

# THE VOICE

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## of Messiah

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### What's New?!

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*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17*

I wish everyone could be at every new member class and every new member dinner. There is nothing like it as we gather to be blessed by new faces, new ideas, new stories and new dreams. I always share with our new members that the part of our mission that says, "Welcome everyone!" literally means that "when we welcome you, we fully welcome you, believing that you will change us, and believing that God has sent you to bring something new." I also love the new member dinners because of the singing—it used to be "Father Abraham" with Pastor Chuck. Now we have added the newer "Hippo Song" with Pastor Dirk. The motions are the best part!

This fall we begin our new schedule for worship, education and fellowship. There is a lot of information about the new schedule right here in this newsletter. This is the part of the "newness" we can put on paper, in an article. Still, I wonder, what additional newness might this cause? There is certainly the possibility of many more new members, new friends and new ministries. We believe God will do this. Yet what would all of this mean if all of us, beloved children of God, did not become new and renewed ourselves? Some of you already spend more than one hour at church on Sundays, but we are hoping that many more Messiah participants will take part

in both worship and education on Sunday mornings, and our new schedule is specifically designed to help us do this. Families with children—consider renewing your family by worshiping as a family at one of our services and then spending another hour in education (Sunday School for the kids, and teaching Sunday School or going to adult education for the grown-ups). Or, while your kids are in Sunday School, spend some time in the Gathering Place getting connected with a new ministry. And for all of us, what new ministry, new Bible study, new mission is God calling us to?

Whatever we choose, remember, God wants each and every one of our lives to be a new creation. God wants to give us new and better relationships, a new and stronger faith, new and better ways of dealing with life's difficulties, and a new and stronger love for those who need us most.

What's new? Us. And imagine Messiah filled with all of us—new and renewed children of God and followers of Christ. Thank you Lord Jesus for making all things new!

See you in church and in education and in conversations with your brothers and sisters in the Gathering Place.

Love and Blessings!  
Pastor Dawn Mass

# Messiah's New Weekend Worship

## Sunday School, Adult Education and Fellowship Schedule September 12, 2010-May 22, 2011

Saturday, 5pm—Worship

Sunday, 7:30am—Worship

Third Sundays, 8:30am-noon—The Java with Jesus  
Café is open September through May

Sunday, 9 *and* 10:30am—Worship and Sunday School

Option 1 for pre-K-grade 5

Sunday School begins in church (If your family plans to be at Messiah for just one service, please choose this option—we love having your kids in worship, and we don't want them to miss the kid's message. Kids are dismissed to Sunday School from the Sanctuary right after the kid's message.)

Option 2 for pre-K-grade 5

Sunday School begins with an opening activity in one of the preschool rooms (location TBA). If your family plans to stay for both a worship service and education on Sunday mornings, great! This is a good option for you. With this option, your kids will go directly from the opening activity to Sunday School without attending the beginning of the worship service twice. You can drop your kids off and teach Sunday School, attend adult education or simply visit with friends or have a cup of coffee in the Java Center.

9 *and* 10:30am—adult education in Luther Center

9am *only*—middle school/high School education at the Rock

10:15am—Cherub Choir rehearsal in the Enrichment Center

10:15am—Praise Singers rehearsal in Faith Hall

### FAQS

**Do I have to register my child for one Sunday School hour and stick to that?**

No. We want to make it easy for your family to attend worship and/or education at Messiah. You are welcome to switch between Sunday School hours and use the schedule in the way it works best for your family. At the same time, for staffing purposes, when you register for Sunday School, you will be asked to indicate which hour your child is most likely to attend. Also, you may find that attending the same Sunday School hour each week, with some familiar faces, is helpful to your child.

**Why options 1 and 2 for families?**

We, at Messiah, want to create lifelong worshipers. We

are hopeful that our new schedule will allow many families to attend *both* worship and education on Sunday mornings. This means many children will attend an entire worship service many weekends, thus forming a valuable lifelong pattern. On the other hand, we know that many families are only able to be at church for one hour on Sundays. For this reason, it is important to welcome those children into worship at the beginning of each service, also establishing a worshiping pattern.

**Will the rotational model of Sunday School continue?**

At this time we will use the rotational model (kids learning the same Bible story in different ways in different locations for several weeks) at both 9 and 10:30 am. However, we are discussing the possibility of using a traditional classroom model (one Bible story, same classroom, teacher and location each week) at one of these hours in the future. If you have a strong feeling concerning traditional vs. rotational models, we would love to hear from you.

