

Dear Friends in Christ,

Celebrating the joys of Easter we at Messiah are thankful for the amazing worship and events we just went through! In this Easter glow we are also excited about the wonderful happenings coming in May and beyond. The Holy Spirit is certainly alive and doing miraculous things in and through our congregation!

Celebrate Lay Ministry, Sunday April 30

Celebrate Lay Ministry is Sunday, April 30, at 9:30 A.M. Messiah is a congregation that is blessed with large numbers of volunteers and lay teams leading most of the ministries and events. Worship and the Fellowship Time that day will celebrate this involvement and will also lift up ways Messiah needs even more people involved—especially with the pastoral transition happening. Make sure you don't miss this wonderful celebration!

Confirmation May 7

Confirmation Day is Sunday, May 7. It is exciting that there are five 9th grade students and one 10th grade student who will be affirming their faith in Jesus: Kaleigh Anderson; Anna Bergman; Ashley Froemming; Casandra LeVecesque (10th grade); Savannah Swenson; Ireland Winter. These are truly some wonderful young people!

Sunday School Appreciation Lunch

The last day of Sunday School is May 7 when we will also be expressing our appreciation for all the kids and teachers/helpers who have been involved this year. There will also be an Appreciation Lunch at 10:45. Make sure you say thanks and express your appreciation for all those involved with Messiah's wonderful Sunday School ministry!

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 21

Messiah's graduating High School Seniors will be honored and recognized on Sunday, May 21, at the 9:30 A.M. service—a special reception will also follow. Congratulations to Tyler Onstad; Jack Nelson; Brittany Randt; Morgan Sanstead; Erica Vipond!

Retiring & Going Part-Time

I will be officially retiring from Messiah on July 1. Plans are that I will then contract with Messiah to work half-time. I have consulted with Bishop Wohlrabe, Messiah's Executive Team; Church Council; Kim and my family and they all affirm these plans moving forward.

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday—10

8:30 am

Executive Team

TBA

Education Comm.

Wednesday—17

8:00 pm

Messiah Council

Sunday—21

10:30 am

Outreach Team



PASTORAL ACTS:**MARRIAGE**

3-25-17

Mandy Frovarp and Derek Korzendorfer

This means when I go part-time I will do some of my sermon preparation and work from my home in Shoreview during the week; drive to Hoffman early on Friday morning; visit people and work at the church office on Friday and Saturday; conduct worship and preach on Sunday mornings. I also will be available for funerals depending on the timing.

Depending on how the pastoral call process is progressing will determine how long this part-time contract will continue. If a pastor is called this summer and is coming sometime relatively soon I will most likely keep going until that person starts their ministry here.

However if there are no candidates and call possibilities by the first of August I will need to complete my ministry near that time. There really needs to be a new pastor (or an interim pastor) in place before September when all the busy school year activities begin again at Messiah.

Please remember this call process in your prayers—pray that God will stir the heart of the right pastor and that this person will interview at Messiah! Also please keep networking with relatives and friends about our position—pastors are often found most often through these kinds of connections. Thanks!

God Is So Good!

Pastor Nathan

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.

**BRIDAL SHOWER**

Sam Richards and April Nelson

Saturday, May 6, 2017 9:00-11:00

United Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake

Bridal
Shower



Happy Birthday!



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| Sophia Lanners | 5-1 | Mary Haagenson | 5-10 | Landon Long | 5-20 |
| John Starner | 5-1 | Willa Giese | 5-11 | Donna Huntley | 5-21 |
| Connie Hohn | 5-2 | Sandra Koehntop | 5-11 | Jack Christopherson | 5-22 |
| Gabbi Beuckens | 5-3 | Cody Johnson | 5-12 | Clayton Anderson | 5-23 |
| Nicole Bruns | 5-3 | Michael Telkamp | 5-13 | Jayce Puchalski | 5-23 |
| Carol Hulzebos | 5-5 | Rosie Ellingson | 5-14 | Rose Marie Hanson | 5-24 |
| Lance Johnson | 5-5 | Paul Hedstrom | 5-14 | Ivy Mahoney | 5-24 |
| Elmer Anderson | 5-7 | Phil Hermes | 5-14 | Kenneth Sanstead | 5-24 |
| Lorie Oelke | 5-7 | Megan Andreasen | 5-15 | Melissa Bergman | 5-26 |
| Rachel Volker | 5-8 | Jordan Meyer | 5-15 | Debbey Johnson | 5-26 |
| Lori Olson | 5-9 | Ashley Froemming | 5-16 | Myla Christopherson | 5-27 |
| Christen Onstad | 5-9 | Claire Stark | 5-16 | Emily Johnson | 5-28 |
| Justin Puchalski | 5-9 | Ashley Coleman | 5-19 | Brian Sylskar | 5-29 |
| Michael Starner | 5-9 | Allison Jacobson | 5-20 | Camron Frykman | 5-30 |
| | | | | Isola Smith | 5-31 |

WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR JUNE

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

Paul & Carol Anderson, Leslie & Delores Bruns, Lynette Bruns family, Jerry & Michele Danelke, Tad & Kathy Dunlap, Laurie Gulbrandson, Gwen Haack, Paul & Tracy Hedstrom family, Peggy Huntley, Jim & Cindy Kloos, David & Michelle Martinson, Pat & Tina McGrath, Becky Meyer, Marlin & Barb Nadgwick, Greg & Judy Richards, Jennifer Rose, Wanda Stark, Jeff & Amy Swenson family, Mike & Kris Telkamp family, LeRoy & Sylvia Thorstad

Remembering the Saints in Light

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

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| Gary Peterson | 05-03-16 |
| Robert Sampson | 05-25-09 |
| T. Ansel Christenson | 05-30-09 |

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

Marissa called the meeting to order.

Pastor started devotion on Mathew 28.

Agenda was approved with flexibility. Motion by Jim. Jen seconded, motion carried.
Motion by Duane, seconded by Brian to approve Secretary's Report. Motion carried.
Motion by Curt, seconded by Brian to approve Treasury's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor Nathan reported on a potential Celebrate Messiah Sunday sometime after Easter to give thanks to everyone in general who help make Messiah work as a church.

Committee Reports:

Youth and Family- Salvation army Mission trip planned. Meatball Dinner on March 19.

Executive- Exploring options on monitor for rear of sanctuary and repair of 2 spots in parking lot.

Outreach- Still searching for additional committee member

Property- Installed heat pump, updated flow metering, and changed out relays. Will proceed on obtaining heat pump rebate from Ottertail power. Exploring options for backup heat pump storage.

Memorial and Bequest- Approved request for oil candles on Altar

Education- Luther Crest representative will be at Sunday service. Planning on end of school year celebration, car wash, and bake sale

Vision and Task force- Moving toward hospitality vs ushering.

Technology- Looking at wireless router issues, improving sound quality, and increasing volunteers for sound room

Old Business:

Insurance update-Liability insurance does cover if an outside group is using church. Need to follow up on liability coverage for the food shelf

Succession Planning update:

Met candidate on Feb 27, toured community and interviewed. Looking at interviewing another candidate on March 26.

New Business:

Messiah will be filling 3 spots for serving a meal at the Hoffman Farmers Market in 2017. Men/council, former Good Samaritan employees, and WELCA(VBS) will be in charge of the meals

Clarified the church donation of \$2400 to the HK Food Shelf according to the Messiah budget. Messiah will donate \$2400 with any other church committee's donations to be added onto this donation. Also requested a report from the HK food shelf.

Executive meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12 at 8:30 am

Council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 8:00 pm

Jim motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Brian. Motion carried

Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer
Submitted by Curt Stark

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NOTES

Within the past several months, Messiah has been blessed to be the recipient of several very generous gifts. These relate specifically to ongoing maintenance and updating of physical building and grounds needs.

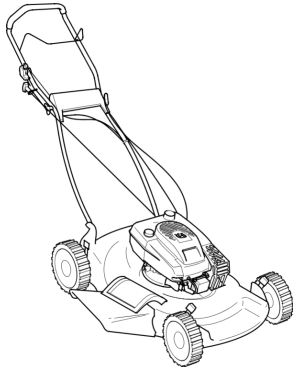
We are especially grateful and acknowledge the following:

- Three nearly new heat pumps from Curt and Cindy Anderson from the former Dew Drop Inn; one of which has already been installed.
- A monetary gift from Steve Engelby going toward heat pump installation of above.
- A donation from the Joanne Holl family for heat pump purchase and maintenance.
- A Toro snow thrower given by Terry and Joyce Zumberge for winter sidewalk maintenance.
- A replacement refrigerator from Mark and Cindy Starnier.
- Electrical work for new heat pump; as well as other various electrical updating from Brian Randt

Our facility is approaching 30 years of age and there will continue to be improvement needs. Major upcoming projects being given consideration at this time are:

- Flat roof membrane replacement.
- North Side sanctuary shingle replacement.
- Parking lot patching and sealcoating.
- Office area carpet replacement

Contributions towards any of these projects are always welcome as the Church Council budgets and plans for these upcoming projects which will be needed in the next five years.



