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Starting Again

On Ash Wednesday, I preached about the importance of "starting again" for Christians, especially during this season of Lent. It was during Lent that new initiates to the faith experienced a period of especially intense preparation--being examined by the congregation, fasting, prayer--to conclude their years of study and ready themselves for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. But unlike many other ancient religions, this time of preparation was not just for the new initiates. Veteran Christians joined with their new brothers and sisters in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as the great Paschal Feast drew near. That's how the idea of fasting and other special devotions during Lent got started: it was a way for all the baptized people of God to experience starting again in their faith, just as those preparing for baptism were starting for the first time.



If you undertook some special disciplines for Lent, whether fasting, extra worship, daily prayer, or simply correcting a bad habit, you have by now likely experienced a setback or two. And that's ok! Lent is about renewing our faith, not about following a law. So in that spirit of renewal, I want to encourage everyone to "start again" this year when we, as God's baptized people, embark on Holy Week and enter into the heart of the mystery of our salvation.



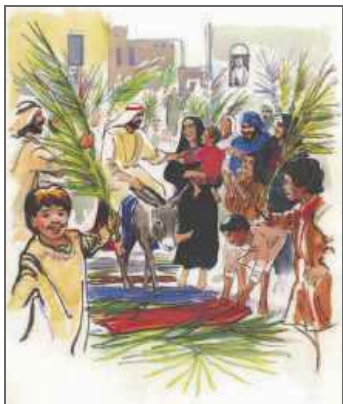
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On **Palm Sunday, March 24**, we enact together the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and we hear how quickly the tide turns against Jesus and his peaceful, liberating movement. We are invited to remember that we are part of the crowd that cheers for Jesus and the crowd that calls for his crucifixion.



On **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 6pm** we remember the meal Jesus shared--the last of so many shared with his disciples (not to mention Pharisees, friends, sinners, and tax collectors)--on the night of his betrayal. We will share in an ancient Christian practice called the *agape feast*, and we will hear God's mighty actions in saving Israel from Egypt. The evening concludes with the celebration of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.



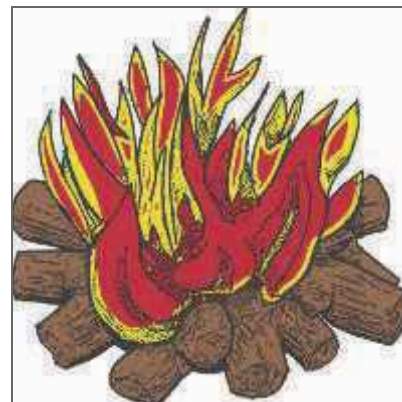
On **Good Friday, March 29, at 12:30pm and 7:30 pm** the Holy Week liturgy continues with the **Passion of Our Lord**. Through words, images, and prayers we will contemplate the last hours of Jesus's life. We will lift our intercessions before God, and we will be invited to revere the cross on which hung the salvation of the whole word.



On **Holy Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 pm** the liturgy concludes with the **Easter Vigil**. In this most solemn and spectacular event in the whole church year, we gather around a fire, process into the darkened, tomb-like sanctuary, hear the stories of new life from the Old Testament, renew our baptismal vows, and then celebrate the victorious rising of Our Lord with the first celebration of Holy Communion in the new Easter Season. This service

lasts almost two hours, but it ends with a festive reception to break the fast of Lent, with cake, strawberries, champagne, and other delicious things to celebrate the triumph of Jesus over death and hell. This year we are especially blessed to share this epic night with our sisters and brothers from Holy Apostles Episcopal Church here in Wauconda. Rev. Martha Gillette from Holy Apostles will preside at Holy Communion.

Take this awe-filled week as an opportunity to start again as a child of God, baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and made an heir with him to God's kingdom. See you in church!



Pastor Ben

Welcome Statement

"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.

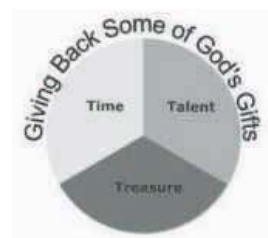
You are welcome here because God welcomes you."

