

Dear Friends in Christ,

Kim and I thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful Retirement Celebration Weekend you as a congregation honored us with! Both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship times were amazing; and the Saturday Root Beer Float Fellowship Time along with the Sunday Dinner Fellowship were wonderful!

Thanks to each one who helped plan; provide music; make (barbecue) food; serve and clean-up! Our family along with friends from previous churches were amazed at Messiah's hospitality and joy in serving. It was truly a beautiful time for Kim and me!

Thanks also to the Church Council for the gift of the beautiful wooden plaque listing all the churches we have served through the years! We already have it hung in our home and will treasure it for many years to come!

Also thanks to you and so many in the congregation for all the nice gifts, cards and remembrances shared! Your kind words, thoughtfulness and generosity have truly touched us deeply. Thanks for everything!

As we are moving on from Messiah we especially want to thank **Shirley Sampson** for her generous offer of sharing her home where we have lived when in Hoffman these past seven years!

Shirley has certainly become part of our family and we will always treasure these years spent in her home. Without Shirley and a place to stay our ministry in Hoffman would have never been able to happen. Thanks Shirley!

Again thank you to each one of you for these seven years as your pastor! Thanks to each of you leaders and servants; to the staff (Becky; Charis; Camilla; Beverly; Laverne; Arlyn and Scott)--and

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**COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

Sunday—6

10:30 am

Outreach Team

**Wednesday 9 or
Friday 11**

8:30 am

Executive Team

TBA

Education Comm.

Wednesday—16

7:00 pm

Council meeting



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PASTORAL ACTS:

FUNERAL: 7-7-2017 Margaret Eblen (passed away 6-26-17)

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to each of you who participated; embraced change; gave generously; shared your faith openly; served faithfully at church and in the community!

Messiah is an amazing church and we love you all very much!

God Is So Good!

Pastor Nathan & Kim

CAMILLA CONCERT AT FIRE PIT

Messiah's Worship Minister **Camilla Bjorklund** will present an **Outdoor Concert** on Saturday, August 19, 5:30 P.M. at the Fire Pit (inside if inclement weather). A Light Supper will be served along with Marshmallows and S'Mores roasted in the fire. There is no charge.

Camilla will share a wide variety of music from Patsy Kline to original pieces Camilla has written. It is a mix of secular and sacred; country and contemporary; old classics and new; played on guitar and keyboard.

Let the whole community and area know that they are welcome and invited to come. Invite your neighbors, relatives and friends—tell them you will pick them up and bring them with you. It's going to be a great family evening of music, fellowship and fun!

LIVESTREAMING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each week Messiah's worship service is livestreamed all over the U.S. and the world! All you need is a computer and internet access, and you can watch! If you would like to sponsor our services for a month in honor or memory of a loved one(s), the cost is \$50. Please stop in the office and talk to Becky if you are interested.

Sign up for 2018 now if you would like a special month.





Happy Birthday!



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| Jacki Anderson | 8-2 | Berdell Skogstad | 8-12 | LaVerne Olson | 8-19 |
| Luke Arnquist | 8-3 | Dieter Strobel | 8-12 | Chase Torkelson | 8-19 |
| Violet Bjelland | 8-3 | Mark Hedstrom | 8-13 | Brenda Andreason | 8-20 |
| Jill Johnson | 8-3 | Erick Stark | 8-13 | Kris Telkamp | 8-20 |
| Cindy Helberg | 8-3 | Jason Anderson | 8-14 | Lyle Yochim | 8-20 |
| Joan Johnson | 8-3 | Annika Solemsaas | 8-14 | Dorothy Carlson | 8-21 |
| Zephryn Volker | 8-4 | Richard Arnquist | 8-15 | Candyce DeNoble | 8-22 |
| Patsy Anderson | 8-5 | Ryan Sutton | 8-15 | Jenna Van Denbos | 8-22 |
| David DeNoble | 8-5 | Katie Froemming | 8-16 | Benjamin Anderson | 8-24 |
| Wanda Saurer | 8-6 | Dawn Johnson | 8-17 | Brian Lanners | 8-24 |
| Jeff Swenson | 8-6 | Lily Mahoney | 8-17 | Kristofer Beuckens | 8-25 |
| Sue Blehr | 8-7 | Ruth Nelson | 8-17 | Samantha Johnson | 8-25 |
| Drew Winter | 8-7 | Dennis Haagenson | 8-18 | Brian Randt | 8-27 |
| Kayla Andreassen | 8-8 | Alicia Martinson | 8-18 | Raelene Stark | 8-27 |
| Pam Randt | 8-9 | Roger Schoepfoerster | 8-18 | John Gran | 8-28 |
| Zaeyla Volker | 8-10 | Aaron Anderson | 8-19 | Debra Nelson | 8-28 |
| Carmelle Bohrer | 8-11 | Scott Anderson | 8-19 | Raymond Ziemer | 8-29 |
| Lauren Johnson | 8-11 | Tracy Harstad | 8-19 | Owen Sanstead | 8-30 |
| | | Vernal Nelson | 8-19 | | |

WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR SEPTEMBER

If you are in the September/March group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in September. If you do not sign up, a duty will be assigned to everyone to fill the spots needed. This is your chance to choose a date that works best for you. You can also call the church office to sign up. Thank you for your help.

SEPTEMBER/MARCH GROUP

Clayton & Patsy Anderson, Tim & Cindy Bolgrean, James & Teresa Erickson, Karla Fettkether family, Russ & Jessica Froemming family, Paul & Rhonda Gran, Dennis & Mary Haagenson, Jim & Pat

Hanson, Lee & Polly Hedstrom, Daniel & Mary Jacobson family, Dawn Johnson, Jerome Kiehne, Philip & Sandra Koehntop, Paul & Christine Mahoney, Bret & Lorie Oelke family, Ed Persons, Dan & Kay Persons, Justin & Amy Puchalski family, David & Kayla Sanstead family, John & Deb Starner, Mark & Cindy Starner, Jennes & Arlou Swenson, Courtland & Sylvia Swenson, Rachel Volker family

Remembering the Saints in Light

Recognizing members who have gone before us during the month of their passing

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| Cathy Engelby | 08-03-10 | Mavis Gulbrandson | 08-07-11 |
| LeMay Thorstad | 08-18-13 | Lillian Thorstad | 08-19-13 |
| Lester Nordin | 08-19-08 | Donald Giese | 08-25-11 |
| Dennis Winter | 08-29-08 | Lois Persons | 08-29-16 |
| Marie Bjerke | 08-31-08 | | |

June 21, 2017 7 pm

Present: Pastor Nathan, Jim Hanson, Jen Hermes, Brian Randt, Marisa Sabolik, Duane Samuelson, Curt Stark, Ken Johnson, Jared Frykman

Marissa called the meeting to order.

Pastor led devotion based on continuing leadership

Agenda was approved with flexibility. Motion by Jen. Brian seconded, motion carried.

Motion by Jim, seconded by Jen to approve Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Jen to approve Treasury's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor Nathan reported Saturday services are scheduled for June 24, July 22, August 19. He reassured the wedding parties that he would be available to perform services if need be. He also reported that both bulbs on the video display system would be changed out this week.

Committee Reports:

Youth and Family- no report.

Executive- no report.

Outreach- Emily McGee has joined committee. The movie "Shack" will be shown next Wednesday with refreshments. On July 14 Heavenly Harp will perform at Messiah. The committee will also have a float in the Harvest Festival parade.

Property- Checking into replacing a drinking fountain and also researching collaboration on an electric sign for town announcements.

Memorial and Bequest- no report

Education-VBS will be held 7/31- 8/3. Counselors will be staying in campers at Elk Lake campground. Join the Celebration date is set for September 8 and will be held at the Hoffman Community Center.

Vision and Task force- Will be meeting at Calvary Lutheran church on June 28th to explore new ideas that they are implementing. Also plan on working with the new pastor to develop short and long term ministry goals

Technology- Needs to execute some of the ideas that were given the previous meeting

Old Business:

Farmers Market will have the church council serving on June 28th. Thank you to Brian for leading the cooking.

Pastoral interview update- Have interviewed 4 candidates. Two of the candidates are very qualified each having their different skill sets.

Motion made by Curt and seconded by Jim to allow the call committee to pursue a call to be finalized by the congregation. Motion passed

New Business:

Discussed the possibility of Messiah being a storage site for food, which is given to needy students to help their families have food throughout the weekends, in a program called the Backpack Program

Pastor Nathan and Kim's ministry celebration will be held June 24 and 25. The retiring offering on Saturday will go towards Austin Olson's recovery fund.

