

Dear Friends in Christ,

"On Our Way Rejoicing" is Messiah's theme and focus for this program year of 2016/2017. As we move into the month of October here are some very important things for you to know:

"What's Happening At Messiah" Emails/Facebook Posts

Each week Messiah is sending out a *"What's Happening At Messiah?"* email to everyone on our church's list. This email is also posted on Messiah's Facebook Timeline. A few people have told us that this email has gone directly to their "junk" file.

Please check your email each week and forward it on (click "share" on Facebook) as we lift up the many exciting things happening in our congregation. If you would like to be on this weekly email list please let Becky know in the office. To receive on Facebook simply "like" our church's page. Thanks for your help in getting Messiah's message out to others!!

Thanks Succession Planning Team!

Thanks to Val Arnquist; Jen Hermes; Heidi Johnson; Ken Johnson; Marisa Sabolik; Sylvia Swenson; and Jon Winter for serving on this very important Succession Planning (Call Committee) Team. May God's Holy Spirit send his power, guidance, vision and love upon these faithful servants.

New Member Gathering!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of Messiah? The next New Member Gathering will be on Sunday, October 9, with a Welcome Luncheon at 11:30 A.M. Each person/family will have a sponsor and this luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with some of Messiah's people along with our congregation's vision and ministry. Please call the church office and/or talk to me if you are interested.

Confirmation/Confirmation Mentors!

Confirmation is a very important ministry each year at Messiah. Thanks to Pat Hanson for again volunteering to help teach! There are six (6) new 8th graders joining with the five (5) in the 9th grade class—10 girls and one boy.

I am also excited that six Messiah adults have said "yes" to being a mentor for the new students. They are uniting with the five 9th grade mentors who are continuing on for this second year. One-on-one meetings along with every-other month group mentor events will be starting in October. Please remember Messiah's Confirmation Students in your prayers!

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday—5

8:30 am

Executive Team

Sunday—9

9:00 am

Outreach team

Thursday-13

6:00 pm

Education Comm.

Wednesday-19

8:00 pm

Messiah Council



PASTORAL ACTS:**FUNERAL****9-3-16****Lois Persons (passed away 8-29-16)***Continued from page 1***Messiah Choir!**

Messiah's Choir began rehearsals in September and meets each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 P.M. This year the choir welcomes Camilla Bjorklund as our new director and Worship Minister! New singers are always welcome. If you have questions please talk with Camilla.

Important Updates/Information

More than 100 adults and kids attended the "Join The Celebration" event on September 10. Thanks to the Education Team for planning and making this event happen! Thanks to all the volunteers and helpers! And thanks to everyone who came and shared in the fun!

Messiah's Harvest Bonfire & Yard Games—Saturday, October 15, 5:00 P.M.

Message Series "*The Games People Play*" continues each Sunday.

Mission Trip to Gladys Ray Homeless Shelter in Fargo Saturday, October 15. Youth 5th – 12th grade encouraged to attend. Assemble sack lunches at 8:00; leave for Fargo at 8:30; return to the church around 3:00. All youth and parents welcome!

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.

**SNOW REMOVAL BIDS**

The property committee is requesting bids for snow removal from the church parking lot for the 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 winter seasons (2 Years). Bids should be per hour and will be received from Messiah members only. The property committee has the right to accept or reject any bids. Bids should be submitted to the church office by October 31, 2016.

Also, we are updating our list of volunteers for sidewalk maintenance for the upcoming winter. Each volunteer would be asked to serve for a 2-week period. If you should have any questions regarding the bidding or shoveling, see Stan Stark.



Happy Birthday!