**What happens if one Sunday School hour has twenty first graders and the other hour has two?**

It is difficult to predict how many kids will attend each hour at this point. However, we will watch attendance closely and will be prepared to combine age groups (for example, kindergarten and 1st grade) if needed.

**What about "Worship with Family" Sundays?**

One of the strengths of our new schedule is it provides the opportunity to worship as a family every week for those who wish to do so. For this reason, Sunday School, without "Worship with Family" breaks, will be offered every week beginning the Sunday after Labor Day through the Sunday before Memorial Day.

**Are there weeks that Sunday School is not in session during the year?**

Sunday School will be offered weekly from September 12, 2010 through May 22, 2011. Sunday School will not be in session November 28, December 26, January 2 and April 24.

**How does the new schedule affect the 5th Grade Holy Communion Class?**

Each spring Messiah 5th graders prepare to receive Holy Communion. During these months, all 5th graders will attend Sunday School at 9am and will begin in their classroom rather than in worship. A special letter explaining this will be sent to 5th grade families in early 2011.

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# Notes from the Messiah Spirituality Center

Pastor Dawn Hass, (815) 404-3431

## Fall Meditation Series



### Meditations

Both continuing and new members are invited to this fall's weekly Christian Meditation Group. Those interested are invited to offer suggestions regarding the day or evening preferred, the time, and the books to use for our reflection and discussions.

All suggestions are welcome! Please see Pastor Dawn Hass with your ideas before August 15.

## Gift of the Spirit for August

There are only two ways to live: As though *nothing* is a miracle, or as though *everything* is a miracle.

- Albert Schweitzer

As a Christian whose life has been changed by God's love in Jesus Christ, how do *you* choose to live?

May the God of Hope be with you!

I would rather live my life as if  
there is a God,  
and die to find out there isn't,  
than live my life as if there isn't,  
and die to find out there is.

## July Council Highlights

Grace Jorgensen, 526-4306

Council member Mike Anderson started the Messiah July council meeting with devotions and opening prayer. Pastor Dawn continued the meeting by reading from Philippians 3:4 as an introduction to the Loving Community discussion. Pastor Dawn and Pastor Dirk shared the Loving Community discussion.

The first part of the discussion centered on the new weekend worship, education and fellowship schedule that will begin in the fall. Council members reviewed the new schedule and discussed questions that might arise with the addition of the Sunday School option at 10:30 for both children and adults.

Pastor Dirk continued the next portion of the meeting that dealt with possible additions to the Worship and Music Ministry. Music is an important part of the worship experience for everyone. Pastor Dawn and Pastor Dirk are investigating options to include more music for the Pathways students on Wednesday nights and to possibly incorporate some new musical experiences for everyone during our regular worship services.

The next portion of the meeting revolved around the future of the youth at Messiah. With the resignation of Angela Yamashita, there are many new opportunities to be explored. Council members have agreed, based on conversations with Angela, to take time in finding the next person to serve as youth director. It has been agreed that a good option is to hire an interim youth director while a search is being conducted. Pastor Dirk will be overseeing the Pathways program. Candy Copper and Kristin Lanzerotti have agreed to help with the administrative details and immediate plans for the youth.

In the treasurer's report, Steve Snow reminded everyone even though we are currently on track for 2010, we are still trying to make up for three years of a deficit. We are still running at a cash flow negative of \$37,771.53. This is after we cut expenses by \$40,000. Steve also reported that Messiah sent checks to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and PADS from the special 50th Anniversary Fund. Ten percent of the amount collected from contributions to this fund was set aside to be divided between these two special ministries.

Mike Anderson and Jack Olson are currently looking into security options for the church. Everyone is reminded to make sure all doors are locked before leaving the church. A special thank you to Louie Sharp for rekeying the church vans after the recent break-in at the church.

Pastor Dirk reported 240 children from kindergarten through 5th grade attended Vacation Bible School and 30 students from 6th through 8th grade attended the LIGHTS program. A total of 48 students and 10 adult volunteers attended the recent mission trip to Denver, Colorado.

The next regular Messiah council meeting is August 3, 2010 at 7pm in the Martin Luther Center.

Please note: The Council Highlights are a summary of the meeting. Copies of the official minutes are available in the church office,



## Harvest of Hope – 2010



At Messiah, we are so excited about how our hands and dollars are doing God's work planting seeds and harvesting corn. Again this year, we are partnering with Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colfax, Illinois to raise funds to assist small-holder farmers and communities in the developing world.

