

October 14, 2018

Prayer verse for October: *How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

Thank you to Lucille Kraemer for hosting coffee hour this am. Be sure to join us for a **Transition Update** during our time of fellowship.

Stewardship packets are available on the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up today. Commitment Sunday is November 4th.

Please take a few minutes for **2018 Staff**

Evaluations at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MELCStaff2018>. If you prefer to submit handwritten input, forms and envelopes are available on the table by the stairs to the balcony. Please leave the envelope in the Mutual Ministry Mailbox (#45), or place it in an offering plate. Annual evaluations are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strengths of our staff members as well as to identify areas for growth. All are encouraged to participate, including our brothers and sisters who joined us from Concord. **October 21st will be the last date to accept your comments.** Thank you for your input!

Congregational Retreat Saturday October 27 – Sunday October 28 at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. The cost is \$20 per person, and scholarships are available if needed. A sign up sheet is next to the Communications board.

LCLC Retreat & Service Projects. ‘God’s Work, Our Hands’ is happening at LCLC! A variety of service projects are being offered for your participation on Saturday afternoon, October 27. (No painting this year!) When you sign-up to attend the Retreat, please also indicate which project you’d like to help with. If you’ve already signed-up, please return to the sign-up board and select your project(s). It would also be helpful if you could bring some additional tools for the outdoor projects. The projects are: Making Bracelets for Erna’s Hope, Assembling Cookie Trays for 1st Responders, Clearing Trails, Raking Leaves, and Power Washing the Entrance to the Retreat Center.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance. You may give to a specific disaster or wherever needed. Forms are on the shelf under the Communications board.

November Herald deadline is today, October 14th. Email articles to MessiahHerald@gmail.com, or place in mailbox #21

Join us this Saturday, October 20 for the 1st **Soup~er Saturday 3!** Drop in anytime between 11:30am – 1pm. If you are donating food items, please have them in the kitchen by Friday 10/19. Sign up on the table by the stairs.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00—11:30 am in the conference room. Join us as we study the Old Testament book of Genesis. We are using the text "Genesis for Everyone" by John Goldingay. This is a two volume set. Each book is \$18, or you may purchase it for your Kindle for \$6.99 through Amazon.

Spiritual Growth Group meets for prayer and Bible study, focusing on lively discussion and discovery by viewing current events through a faith lens using “The Wired Word”. We meet on the 1st and 3rd

Tuesdays of each month from 7-8:15 pm in the Conference Room. We love to welcome new participants to the conversation! Contact Julie Gerstenberger (jkgerst@yahoo.com, 281-5484) for more information or to be added to the email distribution list

Sunday Evening Bible Study Tonight, October 14 we will meet in the fellowship hall from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for Bible Study. Our text for the fall will be: Lies, Sex and Politicians: Communicating the Old Testament in Contemporary Culture.

"Each chapter concentrates on a text-based theme. This leads to discussion of the wider theme in the light of contemporary scholarship. The text is then approached from the direction of some element of contemporary culture or concern. A final suggested exercise aims to bring these elements together in a creative and interesting way." Please join us for engaging conversation and learning. Books are \$6.

Women's study and Breakfast will meet October 20th at 8:30 am in the Conference Room. They are reading and discussing the book BIBLE SISTERS, enjoying the viewpoint from well-known women and un-named women of the Bible who were part of the early church. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. You don't have to have attended previously as each time it will be a study on different women. If you do not have a book and would like one, please contact Joanne Ligtenberg at 621-3813 or jligt@frontiernet.net. This is a nice way to begin your Saturday morning, with friends, food and studying the word of the Lord

Library News MARTIN LUTHER has called printing "God's highest and extremist act of Grace". During the month of October the library display table will have a changing display of Bibles and Luther materials. Now: if someone challenged you as a Lutheran, could you explain your beliefs? Borrow from our table or from the bookcase across from the church office.

Weekly Prayer Cell: Tuesdays 9 am at SoHo Bagel in Stone Ridge Plaza. All are welcome to join us. Any questions, call Royal Stellrecht at 865-6941.

Sunday School (K-5th grade) Held during the morning service, following the children's sermon. They return to the service before communion.

Messiah's Third Quarter Financial Statements E-mail statements have been sent-others may be found on the card table by the choir loft stairs. Please help us save postage and pick yours up today. Any questions, contact Scott Bourque at sabour@rochester.rr.com or 225-0431.

