

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY  
2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Beginning July 1, I am officially retired as a pastor in the ELCA. After 40 years of non-stop pastoral ministry it is hard to believe. Yet it is definitely the right time for me to move on to whatever new plans God has in store for Kim and me.

Even though I am retired I will still be your part-time pastor at Messiah—I will now be here 20-hours per week. My hope continues to still be able to pass the baton of leadership onto a new pastor for Messiah—that all depends on how the pastoral call process progresses.

As I transition to part-time ministry be assured that I am still available if you need special help or support. I plan to be in Hoffman most weeks from Friday morning through Sunday—yet some weeks those days may vary. I will also be doing some of my church work at my home in Shoreview.

In case of an emergency or death I will do everything I can to help you. You can call Becky at the Church Office or call me on my cell phone (651-210-8014). Either I will be there in person (or a Stephen Minister and/or area pastor); will talk with you on the phone; will visit you when I am back in the Hoffman area. My goal is to make sure you receive support if needed.

Thanks to the Messiah Congregation for the wonderful Celebration Event on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, June 24-25. I am in awe of all the love and kindness you shared with Kim and me; with our family; and with our guests from previous churches!

Thanks for the kind words you shared; the cards/gifts; the worship and music; the videos; the dinner and food; the stories and remembrances! We will always gratefully remember this wonderful farewell event and the fun times we shared with you our Messiah family!

As I transition and complete my pastoral ministry here in Hoffman I am truly thankful to God for all the ways he so richly blessed these seven years we had together! Messiah will always hold a special place in our hearts! Thanks again!

God Is So Good!  
Pastor Nathan

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## **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Sunday—9**

10:30 am

Outreach Team

**Friday—14**

8:30 am

Executive Team

**TBA**

Education Comm.

**Wednesday—19**

7:00 pm

Council meeting and  
picnic

Duane and Darlene  
Samuelson's



**PASTORAL ACTS:****BAPTISMS**

7-09-2017 Vincent Rose, son of Jennifer and Sam

**MEMORIAL**

6-15-2017 Tony Warner

**WHAT ROAD ARE YOU ON?**

When you are traveling this summer, find a road that takes you to a church to worship our Lord. Thank Him for the beautiful country and all the freedoms we have. Seek His wisdom daily through your prayers and daily reading of His word. Psalm 121:1-2 I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help! My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Happy Summer Days! Stephen Leaders Ardis and Sandy

**HOFFMAN-BARRETT BLOOD DRIVE****Messiah Lutheran Church**

Thursday, July 13, 2017

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Contact: Phil Corrigan 986-2262

**American  
Red Cross***Together, we can save a life***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!



Jerald Hulzebos	7/1	Curt Stark	7/9	Brookellyn Lesnau	7/20
Erika Lloyd	7/1	Dianne Johnson	7/10	Luke Nelson	7/22
Kerry Hohnwaldt	7/2	Benjamin Sabolik	7/10	Betty Anderson	7/23
Ed Loeffler	7/2	Jack Sabolik	7/10	Sarah DeNoble	7/24
Pat McGrath	7/2	Teagan Winter	7/10	Marlin Nadgwick	7/24
Alana Paavola	7/2	Wanda Stark	7/11	Vernal Olson	7/25
Brent Anderson	7/3	Matt Lloyd	7/12	Mike Krusemark	7/26
Arlou Swenson	7/3	Bob VanOver	7/12	Dean Travland	7/26
Helen Gevik	7/4	Jerry Krusemark	7/13	Donald C. Olson	7/28
Dan Persons	7/4	Kris Sanstead	7/13	Shane Olson	7/28
Duane Samuelson	7/4	Harriet Johnson	7/15	Greg Sabolik	7/29
Rhonda Gran	7/5	Shelby Krusemark	7/15	Tenley Strunk	7/29
Lynn Swenson	7/5	Samuel Richards	7/17	Marie Gran	7/30
Shirley Sampson	7/6	Ryland Trinka	7/17	Daniel Thorstad	7/30
Arley Ellingson	7/7	Rosie Yochim	7/17	Kathryn Luikens	7/30
Norman Gulbrandson	7/7	Wanda Kaplor	7/18	Denise Johnson	7/31
Amber Nelson	7/7	Cynthia Starnier	7/18	Kristel Olson	7/31
Betty Wilberg	7/7	Patty Larson	7/20	Karen Westberg	7/31

## **WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR AUGUST**

If you are in the August/February group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in August. 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.