LANDS CEMETERY LAWN MOWING BIDS

Lands Cemetery Association is requesting bids for lawn mowing and trimming of the cemetery property for the 2017 season. Bids should be **per time**. All bids should be submitted by May 7th.

This will be a one season contract. The association has the right to accept or reject all bids. Contact Gene Eblen or Lee Hedstrom for more information.

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

MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR MAY, 2017

Mission of the Month: Global Missions

Items to Bring: Items for New Born Kits

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| Monday | 1 | Martha Bible Study at 7 PM |
| Thursday | 4 | Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:30 PM |
| Sunday | 7 | Confirmation-Fellowship Coffee- Group 5 |
| Thursday | 11 | Mary Bible Study at 1 PM |
| Thursday | 18 | Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:30 PM |
| Sunday | 21 | Fellowship Coffee – Christian Nurture Committee Honor Graduates, Parents and Mentors |

News Notes for May, 2015 from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

Sunday, May 7th we will honor our confirmation students, they are Kaleigh Anderson, Anna Bergman, Ashley Froemming, Casandra LeVecesque, Savannah Swenson, and Ireland Winter. Remember them in your prayers as they approach this important milestone in their church lives.

Sunday, May 21st we will honor our graduating seniors, there are five of them this year. They are Tyler Onstad, Britany Randt, Morgan Sanstead, Jack Nelson and Erica Vipond. Keep them in your prayers also as they begin the next journey of their lives. Each of the graduates will receive a quilt from the WELCA quilters!

A special "Thank You" to Mark and Cindy Starnier for the donation of a refrigerator for the kitchen. It is wonderful to have a more modern refrigerator and especially one that is frost free. Thanks to Stan Stark and Mark Starnier for helping with the installation.

We are pleased to report we had many items to send to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health on April 26th. A special "Thank You" goes to those who purchased so many items for our mission boxes and helped pack boxes. Thank you to Eunice Eblen who used her Thrivent gift card to purchase cloth diapers for Newborn kits. The women have made so many quilts this year. We donated several quilts to Someplace Safe in Alexandria along with ones we donated to those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated fabric and jeans for quilt making. Thank you to the women quilters who gave so much of their time to making the quilts. It really is a fun fellowship time. Come and join us. You don't need any previous experience to tie a knot!

The "Mission of the Month" for May is items for newborn kits. The items that are needed are: 1 regular size bath towel (thinner type) new or gently used and no longer than 48 inches, 1 washcloth, 1 bath size bar of Ivory soap, 1 newborn (small) stocking cap (keep hand knit ones very small), 1 baby cotton blend or flannel shirt/kimono size 0-3 (short sleeves), 2 cloth diapers, 2 diaper pins, 1 receiving blanket (approximately 30" by 30"). Pack items in a 2 gallon zip lock bag, squeeze air out of bag. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Items for any of the mission kits may be dropped off any time. Kit items are listed in you WELCA book. Please mark what kit you are donating to when you drop them off. We can also use used bath and hand towels for our AIDS/Hospice kits and midwife kits.

Two women from Messiah attended the Conference 8 gathering in Wheaton on Saturday, April 22nd. It was an enjoyable meeting. The fall meeting will be on October 17th at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Clarrisa. More information to follow later.

The 10th 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.

Hope you all have a blessed and Happy Mother's Day on May 14th!

HAPPY SPRING

Farmers are working the soil and planting seeds.

God gave us a seed of faith! Keep it growing whether it's spring, summer, fall or winter. Nourish it daily!

Stephen ministers and leaders are always here for you.

Blessings to all, Ardis and Sandy



Seek-

Looking for volunteers to help the week of Messiah VBS week, Monday July 31st to Thursday, August 3rd. Anyone 6th grade and older can help volunteer working with the kids, helping in kitchen and fellowship hall cleanup, and going to Luther crest on Thursday, August 3rd. The VBS volunteer sheet will be up by welcome desk starting in May.

