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The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Ps. 145: 15–16)

This is the verse of scripture that Luther recommends in the Small Catechism to be said along with our mealtime prayers. It is a reminder that God is the giver of all good gifts. All that we have comes from the hand of God and therefore in terms of Christian stewardship we recognize that what we give comes not from what is "ours" but we are simply sharing what God has entrusted to us for us to use to His glory. This applies not just to material possession but also to our time and talent as well.

I have been impressed by the number of people who are using their time, talent and treasure to the glory of God. Many of you are involved in the worship life of the congregation; many of you are doing your part to keep the wheels turning in terms of lay responsibilities and the day to day business of the church. You are already being good stewards in so many ways and I commend you for that.

Of course, there is always room to grow and so we will pray that the upcoming efforts of the stewardship committee and Congregation Council will provide the added emphasis that will cause more growth to flourish.

We are entering the long season of Pentecost for which the liturgical color is green signifying growth. We often set aside Lent and Advent as particular times for extra devotions/worship and sacrificial giving but really the season of Pentecost could also be seen as a time to delve more deeply into God's Word as well.

After all, we always want to be growing in faith, love and obedience to the Word of God. In that vein, I would like to **offer a weekly Bible study for the month of July, every Tuesday from 10-11 AM.** If you would like to bring a bag lunch and eat together afterward we can extend the time together until 11:30. We'll base our study on the texts for the coming week.

Thank you for working with me as we begin to tackle the question of what the vision is for Messiah's future. I have enjoyed my visits thus far and although I can't move through the membership list as quickly as I would like I am glad we have this time to reflect and to intentionally seek God's guidance. I am still adjusting to what it means to be part time and I wish that circumstances would allow me to do more but we will do our best to live out this arrangement to the glory of God.

Thanks also for the lovely reception on May 12. It was so nice to have a little extra time to chat with folks and the homemade goodies were delicious. Hospitality is another gift that you are sharing which will benefit all of your future endeavors.

In Christian love and service,

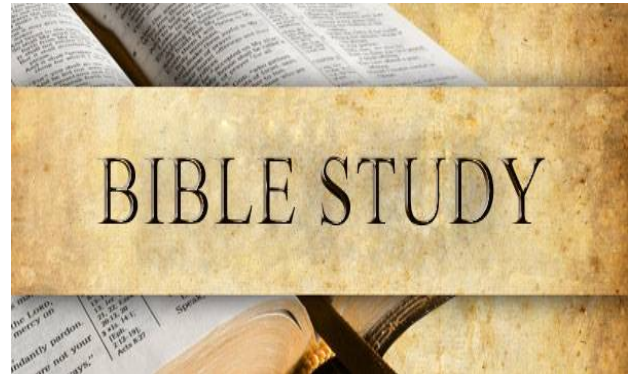
Pastor Sally Gausmann



Tuesday Morning Bible Study in July

Pastor Sally will be leading a Bible study every Tuesday morning during the month of **July** beginning at 10 AM. The study will run for an hour and will be based on the texts for the coming Sunday. Bring your Bible with you, or you may use one that is here at the church. All are welcome!

If you want, you may bring a bag lunch and stay for fellowship after the study! See you there!



New Directories Coming

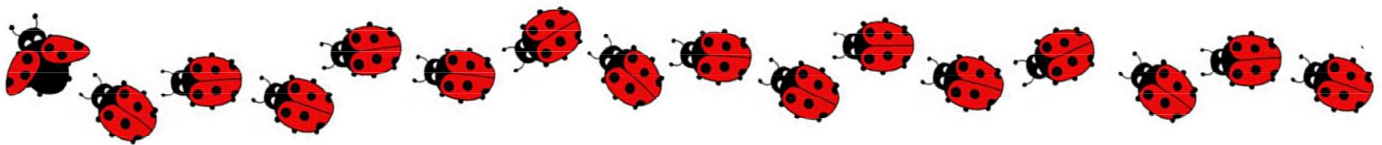
It is time to update our Messiah directories, both the pictorial directory and the directory with all the contact information.

