

THE HERALD

"We are a reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all people"

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PRAYER VERSE

...be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or troubled. The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAD Camp 2017

By Willie La Favor

The dates for MAD (Music-Art-Drama) camp this summer are August 14-18. The camp, approaching its 10th season, allows children who are entering first grade in the fall up to sixth graders to prepare and perform a short musical. This year's camp runs Monday through Friday in the morning from 9-12, and the not to be missed performance closes the week on Friday night. The theme for camp this year is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This timely subject will be treated in an updated format, and will be paired with unforgettable music! Please mark your calendars and invite your neighbors for our yearly fun summer event! Applications will be available at church, on our web-site, or by calling the church office.



MAD Camp does not run without our faithful volunteers. Please consider helping out in any way you can. It is a time of great fun and making new friends with the wonderful kids! We have openings for helpers in playground,

kitchen, art, music, drama, and so much more. Even if you can only help out one day we will be glad to have you! Thanks and we will see you at camp in August!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be a church in mission for Christ? For a good part of my life, mission was done by brave people who learned a new language, immersed themselves in a new culture and lived somewhere far, far away. I grew up in a Lutheran Church where the women raised money to support a missionary and every few years the missionary would stop by and tell us about life in the village/town/place where he and his family lived. I thought it was fascinating and exciting. I thought I wanted to be a missionary when I grew up.

It turns out that I became a missionary when I grew up, as did you. Mission is accomplished any place and any time the name of Christ is proclaimed and the people of God are served. Every church has the potential to be a missionary congregation.

We at Messiah and Concord are missionary churches. Every time we feed the hungry or collect goods for Maggie or money for wells or meals for Synod Assembly; every time we host a service outdoors we are enacting our mission. When we train up our children, teaching them Bible Stories or deliver meals to the sick or communion to the homebound



we are enacting mission.

But mission isn't limited to what happens with and in the church. When we hear the word of God and receive the sacrament and then are sent from our worship space, we are sent to do mission in the world. When you volunteer at your children's school, or help a neighbor with yard work or serve on a board or committee you are enacting mission. When you pray over your meals and nurture and love your family, you are enacting mission.

Mission is our call in both our corporate and daily life. Come and hear more about what it means to be a church in mission. The kick off event is June 17 at Messiah from 9-12. But every Sunday thereafter, until Labor Day, we will explore in worship different aspects of being a people in mission. Join us!

Peace

Pastor Aileen

FEATURES

Foundation for the Future

By Jeff Gerstenberger

We are very thankful to have received pledges to our Foundation for the Future capital campaign that now total \$411,900. In addition, we are in the wonderful position of having received \$160,698 toward these pledges already. And if that isn't enough good news, we have also received an additional \$12,946 from people who did not make a pledge!

We have now formed a Capital Project Team that will be soliciting bids for our capital campaign projects and overseeing the work as it is completed. The \$165,000 that we have already received has enabled us to begin the first project in the next phase of our work, which is the



installation of the air exchangers for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Our permit for this work expires soon, so having the funding for this work now is very helpful.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the campaign through gifts and prayer! We deeply value and appreciate every gift that is made to build our foundation for the future.

HUB HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2017

By Joanne Ligtenberg

- **Devotions** - Shelly Knapp - "Be Still and Know"
- **Report of the Pastor** - Pastor Aileen- It was a very busy month.
- **Partnership w/Concord** - Pastor Aileen - Lori Nickoloff is done and is available for call.
- **Financial Reports** - Tom - Our income is 3% over for the year (36.83%). The spending is right on target at 32.81%, we are looking in really good shape.
- **Foundation for the Future Update** - Tom - We now have an account value of \$160,698.
- **Policy Update Status** - We are trying to wrap up the Policy Updates as that has been a long and tedious job.
- **Other Ministry Team Reports/Discussion - Communications** - Shared a draft of the new member packet. It is designed for new members and could be updated as needed.
- We were all asked to check out the descriptions of our Ministries and give it to Dave and Cathy when we are done (by the next meeting).
- Messiah and Concord will be working on doing joint bulletin announcements.
- Julie will draft an announcement to the congregation requesting volunteers for the nominations committee.