Here's how it works:

Immanuel donates acres of corn to be sold at harvest time. Their farmers planted, fertilized and will cultivate the crop. When the crop is mature, they will harvest, transport and sell the crop.

Messiah's partnering pays for the input costs of growing the corn. The cost for an acre of corn is \$500, but your pledge can be made in any increment.

For last season's crop, Messiah contributed \$9,700. The corn that was produced sold for \$22,000— every penny of which was sent to the Foods Resource Bank Growing Project in Haiti. The Foods Resource Bank is a partner with Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service.

Through God's great work, the Haiti project is fully funded for 2010, so we will be selecting a new project for this year. There is no shortage of need in our world.

If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, please contact me or check out the website [www.foodsresourcebank.org](http://www.foodsresourcebank.org), and stop by our table in the Gathering Place between Sunday services beginning in July.

Joyce Mandel, 416-7238

## Good Samaritan Ministry

### Love INC Informational Meeting

Messiah will be holding an informational meeting on Saturday, August 14 at 9am in the Martin Luther Center. Joe Besenjak, Executive Director for Love INC Southwest, will be presenting the Love INC concept and where and how Messiah will fit in. Not only will we find out how we can be a part of this new ministry in our own neighborhood but also how Love INC can help Messiah better witness and outreach in our own community. The session will last around two hours. It will also give you the opportunity to find out about how you can plug in to the ministry. Training will take place once you are identified in the proper role. Please respond to Lana Steinecker, 323-0399.



### Baby Bottles for Tri-County Pregnancy Center

We have the opportunity to help Tri-County Pregnancy and Parenting Services again this fall by filling baby bottles with our spare change. This is such a simple thing to do, yet it can provide for the lost and lonely girls and their babies that come into the Center the resources they might not get elsewhere as well as the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them. Tri-County is a not-for-profit ministry, and they count on donations from churches, individuals and the Baby Bottle Campaign to keep their doors opened. We'll be passing out bottles on Saturday and Sunday September 11 and 12. Bottles need to be returned by Sunday September 26. They're counting on us again this year. Please help.

### Tri-County Pregnancy and Parenting Services Thrift Shops

Did you know Tri-County has two thrift shops in Lake County? One is located right here in Wauconda on Route 176, and the other is in Grayslake at 55 N. Barron Road (Route 83). Both shops take donations of material goods. If you'd like to donate items Wauconda will take donations Tuesday-Saturday, 10-4; and Grayslake will accept them Thursday-Saturday 10-4. They are also in desperate need of volunteers to help sort, price and work the store. They are very flexible and will work with your schedule. If you could spare a few hours a week or even each month, please give them a call. The Wauconda shop number is 526-0383 and Grayslake is 231-5564.

Please do not drop off donations at church. Take them directly to the thrift shop. Thanks!

Lana Steinecker, 323-0399



# Generosity Team

## Thank you!

Is it August already? Summer is going way too fast! At the halfway point of the year, financially, I have good news to report. Year-to-date, we have exceeded our receipt budget by \$4,234. We have also been able to hold our expenses under budget by \$4,263. This gives us a budget surplus of \$8,497. Way to go Messiah! You'll also notice that our cash position is negative by \$38,351. Remember that our expenses are generally flat throughout the year, but our receipts look like a "hockey stick" where a significant amount of the receipts come in during the fourth quarter. We adjust the budget accordingly, thus the good news that we are ahead of our budget.

Remember, stewardship of God's resources is more than just offering your treasures. God challenges us to make a difference. Romans 12:13 — *Share with*



*God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* Contributing your time and talents is just as important as your treasures. Our ministries at Messiah would not happen without our volunteers. Please contact the church office for volunteer opportunities at 726-7161.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [generosity@messiah-wauconda.org](mailto:generosity@messiah-wauconda.org) or at 719-2865.

