

September 2018 Edition

The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of
The Lutheran Church of the Messiah



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:15am & 10:00am

*Sunday School : 9:00am 2nd Sunday in
September to third Sunday in May (Dates can vary)*

*Adult Bible Class: 9:00am 3rd Sunday in
September to third Sunday in May (Dates can vary)*

PreK School Director: Rose Aloian 791-1046

**Assistant Teachers: Brandi Krassopoulos &
Heidi Lauger**

**Sunday School Superintendent &
Christian Education: Jackie Sutherland**

From Your Pastor

The Bread of Life –Jesus for us

Several years ago the Tournament of Roses hosted their annual parade New Year's Day in Pasadena, California. The Standard Oil Company had a float covered with beautiful flowers. It was a wonderful float, one of the best. But part way through the parade the float stopped dead in its tracks. They tried everything to get it restarted.

The problem was that they had run out of gas. One of the biggest gasoline refiners in the world had not thought to fill the gas tank of its float in the parade. All that power and none of it in the tank.

Some Christians are like that. They want easy fixes. They do the Christian stuff. But there is no power in the tank. Jesus wants to be the power in our tank. He wants to be on our insides. He wants to be at the center of our lives. He wants to give us life.

So what do we do with all this bread at communions? What do we do with Jesus? We take, we eat, we partake. We ingest this life giving bread, this gift of life that changes everything. It gives us power for the road, and life for eternity. We partake of this living bread that fills us and blesses us, even into eternal life.

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Hymn: "The Bread of Life"

*I am the bread, the bread of life
Who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
Who feeds on me will never die.*

*And as you eat, remember me-
My body broken on the tree:
My life was given to set you free,
And I'm alive for evermore.
I am the vine, the living vine;
Apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine;
Abide in me and I in you.*

*And as you drink, remember me-
My blood was shed upon the tree:
My life was given to set you free,
And I'm alive for evermore.
So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
And as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you,
that you may live for evermore.*

Let us break bread together.

**CHURCH
NEWS**

During the summer we welcomed a new member, Darina Hoffman. She sent a lovely thank you note to the church with the following message:

7/10/18

Family of Messiah,

Thank you for the warm reception and blessings received Sunday. I feel blessed to be a part of His ministry in our church family.

In His Love,

Darinda Hoffman



Recently Nancy Deering's sister Jean Eber passed away and two days later her brother Paul Deering. Their parents, Charles & Gertrude Deering were members of Messiah as well as Paul and his family before they moved to Texas. Their Uncle Gus Ludwig was a charter member of Messiah. Please extend your condolences to the Deering family when you see them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them, especially our dear friend Nancy Deering.

Christian Education

Welcome back!

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 9th, at 9:00am, upstairs in the Sunday school wing. We will begin our new Sunday School year with a pancake breakfast. All children ages 3 (pre-K) to 6th grade are invited. We will have registration forms available, for those who have not already filled them out.

Our lessons this year will begin with the story of Jacob's Ladder. We try to use a variety of teaching methods to strengthen the message of each lesson for each child. Through cooking, DVD's, reading, games, science experiments, music, crafts and computer/tablets, we hope to help in the retention of each Bible story presented, plus recall from those taught in past years.

We are looking forward to seeing the children return for another year of instruction, and hope to see some new faces as well. As always, please be on time, fed and toileted before class, if at all possible! We only have 50 minutes, and it goes fast. Thank you. See you soon!

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Mason will begin the confirmation classes on September 9th as well.

