

THE VOICE

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Practice Makes Better



I bought my acoustic guitar back in 1998, when a friend suggested it might help me get a girlfriend. One of the reasons Jill wanted to go out with me was because I played the guitar, so I guess it worked. But I digress ... The thing about my guitar was that it spent a lot of time sitting in its case. I

wanted to play, so I would get it out every so often, get discouraged about how I didn't know any chords, and put it back for another couple of months.

Then, in early 2000, I started hanging out with other guitar players. I told them I wanted to play, and they told me to start practicing. "Practice? What? I hate practicing! I just want to be good at it," I said. "It's the only way to learn," they said. So I started practicing, and it was amazing how much better I got. In a few weeks I could play simple songs; in a few months, more complex ones. In a few years I could even start to play things by ear—it was like my fingers just knew where to go.

I think our spiritual lives are much the same way. We started the season of Lent with an amazing Mardi Gras talent show, and we're continuing with our midweek Lenten theme of "Spiritual Talents," where folks share the ways that God is working in their lives to help them grow. While spiritual talents are gifts from the Spirit, they're also gifts that we have to develop. A person can be musically gifted but will never be good without practice. It's the same way with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23).

The Spirit helps us in these areas and blesses our efforts, but they're still talents that we have to cultivate through practice. It's like training for a marathon or strengthening a muscle—we have to build up in small steps until we reach a goal. For example, if we're looking to develop our gift of patience, we need to intentionally grow it in small steps until it becomes something bigger. This is a very countercultural gift to grow—our consumer culture constantly encourages us to demand faster things and complain when things don't go our way.

So, first, it's good to have a group of people who will support you, like a few friends (maybe fellow members of your church community) who share similar priorities. Then, come up with a strategy or two that will help you choose patience. For example, pick the longest line at the grocery store or bank instead of the shortest. If you think of something you want but don't urgently need, put it off for a week or a month. Look for small, controllable ways to slow your life down (or develop other spiritual talents); you'll be amazed at how it can help you improve.

The neat thing is that in all of this, Christ is walking with us, and the Spirit is empowering us to grow in these areas. Sometimes when we pray for help, an aggravating person or situation mysteriously shows up in our lives. This can be frustrating, but God often sends these as opportunities to practice and grow. May God bless us as we continue to practice those spiritual talents. Practice doesn't make us perfect, but, along with Christ's blessings, it does make us better!

Pastor Dirk

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Purchase Jelly Beans for World Hunger and Fill the World During Lent at Messiah!



HMMM Just Wondering

How many jelly beans does the globe in Messiah's Sanctuary hold?

How many jelly beans does Pastor Dirk's Car hold?

How many jelly beans does a Communion Chalice hold?

How many jelly beans does the Sanctuary hold?

How many jelly beans does the Lemonade Container in the Java Center hold?

How many jelly beans does the Rock Youth House hold?



The ladies in S.W.I.M. stealing the show at the Mardi Gras talent event

Notes from the Messiah Spirituality Center

Pastor Dawn Hass, (815) 404-3431



Taking Time for our Souls to “Catch Up”

The bushmen of Africa’s Kalahari Desert may have something to teach all of us. The story is that some westerners traveling in the desert once hired a few bushmen guides. Not being used to moving at the expected pace, the bushmen suddenly sat down to rest. They refused to hurry along. Why? “We have to wait for our souls to catch up!” they insisted.

In the wonderful new devotional book *Seven Sacred Pauses* by Macrina Wiederkehr, the author offers this mid-day prayer. Perhaps it can help us slow down so that our souls can “catch up” when we find ourselves spinning and swirling.

A Blessing for Mid-Day

May God’s Spirit touch my spirit in this mid-day pause.
May my work this day be my love made visible.
May I breathe upon the wounds of those with whom I work.
May my life be an answer to someone’s prayer.
May I own a grateful heart.
May I have enough joy to give me hope, and enough pain to make me wise.
When I look into the window of my soul, may I see the face of God.
And may the lamp of my life shine upon all I meet this day.
In Jesus’ name,
Amen.

Gift of the Spirit for March

In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions or our human success, but rather on how much we have loved.

- John of the Cross

February Council Highlights

Grace Jorgensen, Council Secretary, 526-4306



The February council meeting began with a special presentation by Rev. Eric Lerew, Chairman, Board of Directors and Rev. Tom Burns, Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, of Love, Inc. Love, Inc. helps area churches join with one another to help those in need.