Steve Engelby	10-2	Eunice Eblen	10-12	Leah Anderson	10-21
Rachel Gulbrandson	10-2	Gwendolyn Haack	10-13	Bernard Nord	10-21
Donna Soderholm	10-2	Wilton Swenson	10-13	Tim Bolgrean	10-22
Alex Strunk	10-2	Hannah Johnson	10-14	Marilyn Schoephoerster	10-23
Scarlett Anderson	10-3	Eric Gulbrandson	10-14	Curt Anderson	10-24
Lynette Bruns	10-5	Brandi Gades	10-15	Courtland Swenson	10-24
Anna Bergman	10-6	Donn Olson	10-15	Kallie Quernemoen	10-25
Roger Gunderson	10-6	Coy Gist	10-16	Darlene Samuelson	10-25
Tony Krusemark	10-7	Zander Coleman	10-17	Cindy Christopherson	10-26
Arlene Stock	10-7	Gene Eblen	10-17	Mike Staples	10-26
Rebecca Anderson	10-8	Muriel Krusemark	10-18	Carol Sanstead	10-27
Rollin Soderholm	10-8	Lucas Nicholson	10-18	Theodore Coleman	10-28
Brady Erickson	10-9	Mikaylah Stark	10-18	Darcie Engelby	10-29
Gary Olson	10-11	Kari Anderson	10-19	Loren Gades	10-29
Evan Yochim	10-11	Barbara Swenson	10-19	Heidi Johnson	10-29
				Stanley Stark	10-30

WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR NOVEMBER

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

OCTOBER/APRIL GROUP

Howard Anderson, Dick & Val Arnquist, Scott & Sue Blehr, Steve Engelby, Jerry & JoAnn Erickson, Terry & Faye Giese, Gary & Dianne Johnson, Brian & Sheila Lanners family, Dana & Deb Nelson, Bernie & DiAnne Nord, Donald & LaVerne Olson, Donn & Brenda Olson, Gene & Marlys Rollofson, Greg & Marisa Sabolik family, Shirley Sampson, Ken & Paula Sanstead, Heather Smith, Isola Smith, Bob Spaulding, Erick & Addy Stark family, Rick & Ardis Stark, Grace Stier, Jon & Tanya Winter family

Remembering the Saints in Light

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



Raymer Stock	10-04-10
John Kleinsasser	10-05-08
Dora Anderson	10-08-13
Maynard Thorstad	10-23-15
Maud Starner	10-24-10

Messiah Lutheran Church Council**Wednesday, August 24th 5:30 Shirley Sampson's home**

Present: Pastor Nathan, Duane Samuelson, Jim Hanson, Faye Giese, Brian Randt, Jennifer Hermes, Shirley Sampson

Absent: Marisa Sabolik, Jacki Anderson, Jared Frykman

- I. Call to Order by Duane
- II. Approvals
 - a. Agenda with flexibility – motion by Shirley, second by Brian, motion carried
 - b. Secretary's report – motion by Jen to approve with correction of dates, second by Faye, motion carried
 - c. Treasure's report – Motion by Brian, second by Jennifer, motion carried
- III. Reports
 - a. Pastor's Report
 - i. Pat Hanson will help teach confirmation and Habitudes
 - ii. There may be a possibility for shared ministries with Peace Lutheran. We will explore the opportunity
 - iii. Last Fire Pit Worship August 27th
 - iv. Leadership Conference September 24 at Rejoice Church in Northfield. Let Pastor Nathan know if you are interested in going
 - v. October 9th is the tentative Sunday for new members. There will be a luncheon after the service for them
 - b. Youth and Family – (Jacki) no report
 - i. In the absence of a youth minister, the youth committee will continue leading the youth activities.
 - c. Executive (Duane, Marissa, Jim)
 - i. Decide there will not be a special fund raising campaign at this time
 - d. Outreach (Jennifer)
 - i. Helped serve a light supper and treats at the Harvest Festival play Thursday and Saturday nights. Carol Anderson got a Thrivent Action fund grant to help fund the treats.
 - ii. Kristel put together the parade for the Harvest Festival parade
 - iii. Will serve supper at the fire pit worship on the 27th.
 - iv. Will serve food for Join the Celebration on September 10th. Ken Johnson got a Thrivent Action Grant to purchase the food
 - v. Spotlight on Worshipers will be getting a new look shortly
 - vi. Kristel and Amy will be working on a new church directory over the winter
 - e. Property (Brian)
 - i. Heat pump is ordered, not installed or paid for yet