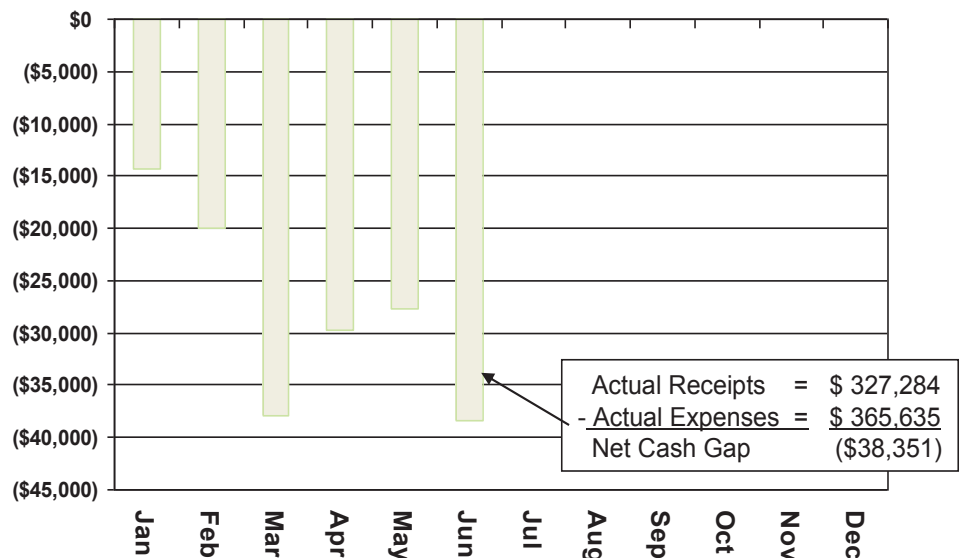
God Bless,  
Dave Jarcik  
Generosity Ministry Director (on behalf of Messiah's Generosity Team)

## Messiah's 2010 Year-to-Date Financials

### June YTD vs. Budget

Receipts	
- 2010 Budget	\$323,050
- Actual	\$327,284
Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$4,234
Expenses	
- 2010 Budget	\$369,898
- Actual	\$365,635
(Better)/Worse than Budget	(\$4,263)
Better than Budget	\$8,497

### Actual YTD Net Cash Position



### Should my middle school child be in church or Sunday School?

If your family will be at church only one hour on Sunday, please have your child attend the worship service. This will help your child to meet his or her Pathway worship requirement, as well as establish a pattern of worship. Also remember, your child is receiving Christian education at Pathway. However, if your family will be at church during two Sunday services, middle school Sunday School will be offered at 9am, and we will work to have Pathway youth involved in worship at the 10:30am service. Being here for two services is always of the greatest benefit to your child!

## Outreach Weekend August 28 and 29

The emphasis on August 28 and 29, 2010 will be outreach—inviting and welcoming newcomers! Come worship with our VBS band and learn more about getting involved in our welcoming ministries. The message on this day will be a video provided by Alpha.

Outreach training will be held at 11:45 on August 29 for greeters, Welcome Center volunteers, follow-up callers, and neighborhood canvassers. Clipboards will be available in worship during August for those of you who would like to sign up for the training.

Pastor Dawn Mass, 527-7161

### What adult education opportunities are available?

In addition to your opportunity to teach or help with Sunday School, you may be interested in attending adult education while your child attends Sunday School. Class topics include everything from the day's scripture readings, to spirituality to current events. See the adult education yearly calendar for class offerings.

Pastor Dawn Mass, 527-716



Photo from Denver trip

## Refugee Family Arrives

A tremendous thank you to all Messiah members who contributed so generously to support our refugee family. Messiah Lutheran Church was finally able to welcome the Abnabhan family to America in July. The family was able to escape the terror of the Middle East to safety in America. Because of your generous gifts of household items, the Abnabhans were immediately able to move into a bright, beautiful and lovingly furnished apartment in Rogers Park.

Thank you all for being Jesus' loving hands as we carry out His and our mission of sharing His love. You truly are God's little gospel lights—let yourselves shine!

Debbie Takazawa, 382-2302

## Alpha at Messiah

On June 22-23, Andi Kristo, Sally Lubeno and Ed Kulowitch attended the 2010 Alpha Americas Conference at Calvary Church in Naperville. They attended a variety of workshops and heard several speakers share information on ways to better plan and facilitate an Alpha course. Of course the highlight of the two days was listening to Nicky Gumbel. He is responsible for bringing the Alpha program worldwide. Messiah will host an Alpha course beginning with an introductory dinner on September 14 at the Wauconda Bowl. This course is designed for non-believers, those seeking information about Jesus and all who are questioning their faith or want to refresh their faith. Please keep this date in mind and pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in attending.

Andi Kristo, 949-606-5051

# Christian Education

Danielle Boreczky, 307-5938 and Sheree Stark, 963-1504, Co-directors

We are well on our way to planning a great Sunday School year for the children of Messiah! We have important information to share with you about this year's Sunday School program and would like to invite all parents, current Sunday School teachers, and those interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School to a meeting on Saturday, August 28, at 3pm in the Martin Luther Center. Come get your questions answered, find out all of the information about the 9am and 10:30am Sunday School times, learn about the curriculum for this year, register your children, learn how easy it is to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher and more! Childcare will be provided. Yummy snacks and refreshments, too!