Next HUB Meeting - June 1, 6:30-8:30pm

MINISTRIES UPDATE

Worship, Service, Education, Social
 Editors: Susan Orlando – Gene Ligtenberg

WORSHIP

By Shelly Knapp

WORSHIP VISION STATEMENT

Gathered as a community of God's children, celebrating our redemption through the cross of Christ, with hearts and minds open to hear God's word, we anticipate a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit. We know God is alive and among us, engaging us, and speaking to us whenever we lift our voices together in praise. Through our enthusiastic participation in music, liturgy, prayer, and sacraments we create a place where people are comfortable to express the full range of human emotion. We recognize that God is responding with comfort, encouragement, reassurance, forgiveness, blessing, challenge, excitement, hope, power, inspiration, and relationship - empowering us to carry the good news of the Gospel into the world.

Gathering around the table this summer . . .

"It is the mission of our churches to aid God's reconciling and restoring action in the world. This conversation on mission must involve everyone."

From The Mission Table, Renewing Congregation and Community: Table is a central image for this book. Table is about relationships and community. The tables of our lives center our trust in God who is perfect relationship."

We will start to engage the conversation around The Mission Table and deepening roots into our community at our Discipleship Workshop in June and in our worship series this summer.

Looking further ahead . . .

At the start of Advent this year we will move to the Narrative Lectionary. The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings where "the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth

and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith . . ."

Worshiping On Sunday . . .

- 9:00 am Communion Worship at Lutheran Church of Concord (485 Holmes Rd.)
- 11:00 am Family Communion Worship at Messiah with Sunday School
- 5:00 pm Communion Worship at Messiah

GREETER? USHER? ASSISTING MINISTER? LECTOR? COMMUNION ASSISTANT? SPECIAL PRAYER? ALTAR GUILD? COFFEE HOUR HOSTS? Led to serve in Worship? Let us know. Thank you!

SOCIAL

Men's Breakfast

By Gary Cantleberry

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet again in September. Watch the bulletin for the date.



Women's Study and Breakfast

By Joanne Ligtenberg

We finished our study on Self-Esteem in May and will be embarking on a new study on September 16, 2017 at 8:30 am in the



Conference Room. Our new study will be entitled BIBLE SISTERS, which will be exploring the Scriptures from the perspective of well-known biblical women like Eve and un-named women who were part of the early church. This will be a wonderful time to invite new people to this group so please come and bring a friend. It is a nice way to begin your Saturday morning with friends, food and studying the word of the Lord. As we continue our study, just remember it is never too late to in-

vite a new friend. New books are available from Joanne Ligtenberg or Pat Maibohm throughout the summer.

If you would like more information just call me at 621-3813 or email me at jlgt@frontiernet.net.

SERVICE

Financial Report

By Tom Johnson



Below is the financial report for the month of April, 2017.

General Fund - Operating Budget Financial Report			
April, 2017		2017 Year to Date	
Income	\$40,902	Income	\$116,104
Expense	\$22,914	Expense	\$97,967
Change in cash flow	\$17,988	Change in cash flow	\$18,137

Capital Campaign Foundation for the Future - April	
Campaign Goal	\$450,000
Pledged to Date	\$411,900
As Able Giving to Date	\$1,893
Total Towards Goal	\$413,793

Foundation for the Future - Financial Report			
April, 2017		2017 Year to Date	
Income	\$125,715	Income	\$160,698
Expense	\$0	Expense	\$0
Change in cash flow	\$125,715	Change in cash flow	\$160,698

Don't forget to mark Capital Campaign on your envelopes and the amount towards the campaign!

Reach Out

By Joanne Ligtenberg 621-3813

OUR VISION

We extend Christ's love by reaching out with open arms and hearts. We joyfully welcome all people into fellowship, service and Christian worship. Called to be Christ-like disciples we support each other and care for all people. Inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit, we serve all in daily life.

Ideas Outside of Messiah - We will continue our endeavors to work with Atria although that does seem to move rather slowly.

Soup-er Saturday - On the first Saturday in May we served 63 people. Our big sign was destroyed in the wind and we are now looking for a smaller sign that would be put up one week prior to Soup-er Saturday. Megan Bourque was at the luncheon with her massage table and this is a very popular activity. Thanks Megan! Once again we had new visitors and we love that. In June we will switch over to salads and sandwiches and then the Soup will return in October.

Hospitality - With our Church Service now being held at 11:00 am we really don't know how many people will want to stay for coffee and goodies. It will certainly be available but we may find that we can cut the quantity. Guess we'll just wait and see and make sure people don't go away hungry!

Any ideas just let someone on the Reach Out Team know!

Our next Reach Out Meeting will be June 9th at 11:00 am in the Conference Room. Interested? Come and join in.