Please check your listing in our current directory and submit any and all corrections to Robin in the office. If she doesn't hear from you she will assume your information is correct.

Please check your mailing address, phone number, and email.

Watch the summer newsletter and future bulletins for more information about when we will start taking photos for the pictorial directory.

Thank you for your help in keeping our directories up to date!



Ministry Plan Report for April

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,022.63)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
4/7	\$3,100.00	no LiF / 41 +
4/14	\$2,359.00	10 LiF / 38 +
4/21	\$1,797.00	10 LiF / 39 +
4/28	\$1,499.00	9 LiF / 34 +

NOTE: "LiF" denotes Living in Faith

"+" denotes Worship



June 2024 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Nicholas Adams
- 16 Sandra Smith
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 Kathaleen Lilley



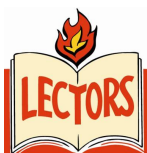
Altar Guild

- Nancie Whelan
- Karen Hatt
- Mary Whelan



Lector

- 2 Sandra Smith
- 9 Nicholas Adams
- 16 Sandra Smith
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 Carey Kendall



Crucifer

- 2 Eugene Martin
- 9 Gayle Hoffman
- 16 Kathaleen Lilley
- 23 Gayle Hoffman
- 30 Sandra Smith



Greeter

- 2 Deborah Lutz
- 9 **NEEDED**
- 16 **NEEDED**
- 23 **NEEDED**
- 30 Deborah Lutz



Acolyte

- 2 Karen Hatt
- 9 Harry Hatt
- 16 Karen Zivic
- 23 Deborah Lutz
- 30 Kathaleen Lilley



Head Ushers
Raymond & Carol Anspach

Counting Teams

- 2 Team 2
- 9 Team 1
- 16 Team 3
- 23 Team 4
- 30 Team 2

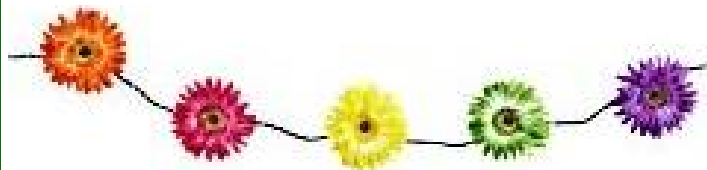


WELCOME TIME Sponsors



(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM in lieu of Living in Faith.)

June 2 — Brenda Beegle



May Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

- Approved Pastor’s/Administrative Reports and Financial Reports pending audit.
- Evangelism: With Pr. Gausmann visiting church members, the directory needs to be reviewed to make sure all the information is up to date.
- Fellowship: Will be collecting school supplies for Pastor Angel’s church during the month of August. A congregation picnic will be held this summer when the Smith missionaries visit (to be determined). Council picnic will be held August 13 prior to the meeting. Looking into a possible fall trip to Harper’s Ferry, WV.
- Property: Continue to clean/organize storage areas around the church. Harry and Karen Hatt took old tables and chairs to consignment auction to be sold. Solicited bids from Blatt and Myers for solar powered light for the back corner of parking lot, replacement of old mechanical timers and replacement of burned out sanctuary light bulbs. Suggestion to have a second bid from Greenway Solar for the parking lot light.
- Social Ministry: The monthly food collection items were taken to the Lebanon Rescue Mission. Rita Savant and Carol & Ray Anspach will deliver the food items when Teenie and Skeeter Batdorf are on vacation. Other members are always welcome to do this service.
- Stewardship: At the May 6 meeting, potential ideas were discussed, such as doing a Time and Talent survey, and Bible Study using the NALC publication “Overflowing Generosity.”
- Approved invoice from Horst Signs for update to software for the electronic sign.
- Approved to have Ehrlich’s Pest Control remove groundhogs from church property.
- Discussion regarding using 1st floor classroom for Living in Faith classes and other events. The lighting and acoustics need to be improved. Agreed to receive bids for these improvements.



Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Lutz
 Congregation Council secretary



For Your Information

June 2

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month we collect food and personal care products for our neighbors in need.

Rescue Mission



ICII Picnic Date Set

Mark your calendars for our annual picnic with Independent Church in India!

Sunday, August 4

Details and sign up sheet to follow! Stay tuned!



The **deadline** for the summer combined issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is



Wanted!

Wednesday, June 19th. This issue will cover events, meetings and schedules for the months of **July and August.** Please make sure you have all your information turned in to the office (and on the work room calendar) by this date. Thank you!

Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Lebanon Rescue Mission and the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC. They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who donated towards the purchase of geraniums to decorate the chancel for Pentecost.

Deborah Lutz

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held here at Messiah on Saturday, June 29 at 1 PM for Glenda (Machamer) Adams, sister of Messiah member Dave Machamer. Glenda lived in Longwood, FL with her husband Earl Adams. She grew up in Lebanon and was a 1957 graduate of South Lebanon HS.



There will be no viewing. Visitation will be from 12:30—1:00 PM prior to the liturgy. Glenda and Earl's son, the Rev. Richard Adams, pastor at St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, Mifflintown, PA will be officiating.

Puzzles Anyone?

If you are fond of doing jigsaw puzzles please take a look at all the puzzles we have available for you to borrow and put together. They have been moved from underneath the bulletin board in the hallway to a bookshelf towards the fellowship hall doors. Take a look and help yourself! Have fun!



Open Communion Gifts

If you would like to sponsor the communion gifts during the month of **September** please let Robin know. Cost is \$30 for the month, and they can be dedicated in honor or in memory of whomever you would like. Thank you.



Supply List for June

- June 2** The Rev. Sara Gausmann
- June 9** The Rev. Sara Gausmann
- June 16** The Rev. Michael Tamorria
The Rev. Karen Tamorria
- June 23** The Rev. Sara Gausmann
- June 30** The Rev. Paul Hansen



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AMR website: www.atlantic-nalc.org

June Birthdays

- 1 David Machamer
- 2 Ray Mayopoulos
- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 5 Michelle Blouch
Karen Munford
Vicki Schimminger
- 13 Janet Gassert
- 14 Mike Adams
- 16 Laura Ebright
- 18 Sue DeSendi
- 24 Wendy Brossman
- 26 Andrew Lutz
- 27 Eugene Martin
- 29 Charlotte Varone



Summer vacation is a great break for everyone. But the needs of the church never take a vacation. Please remember your offerings, gifts and tithes to Messiah when you are on vacation. Thank you.

Landscape Care Servants



As in previous years, we again invite you to serve God and neighbor by signing up to care for a portion of Messiah's grounds. The area chart and sign-up form are posted on the Information Center in the narthex. Tools and mulch will be available.

Your offerings of time and energy are greatly appreciated.



June Anniversaries

- 11 Peter & Holly McGuire
Andrew & Elizabeth Surmacz
- 12 Larry & Carol Watkins
- 24 Daryl & Karen Artz
Eugene & Beth Martin
Richard & Lori Wert
- 28 Bernard & Ernestine Batdorf



2024 Congregation Council

Brenda Beegle, *President and Volunteer Resources chair*

David Machamer, *Vice President, Personnel, and Property chair*

Deborah Lutz, *Secretary and Publicity chair*

Carol Anspach, *Social Ministry co-chair*

Michael Ernst, *Stewardship co-chair and Assistant Finance Secretary*

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Stewardship co-chair and Assistant Treasurer*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Nicholas Adams, *Christian Education chair*

Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*

Rita Savant, *Social Ministry co-chair*

Larry Watkins, *Finance chair and Finance Secretary*

Nancie Whelan, *Treasurer*



Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

- 9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
- 10:30 AM The Holy Communion