Our hope is to provide the best Sunday School program we can for the children of Messiah, and we know we cannot do that without the help of many dedicated parents and volunteers. Volunteer for Sunday School and come learn along with your child. With the addition of the 10:30am Sunday School time, we will need more Sunday School teachers and shepherds to share God's word with our children. With our rotational curriculum, the volunteer commitment for teachers can be as short as six weeks (1 rotation). We will have five total rotations from September 12-May 22 so teachers can choose to volunteer for one to all five rotations. Shepherds lead one age group all year, but this role can be shared between volunteers to make the com-

mitment shorter. Teachers are given all of the lessons and preparation needed to teach a center (art, games, cooking, science and Bible story) and shepherds will lead their age group to the centers and help them learn and grow in their love for our Lord.

## Important Sunday School program dates for August and September:

### Focus on Sunday School at worship services:

July 31, August 1, August 14 and August 15.

### Sunday School Registration:

Mid August through September 8. Check your mail or e-mail, *The Voice* and Sunday School table in the Gathering Place for registration forms in August. Deadline to register for Sunday School is September 8.

### Sunday School parent and teacher/volunteer meeting:

Saturday, August 28, 3pm, Martin Luther Center

### Sunday School Rally Day and first day of Sunday School:

September 12, 9am and 10:30am

### Acolyte Training for 4th and 5th graders:

September 18 at 3pm in Sanctuary

Please call the Christian Education office at 526-7161 or e-mail the Christian Education directors, Danielle Boreczky and Sheree Stark with any questions or to volunteer: [danielle.b@messiah-wauconda.org](mailto:danielle.b@messiah-wauconda.org) or [sheree.stark@messiah-wauconda.org](mailto:sheree.stark@messiah-wauconda.org)

## Boy Scout Troop 90

Troop 90 travelled one thousand miles to get to the Bissett, Canada, High Adventure Canoe Base in late June. The scouts completed 85 miles of canoeing in just six days. It was so remote that a float plane was used to travel to the base. A mother moose and her baby were seen swimming in the lake. Fishing was awesome; freeze dried dinners not so much. The beauty of the wilderness was breathtaking and the need to depend only on yourself, your crew, and mother nature was quite a change of pace for these 15-17 year old boy scouts.

Steven Schumacher (a member of Messiah) has finished his Eagle project which was painting the Rock House Basement and assembling storage shelves. Thank you Steven for serving your church by coordinating this project here at Messiah. Thank you to all the Troop 90 members who came out to work on the project.

The Troop will not have weekly meetings until September 9. We have a website for more information: [www.waucondatrouop90.com](http://www.waucondatrouop90.com)

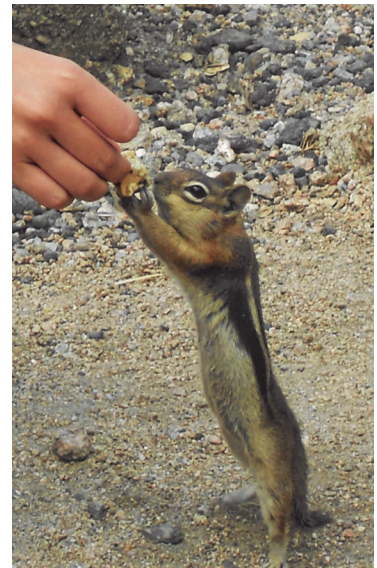
Vinnie Jordan, 526-3316



Bissett, Canada, High Adventure Canoe Base



## Youth Mission Trip to Denver







## Manna Cards

Back to school Manna card? It doesn't seem possible, but it's true. August is time for back-to-school sales. Make plans now to take advantage of the State of Illinois no state tax (5%) for ten days from August 6 to August 15. The sales tax holiday applies to school supplies and clothing items that are less than \$100. Computers, art supplies and textbooks will still be taxed as normal. Any local sales tax will still be in effect. When you use a Manna card for the school supplies, Messiah will also benefit. Pick up an extra Jewel, Dominicks, K-mart, Meijers, Walmart, CVS Pharmacy or Walgreen's card for those school supplies.

Planning a road trip? Don't forget to order a manna gas card. Arco, AutoZone, BP, Chevron, Delta Sonic car wash, Exxon, Jiffy Lube, Marathon, Meijer, Shell, Speedway and Walmart.

You can also order Travel Scrip—good for American Airlines, Choice Hotels, Disneyland and DisneyWorld Resorts, Disney Cruise, Fairmont Hotels and Resorts, Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, Marcus Hotels and Resorts, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, Mt. Olympus/Treasure Island (Wisconsin Dells) and Omni Hotels and Resorts.