Final funding is very close for the Senior living housing. Abstract work will need to be done with no cost to Messiah.

Executive meeting will be on Friday, July 14 at 830 am

Council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 19 at 600 pm to be held at Duane Samuelson's place.

Potluck dinner will take place first

Jared motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Duane. Motion carried

Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Curt Stark

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Summer is here with the heat, rain, wind, and hail at times. Storms from the weather bring down trees, buildings and destroy crops.

God is in control, we are not.

There are also storms in our lives. Whatever your storm is, you are not alone.

"God has said never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, the Lord is my Helper. I will not be afraid" Hebrews 13:5-6

"In this world, you will have trouble, but take heart. I have overcome the world". John 16:33

God is our anchor in all of life's storms. Seek his shelter.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you". John 14:27

Tell your story about the storm you are having. Stephen Ministers listen and will pray with you about the storm in your life.

Call Ardis (986-2768) or Sandy (986-2382) for a Stephen Minister

MESSIAH PIANO FOR SALE

The Everett piano in the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen door will be sold. We are asking \$200.

The second piano is to be given away.

This offer is open to all, not just Messiah members.

Contact Becky in the Office or Stan Stark.



SPREAD THE WORD!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Living Out Love"

Dates: July 31 to August 3, 2017 9:00—3:00

Ages: 3yrs to 6th Grade

Cost \$10 per child * \$25 per family * Scholarships available

Register by contacting Messiah Lutheran Church 320-986-2024

Registration forms at Welcome Center

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 15

MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST, 2017

Mission of the Month: *Ronald McDonald House, Fargo, North Dakota*

This will include offerings and crib quilts donated for the month of August.

Mission Items to Bring: Items for School Kits

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| Wednesday | 2 | Farmers Market in the Park – Messiah Women serve 5-7 PM |
| Sunday | 6 | Fellowship Coffee – Group 2 at 10:30 |
| Monday | 7 | Martha Bible Study at 7 PM |
| Thursday | 10 | Mary Bible Study at 1 PM |
| Sunday | 13 | Harvest Festival Service in the City Park |

NEWS NOTES FROM ARLOU SWENSON AND SYLVIA SWENSON

On Wednesday, July 19th, Beverly Yochim and Lorraine Bredy served donuts to the residents of the Barrett Care Facility. Thank you. The residents and staff really enjoyed the treat.

The Summer of 2017 is quickly passing with a lot of activity planned for August and September so we wanted to keep you updated on important dates for you to mark on your calendar. Messiah Women (and maybe some men) will be serving for the Farmers Market on Wednesday, August 2nd. The Vacation Bible School students will present a program at that time too so it is a special event. Last year we served 185 people so you can see it is a big deal and many workers are needed. We will need workers before (at 3:30) to cut up watermelon and prepare the beans at church and to set up in the park, then from 5-7 PM to help with serving in the park and people to help with the clean-up afterwards. Plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for workers.

Our mission of the month for August will be baby quilts and other needs for Ronald McDonald House. Sunday, August 6th the women serve coffee and the money given will be sent to them along with some crib quilts. We will resume quilting again on Thursday, September 7th. We will be having a general meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 2 PM. We will review the calendar for the year and add new members to groups.

August is also the month that we donate articles for school kits. Each kit includes; 4 pads of spiral notepads, 8 ½ x 11 wide ruled paper, 70 sheets, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 1 30 cm metric rulers (rulers with inches on one side and centimeters on the other side are acceptable), 1 small pencil sharpener, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, 1 2 ½ inch eraser, pens, black or blue ink (no gel ink), 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 crayons.) The list of items is in your WELCA booklet as well as posted on the kiosk in the narthex. With a lot of stores featuring back to school bargains in August it is a good time to stock up if you are able. We have some material and patterns to sew the cloth bags to enclose all the items. If you would be willing to sew some please give Arlou or Sylvia a call and we will get them to you.

The North West MN Synodical Women's convention will be held September 14-15 at the Fair Hills Resort in Detroit Lakes. Check with Arlou or Sylvia for more information if you are interested in going. The theme is "Be Kind...The Power of Kindness Can Change the World."

