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Rise Up TOGETHER!

Every year before our mission trip or youth gathering, I say the same thing. "Thank you Messiah. We would not have been able to go on this trip without you." It takes all of us working together to give our kids this meaningful experience.



At this year's ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit our youth group had a whole new experience of working together. On Friday of our trip, we boarded our bus for "Proclaim Justice" day - a dedicated day of service. Soon four busloads of kids arrived at Stoepel Park in Northwest Detroit. We had no idea what we would be doing there, and soon learned we would be doing an "art installation". I was skeptical, wondering what sort of creative project could involve 150 teenagers working together for five to six hours. Staff of Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC) met us and I began to understand. This community organization, along with the Grandmont Little League was spearheading efforts to renovate the park with city and local governments, and one of the most creative and exciting elements of this renovation project was the installation of eight mosaic art works under the direction of renowned Detroit artist Hubert Massey. When we arrived, one



mosaic was complete and seven had been started. Our project was to continue installing the mosaics, with baseball dugouts as our canvass. We were split into seven groups and for over five hours we worked as artists, affixing various colors and shapes of ceramic tile to the concrete surface with mortar. We were given an outline and basic color scheme (blue for the sky, green for the grass), but we created the patterns and spacing. Later I read on the GRDC website about what we were going to do. "The mosaic designs will grow out of collaboration between the artist and the community and will be installed by volunteers over a three-day

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marathon session in late July." The three-day marathon session referred to the three days of our denomination's youth gathering! ELCA youth started on Thursday, July 16, 450 kids (150 kids each day) helped for 15 hours (5 hours for 3 days), and the project was completed on Saturday, July 18, the final full day of the gathering. Now that is working together!

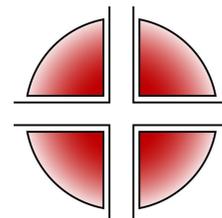
I feel so blessed to have been a part of this project, and hope to return to see it someday. We were further blessed by both the artist, who came and admired our work, and community members who told us how beautiful it was and how much it would mean to the 600-member little league. One little girl, named Promise, who lived across the street from the park, helped some of our youth with their section of the installation.

Throughout the gathering we heard of other big projects that need collaborative attention: the growing disparity between rich and poor, childhood poverty, a struggling immigration system, racism, the decline in attendance in mainline churches, misunderstanding of mental health issues and addiction, and others. Yet the gathering's theme, "Rise Up Together" presents "together" as the most important word. The big, worthy and life-giving projects before us are many, but we are the body of Christ, and as the ELCA alone we have over three and a half million members in our body.

I look forward to Messiah's participation in the big projects we will be called to as the whole people of God.

Love and Blessings!

Pastor Dawn



Welcome

"Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of Christians seeking to welcome and connect everyone, make disciples of everyone, and share Jesus' love everywhere.

You're welcome here if you're single, married, widowed or divorced; gay or straight; male or female.

You are welcome here if you have more bills than you can handle, and welcome if you have more money than you know what to do with. You're welcome here wherever you went to school, whatever you learned (or didn't learn), whatever language you speak, wherever you're from, and however you get around.

You're welcome here if you grew up Lutheran or if you don't know what a Lutheran is. People who have mixed feelings about religion are very welcome here, as are people who have no idea why anyone would go to church, who are here to make their relatives happy, or who turned onto the wrong "Old Rand Road" from Highway 12. You're welcome here if you never touch a drop, if you're in recovery, or if you're not quite there yet. You're welcome if you can't stand your parents or if you text them five times every day, and you're especially welcome if you do both. You're welcome here if you're angry, cheerful, confused, doubting, hurt, happy, listless, lost, wistful, yearning; right-wing, left-wing, or not into politics. You're welcome here if all you really need is to be around people. You're welcome here even if you root for the wrong sports team, are in the wrong mood, or you just want to sing.

You are welcome here because God welcomes you."

Youth News

"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them...