- ii. In the process of getting the roof inspected and quotes for replacement or repair only if needed. 5
 - f. Memorial and Bequest (Duane) – nothing to report
 - g. Education Committee (Jared)
 - i. Join the Celebration will be September 10th 5:30-8:30 at the gym
 - ii. Rally (Celebration) Sunday is September 11th with potluck following church
 - h. Stephen Ministry (Faye)
 - i. New bible Study “Keep it Shut”
 - i. Vision and Task force (Marisa)
 - i. Duane said the website needs an update so we can make routine updates easier
 - j. Technology (Shirley) nothing to report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Succession and Call Team
 - i. Marisa Sabolik, Jon Winter, Ken Johnson, Jennifer Hermes will be on the team along with two more members. Possible members: Val Arnquist, Troy Andreasen, Curt Stark, Sylvia Swenson
 - b. On Our Way Rejoicing
 - i. This will be the theme as we prepare for Pastor Nathan’s retirement. There will be no additional monetary campaign to go along with it.
 - ii. Four areas to focus on as we search for a new Pastor
 - 1. Pray for a new Pastor
 - 2. Network with others
 - 3. Help/volunteer to keep our church family strong
 - 4. Continue strong financial support for Messiah
- V. New Business
 - a. Jennifer will fill in as the church council secretary for awhile
 - b. There will be a Public Funding Open Meeting September 1 at 5:30 for the proposed senior housing project. The meeting will be at Messiah.
 - c. The Corn Plot planted by the Giese’s is ready. People are welcome to pick their own and make a donation to the Messiah Youth.
- VI. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Executive Meeting Wednesday September 14 at 8:30 AM
 - b. Council Meeting – Wednesday, September, 2 at 7pm (Note this was changed to 8pm after the August council meeting)
 - c. September Communion & Offering – Jim Hanson
- VII. Adjourn – Jennifer forgot to note who made the motions.
- VIII. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Hermes

WELCA Minutes – Thursday, September 15, 2016

Arlou Swenson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Financial Report – WELCA has a balance of \$17,744.92. This amount reflects the money put aside in savings for future designated areas. General Income through August was \$7,293.42. Expenditures for 2016 through August was \$5,173.15.

Business:

There is a Conference 8 (originally referred to as Cluster 10) Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 8th at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30 with a 9:30 business meeting followed by a 10:30 program and a 12 noon luncheon. Cost is \$10 per person. Sylvia made the motion that WELCA be willing to pay for anyone interested in going. Shirley Sampson seconded it. Motion approved. You need to register by October 3rd. Contact Arlou or Becky if you are planning to go. We will send a \$50 offering from our WELCA group along with the \$25 assessment fee.

We do not know yet when we will be shipping boxes to Lutheran World Relief or Global Missions but you will be notified to come and help pack boxes prior to that date. We will confirm that we will need \$35 to cover shipping fees from Osakis.

Arlou said many people have offered apples for our annual pie making event. The apples ripened early this year and it was decided we would gather to make the pies on Thursday, September 22nd at 1:30 PM at church. Thanks to Sylvia Thorstad, Bernie Nord, Bev Yochim, Arlyn Swenson and Duane Samuelson for the apples. Darlene Christenson ordered the pie crusts and she will make the ingredients for the tops. We will need many people, men and women, to participate in this pie making event. We will plan to store them in Marlene Nelson's walk-in freezer until it is time to sell them. We will plan to sell them at the Youth Turkey dinner on November 13th. If we have leftovers we could also sell some at the Holiday Expo on November 19th. Cindy Kloos suggested we try to sell at both events.

Arlou brought 20 quilts to the Salvation Army in Fergus Falls. They were very receptive to them as they said there are more homeless families in their area than ever before. It was questioned if there wasn't a representative for Grant County to deliver quilts to. We will try to see if there is a local representative in the future. There is a Salvation Army in Morris but that would be for the Stevens County area.