Sally Lubeno, 526-9308

## Messiah's Logo

Shopping for vacation clothes or back-to-school clothes? Keep Gold Medal Ideas (GMI) in mind!

The same items available with the Messiah logo can be embroidered instead with your name, monogram, club—or even left plain. Choose from polo shirts, T-shirts, denims, jackets, caps; a wide range of styles, sizes, and colors is available.

And, as with the Messiah logo items, if you order your clothing through Messiah's link to GMI, Messiah receives a 10-percent rebate in cash.

Shop online as you would any quality store. Items are shipped directly to you.

Visit [www.messiah-wauconda.org](http://www.messiah-wauconda.org)>Resources. Click on the link in the second paragraph.

Julie Kendrick, 526-8467



*For the word of God is living  
and active. Hebrews 4:122*

We will soon be concluding a busy and active summer camp program. I would like to offer thanks to our dedicated camp counselors that kept our campers involved in various activities during our 11-week program. Because of these counselors, we were able to offer such a great camp experience for everyone who attended. We hope that our campers had a great time, were encouraged by the many heroes they studied and developed a closer relationship with our living and active God.

Thank you, Ellen Carlson, camp coordinator, for your leadership, planning and curriculum program development of our summer camp program, and Jessica Carpenter for your field trip planning and follow up on the many camp details. We appreciate and say thank you to our dedicated camp counselors, Jessica Carpenter, Michele Fillipp, Tina Krajec, Norma Scheck and Bob Ornig for cheerfully transporting us in the Messiah bus on our trips this summer. To our precious campers and their families—we thank you for being part of our summer program. We look forward to seeing you again next summer!

Our before and after school program will start up again August 16. We look forward to the opportunity to serve your preschool and school-aged children during the 2010-11 school year. Visit our website at [www.messiah-wauconda.org](http://www.messiah-wauconda.org) for enrollment applications or contact us at 526-7112.

Blessings,  
Eileen Miller, Director



Campers having fun at Kohl Children's Museum

## Messiah Preschool News

I hope everyone has been enjoying the hot summer days. Before we know it, summer will be winding down and preschool will begin a new year. The staff has been busy working throughout the summer to prepare wonderful new activities for the children. New programs are in place, new technology ready to go, and lots of fun awaits. We are all looking forward to having our quiet halls filled with young voices and enthusiasm again.

Families will be receiving letters inviting them to attend our preschool open house on Saturday, August 28. This is a time for families to bring their children to visit the classrooms and meet their teachers before beginning classes. In addition, we have a special evening planned for parents on August 31. At our parent night, parents have the opportunity to learn more about classroom routines and get an orientation to the preschool and our policies.

We have just a few openings left for this school year, so tell your family and friends to join us soon for a tour and introduction to the wonderful learning experience at Messiah's preschool! Contact us at [luhl@messiahlutheranpreschool.org](mailto:luhl@messiahlutheranpreschool.org) or 526-7479.

Blessings,  
Lynda Janezic, Director

## Spirit Dancers

Spirit Dancers (ages 11 and up) will begin meeting again starting Monday, August 30 at 5pm in the Sanctuary.

Little Spirit Dancers (ages 5 to 10) will meet beginning Monday, September 13 at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Our instructors, Rachel Dadian and Kasey Voeller, are ready to rock as we bring dance into the worship experience.

If you have any questions, please call.

If you are an adult and would like to help out with this ministry, please call Karen Holmes, 707-0089.





**Come One, Come All!**



## **The Messiah Adult Choir** is inviting you to be part of the new singing season!

Our first choir rehearsal is on Thursday, August 26 at 7:30pm. We will meet in the Martin Luther Center. The rehearsal ends at 8:35pm. Our first time singing at a service will be at our September 12 revival service. Come and sing with us, meet new friends and join in Christian fellowship.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Pam Dadian, 815-385-7217

## **Organizing Messiah's Gathering Place**

Two months ago it was decided to eliminate the cluttered look that our Gathering Place had become. We built oak doors to hide the tables and chairs from view; we added two closets for our youth program and added beautiful cabinets to this area for our Manna cards effort and our clipboard sign-up program at that time. We built four bins for donations that are related to our Giving for Soldiers, PADS and the Food Pantry. These bins are out of the way, in the hallway near the church office. The various ministries were consulted and gave their approval to this move. It was decided that the thrift store donations should be taken directly to the store on Route 176. Signs were put up on the wall directing everyone to this new area. We ask everyone to support this decision so that our Gathering Place will look neat and uncluttered to visitors and potential new members as well as our own current members. Many people have commented about how nice this area now looks. We thank everyone for their effort to support this. It seems to be working because these bins are constantly full!