—Mark 2:11-12

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350



PATHWAY is gearing up to begin! We are currently making the calendar and setting all of the fun-filled dates for the kids. We will be starting up again in early September. Keep your eyes open for dates!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP is also planning their calendar! It will be packed with fun and Bible studies! Keep your eyes peeled for more information at a later date.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING has just returned from Detroit and have so many stories to share. While in Detroit, we were able to grow in faith with one another as well as with 30,000 other Lutherans from around the WORLD! On our service day, we were able to help create mosaic art pieces on the back of 6 baseball dugouts. The artist that created the images was also there! We were also able to attend a Bible study and worship with our Metropolitan Chicago Synod! And Bishop Wayne Miller was the presiding pastor! We learned about all of the volunteer opportunities that the ELCA offers to our students, as well as ways that we can help those in need. One of our shining moments though was wearing our Blackhawk Stanley Cup t-shirts in front of Joe Louis Arena (where the Detroit Redwings play)! Thank you again to everyone that helped donate towards our trip, thought of us throughout the week, and prayed for us and safe travels! Please find a student at worship and ask them all about their trip! We are so excited for next summer's mission trip!



Good Samaritan

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

—1 John 3:18

Jo Ann Isleb, (847)540-0835

Collection for Sagrado Corazon

We are currently in the middle of our project to collect children's clothing and school supplies for the children of Sagrado Corazon, our sister church in Waukegan. We will be delivering the items that we have collected during the first week in August. Thank you for your participation.

Upcoming Events

Two of our biggest projects will be coming up this fall. In October we will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be filled with school supplies, toiletries and small toys. Please keep this in mind when you are shopping during the next couple of months. Look for sales!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in November. We will be distributing names on November 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd. The gifts will be due on November 29. This year our tree will have ornaments to buy items for PADS. The support of the congregation is what makes this project and all of our projects successful.

Outdoor Beautification Committee

Vinnie Jordan (847) 526-3316

Thanks to all who have purchased a puppet ornament for the Christmas in July fundraiser. We will use the funds to hire a professional landscape architect to provide a plan to guide us in further beautifying the courtyard.

As you can see by the picture, our first step in repurposing the old bell tower base has been completed. We purchased a 340 pound planter, placed it on the cement base and filled it with flowers. Thanks to Karl Moser, Alan (Karl's friend) and Dave Seidenzahl for supplying the muscle to put the planter in place. The bench and bricks have an installation date around August 1, so the area will be completed shortly. Stop by and look for your brick or bricks or take a break and enjoy the bench.

Thanks again to those who have purchased a brick for this initial installation. If you missed out on the first sale, or if you have thought of another reason to have an engraved brick, it's not too late. The brick sale is an on-going fundraiser for the Outdoor Beautification Committee. To buy an engraved brick for later installation, please check the Messiah website under Donate to Messiah or contact Vinnie Jordan.



Special Thanks (Let's Be Perfectly Clear!)

Did you notice our new video screens in the Sanctuary? Aren't they great? It may have looked like we had two fuzzy—actually one fuzzy and one non-functioning!—screens one Sunday, then two vibrant, bright and totally clear screens the next Sunday, like magic!

But it wasn't nearly that easy!

Like any big change, and especially technical ones, it took a great deal of investigation and planning. And many people were involved in all the steps along the way.

First, our technical team investigated the various options, including multiple clustered screens, multiple projectors, and various sizes of single LED screens, and the cost, maintenance and efficiency of each. They then presented the three best options to the Church Council and then to the Worship, Music and Fine Arts Team, and, happily(!), we all chose the same one. Then our maintenance and construction team had to figure out a way to mount the new screens safely. A big "Thank you!" to everyone involved!

And actually, even before the investigation began, a group of (mostly anonymous!) donors stepped up to take care of the cost of the new monitors. Another big "Thank you!!" to all of you!

And then Abt Appliances gave us a great price on the screens we selected—another big "Thank you!" to them, too.

And finally, to the team of stalwart men who got up on the ladders, etc., to install the new screens, so we can all clearly see the words to every song, a great big "Thank you!" to you, too!

So, let me be perfectly clear: To all who gave their time, sweat and dollars to this project—you know who you are!—a really big "Thank you!" You are the backbone of our church and we really appreciate your efforts!!