Sunday School Superintendent
Jackie Sutherland
(716)754-7324



Pre School News

September is right around the corner. This summer seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye! There have been many very hot days spent, and late night visits to the preschool with power tools, paint cans, and pencils in hand to prepare for our upcoming year. We are excited to get our school year started. There are so many changes and new additions. We will be adding a new outdoor playset to help get our wiggles out, and to strengthen gross motor development! We will be adding a few other pieces as well to create a small "play village". We are very excited about adding this to our program, as we feel it was the last missing piece. In addition to the playset, we will be adding a third teacher! Heidi Lauger (long time Messiah Preschool mom) will be joining our team. After much thought and planning we have extended our class size from 16 to 24. Heidi is joining us to allow this to happen! We feel she is the perfect fit, and the children are going to love her. As we have done for the past several years, we will be hosting a "before school play day". This helps our new friends (and parents!) come in and get comfortable with their teachers and environment. This has been wonderfully received every year and we know its going to be great again this year, as we have planned and prepared for a morning filled with fun! It really helps our students get even more excited for the start of school. Our class has been full since Easter, and we currently have 6 children on a waiting list. Thank you to our preschool families for trusting in us to be their child's first school experience! Thank you Mrs. Condino all your diligence and support of our program. Please keep our preschool graduates in your prayers as they embark on their new journey into kindergarten! We are so very proud of them.

Yours in Christ

Rose Aloian, Brandi Krassopoulos and Heidi Lauger.

" Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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We are all excited about the new AC units going into the Educational Building. We like to thank the LCW for their generous donation of \$1800.00, several generous anonymous donations of almost \$2,000.00, and free supplies including the work from Rodney McGill and our AC Foreman Tony Attardo.

We greatly would accept other donations for this project that will cost an around \$20, 000.00. Thank you for all your help.

From The Treasurer: "Count our Blessings"

| Receipts | August 5, 2018 | \$2, 416.08 |
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| | August 12, 2018 | \$2,354.00 |
| | August 19, 2018 | \$1050.00 |
| | August 26, 2018 | \$802.00 |

If you would like to make a donation on line you may do so through a PayPal link on our website.

www.messiahlewiston.org.

Thank you.

Calendar of Events for 2018

- September 2 15th Sunday after Pentecost *HC*
9:00a Stewardship Meeting
- September 3 Office Closed Labor Day
- September 4 Gina out on vacation
- September 5 Pre School Play Date
Heritage Christian Services
Gina returns to office
- September 6 8:30a Messiah Work Group
- September 7 LCW Chili Sauce Preparation
- September 9 Rally Day
Sunday School Starts!
Pancake Breakfast
- September 10** *Pastor on vacation*
Heritage Christian Services
- September 11 *Pastor on vacation*
- September 12 Heritage Christian Services
Pastor on vacation
- September 13 **9:00a Messiah Newsletter group**
Pastor on vacation
- September 14 Heritage Christian Services
Pastor on vacation
- September 16 17th Sunday after Pentecost *HC*
9:00a Adult Sunday School Starts
- September 17 Heritage Christian Services
- September 18** **Pastor returns to office**
- September 19 Heritage Christian Services
- September 20 8:30a Messiah Work Group
- September 22 10:00a Choraleers Practice
- September 23 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Zimmerman Baptism with Parish Hall reserved following the service.
- September 24 Heritage Christian Services
- September 26 Heritage Christian Services
- September 27 7:00p Historical Society Meeting
- September 29 10:00a Choraleers Practice
- 12:00 Zion Lutheran Fashion Show
- September 30 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Happy Anniversary

- 09-06-97 Douglas & Sherrilynn Zeitz
- 09-13-14 Candice & Christopher Baldwin
- 09-16-95 Scott & Pam Keller
- 09-20-69 Bill & Cathy Bennion
- 09-24-88 Bruce & Nancy Smithson



Happy Birthday

- 09-01 Nicole Landers
- 09-03 Bob Supple
- 09-06 Abigail Nashwinter
- 09-08 Mountain Carroll
- 09-08 Sharon Scofield
- 09-10 Aaron MacKenzie
- 09-10 Ella Ingwersen
- 09-13 Richard Bailey
- 09-13 Cathy Bennion
- 09-15 Cooper Krawczyk
- 09-17 Tiffany Montie
- 09-19 Harry Lehman
- 09-19 Barb Ries
- 09-20 Heather Perri
- 09-21 Al Sandstrom
- 09-23 Nicole Mason
- 09-23 Douglas Smith
- 09-23 Sydney Spria
- 09-24 Mason Smith
- 09-26 Robert Nashwinter
- 09-26 Jeffrey Stahlman
- 09-29 Robert Bussingham
- 09-29 Elizabeth Casper
- 09-30 Mackenzie Young