## **AUGUST/FEBRUARY GROUP**

Alan & Becky Anderson, Betty Anderson, Madeline Anderson, Scott & Kari Anderson, Troy & Brenda Andreassen, Jelene Backman family, Steve & Melissa Bergman family, Carmelle Bohrer, Cindy Christopherson, Tim & Gayle Coleman, Gene & Eunice Eblen, Phil & Jen Hermes, Wanda Kaplor, Paul & Emily McGee, Julian & Beverly Nelson, Vernal & Janet Olson, Shane & Kristel Olson, Nels & Brenda Onstad, Barbara Podratz, Duane & Darlene Samuelson, Stan & Raelene Stark, Jami Sutton, Carol Thorstad

## **Remembering the Saints in Light**

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

Dale Anderson	7-04-07
Jeanne Erickson	7-04-12
Michael Anderson	7-08-10
Edith Hedstrom	7-11-14
Payton Stark	7-14-15
Irene Lindgren	7-16-15
Roy Wilberg	7-21-14
Pat Anderson	7-30-16
Nina Johnson	7- 31-10

## Messiah Lutheran Church Council Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 7:30 pm

Present: Pastor Nathan, Jacki Anderson, Jim Hanson, Jen Hermes, Brian Randt, Duane Samuelson, Curt Stark

Absent: Jared Frykman, Marisa Sabolik

- I. Call to Order by Duane
- II. Devotion by Pastor Nathan – how to connect with others.
- III. Approve agenda with flexibility – motion by Jacki, Curt seconded, motion carried.  
Secretary's report – motion by Brian, Jim seconded, motion carried.  
Treasurers report – motion by Curt, Brian seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Succession Planning Team still needs pastoral candidates. Confirmation went well with six young people affirming their faith. Senior recognition Sunday is set for May 21 where five young people will be recognized during worship and a reception in their honor will follow. Pastor is participating in the Baccalaureate Service on May 31 at WCA. Pastor will be attending the NWMN Synod Assembly on June 9-10 at Concordia College.

### Committee Reports:

Youth and Family (Jacki) – Heidi Johnson has been doing an excellent job at leading the youth for some activities however this is a temporary fill. Need to find a replacement beginning fall. Table until June meeting.

Executive Committee (Marisa) – June 24 & 25 Celebration of Ministry weekend for Pastor Nathan.

Outreach Committee (Jen) – nothing to report.

Property Committee – a capacitor quit working on one of the heat pumps. Brian replaced.

Memorial & Bequest Committee – scholarship applications were sent out to Messiah members attending college in the fall.

Education Committee (Jared) – nothing to report.

Stephen Ministry (Pastor) – nothing to report.

Vision and Task Force (Marisa) – nothing to report.

Technology (Curt) – team met on April 26. Discussion was on improving sound and microphones for Praise Band, upgrading Messiah's website, conduct training for current Sound Room volunteers as well as new recruits, upgrade Messiah's Facebook page, research possible monitors in Nursery and Fellowship Hall, train more people to help with inputting info for projection.

### OLD BUSINESS

Celebrating Lay Ministry at Messiah – a few new names were collected on Lay Ministry Sunday – committee members were reminded to contact those people.

Saturday night worship dates - June 24 (in conjunction with celebrating Pastor's retirement – Vision Team planning the meal), tentative other dates - July 22 and August 19.

Interim timeline review – June engage synod, mid to late July interviews, mid-August begin with interim Pastor

### NEW BUSINESS

Approve Pastor's July and August salary – 20 hours/week – monthly salary of \$3,000. Motion was made by Jacki, seconded by Brian to approve the proposed salary; motion carried.

Vacant council position – Ken Johnson has volunteered to join the council.

Council picnic – set for July 19 at 6 pm at Duane & Darlene Samuelson's.