For the Worship, Music and Fine Arts Team
-Pam Dopke

Messiah's Preschool and Kindergarten staff and members of the Joyful Outreach Ministry staffed a booth at the Wauconda Farmers Market on Thursday, July 16. The theme of the market was "Aloha, Wauconda."



Photo:

Erica Jawnyj, Sally Lubeno, Karen Holmes, Dorothy Schilling, Julie Kendrick

The Church in a Changing World

CHANGE... can make us feel excited, nervous or even a little afraid. Has all the change we see in the world left you wondering:

Do we really know where we're going with all this change?

What is the church called to be in a world that is changing rapidly?

How do I, as a Christian, respond faithfully to change?

Starting in September Adult Forum will explore our response to change in a yearlong series entitled "The Church in a Changing World." We'll address three changes that impact to our daily lives.

Part 1: The Church in a Changing Neighborhood. Fall 2015

We'll start by sharing our families' stories and how we have shaped this country. We'll also look at how our local communities are changing and the questions that come with this change. Come explore questions about language, culture and the economy. Speakers will lead us in discussions about immigration, our Lutheran tradition's approach to public issues, and the implication of immigration for people who are already here.

Part 2: The Church in a Changing Culture. Winter 2016

Marriage and parenting, jobs and work, education and the retirement of the baby boomer generation--How should Christians think about and engage with these rapidly changing systems?

Part 3: The Church in a Changing Environment. Spring 2016

What are Christian communities and leaders saying and doing about global issues like climate change and local issues like land use and recycling? How do our theology and our worship answer the challenge of a creation that has been dramatically reshaped by human activity?

Save these dates for the fall series. Fliers with additional information are available in the gathering area.

September 12, 13 - Tim Anderson preaching at all services. Following the 10:30 Sunday service stay for a luncheon, discussion, and book signing with Anderson, author of the insightful and highly acclaimed book *Just a Little Bit More*.

September 20 - Recap of the Synod Assembly

September 27 - Town Hall (No adult forum)

October 4 - November 22 - The Church in a Changing Neighborhood - an eight week series that explores frequently asked questions about immigration and our changing communities.

November 25 - Joint Thanksgiving Eucharistic service at Messiah with our sister church Sagrado Corazon Lutheran Parish.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Luther Center beginning September 20, 2015. Topics are suitable for high school age and older.

2015-2016 Messiah Sunday School Registration Form: September 13th-May 22nd

Preschool 3 years old - 5th Grade

(Please note: Our Preschool Sunday School program is for children 3 years old by 9/1/15)

Please attach a \$25.00 fee per child, payable to Messiah Lutheran Church to help cover the cost for curriculum, food, crafts, general supplies, and Bibles. IF A SCHOLARSHIP IS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR OR PASTOR

Photo Permission: Messiah may use your child's photo (bulletin boards/website/print) unless you circle no: NO

PLEASE SEE BACK FOR SELF SIGN OUT FORM

Parent's Name(s): _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____ Are you a member? Yes/No

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Grade</u> (Fall 2015)	<u>Birthday</u> (m-d-y)	<u>Food Allergies</u>
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

The first priority of our child-safety policy is to ensure the physical and emotional safety of the children who come to Messiah for any program while they are at our facility and under our supervision. Related, these procedures are also designed to protect the safety and reputation of our volunteers and staff.

By signing this form you are agreeing to stay on the church grounds while your child is at Messiah.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that in the event of an injury, I give full authorization to Messiah to give my child the immediate medical attention he/she needs and that the best possible effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that Messiah is not liable for any personal injury, sickness or expense as a result of participation in the program.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 25225 W. Ivanhoe Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084, Attn: Children's Ministries. Phone: 847/526-7161 x14 Email: messiah.ce@messiah-wauconda.org

Your Volunteer Participation is Vital to Our Program!

We will provide you with all lessons and prepare you fully for volunteering as a shepherd: (a shared team position or year-long commitment), rotational center teacher: (a 4-week or more commitment), CE Program help: (VBS, Special Events like Fall Fest, Parties, Egg Hunt, Nativity Walk/Christmas pageant, Caroling), or on-call sub(s) at some point during this school year. Please indicate area(s) of interest.

Shepherd Center Teacher Sub VBS Musical Fall Fest Children's Choir

Children's Ministries: Indicate areas of interest for your children.