Generosity Team

Dave Jarcek, (847)719-2865

Happy Easter!

Wow! Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? Now we're right in the middle of Lent and there is still snow on the ground! Soon the snow will melt and we'll begin to see the first signs of Spring. The air will get a little warmer, the tulips will start to poke through the ground and we'll start hearing the birds chirp as they return home. It is a great time of year to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the beginning of a new season.



However, the changing of the seasons does not affect the daily operations of Messiah. Every day there are wonderful things going on for the benefit of others and the furthering of God's work at Messiah. Are you currently playing an active part in the growth of our church? Now is the time to take an assessment as to how involved you are in your church. What are your gifts and talents which you can use to help others inside and outside of Messiah? Are you waiting to be asked? Take the first step by talking to one of our leaders or asking one of the pastors about what you can do to contribute.

Have you considered on-line giving? It is an easy way to budget your cash flow, which helps Messiah's cash flow too. To sign up for 'Simply Giving' go to our website, click on the '\$' sign in the lower left corner and follow the instructions (<http://www.messiah-wauconda.org/>).

Good Samaritan

... *Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.* -Proverbs 14:31

Jo Ann Isleb, (847) 540 0835



Baby Bottle Project

Thank you for your participation in the baby bottle project. If you still have a baby bottle, please bring it to church as soon as possible.



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

LSSI Storybook Project

Good Samaritan Ministry will be participating in the LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) Storybook Project which is part of their 'Prisoner and Family Ministry.' The focus of the program is to keep bonds between inmates and their families strong. For this project, inmates have the opportunity to record a book for their children. The book and the recording are then given to the children. Our part in this project is to provide the books to be recorded. You can read more about this project at www.lssi.org/StorybookProject.aspx and the link for the list of books is <http://www.lssi.org/support/StorybookListFlyer2012061.pdf>.

We will be distributing information on the Storybook Project and a list of suggested books on March 9, 10, 16, 17. Please return the books by March 24.



Love INC Lake County Southwest
Love in the Name of Christ

Love INC in Wauconda has the following needs:

- blankets, quilts and comforters
- pots and pans
- furniture
- volunteers to deliver the furniture

You can place items in the food barrels in either the Gathering Place or across from the mailboxes near the church office.

Love INC is also looking for volunteers to provide rides to and from kidney dialysis appointments. Those in need of rides live in Ela Township and have dialysis in Palatine, Arlington Heights, or Hoffman Estates. The need is urgent as there are currently people on a list for these rides.

For information or to volunteer, call Jeanne McGowan, 847-469-8835 ext. 115

Venturing Crew 2090

Future activities for the Crew are bowling, dodgeball night, and a cabin campout. Elected officers are President Jack Y., Vice Presidents Mikaela R. and Brian N., and Seth T. as Secretary. Our next meeting will be March 12 at 7pm in the Spirituality Center. Any questions please contact Dave or Julie Ryman at dnjryman@ameritech.net or 847-487-1079. No previous scouting experience is required in Ventures.



Council Highlights

Lisa Kelderhouse, (847)322-0381

February 5, 2013 - Messiah Council Minutes

Jason Miller shared the church administrator's report. He found a discrepancy in the copier contract which means that Messiah will get a refund. He is looking into renegotiating the copier contract. The Wauconda Expo is Feb. 23 and 24 at the Wauconda High School. Jason is looking for people to man the Messiah booth.

Pastor Ben reported that for the next two months the Adult Forums will be considering Heaven and Hell; who gets saved, from what, and how; and the question of angels and demons. He shared that Megan Randazzo is leading the follow-up ministry, and that this spring may be our largest new member class since 2011.

Pastor Dawn shared Messiah's vision of "Living Face to Face" She reported that ministry directors will be filling out a "Living Face to Face" vision worksheet and presenting to council during upcoming meetings.

Dave Kimes shared Council Member expectations, living in community, Messiah's core values, appointed liaisons, and set up the 2013 schedule.

Council appointed Gerry Lemke as Treasurer.

