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Counting Down to 500!

On October 24 and 25, 2015, we observe Reformation weekend. Some of you may want to visit the Old Lutheran table at Messiah's Craft and Vendor Fair (Saturday, October 24 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.) to pick up or order some Lutheran gear. You can also do this by visiting www.oldlutheran.com. I have been wearing my "Lutheran since 1517" shirt already, and it is appropriate to ask Pastor Ben to show you his "Here I Stand" socks with Luther's seal.



It is time to gear up for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: October 31, 2017. Yet as we move toward the quincenary of the Protestant Reformation, I was struck by an article in the July 8, 2015 Christian Century, "Repent and Celebrate." The article cautioned against celebrating "Lutheran Pride Day," and called God's people to prepare for this worldwide moment by focusing on acts of unity and reconciliation in the church. So here is what Messiah is going to do ... and I hope other congregation's will join us ...

Sometime before January 1, 2016 (which is 95 weeks before the 500th anniversary), a large door, resembling the one found at Wittenberg Cathedral, will appear in the Gathering Place. Thank you Habitat for Humanity Ministry Director, Bert Gaide, for building this door! Then, beginning January 1, 2016, and each Sunday for 95 weeks, we will nail to the door, not 95 theses, but 95 efforts and examples of unity or reconciliation (one each week) that we have seen or hope to see. For example, we will highlight the Lutheran and Catholic 1999 Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. Another example will be Messiah, and all local churches, joining Transfiguration for their 175th Anniversary in the summer of 2016. Father Ron Gollatz will ride from the parish's

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original worship site into town on a horse, so you won't want to miss it! Please share any examples you have with Pastor Ben or I.

Before his betrayal and arrest in John's gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples, "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:11b). We have not been one, yet "if historical divisions are approached in a spirit of truthfulness and contrition," Wilson and Howard write in the July 8, 2015 *Christian Century*, "the Reformation's quincentenary might in fact wonderfully concentrate the mind not only on the past and its hostilities but, more important, on the future and its possibilities."



Also related to the anniversary, Grace Jorgensen and Suzanne DeLaCruz will soon be providing information about a Reformation Tour, which will take place in the summer of 2016. Watch for details.

May God Bless God's Church on Earth!
Come Holy Spirit.
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."

Council Highlights

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Sept. 1, 2015 - Messiah Council Minutes

Bob Nash shared ELCA Communications. He told about the Grace Gathering in New Orleans, Aug. 10-13. The Grace Gathering in 2016 provides an opportunity for all the ELCA members to experience the same inspiring worship, Bible study, service learning activities, fellowship, and other experiences that voting members have when they attend the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. All are welcome to participate in Grace Gathering, to be held Aug. 10-13, the last four days of the assembly. Pastor Dawn shared that the Mosaic project that she worked on at the National Youth Gathering is in this month's copy of The Lutheran magazine. It is on the cover and there is an article and pictures inside. Also, Lutheran Outdoors Ministries Center had the greatest number of campers since 2009 this summer!