Jack Olson, 514-8448



### **Sam**

Hi Folks,

It's Sam the church mouse here with the news.

At the Wauconda High School, graduating seniors with a grade point average of 4.0 or better for the first seven semesters of high school earn the designation of "Distinguished Honor Student." This year, Christina Durante was one of those graduating seniors. Congratulations, Christina!

The fall 2009 inductees into the National Honor Society at Wauconda High School included: Shannon Gilbert, Emily Hummel, Joseph Lanzerotti and John Verdico. The spring 2010 inductees included Peter Kootstra. Great job all!

That's all for now. Keep those notes and e-mails coming.

Until next time ... **Sam**

## **Adult Forum**

**Adult Forum Summer Reading**

### ***The Changing Face of God***

Frederick W. Schmidt, Editor—Morehouse Publishing

#### **Does the face of God change?**

How do our individual perceptions change during our own lifetimes?

What is the face of God to which other cultures respond?

How might cultural and national identity, race, socioeconomic status, education, life conditions, gender or age construct and filter our view of God—and our understanding of truth?

What difference would it make to say that God has only one face?

Enjoy this short (less than 100 pages) but powerful book in which five presenters discuss various faces of God.

Join us in September as Pam Roncal leads us in a six-week discussion of *The Changing Face of God* in order to ponder and discuss how and why our views of God make a difference.

Books can be purchased online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or Borders.

## Birthdays in August

Armagost, Leanne	1	Markko, Rebecca	7	Brandau, Damon	15	Dunbar, Grace	22
Boe, Dan	1	Mathiesen, Evan	7	Kirchwehm, Matthew	15	Klesch, Easton	22
Krieter, Nathan	1	Prokup, Brenna	7	Lanzerotti, Kristen	15	Stanger, Michele	22
Kupsky, Dee	1	Stapleton, Maxwell	7	Louis, Bethany	15	Blair, John	23
Quigley, Cindy	1	Benz, Laura	8	Peldiak, Steve	15	Hales, C. Wade	23
DuBois, Susan	2	Goronson, Audri	8	Foster, Maiya	16	Horn, Ryan	23
Durante, Kris	2	Maki, Jim	8	Gale, Lynn	16	Nelson, Randon	23
Grzeca, Tina	2	Mazzetti, Mario	8	Harren, Peter	16	Stanger, Grant	23
Harling, Katherine	2	Redmann, Paul II	8	Hoskins, Andrew	16	Zacccone, Danielle	23
Schnack, Jennifer	2	Roman, Matthew	8	Nordmark, Christine	16	Kirchwehm, Mark	24
Smetters, Wendy	2	Born, Katie	9	Wirth, Ella	16	Kroes, Brian	24
Tunberg, Megan	2	Clark, Michaela	9	Ziolkowski, Jake	16	LaJoy, Sequoya	24
Zietlow, Judie	2	Grau, Kirsten	9	Hill, Jason	17	Louis, Kaelyn	24
Dunbar, Michele	3	Milner, Matthew	9	Houston, Carrie	17	McKeon, Haley	24
Hansen, Thomas	3	Schumacher, James	9	Rabe, Philip	17	Rogers, Lenore	24
Irabagon, Jennifer	3	Schumacher, Steven	9	Robledo, Kyle	17	Vogeler, Lynn	24
Miller, Joanne	3	Anderson, Todd	10	Austera, Bob	18	Durante, Bob	25
Rudd, Will	3	Carpenter, Lydia	10	Civik, Kathleen	18	Duym, Devon	25
Tinkoff, Danielle	3	Dettman, Steven	10	Kersten, Joanna	18	Mathis, Darrell Jr.	25
Berner, Gloria	4	Bartnicki, Ellen	11	Nichols, Laura	18	Schwarz, Tina	25
Hluchy, Kimberly	4	Blasius, Brian	11	West, Bradley	18	Clippard, Cindy	26
Olson, Sandy	4	Butler, Patrick	11	Leopardo, A. J.	19	Lulis, Kelly	26
Rogers, Brianna	4	Carlson, Scott	11	Mattson, Tyler	19	Tinkoff, Karen	26
Rusin, Alex	4	Miller, Lindsay	11	Meeke, Aaron	19	Greffin, Kole	27
Wroble, Mike	4	Scheck, Norma	11	Rogers, Lynne	19	White 111, George	27
Grunloh, Jill	5	Amrich, Michael	12	Taylor, Birgit	19	Barth, Cara	28
Johnson, Tyler	5	McNulty, Rob	12	Frazier, Aleda	20	Dopita, Nancy	28
Kasula, Ahren	5	Redmann, Paul	12	Harding, Michael	20	Doucet, Gail	28
Kreckman, Nathaniel	5	Bartus, Christopher	13	Kabrin, Jennifer	20	Duym, Raegan	28
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Matasek, Dana	5	Gifford, Gracey	13	Chmiel, Samantha	21	Goff, Haley	28
Mazzetti, Cindy	5	Kersten, Sue	13	Derr, Meredith	21	Stolt, Tom	28
Postl, Dana	5	Milner, Grant	13	Dianis, Matt	21	Coslet, James	29
Rohlwing, Hannah	5	Moorhead, Jeff	13	Dreiling, Leslie	21	Dettmann, Michael	29
Tucker, Jason	5	Niehengen, Cody	13	Heinz, Halle	21	Hluchy, Haley	29
Winkler, Duke	5	Polhemus, Amy	13	Irlbeck, Dylan	21	Thompson, George	29
Wisniewski, Jake	5	Teuber, Jessica	13	Moyer, Sue	21	Thompson, Hunter	29
Givens, Lauren	6	Chaffee, Barb	14	Pearl, Eddie	21	Goff, Bill	30
Kersten, Jennifer	6	Drobnik, Dylan	14	Pease, Austin	21	Harris, Cheryl	31
Krieter, Jodi	6	Murvine, Alexander	14	Petralia, Joseph	21	Boyko, Keanna	31
Mazzocchi, Paul	6	Olson, Tyler	14	Winkler, Gavin	21	Schildkraut, Rachel	31
Salte, Charlene	6	Sabel, Ryan	14	Becker, Jennifer	22	Thompson, JoAnne	31
Bergstrom, Kyle	7	Thompson, Dakota	14	Christensen, Kari	22		
Kashnier, Ken	7	Brandau, Alexander	15	Conway, Mark	22		