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“Fruits of Our Labor”

Annual Bazaar & Basket Auction

Trash & Treasures Sale

Friday, October 19, 2018

10:00am-6:00pm

Basket Auction drawing begins at 6:00pm

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:00am-12:00pm Bag Sale at 11:00am

Light lunch of Quiche & Salad will be served from

11:30pm -1:00pm

(with take out available)

And

a light supper will be served from

4:30-6:00pm (with take out available)

BAKED GOODS, COUNTRY STORE, BASKET AUCTION, MORE!



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News from the Synod

SEPTEMBER 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Global migration has reached unprecedented numbers, and cultural polarization is only one result, resulting in conflicts between neighbors. Lutherans in Liberia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, and Columbia are leading the way in moving people beyond conflict toward reconciliation. Liberia: When the 15-year civil conflict ended in 2003, women who had been instrumental in ending it formed a group called Women in Peacebuilding Network. In fact, one of the women, Leymah Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, won the Nobel Peace Prize. They monitor the progress of the peace agreement between the government and the rebel leaders, document violations, and intervene with actions of peace and reconciliation.

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwean churches historically have aided the victims of politically motivated violence, but in order to help prevent the violence, they launched the Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum, led by retired Bishop Ambrose Moyo of the ELCZ. 88 local committees are now in place, trained in conflict prevention, management, resolution and peace building. Colombia: In 2016, a peace agreement was reached between the government and a guerilla group, after more than 50 years of conflict. The House of Reconciliation and Peace Education was founded last year by Emmaus Lutheran Church. Its vision is to preach the gospel and to live out the gospel in the community, so they are teaching the people in the neighborhood to resolve conflicts peacefully.

S. Sudan: Regional violence in S. Sudan has forced people to flee, only to find they become neighbors of people from their rival ethnic group. Last year, the Lutheran Center opened in Juba, the capital, offering worship, education, health care, and healing. School children have quiet place to do homework, women are learning to sew, and medical staff attends to the ailing. It gives them hope for the future, and, in turn, a reason not to pick up firearms and fight.

The ELCA directly or indirectly supports these initiatives. Your mission support helps bring peace to places that have known lifetimes of war. **Thank you!**

Local things happening around town....

Hector Olivera

Internationally Acclaimed Organist

Saturday, September 29 at 6:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church

736 Cayuga Dr. Niagara Falls, NY

For Information: 716-283-1843 or 716-866-6883

pastor@gracenf.org

Dedicatory recital of the new Allen Digital Organ
(free admission to recital following a day-long church,
community festival and picnic



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

There is still room for YOU at the October or November Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends.

* **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA.

* **November 9-11, 2018** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Situated on the edge of a nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires, an hour northwest of Springfield, MA.

Weekends are designed to allow married couples of all ages to take time off from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship. For further information and to register for the Weekend of your choice, go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the \$100 registration fee. Toward the end of the Weekend an opportunity will be provided to make a contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses of 2 nights in the facility and 5 meals for each of you. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

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Mark your calendars now for an exciting afternoon of fun and fellowship to benefit LCLC.



This Fun Event includes:

- *Live Auction for quilts, handmade artwork and crafts, and unique services
- *Silent Auction for a wide variety of theme baskets
- *Snacks and beverages
- *Opportunity to connect with LCLC friends and alumni
- *Closing Camp-Style Worship

WHEN: October 20, 2018 from 1:30 - 4:30

WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Church, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville, NY



October 19th-20th Lasertron Lock-In 9:00p to 7:30a
Cost \$45

Registration includes: Access to pre-party at St. Paul's, unlimited Lasertron and CyberSport, unlimited drinks, arcade tokens and two food items. We will also have a large group devotion time to learn where and how God shows up in our lives.

Pre-party at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Organic Youth 4007 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14226

Lasertron: 5101 N Bailey Ave, Amherst, NY 14226
Age Group: 6th-12th Grade

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Don't forget to contact the church office when a loved one is ill, injured or hospitalized.