Gerry Lemke shared the treasurer's report. Income for August is very close to planned. We are a little more than \$4,000 above our planned income year to date. Expenses for the month are below what was planned. Treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor Ben shared a written report. In worship, music, and preaching we enjoyed/endured the once-every-three-years journey through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, known as the "Bread of Life" discourse. Many thanks to Pam Roncal for preaching not once but twice during this stretch. We explored the sacramental parts of our hymnal, so thanks to our musicians for helping us do that. We also blessed backpacks for returning students, blessed Sunday School and preschool teachers and staff, and installed members of the Preschool board on August 23. Please plan to be at church on September 12 and 13 for guest preacher Rev. T. Carlos Anderson and stay for a potluck and discussion with him following the 10:30 service. We will also be installing Eric Schaefer, our new LSTC student, at every service that weekend. The property ministry has had a busy month at the parsonage. The basement drywall has been replaced and some electrical work was done. Many thanks to Brian DeWyze for his electrical work, and to Randy Johnson, Steve Snow, Dave Seidenzahl, Norbert Scheck, and no doubt others for moving the construction forward. Pastor Ben has been filling in a bit after the completion of our last long-term community service worker by mowing parts of the property beyond the parsonage yard. He is one of relatively few people who are comfortable using the Dixie Chopper, so he mowed on Aug. 3 and Aug. 24. He will probably do so again soon. The education ministries are getting up and running. Adult forum is encouraging people to hear Pastor Anderson on Sept. 13 and to stay for the conversation that will follow the 10:30 service. On Sept. 20 we will hear about this year's Synod Assembly. Then we'll break for the Town Hall meetings on Sept. 27, before beginning the fall series - "The Church in a Changing Neighborhood" - on Oct. 4. This eight-week series will address many of the pressing questions that arise when a church - or any community - tries to reach out to and include new neighbors. Legal versus illegal status, learning English, jobs, and public benefits will all be discussed, as well as questions specific to our particular faith community, with the help of special guest speakers. This is a very, very important discussion for our congregation, for the area in which we live, and for the nation as a whole, so please plan to be part of it. Also, a new Christian Basics small group starts up on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Meeting from 6pm-7:30pm for six weeks, this small group will bring together adults seeking to be confirmed, people who want to join Messiah or baptize a child, or who are preparing for baptism themselves in a respectful and open forum for learning and sharing faith. Think about whether you'd like to participate either as a "learner" or as a sponsor. Pathway will be starting up again shortly. We're looking to include Seminarian Eric in this ministry (and many others!) Messiah is still in need of Lay Committee members to meet with Eric six or seven times over the course of the school year to discuss his learning. Please speak to Pastor Ben if you are interested in this. Pastor Ben will be meeting with him weekly, starting the week after next. Please be as warm and friendly to him and his family as you typically are and he will feel welcomed. In the last month Pastor Ben had a feature essay in the Christian Century on inequality and popular culture and a brief item on the problem of power without accountability in America's system of government. He has also been offered a contract for a book by Eerdmans, a Christian publishing company based in Grand Rapids. It's for a 40,000-word manuscript due by October 1 of next year.

Pastor Dawn shared a written report. Surrounding our Mission Development Team's World Map we find the words

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"Where are we from... and where are we going?" The idea is for us to identify our own immigration stories. It is also important for our congregation to talk about "where we have come from" and "where we are going." Founded in 1960, Messiah steadily grew in membership and worship attendance for 37 years, through 1997. Our membership has continued to increase, but for fourteen years, from 1998-2012 our congregation's weekly worship attendance has been stable (404-458). In 2014 we have seen a small decrease (399 in 2013 and 386 in 2014). Congregations, like all organizations, have lifecycles and this pattern is consistent with many mainline churches. Also, you may recall our bishop's 2013 report sharing the average worship attendance in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod was 40,000 in 1988 and 28,000 in 2013. Church growth studies show that the best time to try new outreach strategies is during the up-swing period, but most congregations are the most concerned with this when they find themselves where we are today. It has also been documented that congregations in our current position tend to have two common traits: 1) They are in denial, and 2) They want to go back to old successes and repeat them. Churches that have the potential to emerge from this position, 1) Realistically embrace their current position, 2) Look to new, at times untried, models of ministry and church, and 3) Expect God to guide them! As we develop our Messiah goals, we are to be mindful of our trend and needed path. Messiah is already implementing three innovative ministry approaches: Intentional Impact, Mission Development Team, and Christian Basics. These three efforts are to be priorities. Each month they will be reported on to council, and they require council and ministry director support. Messiah's Social Justice and Mission Interpreters Ministries have combined and will focus on four areas this coming year: Support of "A Church in a Changing Neighborhood", Fair Trade Education and Fair in November, Annual Lenten Focus (in process), and Care of Creation in the late spring (partnering with Caring Garden, Beautification and United Partnership's Green Group). We are using the Intentional Impact model to recruit new leaders for each focus. Messiah's Prayer Team continues to meet each Friday from 1:00-2:15. You are welcome to join and to give prayer requests. Thank you to Cyndi Jordan for coordinating this ministry. Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is 40 years old. We will celebrate (church and school) with a special event on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The theme for the celebration this year is 40 Years! 40 Celebrations! The school welcomes Shawn Killacky in the Marketing Coordinator position. We look forward to Shawn working with Messiah's Joyful Outreach Ministry. 95 weeks before the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (we will celebrate October 31, 2017), we will begin posting on a large door 95 possible efforts of unity and reconciliation in the church. One effort will be posted each week.