The congregational meeting was discussed. Council members and pastors shared their enthusiasm over the positive outcome of the meeting. Congregational meeting minutes were passed out and will be approved at the March council meeting.

Mike Anderson gave the Building and Construction report. Ceiling touch-ups in the Gathering Place are completed. Kids Club is remodeling the basement. They are removing the material from the walls and replacing with drywall and moving wall partitions from the preschool to the basement. They may be redoing the floors as well, but a flooring material has not yet been chosen or approved.



Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm in the Luther Center.

Deborah Circle will meet on March 20 at 9:30 am in the Luther Center. We will be watching the video and doing the lesson for Session Four in our study series, "When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box."

Judy Snow 847-526-6880



Youth News

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350



In PATHWAY the youth continue learning about the Apostles' Creed. We have also started CANstructing our roller coaster in the Gathering Place with all the donated canned food items.

IMPORTANT PATHWAY DATES:

Wednesday, February 20 thru March 20 --- Huddle Groups at 6:50pm, followed by 7:30pm Worship

Saturday/Sunday, March 2-3 --- FINK Retreat to Phantom Ranch

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday! 8th grade Statement of Faith due

Wednesday, April 3 - Normal Pathway schedule resumes - Taste of Pathway: we welcome all 5th graders

YOUTH GROUP (formerly REFUGE) is open to all high school and college students! We meet and attend the 9am Worship Service. After the service, we will travel to the Rock (around 10:30am) and meet until 11:30am.



MARCH DATES

3 - NO Youth Group - FINK Retreat

10 - NOOMA - You

17 - NO Youth Group - St. Patrick's Day

24 - NOOMA - Today

31 - NO Youth Group - Easter

MISSION TRIP in the summer of 2013 will be to St. Louis, Missouri! If you are interested in attending this trip, please let me know as spots are filling quickly! If you are interested, I can get you the needed information. Thank you to everyone that joined us for our last breakfast! We love serving food and are thankful for all your support! We also now have our Sponsorship Board up in the Gathering Place. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please stop by the board on Sunday for more details.

FIRST EVER COLLEGE MISSION TRIP! We will be traveling to the small town of Gentry, Missouri, the first week in August 2013. We will be helping the local residents with things around their houses, which could include building fences, painting sheds, or yard work. We may also be baling hay, making jam, feeding cows, and much more. I will need to know if you are going by June 1st, so you have some time to figure out your summer plans and school schedules. We also have a Sponsorship Board in the Gathering Place. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please stop by the board on Sunday for more details.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." --- Joel 2:32

Children's Ministry

Tracy Meyer, Children's Ministry Director, (847)540-9223

We have been busy studying some stories from the New Testament. We just started our 5th rotation for the school year. All together we will read and study over 17 lessons from the Bible. In this next session we will be studying 'The House on the Rock' (Matthew 7:24-28), and 'A Storm' (Matthew 8:23-27) leading us right into Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday.

Look for the CANstruction site in the Gathering Area. Now through Easter Sunday we will be working on a CANstructing project, where members of the church, Pathway kids and Sunday School students are collecting canned food items throughout Lent. With these cans, the Pathway students are creating a roller coaster to gear up for VBS in the CANstruction Zone. Please donate any canned goods and place them in the garbage cans in the Gathering Area.



Marshmallow Mania started in February and will continue until the last day of Sunday School (May 19). Please remember to bring your Bible, encourage your children to bring an offering and ask them to invite a friend to join them on Sunday mornings.

I would also like to reach out to all the 5th graders that are making their First Holy Communion this May. There is a parent/child meeting scheduled Saturday, April 6 in the Martin Luther center and classes begin Sunday, April 7 continuing through April 28. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 5pm.