Council president Tom Meyer introduced Mike Anderson, Nancy Karnatz and Jerry Stark, the newest council members.

During the Loving Community portion of the meeting, Pastor Dawn asked each member to share one person along our faith journey who has had a special impact on us.

Grace Jorgensen reported on progress of the 50th anniversary committee. Even though the committee has only had one official meeting, they have accomplished a great deal. Betty Armagost is heading a group who is putting together Messiah historical memorabilia for display in the Gathering Place. Bonnie Jones and Carol Powis are busy coordinating special mailings and invitations announcing the celebration, which will take place on May 23, 2010. Melissa Harding has volunteered her talents to plan the food for the event.

Treasurer Steve Snow was happy to report that the January income was the best we have seen in two years. Income is ahead \$1,487 for January and expenses are \$894 less than budget.

Pastor Dirk provided council members with a written report. He highlighted Lenten service plans and special plans for Easter. He also highlighted the next rotation for Sunday School and plans that are already underway for Vacation Bible School.

Along with Pastor Dawn’s written report, she reminded council members we would be recognizing the Boy Scouts on Sunday as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts. We will also recognize the Eagle Scouts in our congregation. She updated members on the plans for the Mardi Gras Celebration. Jessica Harren will be holding an Easter Vigil as part of our Easter celebration.

Council members approved the minutes from the annual congregation meeting. Members discussed plans to improve communications with the congregation. Plans to improve the annual meeting were also discussed. One idea is to include a brief overview of Robert’s Rules of Order so the congregation is familiar with the process that is used.

Note: The Council Highlights are not the entire, official minutes of the monthly congregational meeting. Minutes are available on request after approval at the next monthly meeting.

Good Samaritan Ministry

Lana Steinecker, 438-5257

Med Packs

Thank you everyone who filled a Med Pack. We were able to send 120 boxes to Bright Hope International. They in turn will be sending these packs to Haiti along with a Bible for each pack. These will be much appreciated by the people in need there.

Love, Inc.

Good Samaritan Ministry will be having our Ministry Outreach presentation on March 13 and 14. Love Inc will be sharing the exciting news of a new site opening in the southwest section of Lake county. Don't miss this opportunity to hear how Messiah will be able to partner with them in the future.

Lent and Holy Week at Messiah

Related to the Shrove Tuesday Talent Show, the theme for midweek Lenten worship will be Spiritual Talents—people will share in worship which “Spiritual Talents” they are seeking to develop.

Midweek Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24 using the following schedule:

6:30-7:30pm	Soup Supper
6:45-7:20pm	Pathway Huddle Groups Meet
7:20-7:30pm	Prayer at the Cross
7:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer, Spiritual Talents Stories, and Holy Communion

(Please find the schedule for Holy Week on the outside cover of this newsletter.)

We invite you to blessed throughout Lent and Holy Week by the sacred story of our Lord's sacrifice for each one of us. In addition to worshiping during Lent, please take time to pray for all of your Messiah brothers and sisters during this holy time. God bless all of you this Lenten season.

Stephen Ministry

Jane Reents, 526-6013

Upcoming Events

- March 12, 13, and 14—Stephen Ministry retreat at LOMC
- April 17/18 and 24/25—Take orders for flower fundraiser
- Delivery date will be in May—date to be determined
- Training class of Stephen Ministers continues



Flowers from Stephen Ministry fundraiser

A Stephen Minister Reflects

As much as I am not a “meeting” person, I find attending Stephen Ministry meetings priceless. Sometimes the reality of life is hard to handle, but we, as Stephen Ministers, try to understand it from many different angles. We laugh, we cry, we pray, we share in each other's joys and sorrows. Each time I leave a meeting I feel so alive and rejuvenated. I thank the Stephen Leaders for continuing to teach us, nurture us and care about us. They give their *all* for us.

I've come to know many people I'd never have met had it not been for the Stephen Ministry program. Care receivers have shared their innermost thoughts, their tears—whether of sadness or joy—their fears, and their stories that they had stuck away in their souls because there was no one new to tell them to. Each care receiver has touched my heart in his or her own special way. Some I can no longer visit because they are now watching from above, but I think of them often. Some no longer need someone to listen or spend time with them, but they are in my thoughts. I enjoy the time spent with each one of them. They've become dear friends to cherish.

Being a caregiver has taught me things about life I couldn't have learned anywhere else. I am so glad I became a Stephen Minister. The leaders say your “tour of duty” is two to three years, but I can't see ever pulling away. My experiences as a Stephen Minister will always be with me. Hopefully what I give is even half of what I receive.

