



“Proclaim the message;
be persistent whether
the time is favorable or
unfavorable.”

- Paul
second letter to Timothy

The Messenger

Spring 2017

Marked with the Cross of Christ

A few Sundays ago, we read the story of John the Baptist sending his followers to Jesus with a question: ‘Are you the one?’ Usually, we focus on the question and Jesus’ identity, how his actions fulfill the prophets. This time I found myself focused on John’s predicament and the answer he might have been waiting on. Do they even return with Jesus’ reply?

We have been following the Narrative Lectionary for our Sunday readings for two years now. Previously, the week to week readings jumped around in a random order and we looked for a theme that four different lessons touched on in different ways. Now, I look at each lesson as following on the lesson from the weeks before. On Ash Wednesday, we read of Jesus’ rejection by the Samaritans; the next Sunday we read the parable of the Good Samaritan. We often miss the irony or outright provocation of Jesus making the Samaritan the hero of the parable but reading chapter ten after chapter nine makes that clearer. When Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus’ house it’s the week after the parable that saw a wealthy man condemned to hell. When we see that Zacchaeus is wealthy it reminds us of the previous lesson and we notice a very different treatment of wealth because we have been sensitized from the last lesson to look for that.

This is one reason why I like the Narrative Lectionary. It puts us into the story line as it’s unfolding. And so I ask, ‘Did John the Baptist get Jesus’ reply? What did he think?’ Jesus tells them to say, “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk... the poor have good news brought to them.” We are reminded of how Jesus said all this a few weeks before, but now, by comparison, we might have noticed that Jesus left something out: the captives go free. And the messengers brought this question from John in his prison cell.

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Children 6 weeks old to 5 years
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Marked with the Cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent...

Scout Sunday



Owen Scott, and Orhan received
“God and Family” medals.

Holy Week extras

Sat 8th

Making Palm Crosses-10am

Sun 9th

Firefighters Memorial 7pm

Memorial Candles

can be lit by anyone who has
lost a loved one

in the past 12 months
on June 11th

Send names to the office

Milestones

Happy 89th Birthdays to Max and Kay!

Congratulations to our **newborns**

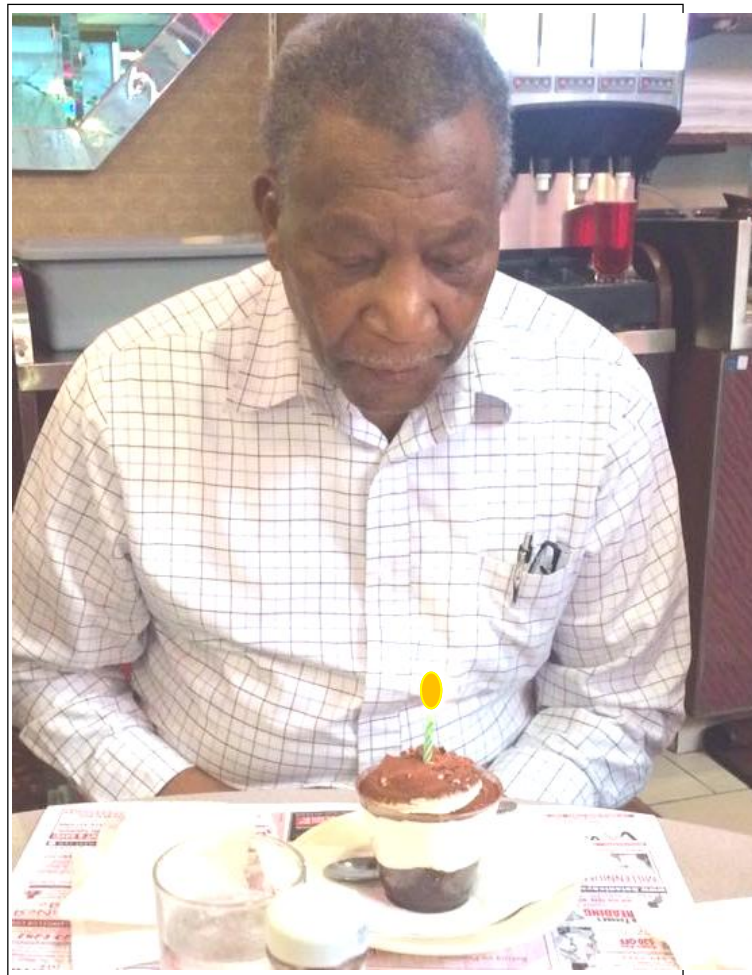
Celeste Joy Garguilo and

Edward McCarthy!

and **Newlyweds**

Ashley Boyers and Travis Bloodgood

We said goodbye to James Doran (son of Alison Meseck) who died at age 47, Richard Schlosser, Ann Marie Franz, Agnes Gaurisco, Lynn Chamberlin and Mimi Kane.



Thanks to
Ross Disbennett
for the new
office phones!

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St. Paul's is our congregation.**

Synod Assembly

Lutherans from Metro NY will gather for their 2017 Synod Assembly under the theme "Faith Not Fear," in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. Our assembly will culminate with a Saturday event, free and open to all, that will help us to explore what it means for us to be Lutherans today through workshops, keynotes, and a Festival Eucharist.

The 2017 Synod Assembly will be held May 11-13 at the Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown. Registration is required.



God's Green Earth

Day Camp ages 4-10

June 26th -30th

9am – 3pm \$150 for week

Scholarships available

Counselors needed ages 12 and up

Social Action Team

A new group has been discussing the ways in which Lutherans involve themselves in discussions amongst themselves and in public about issues and events in our society. They have formed a Social Action Team and are going to present Temple Talks about Social Statements adopted by the ELCA and about how our faith helps us in discerning important issues. Philip started with a presentation on policies related to poverty and hunger with resources from "Bread for the World" Bread.org. Kristin Quell-Garguilo will do a presentation on current issues concerning the environment. If you are interested in doing a presentation or reading more for yourself check out

elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements

Guest Preacher

May 7th

Rev. Percy Butiku

*Assistant to the Bishop
for Global
& Multicultural Mission*

Rev. Butiku works with ELCA Global Mission and advocacy groups related to immigration, racial, and human rights issues.

God
Is
Love