VBS Registration is now OPEN! (Registration form on page 10)

Hold on tight and join us for a fantastic ride. Colossal Coaster World is June 10 - 14 from 9am-noon. We will be facing fear and trusting God based on 2 Timothy 1:7. In this exciting setting, the kids will be challenged to tap into God's promise to give them the courage to face their fears by trusting him. Day 1's theme will be Dare to Change., Day 2 will be Dare to Speak up, Day 3 will be Dare to Believe, Day 4 will be Dare to Stand Strong, and Day 5 concludes with Dare to Trust. Kids will rotate through Coaster Alley, Global Expo, Scissors and Stuff, Tune Town, Adrenaline Zone and Cotton Candy Café.

Please leave the completed registration forms (with payment) in the marked bins in the Gathering Place, in the offering plate, or outside the Christian Education office. The program is geared for children who will be four years old by Aug. 30 through children entering 6th grade in the fall. 6th grade students may assist only with their parents. Those entering 7th grade and up will be welcome to assist other adults. The teen spots fill up quickly so please get your registration in early. The volunteer information is on the student registration form at the bottom of the page.

Upcoming Events

February through Easter - CANstruction

March 31 - Easter Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt (No Sunday School)

May 4 - 1st Holy Communion (5th grade students)

May 19 - Marshmallow Mania (9am to 10:30am) No 10:30am Sunday School this day

June 10 - 14 VBS Colossal Coaster World

Thank you for being a part of our Sunday school program. I am so blessed to be able to work with your children each and every week.



Setting The Table Sunday, Feb. 10 Hunger Awareness Dinner





Office Use Only: = Paid = Unpaid

Check # _____

Initials: _____

Date received: _____



Messiah Lutheran Church's

Colossal Coaster World VBS Registration Form

Please use separate forms for each child

June 10 – 14, 2012 from 9a.m. – noon

4-years old by 9/1/13 – Entering 8th Grade

Enrollment guaranteed for kids registered by June 3rd, 2013

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ M/F

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

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

Grade Entering in Fall of 2013: _____ Friendship Request: _____

(Please note: To honor your request, both parties must request each other and request received by 5/15/13. If friendship request is in different grade please note. 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 case of an 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): _____

You have my permission to photograph my child/the photos may be used for promotional purposes.

If not please circle no here: – No

Parent/Guardian Name & Signature: _____

FEE: \$40 for each child. \$50 after May 15th (Checks payable to: Messiah Lutheran Church). Scholarships are available.

CD's are \$5 each. Please add \$5 if you would like to pre-order a VBS music CD.

They will also be for sale at VBS.

We need over 100 volunteers for this amazing VBS program! Parent Volunteers who sign up for a full week will have their check returned to them at the end of the week. Nursery provided for volunteer's child(ren). Volunteers need to be entering 7th grade or can be entering 6th grade if volunteering with a parent. Volunteer communication will come via email. Contact Tracy Meyer, to volunteer via email/phone or send this form via mail/turn in at church in marked bins.

Volunteer Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you a teen helper? Yes or No 2013 Grade _____ Email: _____

The week of VBS I would like to: (circle one) Group Leader Center Teacher Assistant

If Group Leader or Assistant, Preferred Grade: _____

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

☐ Any ☐ Games ☐ Bible Story ☐ Crafts ☐ Snack ☐ Preschool ☐ Nursery

Circle days available: Everyday M T W TH F

Other ways I can help: (circle all that apply) Decorations/Painting Help from home Donations

Set-up (June 1st 12-5) (June 8th 9-5) (June 9th 10-5) Take-down (June 14th 12-4) (June 16th 12-2)

Registration (6/10 8-10am)

Messiah Lutheran Church, 25225 W. Ivanhoe Road, Wauconda, IL 60084

Tracy Meyer, VBS Director, phone: 847/526-7161 x14, email: Messiah.CE@Messiah-Wauconda.org

Small Group Opportunities

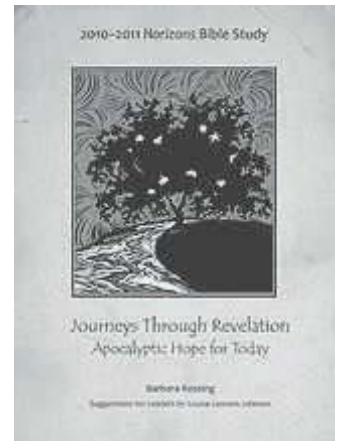
Karen Logan 847-526-5845

March 3 Serving in a soup kitchen/food pantry at Woodstock Bible Church from approximately 10am to 2pm.