Lisa K. Tyler
First United Methodist Church
Greenville, Michigan

Generosity Team

God Will Provide

How many times have you heard the phrase, “God will provide?” Sometimes, we just don’t see or hear it. Well my friends, I can honestly say He has listened to our prayers. Here are two examples:

The Generosity Team is challenging the congregation to raise \$50,000 in honor of Messiah’s 50th birthday. I am pleased to announce that some members of the congregation have agreed to match 50% of what Messiah collects for the birthday challenge, up to \$25,000. Imagine the possibilities of how many lives can be touched with \$75,000! Some portion of the proceeds will go to Messiah and the “Next 50 Years.” The rest will be shared outside the walls of Messiah, to be determined by the Birthday Celebration Committee. Let’s not lose this opportunity! We can do this!

We also have been blessed by God that He has sent us some new members who are willing to teach Financial Peace University. If you’ve always wanted to know more about the intersection of faith and money, this class is for you. Over 13 weeks, during video sessions and small groups, you’ll learn God’s way of handling money with Biblically based principles. Everyone is

welcome from teenagers to those who are retired, from those whose net worth is negative, to those with a net worth of \$1 million dollars! This class is for everyone! To find out more, come to our free 30-minute preview sessions on Thursday, March 11 at 7pm in Faith Hall or Sunday, March 14 at 10:30am in Luther Center. Classes will run on Thursday evenings from April 8 to July 1, 7pm to 9pm. If you will be in need of childcare, please let us know. For more information, go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/> or call Jessica at 271-6730 or e-mail her at Jessica@jezter.us.

We have been truly blessed with these two opportunities. Let’s make the most of them! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at generosity@messiah-wauconda.org or at 719-2865.

God Bless,
Dave Jarcik, Generosity Ministry Director
(On behalf of Messiah’s Generosity Team)

Messiah Gear!

Wear the latest in casual clothes—and raise money for Messiah!

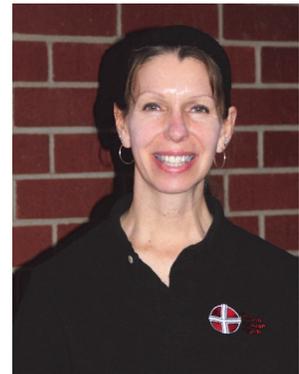
You can order shirts, caps, and hundreds of other items from Gold Medal Ideas (GMI). Messiah receives a 10 percent rebate on each item you purchase!

How it works:

1. Go to the Messiah website: <http://www.messiah-wauconda.org>. Click on the tab “Resources.”
2. Next, click on the button, “Messiah Gear.”
3. Pull down “Find Your Group,” and select Messiah. Our unique page will appear. From there, shop as you would at any online store. Notice that there are literally thousands of other items to choose from beside the ones featured especially for Messiah. Explore the tabs on the left.

Your order will be shipped directly to you (or to an alternate address if you wish). Messiah will receive a check each month for our 10 percent rebate.

Anything you (or your friends) purchase by this method, whether logo gear or not, will be credited to Messiah!



Pastor Dawn wearing Messiah’s new logo

Christian Education

Bonnie Murphy, 550-1343—Susan Vrenios, 438-6280, Co-directors

There may be snow and cold outside, but here in the Elementary Christian Education office we are talking about the rainforest! This year's Vacation Bible School will require us to become adventurers traveling upriver to discover the vivid rainforest environment. During the VBS week, your adventurers will learn five parables told by Jesus that will give them the knowledge of God's word and the opportunity to live out their Christian faith.

On Monday, the kids will *Get It!* as they hear the parable of the sower and learn the importance of living out their belief in God every day. On Tuesday, the kids will *Get Found!* as they hear Jesus tell the parable of the lost sheep. They will learn what it means to be lost and how we can become part of God's family when Jesus finds us. On Wednesday, the kids will *Get God's Love!* as they listen to the parable of the Good Samaritan and be inspired to share God's love with others. On Thursday, the kids will *Get Praying!* as they discover the parable of the friend at midnight. They will understand the reassurance that comes from knowing that anytime is the right time to pray to Jesus. On Friday, the kids will *Get Going!* as they hear the parable of the talents our adventurers will go into the world knowing that by doing their best, they honor God.