June Executive Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 8:30 am

June Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 7 pm

June Communion & Offering – Jim

Adjourn – motion by Brian, Jim seconded

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jacki Anderson

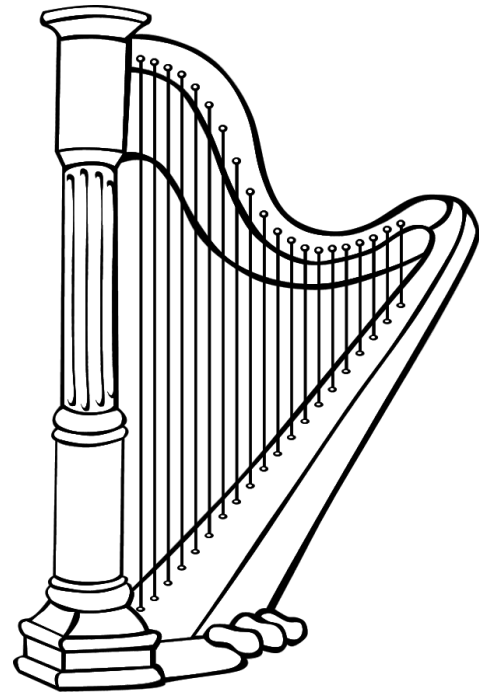
## HEAVENLY HARP CONCERT

**July 14, 2017 7:00 pm**

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

**Free Will Offering**

**Do you** miss singing all your favorite patriotic songs? Come to the Heavenly Harp "United We Stand" concert, Friday July 14 at 7:00m pm Join in singing favorites like "My Country Tis of Thee" "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "God Bless America" We'll sing together, pray for our country together and honor our veterans and God together. This concert is a wonderful, non-threatening way to invite those who may not normally attend worship. A free will offering will be accepted and CDs and DVDs will be available. Harpist, Karin Gunderson will be signing her book, "Encounters with Heaven—Stories of God's Surprising Presence." A reception will follow.



## THANK YOU

Thank you, Messiah Family, for your anniversary wished and cards. God's Blessings to you.  
Jennes and Arlou Swenson

## MESSIAH PIANO FOR SALE

The Everett piano in the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen door, will be sold for \$200. This offer is open to all, not just Messiah members.

Contact Becky in the Office or Stan Stark.

## 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 JULY, 2017

*Mission of the Month: Lakeland Hospice*

*Mission Item to Bring: Items for the Food Shelf*

Sunday	2	Fellowship Coffee – Group 1
Monday	10	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Thursday	13	Blood Mobile at Messiah Church at 1-7 PM
Wed.-Sunday	13-16	Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis
Wednesday	19	Barrett Care Center visit, 2 PM Group 1 bring treats
Thursday	20	Quilting, Mission Fellowship at 1 PM

### News Letter Article by Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

The July “**Mission of the Month**” is *Lakeland Hospice*. Lakeland Hospice provides compassionate, quality end of life care for patients and their loved ones for both today and tomorrow. Donations to this cause are greatly appreciated. “**Mission Items to Bring**” are *Items for the Food Shelf*. With so many families struggling with the high cost of gas and increased costs of groceries it is a good time to help replenish items for the food shelf. Items will be distributed to the Hoffman/Kensington Food Shelf.

July 13<sup>th</sup> the Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at Messiah Church from 1 – 7 PM. Please support this in any way you are able. Give blood if you can, there is such a need for donors during the summer months.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering for Lutheran Women is being held in Minneapolis this year. It will be on July 13-16 and will be at the Convention Center. This is the first time it will be held in Minnesota. The keynote speaker is Leyman Gbowee. You do not need to attend all three days. If you are interested in going please check with Arlou or Sylvia for more information. Messiah WELCA will pay for your registration.

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Messiah women, Group 1, will be serving treats during coffee time at the Barrett Care Center at 2 PM. Please join us for an afternoon of visiting our residents who call the Barrett Care Center and Rolling Hills Assisted Living their home. If this date changes it will be noted in the Sunday bulletin.

Flower committee members for the month of July are Bev Yochim and Lorraine Bredy.

The Cheer/Sunshine Committee for July through September are Marlys Rollofson and DiAnn Nord. This committee sends sympathy and get well cards to members as needed. They also send birthday cards to shut-ins and members in nursing homes.

The Messiah women will be serving at the Farmer's Market on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be on the Welcome Center for help in this activity.

The Northwest Minnesota Synodical Women's Convention will be September 14-15 at Fair Hills Resort in Detroit Lakes Minnesota. Again, if you are interested in going please check with Arlou or Sylvia for more information. Messiah WELCA will pay for your registration.