March 20 Wednesday Night Dinner will be a community event. Come share a meal with someone new. If you know of someone to invite, please ask them to join us. Your participation will make this night a special meal for our guests and congregational members.

March 24 Palm Sunday Progressive Dinner from 4:45pm-8pm. Includes dinner in member homes followed by dessert at church and the movie "Babette's Feast". Enjoy fellowship with friends and also make new friends. You may also attend just dessert & movie. Sign up on the yellow sheet by March 12 to help us plan. If you would like to volunteer to help, let us know.

April 1 starts our new Monday night 8 week Bible study from 6pm-7:30pm on The Book of Revelation led by Suzanne DeLaCruz. Confused about the book of Revelation? Do you find it to be a frightening prophecy of a violent future? Explore the real meaning using Barbara Rossing's easy to follow study guide on Revelation. Mrs. Rossing is a Lutheran pastor and professor of New Testament at Chicago's Lutheran School of Theology. We will learn about the true message of this mysterious book and discover its important lessons for churches today. It's not as difficult as you might think! You may view this excellent study guide at www.pcusa.org/horizons or at online bookstores. You will also receive a packet of resource information for discussion. Let us know if you would like to be a part of this dynamic Bible study.



For info or to register for any of the small group opportunities contact Karen Logan

College Student Spotlight - Courtney Smith

Hi! My name is Courtney Smith and I am a graphic design major at The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Once I graduate, I hope to get a job! I'm not sure what else yet, but luckily I have some time to decide! I am involved in The Navigators which is a campus ministry, Phi Eta Sigma honors society, and GDSI (Graphic Design Students at Illinois) Organization. I also work at an elementary school in Champaign as a tutor.

At Messiah, I have participated in the church Pathway, mission trip, Vacation Bible School, and the Drama Team. I have so many memorable experiences at Church. But I really loved my time as a FINK in the Pathway program, where I had the privilege of watching my group of girls grow in their faith. Religion has played a huge role in my life! It is definitely the foundation of my life and it led to my involvement in The Navigators where I met most of my college friends. It's great to know that when school and life gets tough you can rely on God to get you through it.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and watching movies. Currently the most played song on my iPod is "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz. I have two cats, Rosie and Misty. I like spending time in Wisconsin at my grandparent's house and visiting family in Florida.



Birthdays

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

MLPK (Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten)

Lynda Janezic, Director, (847) 526-7479



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. And oh, the fun with the snow! The preschoolers had tremendous fun playing outside in the snow. In March, our teachers will 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. Our Scholastic

Book Fair will be open during this time - you can pick up some great books for your family. One of the highlights of our March curriculum is teaching the Easter story. Even the youngest children can understand the wonderful message of forgiveness.

The Before and After School care program enjoyed three fun field trips in the month of February. They went to the Tree House, Inflatable Fun, and Rink Side. They are offering fun and exciting field trip events during spring break if you need extra care for your children. For more information, please contact Lynn at the Preschool office at 847-526-7479.



Summer Camp registration is now available. This all day program will run throughout the summer and is available for children ages 3 through 12. Children will enjoy camp activities, trips to an area swimming pool, and community and adventure field trips. The activities will follow engaging Christian themes. The schedule can be found on our website www.MLPK.org.

Preschool summer class registration is also now available. These classes for children ages 3-5 or 4-6 run for four days (Monday - Thursday) and are theme based. Four different weeks have offerings this summer. Several of our most popular classes are being offered again this year including Music with Miss Sue, Bug Safari and Outdoor Explorers. New classes including

Storybook Oven and Artful MATHterpieces are fun additions to our schedule. Check the website for details.

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is ongoing and classes are filling quickly. Tell your family and friends to join us soon for a tour and introduction to the wonderful learning experience at Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten. Contact us at luhl@MLPK.org or 847-526-7479.

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