Barry Polhemus let council know that it is time for year-end Pastor Evaluations. Please complete and return to Barry by the last week in October.

Vinnie Jordan shared a report from the Outdoor Beautification Committee. The new brick installation will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 20 and please join the Outdoor Beautification Committee for a work day on Sunday, Oct. 4. The dedication and work day begin following the 10:30 service. A Landscape Architect has been hired for landscaping plans for the Office Area and Courtyard.

Vinnie also shared a report from Property Committee. Many things were accomplished on Messiah's funnest day of the year! 57 people attended and work 216 hours. They cleaned windows, cleaned screens, weeded, trimmed bushes, cut down a tree, cleaned the gathering place carpet, burned items on the burn pile, removed paver bricks from the sidewalk steps, smoked the building looking for leaks, cleaned the Rock and the Rock carpet, and cleaned the sacristy. Property committee and council would like to thank those who helped with the emergency work in the parsonage; Brian DeWyze, Dave Kito, John Wozny, Dave Seidenzahl, Norbert Scheck, George Miller, Jaime Roncal, and Steve Snow. Also, thank you to Dave Kito and John Anderson for helping complete the storage area above classroom 11. The next project is to get the sidewalk steps framed and the concrete poured.

Valerie Campbell shared options of home warranties that we may want to use on the parsonage. Property committee will look at this material.

Pastor Dawn shared the Mutual Ministry description. Motion was made to adopt the updated document as written and amended. Motion passed.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7pm.

Children's Ministry

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Sunday School is off to a great start and the hallways are full of excitement. In our first rotation we have been learning the stories of Creation, The First Sin and Noah's Ark. The children are already busy preparing for their first performance in the Sanctuary. ALL Sunday School children from Preschool - 5th grade will be singing "My Family Tree" along with the SANS band at the 9:00 service on Sunday October 18th.

Registration is still open for Sunday school. There are registration forms in the Gathering Area, outside the Christian Education office as well as on the church website. Please bring the completed form with you when you come to Sunday School and drop it off in the Gathering Area, or the mailbox outside the Christian Education office.

Bible presentation was on September 20th. Bibles were presented to the preschool and kindergarten students. If you could not attend on the 20th, your child should have received their Bible in class the next time you attended. If you have not received your bible, please contact Tracy Meyer.

Our Christmas Musical "A Tree Lot Christmas" will be on Sunday December 13th at 4:00pm. All preschool - 5th grade students are welcome to participate in the Children's Choir and have been practicing each week during Sunday School. Please contact Tracy Meyer for more information.

Please join us for Messiah's Fall Fest 2015 from 4-6 for fun fall activities.

4:00 - 5:15: Traditional Fall Fest activities: hayride, photo area, trains, games, crafts, scavenger hunt
5:15: Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat
5:30: Pizza, Chili, Apple and Pumpkin Desserts, Apple Cider
3:00 - 7:00 Visit our Vendor and Craft Fair while your children are having fun

We will be working closely with the Good Samaritan Ministry on the "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox gifts. Starting October 11th each class will be collecting for a child and packing their items into one box. Please look below to see what age and gender your child will be collecting for. Gift suggestions must fit in the shoe box. Some suggestions are: small dolls, trucks, animals, yo-yos, balls, school supplies, arts and crafts, hygiene items such as toothbrushes, soap and other small items (socks, hair clips, watches, flashlights etc.)