"Be Kind" good words to close with! Thank you again for all you do and who you are and thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Enjoy the rest of the Summer, it is passing by too quickly!



Seek-

WANTED! We are looking for adults age 9th grade and older to sign up for a fun, short four week Sunday School rotation between mid-September to end of April. All the work is done for you, just come, facilitate and have fun!

We need volunteers to help with our 3rd annual "Join the Celebration" on Friday, September 8th. Contact Becky at office or any of the education team!

Connect-

Save the Date- 3rd Annual Join the Celebration for all ages! Friday, September 8th. We are changing it from years prior to Friday night due to scheduling conflict on Saturday night. Would you like to help at this event? Please contact any of the education team!

Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 10th! Gear up for Sunday school! Invite neighbors, cousins, friends!

Impact-

Our 2nd annual bake sale brought in over \$300 towards the outdoor projection system, thank you to all those that helped and purchased the baked goods!

Want to help with any of our education events? Contact us to find out how!

Education Committee- Kari Anderson, Tracy Frykman, Liza Long, Kesha Trinkka and Tracy Hedstrom



GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE—AUGUST**ACOLYTES**

6 Quinten Winter
20 & 27 Logon Long

If you are unable to serve your assigned spot on any Sunday, please find your own replacement and let the church office know who that is.
THANK YOU!!

COMMUNION PREPARATION

August 6 Cindy Christopherson
August 20 Janet Olson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 6 Ardis Stark, Vonnie Brittin, Becky Meyer
August 20 Ardis Stark, Stan Stark, Raelene Stark

COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL Brian Randt**FLOWERS** Marlene Thorstad Irma Nordquist**WELCOME CENTER****USHERS/GREETERS**

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| August | 6 | Wanda Kaplor, Carol Thorstad | Stan & Raelene Stark |
| August | 13 | HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE IN CITY PARK | |
| August | 20 | Gene & Eunice Eblen; Julian & Bev Nelson | |
| August | 27 | Scott & Kari Anderson; Duane & Darlene Samuelson | |

VIDEO**PROJECTION**

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| August | 6 | Quinten Winter | Ireland Winter |
| August | 13 | HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE IN CITY PARK | |
| August | 20 | Emma Swenson | Savannah Swenson |
| August | 27 | Quinten Winter | Ireland Winter |

ORGANIST**SOUND****LECTORS**

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| August | 6 | Bev Yochim | Nicole Bruns | Stan Stark |
| August | 13 | HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE IN CITY PARK | | |
| August | 20 | Bev Yochim | Kaitlyn Sanstead | Jen Hermes |
| August | 27 | Bev Yochim | Aiden Winter | Kristel Olson |

COFFEE

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| August | 6 | Coffee by WELCA Group 2 |
| August | 13 | HARVEST FESTIVAL IN CITY PARK |
| August | 20 | Coffee served by Churchmen— LeRoy Stark |
| August | 27 | Coffee served by Youth— Jacki Anderson |

AUGUST 2017

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study |
| | <div> <div> <div>Messiah Community VBS July 31 to August 3</div> <div>Preschool Mon-Wed 9:00-12:30</div> <div>K-6th Mon—Thurs 9:00-3:00</div> </div> </div> | | | | | |
| | | 7:00 Stephen Ministry | 5:00 Farmer's Market/ VBS Program Welca serves | | | |
| 6 9:30 Holy Communion Baptism of Emmalynn Holloway 10:30 Coffee by WELCA # 2 10:30 Outreach Team | 7 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study | 8 | 9 8:30 Exec team ?? | 10 1:00 Mary Bible Study | 11 8:30 Exec Team ?? | 12 |
| 13 HARVEST FESTIVAL 10:00 Worship Service in City Park | 14 | 15 7:00 Stephen Ministry | 16 7:00 Council | 17 | 18 | 19 5:30 Camilla Concert at the Fire Pit |
| 20 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by Churchmen 10:30 Sound Tech Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:30 Sound Tech Meeting | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |  |

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**CAMILLA CONCERT
AT FIRE PIT**

AUGUST 19, 5:30 PM

Dress casual, bring a lawn chair, and
enjoy the new firepit area.

Light supper provided;
yard games to follow.

All are welcome!