Trophy donations Concord has a few trophies they would like to repurpose. If anyone knows of a place to donate trophies for reuse please contact Ellen Meyer at 227-4519 or ejm629@rochester.rr.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Joy Beyond the Bend will meet in Messiah's parking lot this Tuesday October 16th at 11:15 am, then carpool to Mangia, Mangia in Spencerport. Following lunch they will return to church for fellowship and fun. This support group is open to anyone who has lost a family member, friend, or even a beloved pet.

To RSVP, call Joyce Callen at 225-3868 by noon on Monday, October 15th.

Good Will Folks luncheon is this Thursday October 18th. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to the Genesee Brew House in downtown Rochester. For more information and to make reservations, contact Marion Renfer at 225-1530. This is a social group, open to all. Come join us and make new friends.

The Erna's Hope Beading Party will meet Friday, October 19th at 6:30 pm in the conference room. They make beaded bracelets to support women newly diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. All necessary supplies are provided. All are welcome.

Please join us for our next meeting of **Creative Hands** on Tuesday, October 23rd at 1:00 pm at the home of Susan Roth. The address is 29 Montvale Lane. (Please note corrected address from the Herald) If you like to knit or crochet or you would like to learn, please come.

YOUTH! The following LYO events are open to all –bring a friend!

- October 20 - Moonlight Corn Maze - meet at Bethlehem Plank Rd at 6:30 for fellowship then go to Long Acres (\$12 per person, cash) Families are welcome.
- November 4 at 2 PM - Winter Weekend Planning meeting at St Martins in Webster - **YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**
- January 19 at 6 PM - LCLC On the Go –LYO Games Night at Reformation
- March 1-3 -LYO Winter Weekend Retreat at Rotary Camp Sunshine in Rush

For more information contact Kristin Romell at kristinlyo@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Top's Bread Pick-up: There is a new sign-up sheet on the Communications Board. We pick up bread from Tops, Mt. Read Blvd., anytime between 7am and 9am on Sunday morning, then deliver it to Cameron Community Ministries, 48 Cameron St, on Monday morning, preferably between 9 am and 10:30 am. Later times are also acceptable. For questions, please contact John Corman at 329-9413 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com

Backpack Program This involves picking up bags at Food Link located at Mt. Read and Ridgeway, and delivering them to Holmes Road and/or Buckman Heights school. We are planning to start the year off with 15 bags at each school with the first delivery on Friday, October 19th. If you would like to volunteer to become a driver for the program, a signup sheet is on the communications board.

Transformational Ministry has set up **Volunteer Days at Food Link** for Tuesday, October 23rd, from 6-8 pm and Wednesday October 24th from 1-4 pm. Participate and learn about this massive operation. We'd like to get 10 volunteers both days. A sign-up sheet is posted on the communications board.

Winter Gear Drive Coats, hats, boots, gloves etc. for all ages are needed. Donation box is at the main entrance near the elevator.

It's 'Grocery Run' time! Saturday, Nov. 3rd. This is a 5K and 1-mile run and walk, which raises money to feed hungry people in Rochester. Please become a runner/walker or sponsor. Registrations to run or walk and donations may be done on-line at: <https://runsignup.com/groceryrun2018messiahlutheran> . Our team name is: '**Messiah Lutheran Church**'. All of the money pledged to Messiah's team, plus the registration fees for team runners/walkers, comes back to Messiah. For every \$1 we raise, we get back somewhere between \$1.50 and \$2.00. So this is a great fundraiser for Messiah's food programs like the Thanksgiving Baskets, Backpack program, Souper Saturday, Greece Food Shelf, and more! Please sign-up online and on the communications board. For Donations Thru Messiah, please identify your check or donation as 'For

Grocery Run'. More information is on the Communications Board and online at: www.groceryrun.org . For questions, contact John Corman– 329-9413 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com . The start location is East Avenue at Meigs Street and the 5k run/walk starts at 8:15am.

"Pennies from Heaven." This project benefits the group, No One Left Behind, part of our Summer Justice Series. The proceeds go to purchase cars for families resettled in our area. A jar is in the narthex to collect your pennies (or quarters, or fives or twenties.) Please consider saving your loose change and let's help a family that gave so much to help our military in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Service Ministries that Messiah supports

- ECLA Synod Mission
- ECLA World Hunger
- RIT/PCM Dinner
- RAIHN car city
- ST. Johns Transporters
- CROP walk
- Coat drive - Mary's Place, Rochester Center for Youth
- Angel Tree
- No One Left Behind
- Wegmans gift cards
- Gas cards
- LCLC service projects
- South Wedge Mission
- Thanksgiving baskets
- Greece food shelf
- Erna's Hope
- Community Lutheran Ministries
- Greece Habitat for Humanity
- House of Mercy
- Genesee Finger Lakes conference

The next Service team meeting is Oct. 16 at 4 pm. We will be discussing the 2019 Service budget. We will also be discussing how we can support Loop Ministries. They feed people in need, lunch once a month in downtown Rochester. They also run a food pantry out of Reformation Lutheran Church. Messiah has supported them in the past. Mark Sutliff has some ideas, but needs your help. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Any questions, contact Mark at 210-7846.