Vacation Bible School runs June 14 to June 18 from 9am to noon. The program is geared for children who will be 4 years old by June 1 through those who will be entering 5th grade in the fall. We encourage all the children to bring a friend from school or their neighborhood to share the love of Jesus! Registration forms are on the next page, on the Messiah website,

will be sent by e-mail if your child attended last year or is registered in Sunday school and are at the Welcome Center. Please take the time to fill out the form so that we can plan for your adventurers to join in the fun. Completed forms can be placed in the box on the wall outside the CE office or mailed to the church.

VBS requires many helping hands. If you are entering the 7th grade or are older, we would love to have your help! Those students who are entering 6th grade are welcome to team up with their mom or dad and help as a team. The teen spots do fill quickly, so don't delay in getting in on the fun. If you would like to help, please fill out the registration form and turn it in to us so that we can begin planning for our valuable volunteers. VBS is a fun and energetic program and you will be happy to be involved.

The celebration of Holy Communion program is underway for the 5th grade students. If you were not contacted about this and want your 5th grade child to celebrate his or her Holy Communion, please contact the Christian Education office immediately. Randy Johnson and Carol Pytlarz are our star teachers for our 5th graders and are excited to be able once again to lead this lesson series.

On Sunday mornings our children are busy finishing their lessons on Holy Week and Easter. We have been blessed with a roster of wonderful teachers! A big thank you to Lynn Gale, Christa Nick, Rhonda Franger, Jennifer Peldiak and Jennifer Rector for sharing the word of God with our young learners.

Spirit Dance

If you have a passion for Christ and love to dance you are welcome to join us as we lift up our praises to the Lord.

We have two groups at present. The Spirit Dancers ages 11-adult meet on Wednesdays, 5-6pm in the sanctuary. The Little Spirit Dancers ages 5-10 meet on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

We are so blessed to have Rachel Dadian teaching the older group and Kasey Voeller teaching and choreographing the younger group.

If you would like to be a part of the dance ministry please contact Karen Holmes 526-2332 or Rachel Dadian 815-385-7217.

Schedule:

Spirit Dancers: Beginning new practice on 2/24 at 5pm in the sanctuary. This dance will be lifted up to the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Little Spirit Dancers: Beginning new practice on 3/16 at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. This dance will be lifted up on Sunday 4/25.



Messiah Lutheran Church's SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School Registration Form

(Please use separate forms for each child)



June 14 - 18, 2009 from 9a.m. - noon

4-years old by 6/1/10 - Entering 5th Grade

Enrollment guaranteed for kids registered by June 1, 2010

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M/F

Address (include town): _____

Email Address: _____ (Please make clear as all communication is by email)

Cell/work Phone #: _____ Home phone #: _____

Grade Entering in Fall of 2010: _____ Friendship Request: _____

(Please note: To honor your request, both parties must request each other and request received by 5/15/10. We will make every effort to honor your request, but we can not guarantee it.)

Allergies we should be aware of: _____

(Please note: For extreme allergies, please provide your child's snack each day.)

I give Messiah permission to seek medical treatment for my child in emergency.

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Home Church Affiliation: _____

Name of Person(s) responsible for picking up this child at the end of each day:

Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Fee: \$35 for each child

Please include payment (make checks payable to: Messiah). Scholarships are available.

Please consider volunteering for this worthy program. We welcome volunteers for any number of days but please note that volunteers who sign up for a full week will have their tuition check returned to them at the end of the week. Nursery provided for volunteer's child(ren). Volunteers need to be entering 7th grade.

Volunteer Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you a teen helper? Yes or No 2010 Grade _____ Did you help in 2009? _____

The week of VBS I would like to: (circle one)

Class Leader Center Teacher Assistant Preferred Grade: _____

If you would like to teach, what is your area(s) of interest? (check all that apply)

Games Bible Story Crafts Snack
 Farm Exhibit Preschool Music Nursery

Circle days available: Everyday M T W TH F

Other ways I can help: (circle all that apply) Decorating Help from home Set-up

Take-down (Fri. afternoon 6/18) Registration (8-10am 6/14)

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Messiah's Youth News

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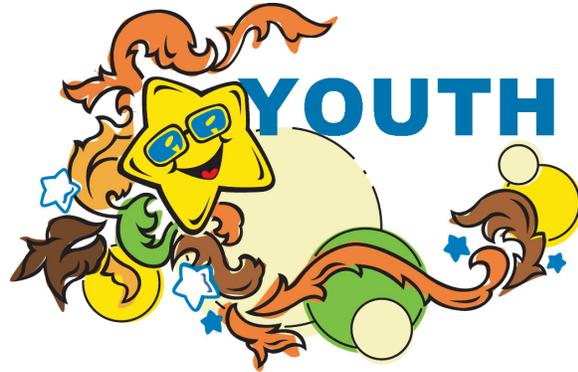
Upcoming Sunday Cafés:

March 21 (dress like the 80s)

April 25 (dress like the 90s)

May 16

All the proceeds from a free-will offering go toward the youth mission trip to Denver, Colorado. From now on the sponsor board will also be up on Sunday mornings. Thank you to those who have already sponsored a student for \$100! We have 60 students from Messiah going. The youth serve in our community and in our church all year long in a variety of ways like PADS, Book Friends, cleaning the nursery and preschool toys and chairs, cleaning windows, helping with mailings, etc. Once a year, they go out of town to serve another community with their God-given gifts. It is this away trip that bonds them together and inspires them to serve even more when they get home. What a blessing!



Thank you to those who purchased pillows from the girls and Sandy Crispe who hand-made them.

Youth Nights in March:

March 8 and 22 - Studying the three letters from John and the book of James



At left and below left: the crew at the January Sunday Café



Below right: the group at Ye Quake—2010

Messiah's 50th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE!

Please plan to join us as we celebrate
on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010
Details to follow.



Messiah's Anniversary Theme:
Clothed with the Holy Spirit for
the *next* fifty years of Ministry!

One Sunday each month in worship, Messiah participants have been invited to dress like a decade of Messiah ministry. In January, we dressed like the 1960s and in February the 1970s was the attire. March 21 we will dress like the 1980s, April 25 the 1990s, and May 23 we dress for ministry in 2010! As we do this, we may wonder, how will people dress in decades to come? One thing we know for sure is that Christian people of every generation have been dressed—clothed—with the Holy Spirit. We know this because the promise made by Jesus in Luke 24:49, the promise that God would send His Holy Spirit has come true. *See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.*

Messiah's 50th anniversary will be celebrated, most appropriately, on the 50th Day of Easter which is Pentecost—the day marking the birth of the Church.

If you know of a former member who would like more information, please e-mail their name and address to: messiahlutheran@messiah-wauconda.org or call or call 526-7161

Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Celebrating
50 yrs.
of Ministry

Baptisms



Exciting baptisms at Messiah recently—Above, Kelsey Hodera and Lexi and Aryel Hernandez; below—April Dawn Chambers



Pastor Dirk, Pastor Dawn, Dan and Karen Day got into the spirit of the 60s in January.





The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow.

Revelation 4:3

This month our Kids Club children will be “green” as we focus on St. Patrick’s Day activities. Some of the fun activities we will be doing will be making shamrocks and searching for leprechauns and a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. We will learn about the real importance of a rainbow and what that means for us.

“In like a lion and out like a lamb” is what we are hoping for as we welcome the arrival of spring on Sunday, March 21. Our spring break program will run March 29-April 1 (Monday-Thursday). We will be closed Friday in observation of Good Friday. To register for spring break, visit our website at messiah-wauconda.org or call the office at 526-7112.

Summer camp will be starting at the end of May, just around the corner. We will be offering exciting “theme camps” for children 3-5 years and full-day camps for children grades K-5. Watch for upcoming information on Messiah’s website.

Blessings,
Eileen Miller, Director



Children explore a variety of habitat materials (above) and pose in animal habitats (below) at the Lake County Discovery Museum.



Messiah Preschool News



February was a month filled with extra love! We celebrated Jesus’ love and the wonderful love of our friends and families. The children enjoyed lots of building together—building structures and building friendships this month.

In March, our teachers introduce a weather unit as we begin to watch for spring’s arrival. Parent/teacher conferences are planned to help families celebrate the wonderful growth and progress of their children this school year. One of the highlights of our March curriculum is teaching the Easter story. Even the youngest children can understand the wonderful message of forgiveness.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 7! The preschool is planning a spring break get-away event for families from 3 to 5pm that afternoon. Families are invited to join us for a variety of child-friendly activities as we “travel” around the country together. You won’t want to miss your chance to visit the big city, the beach, the wild west, the zoo, the mountains and the train excursion! Watch for more information in the church bulletins and preschool flyers.

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is ongoing, and many classes are filling up quickly, 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 messiah.preschool@messiah-wauconda.org or 526-7476.