PS - 3 or 4 year old girl
KG - 5 year old boy
1st - 6 year old girl
2nd - 7 year old boy
3rd - 8 year old girl
4th - 9 year old boy
5th - 10 year old girl and boy

Tracy Meyer
Children's Ministry Director



Dates to remember:

October 11th - Kick off for "Operation Christmas Child"
October 18th - Children's Sunday School Choir sing
October 24th - Fall Fest 4:00 - 6:00 PM
November 25th - Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Trimming the Tree Event
November 29th - No Sunday School
December 13th - Christmas Musical at 4:00
December 27th - No Sunday School
January 3rd - No Sunday School

Good Samaritan

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16

Jo Ann Isleb, (847)540-0835



Good Samaritan Ministry will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the gift of love and hope to a child living in devastating circumstances. All you have to do is pack a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies. These gifts are most likely the only ones that these children have ever received. It is an amazing opportunity to involve your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren in changing the life of a child who is hurting. Please stop by our table in the gathering area October 10-11 and 17-18 and become the reason for the smiles on their faces and the hope in their hearts. If you have questions, please contact Sandi Oerter (815) 385-8663.

Meet Our Refugee Family

The family who received the items we collected are from Iran. The family consists of a father named Arash who is a civil engineer, a mother named Maryam who is a software engineer, a 15 month old son named Atoor and Arash's brother, Aiden, who is a building contractor. Shown below is their apartment with items that were donated for them. Seen on the left is the quilt, prayer shawl and other items. On the right are the items that were donated for the kitchen. We wish them well as they settle in the U.S.



The Giving Tree

It's almost time for the Giving Tree! This is your opportunity to purchase gifts for those who are less fortunate. We will be buying gifts for Lake County Families, our sister church Sagrado Corazon in Waukegan, children served by LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) and children of prisoners from Angel Tree. Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. We will have names available in the Gathering Place on November 7-8, 14-15, and 21,22. The gifts should be returned by November 29.

Diaper Bank

The Diaper Bank is a great resource that is available to people in Cuba Township, Wauconda Township, Fremont Township and all of Lake Zurich. People can sign up to receive diapers at the Wauconda Township office. If qualified, they will receive 30 diapers per month/per child. But this depends on what is available. Please consider donating diapers of any size. They can be taken directly to the Wauconda Township Office at 505 W. Bonner Rd, or you can leave them in the food pantry barrels at church.

MLPK (Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten)

Erica Jawnyj, Director, (847)526-7479

Pumpkins, falling leaves, crisp weather and of course don't forget football! Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, and I have been enjoying sharing it with the children and staff here at Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten!

Our Preschool and Kindergarteners are gearing up to enjoy the wonder that God provides us in autumn. All of our classrooms will be attending a field trip to a pumpkin farm, where they will be scaring up a good time while they search for the perfect pumpkin! In the classrooms, we will use our five senses to explore pumpkins. We will find out who is feeling brave enough to dip their hands in pumpkin goop, are you? Many classrooms have been looking for signs of fall on our playground, observing leaves turning a beautiful shade of orange....and of course jumping in crinkly piles of leaves as well! Be on the lookout for spooks, ghosts and treats as we celebrate Halloween at the end of the month.

Our Messiah School Board is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the Gathering Area outside of the sanctuary October 4th-11th. Come explore a variety of books for all ages and help support our Preschool. It's not too early to think about holiday gift giving, and what better gift than a book?

We do currently have spaces in a few of our wonderful preschool programs, as well as our Mommy and Me classes. Please call the school office at 847-526-7479 for a personal tour, or visit our web-site, mlpk.org, for more information on the programs that we offer here at Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten.

Many Blessings to your family and Happy Fall!

40 Years of Messiah Lutheran Preschool

Messiah Preschool & Kindergarten is thrilled to announce its 40 year anniversary. The school will celebrate this milestone with 40 Years, 40 Celebrations: a school year filled with 40 events involving kids, parents, and families.

Messiah Preschool was started as a ministry of Messiah Church in 1976. Today, the school has become a leader in early childhood education, is one of few area preschools holding NAEYC accreditation, and serves children from Wauconda, Barrington, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Zurich, Island Lake, and surrounding communities.

Messiah Preschool will kick off its 40 Years, 40 Celebrations with an Opening Day Prayer. Visit messiahlutheranpreschool.org for more information.



MESSIAH LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

Can you help us?

Messiah Lutheran Preschool in Wauconda is looking for alumni, former staff, and photos as we celebrate our 40-year anniversary. If you or anyone you know was part of our school's history, please contact Lynda Janezic at the preschool. Your stories, memories, photos, and memorabilia are important—please share them with us!

