10:00am & 2:00pm, in the Sanctuary

Please contact the church office at 260-485-8716 if you are interested in Early Communion Instruction for your child **and** state which of the above class times you will be attending. Some instruction booklets will be available as a reference for conversation with your child when you come to the class. Please feel free to contact Pr. Tim with any questions.

Forever Young – Medicare 101

On Wednesday, October 10, 1:30pm, in the Library, Messiah's Jason Miller, of Humana, will make a presentation that focuses on the A, B, C's of Medicare. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is soon to be eligible or anyone who would like a refresher.

This is also a timely event as most people will be preparing to make decisions regarding supplemental insurance beginning on Monday, October 15th.

To be clear, this is not a sales event. This is simply a time for questions and answers regarding Medicare.

This event is open to the public. Please welcome friends and neighbors that might have any interest in learning more. Coffee and desserts will be served as well.

For more information, please contact Dave Beard, at 485-8716, or at daveb@messiahlc.com.

Good News Study Group Schedule

GNSG has resumed meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the library. We have just started the book of Daniel. Please consider joining us for a deeper study into Scriptures. Below is the meeting schedule for the rest of 2018.

1. Oct 4 (no Oct 11 or 18)
2. Oct 25
3. Nov 1
4. Nov 8
5. Nov 15 (no Nov 22)
6. Nov 29
7. Dec 6

New Members @ Messiah

We highly anticipate welcoming new members into our worshipping community. At Messiah, we believe joining a worship community is a serious commitment to follow Jesus as well as to the community. If you have an interest, please keep reading below.

What does it mean to join the Messiah worshipping community?

Attend worship on a “regular” basis as a sign of faith in Jesus.

Participate in the life of our worshipping community, i.e. Bible study, small groups, family and student ministries, outreach, etc., to live out our faith in Jesus.

Incorporate the generosity of time and gifts as a practice of living faithfully in Jesus.

Participate in the pursuit of our Mission and Vision as we help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.

****** Classes will be offered on the following dates:

Sat., November 4, 10:15am & 12:15pm

Tues., November 11, 10:15am & 12:15pm

******* Member installations will take place on Sunday, November 18th, 10:00am, which is a one service Sunday with our Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch following.

Please contact the office to register or ask additional questions.

PALS (Prayerful and Loving Sisters)

PALS is an opportunity for all women to enjoy Christian fellowship. There are Bible Studies, Outreach/Service Activities, and Social Activities. Prayer cards done every month for those who are homebound or have ongoing prayer concerns.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

***Please join us for any or all of the scheduled events and don't forget to invite a friend! Spouses and other family members are welcome to attend any of our outreach/service or social activities.

Prayer Cards: Contact Lark Keltner, 438-3390 or larkdk@frontier.com to RSVP if you plan to attend or have any questions.

October 21 – PALS Meeting and Prayer Cards in Library immediately following the 11:00 AM service. Please bring a dish to share. If you are unable to attend but would like us to send a card to someone, please send his or her name and address to Sharon Stamper, sharonstampmsn.com or call 413-7220.

Service Activities: Contact Shirley Craven, 415-0429 or Shirley_craven@yahoo.com to RSVP if you would like to participate or have questions.

October 14 – Serving dinner and fellowship with PULSE Youth at 6:00 pm in the Youth House.

October 21 – Bring donations to Prayer Cards meeting for Kitchen/Cooking Gift Basket PALS is donating to the November 11th Veteran's Day Dinner in support of Shepherd's House.

Bible Study: Contact Nancy Hickman, 452-6699 or nhickman27@yahoo.com to RSVP if you plan to attend or would like details.

October 1 & 15 - Bible Study, using Max Lucado's book, "Life Lessons from Matthew", in the Community Room (Rm 204), 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please contact Nancy for details.

Social Activities: Contact Julie Braun, 749-0738 or jcbraun4911@yahoo.com to RSVP if you would like to participate or have questions.

October 28 – Ice Cream/Snacks at DeBrands! Meet in the Library immediately following the 11:00 service to carpool to DeBrands.

Preschool/Childcare News

“Tell stories around the fire, put on long sleeves, read a book under a tree, jump in leaves, wrap your hands around a hot mug, eat a caramel apple, BE OUTDOORS, feel crisp autumn breezes, roast marshmallows, carve a pumpkin, go on a hayride, hold hands and get cozy, wear a scarf, bake cookies and pies, take a drive just to look at leaves.”