Blessings,
Lynda Janezic



The Marriage You've Always Wanted Conference

Saturday, March 20th 9–3:30 Lake Zurich High School
Performing Arts Center

Steve Karnatz, 526-2055 snkarnatz@ameritech.net

Led by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the best-selling *Five Love Languages*, this conference is a time of fun and discovery that can help you build the love relationship of your dreams. Whether you are getting married in six months—or have been married 60 years—you'll get solutions you can use. With Biblical advice and a healthy dose of laughter, Dr. Chapman gives valuable tips on developing a God-honoring, happy marriage.

Couples, both married and engaged, will benefit from practical sessions addressing topics like communication differences, dealing with criticism, understanding love languages, and making sex mutually fulfilling. Join us for a day that will be a highlight for your marriage!

Tickets are \$50/person at the door, \$45 online (moodyconferences.com) and \$40 for groups of 12 or more. Steve and Nancy Karnatz are coordinating a group, and all are welcome to join. This is a WMBI (90.1 FM) conference sponsored by Alpine Chapel in Lake Zurich. So, pray for your spouse, pray for the marriages around you and remember, "love is a verb."



Sam

Hi Folks,

It's Sam the churchmouse here with the news.

The Lake Zurich High School Varsity Poms Squad took first place in the AAA Hip Hop category and third place in the AAA Open Pom category at the regional TEAMDance Illinois competition held recently. In addition, the LZHS Poms' hip hop routine received a special award from the judges for technical excellence for having the highest technical score of the competition. After their first two competitions, the LZHS Poms have qualified in both Open Pom and Hip Hop for the state competition. Molly Pennino is the senior captain of the team. Great job!

Following in her sister's footsteps, Mallory Pennino is on the Lake Zurich Middle School North cheerleading team. During recent state championships, LZMSN won the state title in its cheer division. Ashley Mazzocchi is also a member of the team. Congratulations, ladies!

Keep those notes and e-mails coming.

Until next time, **Sam**

Manna Gift Cards

Thanks for supporting our Manna/Scrip card program. Using the cards helps support Messiah ministries at no extra cost to you.

According to the groundhog, there's going to be six more weeks of winter. If you are tired of all this snow and ice, get environmentally friendly ice-melting products at your local Ace Hardware, Menards, Home Depot, or Lowe's using a Manna card. While you're there, start checking out spring planting ideas. Think about using a couple of Manna cards if you're going to buy a new lawnmower, patio furniture, or perhaps a new grill.

Keep it simple for Lent: make a pot of soup and curl up with a good book from Barnes & Noble (a 9% percent return to Messiah). In addition to best seller books, they have kid's games, DVDs, Blu-Ray and many gift ideas. Stores are located in Deer Park, Crystal Lake and Vernon Hills.

If you own a business or know of a friend or neighbor that would like to join the Manna Gift Card Program, contact Judy Burch at 638-5468.

Sally Lubeno, 526-9308

50th Anniversary Cookbook



To help commemorate Messiah's 50 years, we will publish a new church cookbook available for sale in the fall of this year. In this new

book, *A Country Cookbook VI*, we will combine old favorites from our previous cookbooks I through V (including recipes from the famous "red cookbook") and add new ones.

To gather these old favorites, we will need your help. Just e-mail or call me with your favorite recipe name, color or number of the cookbook and the page number. Also, if this recipe has become a family tradition, please describe how and when you use it. Please get this information to me by the end of March. Thanks.

Watch *The Voice* and bulletins for further details regarding our new cookbook.