Youth News

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." —John 3:16

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350

kim.kroes@messiah-wauconda.org



PATHWAY has begun! We will be learning about the Apostles' Creed for the beginning half of the year. I am super excited that all of the kids are back and that we have so many new smiling faces each week! There are extra copies of the Pathway forms and calendars on the Youth Table in the Gathering Place, as well as extra Parent Night packets. We would like to invite all parents, friends, and family members at Messiah to join us on Wednesday, November 11 from 7-8pm in the Sanctuary for Worship with Pathway (our student created and run worship service).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP participated in the Exodus 5k Challenge as well as attended a Cub's game! There are Youth Group calendars in the Gathering Place on the Youth Table with all of our upcoming events for 2015.

OCTOBER

4 - Youth group in the Rock (7-8:30pm)

18 - Youth group in the Rock (7-8:30pm)

24 - Fall Fest

NOVEMBER

6-7 - ELCA Fall Lock-In (Concert w/ Rachel Kurtz & Agape followed by lock-in at Enchanted Castle in Lombard)

22 - Youth group in the Rock (7-8:30pm)

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP for the summer of 2016 has officially been booked! And guess what!?! I'm not telling anyone where we are going! That's right! Mystery Mission Trip! I am so excited to bring as many students as possible next summer to our secret location. But I CAN tell you that it will be June 18-25, 2016. And don't even bother asking Pastor Dawn or Pastor Ben - they have no idea where we are going either! (insert devious laugh here) I just hosted an informational meeting to go over dates of fundraisers, cost, and other logistics. If you missed this meeting and are interested in attending, let me know!



VENTURING BSA

The Crew has a busy October planned. The crew will assist in helping cub scouts who are Webelos rank at Webelos Woods and have an archery station for Cub Scouts at Boo Camp. Plans are starting to be made for ski trips and a service project at Feed My Starving Children. The crew is also looking toward 2016 by considering a Spring Term trip to Havasu Falls in Arizona. In the past month, the crew has gone pistol shooting, cycling, and canoeing. The meeting date is now the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Spirituality Center starting at 7:00 PM.

Outdoor Beautification Committee

The Outdoor Beautification Committee is having a workday on Sunday, October 4 after the 10:30 service to update the landscaping from the Luther Center entrance to the Gathering Place entrance on the North Side of the church building. We will add mulch and divide and relocate the plants according to our landscaping plan. Please consider bringing your shovel or garden tools and helping us on that date. For more information, please contact Vinnie Jordan-847-526-3316 or email to jordansmenswear@oawl.net.

Habitat for Humanity

Bert Gaide (847) 946-8618

Our September workday took us to Beach Park, close to the Wisconsin border. It was a great day with sunshine and temperatures in the 70's. When we got to the construction site, the deck, which is the floor for the first floor, or the ceiling of the basement, was already completed. We had a trailer sitting there with all the walls for the house. Those wall sections had been prebuilt last year at a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser event downtown Chicago, called "Raise Your Hand, Chicagoland". It was our task to unload the walls from the trailer, get them into the correct sequence, line them up, and nail them to the floor and to each other; just like some huge Lego pieces.

The future homeowners worked side by side with us. By lunchtime all the exterior walls were up, and by the end of the day even the interior walls were straightened and braced. It was a successful day.

Give it a try some time: join us for a day at the construction site. Men and women are welcome. No experience is necessary; it's all on-the-job training. We work the second Saturday of every month: October 10 will be our next workday. We meet at Messiah at 7 to car-pool, and work from 8 to 4.



On Thursday Sept 10, 2015 volunteers from Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda collected donations from the shoppers at the Wauconda Jewel for the Wauconda Township Food Pantry. 7 full carts of food and \$325 in cash donations were collected despite the rainy start to the afternoon. Thank you to Vicki Rohlwing, Pam Dopke, Doris Lundsten, Dan Day, Bert Gaide, Maddy Hoslein, and organizer Denise Frendeis. Special Thanks to Jim & Jacob Frendeis who loaded and unloaded 3 carfulls to the pantry.



