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PRAYER VERSE

Don't be misled – you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Galatians 6:7

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I'm sitting here at LCLC on a beautiful sunny afternoon, listening to the birds sing and the children talking and laughing across camp. This is one of my favorite weeks of the summer. Every day a new

group of confirmands appears for a time of learning and I never cease to be amazed at what I learn from them.

The assigned text for my group is John 10 – The Good Shepherd. Our focus as a learning group has been on the voice of the shepherd; how the voice never ceases to call our names, to rescue us from peril, to feed us and care for us. With two learning groups under my belt thus far, I've learned that it's important to trust ourselves to hear God's voice. It's important to be confident that the call to grace, mercy and love is always the voice of God.

In asking the children what voices draw them away from God, I was challenged by one young man who spoke honestly about the

dilemma that he faces in choosing between his sports teams and his church. That caused me to stop and reflect for a moment. He plays in a sports league that teaches teamwork, inclusion, doing your best for yourself and others. Those things aren't counter to what we teach – it takes teamwork to share the Gospel, Jesus calls us to inclusive community and we are called to do our best for the sake of the world. We are all part of a team in a church, a team that is tasked to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.

What if, instead of asking the families of our young children to make a hard choice between God and using their talents in the sports/clubs/activities of their choosing we encouraged them, showed up to support them, made snacks for them and celebrated with them?

As this summer winds down and our youth begin to practice for fall sports, let's advertise their games and make an effort to support them in what they do. If you are the parent or guardian of one of our young people, please let the church office know your child's sports schedule. Let's be the voice of the Good Shepherd who encourages them on in the use of their talents on the field or stage.

God is present with us in all of life, not just in the space of the sanctuary. Let's be a church out and about sharing God's love with our community!

(I do love what I learn at camp!)

Peace

Pastor Aileen



WORSHIP



By Shelly Knapp

Worship Vision:

We are a faithful and joyful community gathered to worship, grounded in prayer. As the Body of Christ, we proclaim

God's love for the world, share our faith stories, join our voices in song, and create space for all God's children to fully offer their praise to God.

EDUCATION

Adult Faith Formation

By Andy Mitchell

Summer is a great time to rest and relax. In today's world, work and activity are rewarded, while taking time to recharge can be criticized as laziness.

How important is rest?

*God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that [God] had done in creation.
(Genesis 2:3 NRSV)*

If God chose to rest after creation, then we should take time to rest, too!

Andy

The following recommendations are taken from the [ELCA Recommended Practices for Lifelong Faith Formation](#):

Guided Learning

| Young Adults |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the historical context of the Bible as the inspired word of God. Read books related to faith. Ask questions and wrestle with his/her faith/life in an open/nonjudgmental setting. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a personalized faith narrative drawn from tradition and reflection that strengthens her/his identity and quality of life. |
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| Middle-Senior Adults |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become comfortable with learning and discussing the devotional, literary, historical, and theological dimensions of a biblical passage. Seek out movies, videos, and books with religious themes and reflect on how they relate to his/her own belief system. Model openness to learning, especially during times of transition, by hearing all sides and supporting the church's mission. Show familiarity with the lectionary, creation, Exodus, the prophets, Psalms, Jesus' life, the early church, the Reformation, and salvation as a gift from God. |

Coming next issue: [Faith-Filled Service](#)

Bereavement Ministry



By Ellen Meyer

Wednesday, August 16 at 5 pm, Messiah's Bereavement Ministry will host a special worship service of remembrance for all those who mourn the loss of beloved friends and family members. This service will recognize the support that comes from our Christian brothers and sisters and the hope that God's love offers us. All are welcome.

Joy Beyond the Bend



By Joyce Callen

Joy Beyond the Bend is a group for anyone who has experienced a loss of any kind including the loss of a relationship or the loss of a pet. We will meet in the church parking lot on August 15th to carpool to lunch at The Mill House on Lake Road, Brockport. We will leave at 11:30 am. When we return to the church, our meeting consists of a meditation, check-in and then we play Crazy Rummy (a simple card game with instructions available) until 4:00 pm. Please call Joyce Callen (225-3868) or email (jckokopuff@gmailcom) with questions and to RSVP for lunch by August 12th. The quick response for reservations is appreciated. Our objective is to fill a need and foster friendships. All are welcome.