Please remember to look at the notes and letters displayed on the kiosk of the WELCA Women area. We receive many notes of appreciation for the donations and items and services we provide as a group. God bless you for your generosity and continued support in so many areas of need.



## Seek-

Want to have fun with our amazing youth? Sign up for a short “4” week teaching rotation for Sunday School starting mid-September through April. All the work is done for you, just come, facilitate and have fun! Volunteers needed for Messiah VBS week- Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> through Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Working with kids, kitchen duty and cleanup, and help Luther Crest counselors. Please find our sign up board by welcome desk in Narthex.

## Connect-

Don't forget to sign up your cousins, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, kids, and grandkids for our “Living Water” themed VBS week. Signup sheets are on the welcome desk in church and need to be filled out by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ages 3 (potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-k is Monday-Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-12:30 p.m. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is Monday-Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kids need a cold lunch each day, and water bottle.

Invite Friends to Messiah Sunday School starting this September. Ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade welcome.

## Impact-

Messiah's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Join The Celebration is Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> tentatively set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hoffman Community Center. A new location, new day, new time, will be amazing and fun. Join us for supper, fellowship, and fun!

Messiah's Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for games, and a fun snack. We will jump into Sunday school with a party! Sunday School is immediately following church service around 10:45-11 a.m.





# GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE—JULY

## ACOLYTES

2 & 9 Landon Long  
16 & 23 Teagan Winter  
30 Isabelle Strunk

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

July 2 Jacki Anderson  
July 16 Cindy Anderson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Brooke Anderson Ross Anderson  
Faye Giese

## COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL Brian Randt

## FLOWERS

Bev Yochim Lorraine Bredy

## WELCOME CENTER

July 2 Jacki Anderson family  
July 9 Lance and Heidi Johnson family  
July 16 Kesha & Nick Trinko, Curt & Cindy Anderson, Jason & Leah Anderson  
July 23 Brian & Pam Randt family  
July 30 Rosie Ellingson; Ed & Annette Loeffler; Steve & Sara Strunk

## USHERS/GREETERS

## VIDEO

July 2 Brooke Anderson  
July 9 Emma Swenson  
July 16 Quinten Winter  
July 23 Jaime Johnson  
July 30 Quinten Winter

## PROJECTION

Ireland Winter  
Savannah Swenson  
Krista Randt  
Ireland Winter  
Krista Randt

## ORGANIST

July 2 Bev Yochim  
July 9 Bev Yochim  
July 16 Bev Yochim  
July 23 Bev Yochim  
July 30 Bev Yochim

## SOUND

Aiden Winter  
Kaitlyn Sanstead  
Nicole Bruns  
Aiden Winter  
Nicole Bruns

## LECTORS

Jacki Anderson  
Heidi Johnson  
Lorri Reeder  
Curt Stark  
LeRoy Stark

## COFFEE

July 2 Coffee by WELCA Group 1  
July 9 Coffee served by Youth—Stark family  
July 16 Coffee served by Churchmen—Lance Johnson  
July 23 Coffee served by Youth—Beuckens family  
July 30 Potluck Dinner to welcome VBS counselors served by Education Comm



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
2 9:30 Holy Communion/ 10:30 Coffee by WELCA # 1	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 FOURTH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship Service Baptism of Vincent Rose 10:30 Coffee by Youth in honor of Elmer & Jeanne Anderson's 55th Anniv 10:30 Outreach Team	10 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	11	12	13 1-7 Blood Drive At Messiah	14 8:30 Exec Team  7:00 Heavenly Harp Concert	15
				10th Annual Triannual Gathering for Women 13-16		
16 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by Churchmen	17	18 7:00 Stephen Ministry	19 2:00 WELCA at Barrett Care Center  6:00 Messiah Council Picnic At Duane and Darlene Samuelson's	20 1:00 QWF	21	22  5:30 Outdoor Worship
23 9:30 Praise and Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Potluck to Welcome VBS Counselors Served by Ed Comm.	31 Messiah Community VBS July 31 to August 3 Preschool Mon-Wed 9:00-12:30 K-6th Mon—Thurs 9:00-3:00					

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## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Saturday service at Messiah

July 22

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!