Troop 90 October Newsletter

The scouts are meeting once again now that school is back in session. On August 9th, some of our Arrowmen and leaders worked very hard on an OA service project. They built two picnic tables for Messiah that are located near the old bell tower. Thank you for a job well done!

On September 10th, the quarterly Court of Honor was held. There were 22 scouts who earned a total of 75 merit badges. Many of these badges were earned while attending Camp MaKaJaWan this summer. Kyle S. earned the rank of Tenderfoot, and Spencer T. earned the rank of Star. Zach T. and Garrett W. each earned a Bronze Palm, and Skylar A. earned a Gold Palm. Maxx G. and Parker W. earned the NOA Riding Segment. The Polar Bear Snowflake x 2 was awarded to Ian M. The NOVA "Crunch" and "Shoot" awards were presented to Gabe W.

A rocket campout was held the weekend of September 18-20 at the Richard Bong State Park in Wisconsin. The Patch was Asst. Scoutmaster Tim Benson. This was a high power rocket launching event. The scouts worked on the Space Exploration merit badge.

Yours In Scouting,

Hunter Frey

Messiah Prayer Ministry

The Messiah Prayer Ministry is here to serve you. When we first started this ministry in February we often had prayer requests written on the yellow sheets that were put in the offering plate or notes left in the baskets in the prayer area in the sanctuary or Gathering Place. We would like to remind you that this ministry would like to pray for you, your family, or people who are dear to your heart and need an extra measure of God's strength, healing, peace, or any request you may have. Please consider allowing us to serve you through prayer. You can also email your prayer requests to Cyndi Jordan. <qcyndi@oawl.net>

We meet on Fridays at 1:00 in Pastor Dawn's office. We would love to have some new faces in our group!

Church in a Changing Neighborhood

Join your church family in memorizing this verse during October and November:

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).



You're invited to our
**FALL
VENDOR
FAIR!**

Shoppers
Welcome
Saturday
October 24th
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Presented by
Messiah Lutheran Church
25225 W. Ivanhoe Rd. Wauconda, IL

Join us for Chili, Pizza, Hot Apple Cider, Apple and Pumpkin Desserts in the Gathering place during our Children's Fall Fest Program at 5:30!



Interested in hosting a Craft or Vendor booth?

Please contact Karen Holmes for Vendor Registration

Karen.Holmes@Messiah-Wauconda.org

Ecumenical Picnic

The results from Ecumenical Picnic BakeOff are in and once again, Messiah has won first and third place. The white chocolate pie with Oreo crust made by Sally Lubeno took first place. Second place was a peach pound cake entered by Charlene Orlando of Transfiguration. Third place was won by Deanna DeWyze of Messiah who submitted an apple walnut harvest bread, which was still warm. Fourth place was won by Veronica of Transfiguration who made a vanilla layer cake. There were five judges: two from Holy Apostles, one from Transfiguration, and two visitors from Florida. Congratulations to all!!



Water Balloon Toss

Greased Pole






**Sponsored by Messiah's
Preschool and Sunday School**

Fall Fest Activities - Saturday, October 24th

4:00 - 5:15 Fall Fest activities include Hay Rides, Trains, Scavenger Hunt, Games, Crafts & Photo Area

5:15 Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat

5:30 Pizza, Chili, Apple Cider, Apple and Pumpkin Desserts

3:00—7:00 Craft and Vendor Fair

Sign up in the Gathering Place to bring food.

Trunk or Treat

We are looking for volunteers
to pass out candy and decorate their cars.
Please contact Tracy or Kim
Messiah.CE@Messiah-Wauconda.org

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will meet Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30 am in The Luther Center. We will be watching the second video in the bible study series, *The Storm Inside* by Sheila Walsh. All women are invited to attend.