This week's Calendar

Sunday October 14

- 10:00 Worship w/ SS
- 11:30 Confirmation Class
- 5:00 Worship
- 6:00 Bible Study

Tuesday October 16

- 9:00 Prayer Cell
- 11:15 Joy Beyond the Bend
- 4:00 Service Team meeting
- 7:00 Spiritual Growth

Wednesday October 17

6:30 Bell Choir
7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday October 18

10:00 Bible Study
11:15 Good Will Folks

Friday October 19

6:30 Erna's Hope Beading Party

Saturday October 20

8:30 Women's Breakfast
11:30 Soup-er Saturday 3

Sunday October 21

10:00 Worship w/SS
11:30 Confirmation Class
5:00 Worship
6:00 Bible Study

Our Prayers: Lynne Hunter, Sharon Gigliotti, Eileen Trichanh, Maer Rivera, Bob Lathrop, Richard Nicholls, Bob Crudele, Cherri Crudele, Joan Cooper, Tara Pios, Ray DiJames, Pat Maibohm, Gerry Bandemer, Vanessa Solveson, Zip Kraemer, Stacy Crudele, Helen Stone, Pete Bansbach, Debbie Bartlett, Pat Corrigan, Peggy Dahlheim, Ed & Betty Graupman, Jeanne McConkey, Gigi Reichert, Gary and Becky Riscignolo, Ken Scott, Sharon Stio, Doris Flemming (aunt of Judy Merritt-Speed), Astrid Imer (Hans' cousin in Germany), Ned Robbins (Matt's father), Sammy (friend of Vicki Robinson), Lee Koeser (friend of Pam Nicholls), Nancy (Sandy Moncrief's sister), Cindy Kraemer, Meaghan Magee (friend of Joyce King), Bob Green (Sharon Gigliotti's brother), Sherry Weaver (Sandy McLellan's sister), Bill Cyphers (Pam Nicholl's brother), Kevin Knapp (Jonmichael's dad), David Howe (Tammy Ligtenberg's friend), Michael Coons, Liz (friend of Deb Solveson), Susan Sturdevant (friend of the Orlandos), Florencio Rivera (Maer's husband), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew), Harry Warner (Mary Lou Reabold's brother-in-law), Louise Taylor (friend of Vicki Robinson), Jennie Strouse (Reggie Renz's daughter), James Dahlheim (son of Peggy), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen). Prayers for those in the Armed Forces: William Lydic (Pam Nicholl's grandson), Scott Moncrief, Rick (friend of Deb Solveson). Prayers for our shut-ins and those suffering the effects of depression, anxiety & economic hardship.

Serving Next Week**Sunday (10/21) 10:00 am**

Assisting Minister: Judy Merritt-Speed Lector:
Communion Assistants: Patsy Jones, Ralph Jones, Reggie Renz
Ushers: Jim Hartmann, Tom Johnson, Sandy McLellan, Tarri Mundt
Greeters: Doug and Judy Webster
Altar Guild: Randy Bartlett

Sunday (10/21) 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Gary Makowiecki
Lector: Margaret Makowiecki
Usher: Susan Breisch

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Operation Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Is going to begin this month for the next National Youth Gathering to be held in Minneapolis in 2021.

Our congregation has invested their time, money and prayers for the past two years of Christmas Tree sales. We have had great profits made for our youth. In the month of October, the tree sale needs donations of gifts for the general store at the tree sale, marshmallows, hot chocolate, candy canes, wreaths, mittens, gloves, hats and tree stands.

A box is provided at the bottom of the stairs near the main doors. Please consider investing with your time, donations and talents. Any questions, contact Rhonda Eastland at 301-0934.

Items needed for Thanksgiving Baskets 9/30 – 11/11

5 lb. bag of potatoes

Whole berry cranberry sauce

Jellied cranberry sauce

Can French Style green beans

Can cut green beans

Can of corn

Can of peas

40oz Can of yams

Can/bag coffee

Jiffy corn muffin mix

Boxes / bags stuffing

Small box of tea bags

Place all items in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary

Turkey – See Signup sheet

Pumpkin Pies will come from Sam's Club in Buffalo

Butternut squash will come from Farmers market