If you are at all like me, you love the changing seasons, and the marvelous way that nature changes when it's time. Preschool is in full swing, and our students are enjoying all the fall crafts and activities the teachers are doing with them. Fall is such a good time to share the majesty of God's creation, and the way he created everything in nature to change. The kids are all having fun taking nature walks to discover some things they've never seen before in the outdoors. October is a busy month for the preschool and childcare, as soon we will be having fall parties, and the Pre-K classes will take their first field trip of the school year. Teachers and students are getting to know one another, and we are all learning new things.

We would love to have the members of Messiah join us for our first fundraiser of the school year. The preschool and childcare will be hosting a Spirit Night at Red Robin in Glenbrook Square (4201 Coldwater Road) on **Wednesday, October 3rd from 5 – 8 pm.** Red Robin will donate 20% of fundraising sales to Messiah's preschool and childcare program. Families planning to attend must present a flyer in order for their food bills to be included in the fundraiser. We will have flyers available in the Narthex for you to pick up and take with you. We hope to see you at Red Robin on October 3rd! Thank you, Messiah, for your support of the preschool and childcare ministry. We couldn't care for these kids without your support!

God's peace,

Karen Haines, Preschool and Childcare Director

Preschool/Childcare Needs

- 7 oz Paper Cups
- Large Paper Bowls
- Small Paper Bowls
- Small Paper Plates
- Baby Wipes

I am thankful, loving Father,

1. That I have this new day to praise your name and I pray for those who don't know you. 10¢
2. That I can pay my bills, and I pray for those who can't. 10¢
3. For your faithfulness in me. Never let me go. 15¢
4. For your love and gratefulness to be your children, through Christ. 5¢
5. For the work you have set to my hand. Help me return good fruit to you. 10¢
6. For the leaves to rake. Help me remember how they cooled the house this summer. 10¢
7. That I can worship today at Messiah and give thanks to our Lord for his many blessings. 25¢
8. For these legs. Lead them where you will. 10¢
9. For the safe shelter you provide for me, through Christ. 20¢
10. For people who gave their lives for their faith in you. 15¢
11. For Pastor Tim and the ministry he devotes to God and Messiah Church. 25¢
12. For our children; our hope for the future. 5¢
13. For the people who show me kindness today. May I also return this act. 10¢
14. For opening our hearts to hear the grace of your Word in worship today. 25¢
15. For gathering all of our prayers into the grace of Christ's love. 20¢
16. For helping us copy the good we see in you, and forgive us when we fail. 10¢
17. For forgiveness and restoration. 20¢
18. For all of my communication devices I have and I give ten cents for each one. ????
19. For the colorful beauty around me. Help me to appreciate it. 5¢
20. For our world leaders in these turbulent times of strife around the world. May you guide them to achieve peaceful solutions. 20¢
21. For our families who love and support us. 10¢
22. For helping us to remember that serving you is not a chore. 5¢
23. Help me to leave the worrying to you and to maintain trust in your will. 10¢
24. For the Bible and how you speak to me through your words. 15¢
25. For your Son and His constant presence in our lives. 5¢
26. For my health and I pray for healing for those who need your love and care. 10¢
27. For bringing us your reign of grace through Christ. 5¢
28. For this Reformation Sunday and recognition of the work of the great reformer, Martin Luther. 50¢
29. For the extra strength you give me to use in difficult times. 10¢
30. For sending the Spirit to guide us as we seek to love you and neighbors. 10¢
31. For God's knowledge and love of us despite hiding our flaws and imperfections behind masks and costumes. 25¢

Please bring offering to church last Sunday of month---October 28

CARE & NURTURE

From The Parish Nurses...

OK — Here is something we don't talk about very often, but your health could depend on it — Preparedness.

Winter weather and its' unknowns is coming as well as recent hurricanes in the news have caught some off guard or simply not ready. This article is not to make you feel bad about not having a 6 month's stock of food and water...

But... I do want you to think about being prepared and what that means for your family. All families are different and deal with unique circumstances. We prepare for many things in our lives -- vacations, moving, your students prepare for exams and sports contests.