Deborah Circle enjoyed their annual luncheon on July 14, 2010.



## Stepping Stone Quilts

Another group of high school seniors will have their quilts blessed this summer. Sam Elizondo, Angela Jorgensen and Christopher Ulrich will have their quilts blessed on Sunday, August 8, 2010 at the 9am service.



These seniors had their quilts blessed on June 6, 2010.

## SWIM

The Single Women in Ministry (SWIM) gathered at the home of Julie Kendrick for their annual "SWIM Swim" picnic on July 11. Food, laughter, paddle-boating, and even one swimmer (Marge Mittage) filled the afternoon with fun.

Julie Kendrick, 526-8467



Group photo (left to right): Marcia McWilliams, Mary Miller, Naomi Haremza, Joan Hill, Lois Winters, Julie Kendrick, Ellen Denée, Sally Lubeno, Linda Leonard, Sue Shepherd, Andi Kristo, Ruth Franz, Carol Ribar, and Marge Mittage.

## Thank You

*to the following for your Special Gifts!*

*In Memory of  
Lucille Soderman*

Grace Jorgensen

## Lost and Found

Our church Lost and Found is located near the mailboxes, outside of Van Buskirk Meeting Room. Glasses, books, back packs and good clothing items turn up regularly. If you are missing something, check out this area. We can only keep these items for so long and then they become donations to a worthy program.

## Your Dishes

Many dishes, pots, pans, etc. are being forgotten at church after they were brought for various functions. Please remember to always take your items home with you. Please check to see if you have left something behind at the Java Center.





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## Messiah's Family

### In Our Prayers ...

Jules Becker  
Zach Carlson & family  
Penny Claiborne  
Joe Cook  
Ester Dennis  
Sue Kasula  
Dolores Mullaney  
Jeannine Nelson



Prayers

### Birth Announcements ...

to Ed and Jessica Weaver, a daughter,  
McKenna Rees

### Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism We Welcome ...

Zachary Bao Oerter on June 27

### Wedding Congratulations to ...

Birgit Nordmark and Joseph Taylor who were  
married at Messiah on June 26

### We Extend Our Condolences to ...

Helen Knapp at the death of her granddaughter, Madison Knapp  
Matt, Rachel and Karl Moser at the death of their great-grandmother, Hazel Freudenburg  
Brian and Kristin Costello and family at the death of Brian's brother, Timothy

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