Barb Lindquist, 438-7410

Birthdays in March

Brandau, Shannon	1	Lubeno, Sara	7	Sandquist, Fred	14	Rossetti, Cindy	23
Brauer, Ingrid	1	Pagano, Jenna	7	Siegel, Aiden	14	Ulrich, Mary	23
Grosche, Navelle	1	Shepherd, Susan	7	Stanger, Jaclyn	14	DeFontaine, Christopher	24
Moorhead, Shannon	1	Wozny, Paul	7	Berg, Jennifer	15	Funk, Justin	24
Ornig, Matthew	1	Franger, Rhonda	8	McNulty, Tom Jr.	15	Grau, Olaf	24
Peldiak, Carley	1	Gonzalez, David Jr.	8	Wortmann, Toom	15	Seagren, Avery	24
Sandquist, Alyssa	1	Kalinoski, Sean	8	Eck, Glenn	16	Burmeister, David	25
Dennis, Ester	2	Mau, Laura	8	Johnson, Bob	16	Ciezak, Lori	25
Fishburn, Bill	2	Reyes, Jodie	8	Shropshire, Dorothy	16	Frey, Bonnie	25
Meyer, Jake	2	Stapleton, Karrie	8	Uhl, Melissa	16	Hueckstaedt, Kevin	25
Schoepke, Lauren	2	Vrenios, Kevin	8	Beelow, Breannin	17	Nikolich, Jessica	25
Simchak, Kaitlyn	2	Halvorsen, Bev	9	Crispe, Sara	17	Ulrich, Sarah	25
Austera, Brian	3	Leonard, Candy	9	Fewkes, Danielle	17	Behm, Sarah	26
Bobowski, Brayden	3	Mantell, Brad	9	Grawe, Sean	17	Grawe, Liz	26
Brandt, Marty	3	Murphy, Megan	9	Janezic, Alexandria	17	Murphy, Don	26
Eck, Steve	3	Nehmzoq, Elizabeth	9	Schildkraut, Kathy	17	Olson, John	26
Fehsenfeld, Olivia	3	Ruhnke, Beth	9	Diver, Laurel	18	Siegel, Rayn	26
Felderman, Krystal	3	Swanson, Brian	9	Erfort, Allison	18	Burton, Owen	27
Graber, Shea	3	Ulrich, Christopher	9	Grosche, Danielle	18	Roman, Karyn	27
Hellios, Danielle	3	Campbell, Valerie	10	Jackson, Savanna	18	Schillaci, Jenny	27
Kidder, Emma-Leigh	3	Merkle, Casey	10	McIntosh, MacKenzie	18	Seidenzahl, Dave	27
Pedersen, Victoria	3	Pahlow, Vanessa	10	Miller, Amy	18	Weaver, Dan	27
Penar, Amanda	3	Wright, Todd	10	Wersyn, Andrea	19	Danner, Evan	28
Penar, Samantha	3	Briscoe, Jessica	11	Pate, Andrea	20	Fortunato, Miranda	28
Pickup, Kaylee	3	Byrd, Olivia	11	Rodifer, Victoria	20	Gifford, Charlie	28
Dadian, Norm	4	Cherney, Linda	11	Campbell, Anthony	21	Jarcik, Andrew	28
Gale, Sydney	4	Graber, Heather	11	Fortunato, Alex	21	Johnson, Amy	28
Kraus, Kirsten	4	Hahn, Kim	11	Karnatz, Derek	21	Mass, Dawn	28
Snow, Judy	4	Sollenberger, Lydia	11	Dettmann, Faith	22	Vezensky, Steve	28
Ugland, Tim	4	Spieß, Gloria	11	Freundreis, Jacob	22	Zietlow, Dave	28
Weith, Cindy	4	Bobis, Carl	12	Haremza, Naomi	22	Causero, Kelly	29
Wirth, Nicole	4	Costello, Brian	12	Hartmann, Abigail	22	Felderman, Ben	29
Kulowitch, Ed	5	Shaver, Megan	12	Hueckstaedt, Kim	22	Reed, Krysten	29
Roeder, Graham	5	Wortmann, Julie	12	Nelson, Jeff	22	Blomberg, Keith	30
Roeder, Ian	5	Blasius, Erica	13	Nelson, Tyler	22	Heisner, Denise	30
Klesch, Mackenzie	6	Schuhknecht, Joe	13	Niziolek, Charlotte	22	Belmonti, Gabriella	30
Lulis, Anna	6	Stone-Zinke, Deborah	13	Schuhknecht, Laura	22	Belmonti, Oliva	30
Nedli, Katie	6	Dick, Darrell	14	Sosnowski, Amy	22	Grigaliunas, Vic	30
Belmonti, Judi	7	Diol, Jessica	14	Charnogorsky, Ally	23	Hacker, Ashley	31
Claiborne, Adam	7	Engelbrecht, Jeremy	14	Gaide, Daniel	23	Katsma, Christine	31
Crispe, Sandra	7	Ferguson, Chuck	14	Gardanier, Dillon	23	McCarte, Kyla	31
Diol, Katie	7	Gordon, Debi	14	Howell, Shannah	23	Pease, Alexis	31
Doucet, Alissa	7	MacLagan, Ernie	14	Kristof, Debbie	23		
Kashmier, Sandy	7	Marsek, Daniel	14	Lubeno, Jeri	23		
Logan, Gregory	7	Offenwanger, Kelsie	14	Rector, Genevieve	23		

Boy Scout Troop 90

Vinnie Jordan, 526-3316

At the February Court of Honor, Boy Scouts in Troop 90 received 36 merit badges and seven rank advancements. Scouts earned merit badges such as Fingerprinting, Crime Prevention, Citizenship in the World, and First Aid. Seven scouts and two adult leaders received the Triple Crown Award. The Triple Crown is awarded when a scout or scouter has participated in the Boy Scouts' three high adventure bases: Boundary Waters, Sea Base and Philmont or Double H. Boundary Waters is a week-long trip canoeing throughout the wilderness along the Minnesota-Canada border area which the troop visited in 2007. In 2008 the scouts lived on a primitive island in the Florida Keys for a week. Last year, the troop backpacked in the mountains and desert of New Mexico. It is a rare award to earn, even more rare was that nine troop members received this at

one time. High adventure trips are an important part of our troop.