Do you have a family member with a health condition or severe allergy? Do you have the names or prescription numbers of their medications? Your medications? Do you keep all of the medications in a central place that could be easily transported if necessary? Do you have a pet? How would you provide for your pet in an emergency? Would someone know that your pet even belonged to you? Do you have a central meeting place for your family that everyone is aware of if you cannot go into your home or must evacuate your home? Do your children know your phone numbers by heart – not relying on hitting a button on their phone – in case there is no cell service (many high school students tell me they do not know their home phone or parent's cell numbers without looking at their phones). Do they know that sometimes a text will go through when a call will not? Do they know the name of parents employers? Does everyone know where the nearest hospital is and their doctor's name? Is there an alternative way to charge cell phones if there is no electricity? What will you eat? Do you have bottled water? What if car travel is not an option -- can you get home? What if you can't leave work? Do you have some cash? Is there always at least a half tank of gas in the car? Do you have emergency arrangements for your children? Does the family have an out of town contact that everyone can call if you are separated in a disaster? Whew!!!!!!

I know that was exhausting but there is good news. There are many forms and information on the internet to help you determine what your needs are and help you make a plan for your family BEFORE an emergency happens.

Enjoy all that is fall and being with your family. Your time together is very precious.

Your Messiah Parish Nurses

CARE & NURTURE, cont.

Messiah Quilters

We will meet again on October 9, 6-9 PM in the community room at Messiah and continue to finish and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We would love to have you join us! Questions or more information, please contact jaynerreff@gmail.com or 485-4100. Many hands make light work.

Cold Kids

The days are shorter and the weather's getting cooler! Donations of knit gloves, hats, scarves, and fleece fabric (1/3 yard or more) are needed to keep our area kids warm this winter. Please place all donations in the Cold Kids box in Satre Hall. Please call Charnell Marker at 485-5627 or email bcwmarker@aol.com with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

OUTREACH & IN TOUCH

Food Bank Outreach

There is a Food Pantry basket in Satre Hall. Please contact Dave Beard if you would like to help at Maplewood Mennonite Church or the Purdue University Food Pantry. **Food items needed for October are bottled water, canned soup, canned fruit, tuna, and peanut butter.**

New Donation Center

You may have noticed the new donation center located in Satre Hall. Messiah is focused on our community and this is just one more way that we can make a difference. Bins are currently labeled for... Shepherds House, Food Pantry (these items will support PFW, Maplewood Mennonite, and Faith Lutheran Food Pantries), School Supplies, Cold Kids, Bags of Grace, and Undie Sunday! Needs lists are available on each bin; please take a list and return the items to the designated bin. These items will be distributed to the various charities throughout the year. If you have a charity you would like to be considered for the rotation, please contact Cory Dold. Thank you for your support!

Messiah Logo Items

For Sale! We have several Messiah Logo items for sale. This is a great opportunity to raise money for our roof and building fund and provide excellent exposure for Messiah in the process. See Cory Dold with questions or if you would like to purchase yours TODAY!

Justice Bread

Located in Satre Hall the third Sunday of the month, 9-11 AM or until we sell out. Proceeds from the sale of Justice Bread benefit our Cup of Kindness ministry, which assists families facing financial hardships. Come support a great cause!

Aerob-Ex Workout by Char

The following classes are being offered by Char Marker. Contact Char for more information at 485-5627 or visit www.aerob-ex.com.

- Mondays and Wednesdays—Cardio & Conditioning, 9:00-10:00 AM
- Fridays—Yoga, 9:00-10:00 AM

All above classes run 7 weeks. Contact Char for pricing information.

- Tuesdays—Senior Stretch & Balance, 10:30-11:00 AM. There is no fee for this class.
- Individual training is available. Contact Char for information.

Couples Mission Retreat

Attention all couples!!! Messiah is planning a Couples Mission Retreat for January 18th to 26th of 2020! This adventure will give couples a chance to spend time with their significant other while focusing on strengthening their relationship alongside serving our Lord through mission work. We will be travelling to Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic and staying at a luxury resort on the beach! Pastors Wade and Heather Apel will lead the marriage retreat, and we will be working with Mission TwentyFive35 (the same missionaries the youth group worked with in the summer of 2017) to coordinate our social impact projects for the trip. There are only a few spots left; \$100 deposit will reserve your space. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Cory at cory.messiah@gmail.com or (260) 485-8716 if you have any questions.

OPERATIONS

Annual Congregational Meeting, November 18, 2018

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Meeting of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, scheduled for Sunday, November 18, 2018, immediately following our one (and only) worship service at 10:00am. We will begin with a potluck lunch and then move directly into the order of business.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Annual Reports will be available by Sunday, October 14th, in the narthex. These reports will be part of a consent agenda (except for the treasurer's report, 2019 proposed budget, constitution ratification, and building project proposals) which means we will vote upon their approval as a group, unless someone requests to discuss a specific report, prior to the meeting, by Sunday, November 11th.