We talked about how life is so much easier now that we have Darrel's to provide the food for funerals. Now that he is the only resource for us Arlou suggested if he would be short of help we could help make the sandwiches if need be. A big thank you to everyone who stepped up to help at the Pat Anderson funeral.

Cindy Kloos stated it would be nice to have a list of people willing to babysit for families in the community if they need to go shopping, especially during the holidays.

The women brought and filled purses with personal items for women to be distributed at Some Place Safe. Thanks to Marlys Rollofson for obtaining a credit card from Thrivent to purchase items for these purses. We have many purses left and will do this again at a later date.

The next General meeting will be Thursday, November 10th to discuss the 2017 calendar and look at groups and leaders.

Arlou said the Triannual Gathering is scheduled for Minneapolis on July 13-16, 2017. More information will follow at a later date.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious apple cake dessert with caramel and whipped topping from Arlou. Thank You!

MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 2016

Mission of the Month: Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministry

Sunday	2	Fellowship Coffee at 10:30 - Group 4
Monday	3	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Thursday	6	Quilting, Mission, Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Saturday	8	Conference 8 Cluster meeting, First Lutheran church Alexandria 8:30 registration - 12 Noon Luncheon
Thursday	13	Mary Bible Study at 1 PM
Thursday	20	Quilting, Mission, Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Sunday	30	Fellowship Coffee at 10:30 - Group 4

The WELCA group met on September 15th for the general meeting. Thank you to those that attended and gave their input into some decisions that needed to be made.

Please take time to read the minutes for information regarding this meeting.

Our next General meeting will be on Thursday, November 10th at 7 PM. We are planning to meet with the group leaders in November to review the group lists and also the Second Mile list. We will be adding our new members to our lists in the 2017 booklets. We will check with Becky about the inactive list. If you have any input regarding people on these lists please call us or Becky to get us updated.

Ardis Stark has been putting together mid-wife kits, layettes, health kits, AIDS and school kits. Please refer to your women's booklet to see what items are needed for these kits. Items can be contributed any time and placed in the large basket in the Narthex. We could use someone to begin sewing more school kit bags and cutting apart jeans for quilts and cutting strips for bandages to be rolled.

We thank God for his many blessings.

EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER? THERE'S STILL TIME!

Messiah will be training another class of Stephen Ministers in October. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our

Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Ardis Stark and Sandy Koehntop



Seek-

Wanted- Talented members to help make some “NEW” Christmas program props!

Connect-

Sunday, October 23rd-MEA, Sunday Funday! Meet in movie room for a fun activity at 10:45-11:45.

Impact-

2nd rotation starting in October, you can “impact” a youth by teaching “ONE” four week session! Sign-Up sheet by welcome desk.

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

ON OUR WAY REJOICING

Trusting God At Messiah For An Amazing Future

“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

2016/2017 will be a time of major transitions and changes at Messiah. The good news is that God is alive in our congregation and that his Holy Spirit is leading our vision and future every step of the way.

In order to successfully journey through this time of the succession process in calling a new pastor and in keeping Messiah's exciting ministry momentum positively moving ahead, please unite together in doing four things:

1) Pray For Messiah Each Day

Pray for our leaders; the succession process; for God's call on the heart of a new pastoral leader; for love and unity together as a congregation.

2) Step Up To Volunteer And Help In Some Way

There is lots to do in keeping Messiah's ministry strong and moving forward. Please step up and use your gifts to help in whatever ways you can.

3) Network And Tell Others About Messiah's Vision-- *“Seek – Connect - Impact”*

Pastors are often drawn to congregations through networking; telling and sharing an exciting vision; through people filled with passion for their mission for Christ.

4) Faithful Financial Support—Sharing Extra Gifts If Able

In order to call a pastoral leader with gifts which will enhance and strengthen Messiah's vision our church needs to be able to offer a competitive financial package. Keeping Messiah's giving strong will greatly empower this process.