A special thanks to Pastor Dawn for her excellent presentation and acknowledgment of the scouts on Scout Sunday.



Thank You

to the following for your Special Gifts!

In Memory of Robert Pepper
The Sandquist Family

In Memory of Marilyn Becker
Joanne Miller
Donna and Mike Scheutzow
Harriet Nelson

In Memory of Eugene Palermo
Ron and Deb Goossens

Dear people of Messiah,

I should have written this note a few months ago, but as you know I am a little slow getting things done.

The night before my surgery I could not sleep, so I got up and put the prayer shawl around me and then went to bed and slept the rest of the night. I have been using it ever since. It is great on my lap while I watch TV, and great to just wrap it around me when I am hurting.

Thank you to all who make the prayer shawls and for your prayers and care as well.

It took me three months to get well, but I am back to normal now.

Thank you again.
Linda Grace Leonard

Quilting



The Messiah Quilting Ministry, which meets monthly on a Friday night and Saturday morning (except in the summer), needs your help.

We have numerous fabric squares cut and ready to be sewn into quilt tops. If you would be willing to sew some of these for us either at home or at one of our meetings, we would appreciate your assistance.

Please contact Barb Lindquist, 438-7410

Deborah Circle



*Women's
Bible Study*

Deborah Circle will meet Wednesday, March 10 at 9:30am at Linda Leonard's, 260 Larkdale Row, Wauconda. Carol Brewer will be the co-hostess. We will be discussing week 4, pages 56 -70 in our book, *Fingerprints of God*.

Jo Ann Isleb, 540-0835.

Women's Salad Potluck Luncheon

The Annual Ladies Salad Potluck Luncheon sponsored by Health and Wellness will be on Saturday March 13 from 11:30am to 2pm. Please bring a salad to share. After lunch, Mary Lou Falk from Life Line Screening will do a presentation on the warning signs and risk factors associated with stroke. Come join us for this fun and educational day. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. Contact Marilyn Dick, 526-7814, or Nancy Karnatz, 526-2055, with any questions.

Messiah Baseball



Messiah is again having a co-ed 14" baseball team this year. If you would like to play, please call Randy Johnson at 540 9704. Games are on Friday night at Cook Park in Wauconda. Players must be 18 years old. If you do not want to play but just want to watch, we always need fans.

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Worship Services

SATURDAY, 5pm

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

Wednesday Lenten Services, 7:30pm

Join in the fellowship between services!

New Century PLUMBING



Messiah's Family

In Our Prayers ...

Jules Becker

Russ Benson

Zach Carlson & family

Penny Claiborne

Ester Dennis

Cameron Jorgensen

Sue Kasula

Frank, Dolores & Keith Polifka

Jimmy Porten

Debbie Takazawa

Bridget Wright

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism We Welcome ...

Riley Payton Cole on January 16

April Dawn Chambers on January 24

Alexis and Aryel Hernandez on February 10

Kelsey Hodara on February 10

Kaylee Jane Markko on February 14



Prayers

We Extend Our Condolences to ...

Rachel Mergenthaler and her family at the death of her brother, Al Saucedo

Jenny Becker and the entire Becker family at the death of Marilyn Becker

Noreen Rabe at the death of her sister, Christine Rhyne

Norma and Norbert Scheck at the death of her uncle, Ervin Schultz and his sister-in-law, Mary

Pastor Dawn and Gene Hass at the death of Gene's sister, Joan Lyman

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- 3/27-28** **Saturday, 5pm; Palm Sunday Worship—7:30, 9 and 10:30am**
- 4/1** **Maundy Thursday Worship—7:30pm**
- 4/2** **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship—12:30 and 7:30pm**
- 4/3** **Saturday—Easter Vigil—time and details TBA**
- 4/4** **Easter Sunday Worship—7:30, 9 and 10:45am—The Resurrection of our Lord**

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