The agenda will include:

Consent agenda (Minutes, Staff, Leadership, and Committee Reports)

2019 Budget Approval

Election for Board of Directors

Ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws

Master Plan Proposal for Facility Updates and Improvements

ALL friends and members of Messiah are encouraged to attend this meal and meeting!

Operation 1% - Consecration Sunday, October 28th

"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given..." Matthew 25:29

On behalf of the leadership here at Messiah Lutheran Church, I would like to express a sincere appreciation for your faithfulness in giving and thank you for your generous contributions. Please know that all gifts great and small are always appreciated!

Our gifts have provided for so much already this year, and we look with great anticipation for the rest of the year. We are thrilled with the wonderful things taking place here at Messiah and are looking forward to even greater things that are being planned for the future!

Messiah has been blessed in many ways and with much excitement and anticipation, we strive to reach out to our community and share the Love of Christ with our neighbors. We are encouraged to prayerfully consider our giving. Operation 1% is an invitation to increase individual giving contributions by 1% of our total annual income.

This year's stewardship theme is "Operation 1%." Our financial support and stewardship for the 2019 budget is more than simply paying salaries and building maintenance. Our financial contributions change lives. Messiah is becoming a community lighthouse. Messiah is meeting people where they are at. Messiah is going out and making a difference. Messiah is sharing Jesus in a world that desperately desires resurrection hope in the midst of isolation, divisiveness, and fear.

Consecration Sunday is scheduled for October 28th. On this Sunday, we will consecrate all the pledges we have received to the glory of God. There will also be an Omelet Breakfast, which will include a special farewell and thank you to the Haines family.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church. And thank you for your prayerful consideration of Operation 1%.

Messenger Deadline

Articles must be emailed to editor@messiahlc.com by the 20th of the month or placed in the Editor Mailbox by the 3rd Saturday of the month for publication in the next newsletter.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Thanks to everyone who has supported me during and after my recent back surgery. Your prayers, thoughts, cards, meals and visits have been a great source of strength and comfort. God bless each of you for your deeds of love.

Pam Engle

BOOK OF LIFE

Births

- ◆ Kiyah Jane Graham, September 12, daughter of Melissa Graham
- ◆ Callen Richard Dold, September 13, son of Cory & Erica Dold
- ◆ Graham Thomas Mitchell Knight, September 24, son of Alex Knight and Sashelle Rose

Deaths

- ◆ Les Henriksen, September 6, 2018
- ◆ Roselyn "Fritzie" Westenfeld, September 17, 2018

Messiah Lutheran Church Vision Statement

Our Vision: To forever change lives through the Gospel of Jesus by becoming an equipping, empowering, and mobilizing church in our community that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through worship, communion, service, fellowship, and compassion, led by the Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Commission (Mt 28.18-20).

Our vision of 2017 includes a 3-5-year focus on...

Singles and Starters (ages 17-32)

We desire to broaden our scope of ministry to meet the practical spiritual needs of single, young adults.

Messiah Lutheran Church will commit resources to expand hospitality and engagement to single, young adults.

In the next year, we will develop a social media ministry to engage young adults in meaningful issues of faith and life. We will also create a physical space on our premises that will foster hospitable and authentic conversations.

Families with Young Children

Messiah Lutheran Church desires to partner in worship and ministry with families with young children. Through our preschool and childcare ministry (Preschool/Childcare), we can meet the needs of this group, which comprises a large portion of the community surrounding the church. It is of utmost importance to connect with these families because youth are the lifeblood and future of our church.

We will build and strengthen our relationships to families with young children through the Preschool/Childcare ministry.

In the next five years, we dream of growing church membership within the Preschool/Childcare program from 10% to 60%. Furthermore, we desire to increase attendance and inclusion of the congregation at Preschool/Childcare events and Preschool/Childcare families at congregational events.

Forever Young

Messiah Lutheran Church is called by God to reach those who are Forever Young, who are nearing retirement or are already retired, with the Good News of abundant life through Jesus Christ. The skills and experiences of these adults are a rich resource for our community.

We will offer them new opportunities for worship, for fellowship among themselves and within our congregation, seminars and personal services to maintain and improve their quality of life, and avenues for them to be of service to the community. In each of the next 5 years, we will offer 4-6 meaningful outreach activities for personal growth, fellowship, and service.

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Sunday Services
9:00 & 11:00 AM

Growing In Faith Together
10:05 AM

Nursery Provided