May God bless Messiah as move forward *“On Our Way Rejoicing.”*



One-Day Mission Trip

October 15th 8am-3pm

Gladys Ray Homeless Shelter & Veterans Drop-In Center, Fargo

Details of that day Assemble sack lunches at 8:00am Leave church around 8:30 Tour and Service work at shelter Lunch in Fargo Return to church around 3:00pm	Items needed – collection box in Narthex Bibles Toothpaste & toothbrushes Coffee (regular & decaf) Nail clippers Deodorant Tampons Depends – Size Lg Money for Sack Lunches
How you can help! Assemble sack lunches Come along on trip Work at shelter day of trip Donate items to bring along Donate money for sack lunches	Who can help! Everyone! Youth 5 th grade on up Youth 4 th grade and younger accompanied by an adult

Sign up at Welcome Center in Narthex or by calling/emailing
 Heidi 320-760-8965. Heidi@johnsonharvesting.com

MESSIAH'S NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Amy Puchalski and Kristel Olson will be taking pictures of all our church members to be put in a much needed Church Directory.

There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk for the first picture sessions on October 2. Future sitting schedules will be decided upon at a later date. The hope is to have them completed before we get a new Pastor.

ACOLYTES

2 & 9 Owen Sanstead 16 & 23 Logon Long 30 Abby Solemsaas

COMMUNION

2 Ken & Joan Johnson, Tracy & Jared Frykman

PREPARATION

16 Elmer & n Jeanne Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS2 & 16 Kali Johnson Ashley Froemming
Faye Giese**COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL**

Marisa Sabolik, Jen Hermes

FLOWERS

Wanda Stark Lynette Bruns

WELCOME TEAM

October	2	Ken & Joan Johnson, Tracy & Jared Frykman
October	9	Bud & Suzy Ziemer, Vernal & Marlene Nelson
October	16	Vonnie Brittin, Elmer & Jeanne Anderson
October	23	Matt & Liza Long Family
October	30	Matt & Liza Long Family

VIDEO

October	2	Quinten Winter
October	9	Krista Randt
October	16	Jaime Johnson
October	23	Emma Swenson
October	30	Grant Beuckens

PROJECTION/TRAINEE

Ireland Winter/Emma Swenson
Kaitlyn Sanstead/Emma Swenson
Krista Randt/Emma Swenson
Savannah Swenson
Gabbi Beuckens/Emma Swenson

ORGANISTS

October	2	
October	9	Bev Yochim
October	16	Bev Yochim
October	23	Bev Yochim
October	30	Bev Yochim

SOUND

Aiden Winter
Nicole Bruns
Brittany Randt
Chris Onstad
Aiden Winter

LECTORS

Darlene Christensen
Carol Hulzebos
Wanda Saurer
Charleen Lesnau
Darlene Christensen

COFFEE

October	2	Coffee served by WELCA # 4
October	9	Coffee served by Youth—Long family
October	16	Coffee served by Churchmen—Jerry Danelke
October	23	Coffee served by Youth—Dave Sanstead family
October	30	Coffee served by WELCA # 4

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!!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study 3:00 Gran/McFann wedding
2 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #4 10:45 Sunday School Church Directory pictures	3 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	4	5 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	6 1:30 QMF	7	8 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study 8:30 Women's Fall Cluster—Alex
9 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:00 Outreach Team 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 New Member Luncheon	10	11	12 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	13 1:00 Mary Bible Study 6:00 Education Team	14	15 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study 8:00 Mission trip to Fargo 5:00 Harvest Bonfire & Yard Games
16 9:30 Holy Communion Sunday School kids sing 10:45 Coffee by Churchmen 10:45 Sunday School	17	18 7:00 Stephen Ministry	19 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir 8:00 Messiah Council	20 1:30 QMF	21	22 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
23 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday School Funday	24	25	26 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	27	28	29 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
30 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #4 10:45 Sunday School						

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MESSIAH HARVEST BONFIRE & YARD GAMES

Saturday, October 15, 2016

***Starts at 5, goes until whenever**

***Our church family is welcome to bring a friend/s along with their own chairs.**

***Outreach committee will be grilling hotdogs, and serving beans, chips and bars with a drink.**

***Games will be provided on the lawn near the fire pit.**