Chair Yoga and Meditation



Ripples of Wellness Chair Yoga and Meditation meets every Wednesday from 10 to 11 am. It's fun, relaxing and good for the body and mind with a little socialization included. We start with a brief chat period, followed by a prayer, the yoga chair exercises and end with a ten minute meditation session. No expensive exercise equipment is required and anything needed can be implemented by items you have around the house. Since meditation is of-

ten mentioned in the daily media, perhaps you are curious. This group is a good way to experience the relaxing effects of taking 20 minutes a day to relax your body and quiet your mind. All are welcome! The zoom link is published in the Sunday Announcements. This has been and will continue to be a fun group! Thank you, Joanne Ligtenberg. For more information contact Susan Roth (953-8095) or Joyce Callen (225-3868).

VBS at Greece Baptist



Treasure Hunters –Finding Hidden Treasures in Bible Stories. Greece Baptist Church has been offering VBS Wednesdays from 6 – 8 pm. There are still 2 weeks left - August 2, 9. Come one or both weeks—you don't need to have attended in July. This free program is open for all children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade in September. See flyer on communications board at Messiah or call Greece Baptist for more info: 225-6160. Register online at <https://forms.gle/AkPU1uByb9UctsKU7> or use one of the forms under the flyer. (Mail to Greece Baptist ahead of time if possible.

OUTREACH

Community Lutheran Ministry Inc. Summer Camp

By Mark Sutliff

Community Lutheran is offering summer camp through August 23 for kids ages 3 – 14. This is an opportunity for them to travel in and out of Monroe County to explore neighboring communities, make new friends and share the Gospel.

Maggie is looking for any donations to help with this ministry. Donations can be sent to-
Community Lutheran Ministry Inc.
942 Joseph Ave.
Rochester, NY 14621

Make check payable to:
Community Lutheran Ministry Inc.,
memo: Summer camp at 942 Joseph Ave.

Any Questions, please contact Mark Sutliff at
585-210-7846

Messiah's Food Pantry



In the month of June we served:

81 families

319 people

4,785 meals!!

Thank you to all who helped us in any way!

Donations to our Food Pantry may now be made online, as well as by mail or offering plate, using one of the following methods:

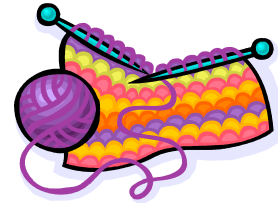
- Messiah's Food Pantry page on our website (where the link is used):
<http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net/content/food-pantry>
- PayPal donation link:
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=5CUM2F7D2LHUU



- QR code (will take people to that same PayPal link as above)

Note that PayPal can be used for any credit/debit card transactions - the donor does not need to have a PayPal account.

Creative hands



By Sharon Stio

Creative Hands meets at church the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm. We are working on making prayer shawls. Yarn and patterns will be available if you need some inspiration! So, bring your hooks and needles and come and join us on the couch and chairs opposite the Library. Any questions contact Sharon Stio at 585-723-1645 or sstio1950@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

By Jim Hartman

Stewardship Update

We are well into our **Stewardship of Talents** displays in the Church Narthex. These are displays of our Talents that we are sharing with the congregation through Visual Displays. Besides sharing your talents with the congregation, this is a great way to get to know each other in a more personal way. Many parishioners already have shared their Visual Arts and Crafts, Textiles, and Performance Art Talents. We are currently displaying the **Specialized Talents** category. Next up, starting August 6th we have **Gardening Talents**, and finally September 10th is **Culinary Arts Talents**. We want this to be inclusive for anyone who would like to share. These displays could be actual items that you have created, photos of your creations, a description of your creation or a combination. Even with the different categories, or if you missed displaying in one of the previous categories, you do not have to stay within those boundaries. Whatever you want to share with us is what we would like to see at any time.