Judy Snow
847-526-6880



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

October Birthdays

Brenton, Kassandra	1	Reents, Jane	9	Hoskins, Denise	18	Butler, Chance	26
Burkley, Tyler	1	Scheck, Norbert	9	Jacobson, Noah	18	Miller, Aiden	26
Cole, Joshua	1	Andrew, Richard	10	Landwehr, Abby	18	Stanley, Kelli	26
Day, Tom	1	Brownson, Jenny	10	Leach, Rene	18	Wright, Ian	26
Jordan, Anthony	1	Johnson, Lisa	10	Leopold, Julie	18	Otterson, Katelyn	27
LaBelle, Sarah	1	Lemke, Martha	10	Christensen, Patti	19	Pedersen, Jakob	27
Schwarz, Linda	1	Stanley, Thomas	10	Mohr, Alexis	19	Carr, Stacie	28
Uhl, Tyler	1	Golding, Haley	11	Morrison, Alison	19	Cherney, Joe	28
Drobnik, Amy	2	Hinz, Millicent	11	Pigford, Michael	19	Guidici, James	28
Grassel, Tyler	2	Laureys, Vickie	11	Redmann, Hayley	19	Meeske, Fred	28
Innes, Brent	2	Burton, Everett	12	Reyes, Gabriella	19	Thode, John	28
Kraus, Ingrid	2	Causero, Kendall	12	Stanley, Patrick	19	Carpentier, Kevin	29
Rinard, Michael	2	Hales, Kate	12	Tomas, Kiele	19	Cudworth, Brittany	29
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Geary, Kahrsten	3	Thomson, David	12	Grygel, Joan	20	Anderson, Travis	30
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Carlson, Ellen	4	Horn, Dale	13	Nick, Tayler	20	Grzeca, Paul	30
Dettmann, Betsy	4	Mylin, Grace	13	Ciezak, Tannor	21	Abrahamson, Martha	31
Frey, Kelsey	4	Uhl, Linda	13	Erdmann, Paul	21	Coslet, Wil	31
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McKenzie	5	Robledo, Amy	14	Boyko, Nicole	22		
Robledo, Karly	5	Stanley, Daniel	14	Brandon, Claudia	22		
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Dettmann, Lauren	7	Pelka, Kristin	15	Croonborg, Ava	23		
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Mental Health First Aid Training--October 10

Come learn the signs and symptoms to help someone in distress or handling a mental health challenge in this special learning opportunity. Topics covered will include depression, anxiety, suicide, psychosis. Participants will leave with an action plan for how to help. This class, taught by Rev. Kerry Dueholm, is suitable for all adults, no background in mental health necessary. It meets for one day, October 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class fee is \$45 to cover the cost of books and time. Please register with Kerry by emailing kwdueholm@gmail.com or calling 773-301-6428. Rev. Dueholm has a masters degree in counseling from Loyola University Chicago and is a staff therapist with the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Northwest Suburbs.

The Land of Martin Luther Reformation Tour



Would you be interested in traveling to Germany with friends from Messiah to explore the roots of Lutheranism as we draw near to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Plans are general at this point since we do not know how many of our Messiah members would be interested in going, but if there is enough interest, final plans would be arranged by late October.

This will be a 10-day trip in the fall of 2016. (Since 2017 is the actual 500th anniversary, prices will be higher and crowds will be bigger in 2017.)

A typical list of basic sights includes the Guttenberg Museum, Wartburg Fortress, Luther's home and church, Bach's home, Bonhoeffer's home, the Augustinian Monastery, Castle Church, Checkpoint Charlie and the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in Berlin, and more.

To this would be added a trip to Krakow, Poland, with an optional excursion to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

We will design location visits to ensure that we are not overly rushed. If there are those who would like to extend their trip, arrangements can be made with the travel agency.

A complete brochure will be provided after final plans are arranged.

If you have questions or are interested in this tour, please contact:

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If you have friends or family who would be interested in joining us, please share this information with them.

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

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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 welcomed to the family through Holy Baptism. . .

RaeLynn Anabell Blockhus, daughter of T.J. and Abigail Blockhus, into the body of Christ. We pray God's blessings be with this family as together we seek to help RaeLynn know Jesus' love.

We grieve with. . .

Our sympathy to Barb Henkel at the death of her brother, Bob Gollnick.

The Gift of Marriage . .

We give thanks for the gift of marriage and ask God's blessing on the marriage of Christina Durante and Ian Smith on September 9th in Galesburg, IL. May joy abide with them always and may they be a blessing to each other, and to those around them.

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