Christmas Musical Special Events Worship (4th & 5th Grade) Acolytes
 Drama Team VBS Helper (5th) Spirit Dancers

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR SELF SIGN OUT

Dear Parents,

WE want to make our Sunday school a safe place for everyone.

And child that is place in our program must be signed out by a parent or designated adult at the end of class.

For those students in grades 3 and up, we will offer a self sign out. This allows the child to, once the class is dismissed; meet their parents at a designated spot. Older siblings may also pick up younger siblings if the form is filled out indicating that.

Please understand that we do this to keep all children in our safe care until you return. If you have any special custody concerns please contact a Pastor or Children's Ministry Director.

Childs Name: _____ Grade: _____

My child has my permission to leave after Sunday School class to meet me **(This is only for grades 3rd and up)**

My child may only be picked up by siblings or other adults listed below.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please return this completed form and payment by placing it the mail, offering basket during church service, the Sunday School registration table in the Gathering Place, the bin outside of the CE office or the CE mailbox. For planning purposes please return form by September 13, 2015. Questions? Contact Tracy Meyer at Messiah.CE@Messiah-Wauconda.org or call 847-526-7161

Office Use Only: Paid Unpaid Credit Card _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Initials: _____ Date received: _____

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran Church Sunday School Newsletter

August 2015

Upcoming Events

August 22nd - Funnest Day of the Year!

Please join us for an all church clean up. Come anytime between 9:00am - 3:00pm. Get your community service hours done early!

August 23rd at 9:00 - Back to School Sunday

Please join us with your backpacks at the 9:00 service. We will bless our children, their backpacks and teachers at the start of the school year.

September 2nd - Safety Training

Get your training done for the year early!

September 13th at 9:00 - First Day of Sunday School for Preschool - 5th Grade

First day of regular Sunday School classes. Children will meet their shepherds in the gathering area after the children's sermon.

September 20th at 9:00 - Bible Presentation

All Kindergarten and 5th grade students will receive their Bibles.

Oct 18th at 9:00 - Children's Sunday School Choir

All Sunday School Children PS-5th Grade perform.

October 25th at 4:00 - Fall Fest and Lost and Found



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...On the sixth day, God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

- Genesis 1 :1-31

Take a look at our upcoming Sunday School Lessons.

- Creation (Genesis 1-2)
- The First Sin (Genesis 3:1-24)
- Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9)
- Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-28)
- Joseph and Pharaoh (Genesis 39:20—41:57)
- Baby Moses (Exodus 2:1-10)
- The Burning Bush

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Tracy Meyer 847-526-6171



Youth Gathering in Detroit





August Birthdays

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

A.A. & Al-Anon Support Groups

Tuesday weekly in Faith Hall 7:00p AA; Tom 847-400-4823
Wednesday weekly in Faith Hall 6:45p AA (Each Step Forward); Tom 847-400-4823
Wednesday weekly in Faith Hall 8:00p Al-Anon (Port in the Storm); Donna T. 420-4939
Thursday weekly in Faith Hall 7:00p AA; Mike 847-815-3334
Friday weekly in Van Buskirk 7:30p AA (*Polish speaking meeting*); Tom 847-400-4823



Wednesday 9:30am-Marcy B.
Saturday 7:30 & 9am-Patty.

Weigh in times are 30 minutes before the meetings

Be our Guest for a free meeting
Location: Gathering Place

Reminder

The Voice deadline for the

September issue is

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All articles submitted can be e-mailed to

Jeremy directly at

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Thank you very much for your articles and cooperation.

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Worship Services

Saturday, 5pm

Sunday, 7:30, 9 and 10:30am

Sunday School (Children and Adults), 9 and 10:30am

Join in the fellowship between services!

Messiah's Family

We grieve with. . .

Kathie Behm at the death of her brother-in-law, George Chadges.

Kris Durante and family at the death of her father, Vito Buffalo.

Sue Shepherd and Jo Anne Thompson at the death of their mother, Dolores.

Jim and Jan Higbea at the death Jim's sister, Judy Ann Higbea.

Family and friends of Cheryl Bathcelor.

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