Another aspect of our **Stewardship of Talents** continuing throughout the summer is the acknowledgement of gifts and talents that we see in others in our congregation. There are many talents shared every week by our congregation in and around our church. To acknowledge something that you see in someone at church, there are slips of paper available with the phrase "I am grateful for _____ who uses their talent of _____ for _____." In the Narthex, on the table between the stairs, there is a box for these slips of paper to be put in. These slips of paper will be in the bulletin at times as well as available next to the box in the Narthex. So, if you see something in someone around church, write it down put it in the box. We will be sharing these acknowledgments with the congregation in the coming months.

Thank you ALL for being Good Stewards



By Paul Williams

Summer is upon us, and I hope all of you had an enjoyable Independence Day holiday. We sure got some rain during that week, but our Messiah sump pumps were up to the task. With the heat that has dropped upon us, I have lowered the Sunday Sanctuary AC setting to 75°; if you think that is too cool, or still too warm, let me know.

On July 1, our Scout Troop 130 held a car wash in our parking lot. It was quite successful with the troop raising fists full of dollars. The email to the troop from Terry Hancock, the troop's unit leader, said: "As a follow up to last week-end's events, the troop made just over \$800 on the Saturday and Sunday car washes. Thank you to our chartering organization who let us use their facility for Saturday's car wash." Messiah "charters" Scout Troop 130, the charter is renewed yearly, and I am the Chartered Organization Representative. I am the main

interface with the troop, and I want you to know the troop constantly thanks Messiah (through me) for our support!

Did you notice I said Scout Troop 130, not Boy Scout Troop 130? In February 2019, girls in the United States could begin to join what used to be known as Boy Scouts. There can be boy **Scouts**, or girl **Scouts**, but there are no longer **Boy Scouts**. Boy Scouts is now known as Scouts USA. Hey, it can be confusing, but we'll figure it out!

It's amazing how a simple task you have done numerous times suddenly turns on you and you now have a scrape or cut finger with blood flowing. Do you know where Messiah's First Aid kits are? We have 3 kits which contain the basic supplies needed for treating minor injuries. The next time you are in the church and wandering around, locate these kits so when the need arises, you can quickly put your hands on one. One is in the Conference Room, in the very last cupboard. There is a First Aid cross on the cupboard door so you can quickly find it. The second one is in the main Narthex coatroom, right on the windowsill. And the third is in the Fellowship Hall, on top of the freezer that is outside the kitchen along the north kitchen wall.

Two Rochester area churches have had some people interrupt their services by walking in and start preaching/shouting right in their sanctuaries. I put a blurb in the weekly announcements about the need for a "security team". I have had 3 men reply and say they want to participate; we could use a few more men and women. I'm not talking about the need for armed congregants, or training in hand-to-hand take downs. Just some of us that know what to do and how to handle a situation that might arise. If you want to participate, drop me an email or give me a call.

OK, that's all for this month. Once again, thank you to all who help maintain our facilities. Did you know Messiah contracts with Pattonwood Cleaners to clean our building?



We have used them for several years, but nothing is inexpensive anymore. Take a look at their line item in our annual budget. To save money, we do not have Pattonwood clean the Sanctuary. We currently have two volunteers that come in Mondays and vacuum the Sanctuary carpet, clean up the pews, and spiff things up. A big thank you to **Rhonda Eastland** and **Ellen Meyer** who spend a few hours each month cleaning the Sanctuary. We could use a couple more helpers to fill out the Mondays. The vacuum does have a drive motor assist, so you don't have to push a vacuum all around the Sanctuary. It's not autonomous driving like your Tesla, but the motor helps move the vacuum forward and reverse. Want to lend a hand? Ask Rhonda and Ellen what is involved. As always, if you see something broken, or out of whack, or dirty, or have a suggestion, let me know. Paul 585-732-5127 paulmwilliams01@hotmail.com

Here's a photo of our Scouts cleaning cars



COMMUNICATIONS

Messiah Lutheran Church Online:

Keep in Touch!

Messiah's Website:

<http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net>

Messiah on Facebook: Our page-

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

We also have a group on Facebook,

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

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Or place it in *The Herald* mailbox #21

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