JUST A THOUGHT

"We don't need more to be thankful for, we just need to be more thankful."

Our Daily Bread, 2006

Submitted by Lynne Hunter

Greece Food Shelf

By Cathy Coe

With summer coming, more children will be home for breakfast and lunch, putting an even greater strain on families in need. Your generosity during these next few months is especially appreciated.

Suggested items are:

Peanut Butter and jelly

Canned meat

Tuna fish

Cold cereal

Place all items in the blue bin at the main entrance to the right as you enter. Thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS

By Cathy Coe

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM VISION

We empower Messiah's disciples to do the work of Christ by making accurate information available to all in the church and in the larger community. We effectively explain, remind, refresh, and refocus the work of Messiah's ministries. We enable the coming-together of individuals into a cohesive community.

With our new relationship with Lutheran Church of Concord, we want to announce the activities of both churches. As we gather together in worship, fellowship, service and education, our relationship will be made stronger and new friendships will form. Please watch your bulletin, Herald and the Communications board for activities at both Messiah and Concord, and know you are welcome at both churches.

With the summer months ahead, more people will be on vacation and out of town. Keep up with the activities of Messiah even while you are away by checking our Facebook page and

signing up to be on the Weekly Announcement E-mail list. (See below for info on both.)

Our next meeting is June 6th at 6:30 pm in the Conference room. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Any questions, contact Cathy Coe either in the church office or at home (225-4183)

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Messiah on Facebook: Our page-

<https://www.facebook.com/MessiahRoc>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MessiahRoc/>

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THANK YOU

The Overmoyer family would like to thank all Lloyd's friends for sending him get well cards and visiting him as much as possible.

Special thanks to Pastor Aileen for visiting Lloyd almost weekly and giving him his last blessing in the middle of the night. Also many thanks to Gary Cantleberry and Brian Tunney for weekly visits or phone calls to keep Lloyd up to date about the church and Men's Breakfast.

Many thanks to anybody who was involved with Lloyd's Memorial Service and with the delicious lunch. Also thanks to Dr. Willie and his church choir for making the service beautiful.

May God bless all of you,
Maimu

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Plan Ahead for Messiah's Journey of Renewal!

Pastor Aileen's sabbatical starting in September will be a time of renewal for her, and for our entire congregation. The theme for this renewal time is faith as a journey, accompanied by the people whose stories intersect with ours. Please plan to participate in all the great renewal activities we have planned to support us as we walk together on our personal faith journeys, and as we walk with others in ministry.

September 3 – **Send-Off Celebrations** after morning and evening worship to wish Pastor Aileen Godspeed on her travels and kick off our congregational renewal activities.

September 9-10 – **Congregational Retreat** a Sabbath rest at Lake Chatauqua Lutheran Center. This will be time spent together in fellowship, fun, worship, service, relaxation and opportunities to know one another better. We will share the paths that have brought us to this point and the stories that have created us to be the people that God has called us to be. This retreat will be for bonding as a community & church family; remembering what it means to be part of the baptized body of Christ. Our time together will include an Affirmation of Baptism for all. This is a family friendly retreat for young and old to celebrate us as individuals, couples & families. Please plan to participate!

Service Projects - At the Congregational Retreat, participants will have the option to participate in projects benefiting LCLC, allowing us to get to know one another better. While Pastor Aileen is walking the El Camino de Santiago, the congregation will have opportunities to come together to serve the community and 'Walk the Talk'. Sign-up sheets will be posted so Messiah's and Concord's members may choose to serve where they are gifted and called.

November 7 – December 2 – **Community Prayer Walks and Drives** to support our community in prayer and discern God's call for deeper ministry in our neighborhood.

December 2 – **Return Celebration** at the Roger Robach Center at Ontario Beach Park, where we will celebrate Pastor Aileen's return and share her and our collective experiences during this journey. We will each receive a beautiful devotional written by Pastor

Aileen and illustrated by Matt.



Throughout the journey, our worship will focus on journey-themed Scripture passages (the same passages that Pastor Aileen will be re-

lecting on during her pilgrimage along the El Camino de Santiago), and every member will receive a special journal to reflect on these themes as we journey together. There will also be special service and ministry opportunities in keeping with our renewal themes.

The tremendous blessing of a Renewal Grant from the Lilly Foundation is covering expenses not only for Pastor Aileen's travel, but for our congregational expenses and renewal activities as well, so cost is not a barrier for members to participate in all activities.

Please mark your calendars and watch for more details about all these exciting renewal opportunities!