Would you be interested in making lunch or supper meals for our Luther crest counselors during VBS week in August? The signup sheet will be by welcome desk starting in May.

Connect-

Join us on our last Sunday school day of the year on Sunday, May 7th. Our Fiesta celebration starts immediately after church and it includes a free meal, and piñata for kids from 11-12 p.m. Everyone is welcome as we thank the kids, parents, teachers, and volunteers for a great Sunday school year!

Happy Mother's Day to all the special grandmas, mothers, aunts, god-mothers, and sisters out there!

Impact-

Congratulations to all the confirmands, and seniors this year! The education committee is so very proud of you! God, Bless you!

Don't forget to register for Messiah VBS! Signup sheets are at the welcome center, all ages 3-6th grade are welcome!

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



Appreciation and Fellowship Lunch

Lunch, dessert, beverages, piñata provided.

Join us and help us thank teachers,

Parents, and youth!

Sunday, May 7th

Immediately following Church service

No Cost—Free

Food and piñata provided by Thrivent Action Card
from Jared and Tracy Frykman

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

7 & 14 Madi Krusemark
21 & 28 Damon Sanstead

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

May 7 Andrew & Kelsey Giese
May 21 Faye Giese

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Aiden Winter Brittany Randt
Faye Giese

COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL

Jim Hanson

FLOWERS

Jeanne Anderson

**WELCOME CENTER**

May 7 Marisa Sabolik
May 14 Rick & Ardis Stark

May 21 Jon & Tanya Winter
May 28 Heather & Jason Ahrens

USHERS/GREETERS

Rick and Ardis Stark, Bob Spaulding
Steve Engelby, Jerry & JoAnn Erickson
Donn & Brenda Olson
Bernie & DiAnn Nord, Jon & Tanya Winter
Pat & Amber Nelson, Gary & Dianne Johnson

VIDEO

May 7 Brooke Anderson
May 14 Quinten Winter
May 21 Emma Swenson
May 28 Ireland Winter

PROJECTION

Nicole Bruns
Krista Randt
Savannah Swenson
Kaitlyn Sanstead

ORGANIST

May 7 Beverly Yochim
May 14 Beverly Yochim
May 21 Beverly Yochim
May 28 Beverly Yochim

SOUND

Kaitlyn Sanstead
Aiden Winter
Aiden Winter
Krista Randt

LECTORS

Ardis Stark
Tanya Winter
Tanya Winter
Val Arnquist

COFFEE

May 7 Fiesta Free Appreciation Lunch to thank teachers, parents and youth
May 14 Coffee served by Youth—Swenson family
May 21 Coffee served by Youth—Mitch Sanstead family serving
May 28 Coffee served by Churchmen—Curt Stark

MAY 2017

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study | 2 7:00 Stephen Ministry | 3 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5:00 Youth Meal 5:30 5th-12th Impact Yth group-Paint & Sip 7:00 Messiah Choir | 4 1:30 QMF | 5 | 6 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study |
| 7 CONFIRMATION 9:30 Holy Communion/ Kids sing 10:45 Fiesta Free Appreciation Lunch | 8 | 9 | 10 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8th Gr Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir | 11 1:00 Mary Bible Study | 12 | 13 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study |
| 14 9:30 Worship Service Baptism of Colton Schmidt 10:30 Coffee by Youth NO Sunday School | 15 | 16 7:00 Stephen Ministry | 17 5:00 Youth Meal 5:30 5th-12th Impact Yth group-Project Lucas/Tie Blankets 7:00 Messiah Choir 8:00 Messiah Council | 18 1:00 QMF | 19 | 20 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study |
| 21 SENIOR RECOGNITION 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:30 Outreach Team 4:00 Adopt a Highway for all Congregation members. Supper to follow (bon fire?) | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study |
| 28 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Churchmen | 29 OFFICE CLOSED | 30 | 31 | | |  |

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SPRING DITCH CLEAN-UP

Sunday, May 21st at 4:00

Supper and Bon Fire at church afterwards
Supper provided through Thrivent Action Team
Donated by Jon & Tanya Winter family

- Everyone invited!
- Meet at church for a ride to the 2 locations
East of Hoffman on Hwy 27 & West of Hoffman on Hwy 27
 - Gloves and Vests provided
 - Wear boots because it could be sloppy