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## **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 2nd Sunday in  
September to third Sunday in May (Dates can vary)*

**PreK School Director: Rose Aloian 791-1046  
Assistant Teacher Brandi Krassopoulos**

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

### **From Your Pastor**

Acts 4:8-12 & 1 Peter 2:4

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mean by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Easter has come once again but not everyone is smiling. This is the paradox of Easter-it is the holiest day on the Christian calendar, but not everyone shares our joy this morning. Some people don't care... others don't believe...still others don't know what to believe.. And some are very angry at the thought of a man rising from the dead because it challenges everything they think they know about the world.

Raising the dead definitely falls into that category. You can live a long time and never see that happen. I daresay that no one here has ever seen anyone rise from the dead. I know I haven't.

There is a story about a woman in Southern CA where a leading man in the church died suddenly, but his wife didn't want to bury him because she thought God would raise him from the dead. She actually went to the Funeral home to bring him back alive. People were looking when she drove back from the funeral home and people all looked out the window to see if he was with her, and of course he was not.

That's clearly how the disciples felt early on Sunday morning when they found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. Spooky and strange. They didn't immediately think,

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He's risen from the dead." They assumed the opposite-that someone had entered the tomb during the night and stolen his body. Remember that when Mary saw the empty tomb she wept and told the angels, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him" (John 20:13). Resurrection was the last thing on her mind that first Easter morning.

But eventually they believed.. It didn't happen suddenly, and for some it took days and perhaps weeks. But soon the truth hit home: He's Alive! First they whispered the truth behind closed doors: He's Alive! Then they began to preach it in the streets: He's Alive! Finally they took the message to the heart of the Roman Empire: He's alive!

-Let us take that message to our work.

From The Treasurer: "Count our Blessings"		
Receipts	April 1, 2018	\$5,966.60
	April 8, 2018	\$2,426.00
	April 15, 2018	\$1,326.00
	April 22, 2018	\$3,927.50
	April 29, 2018	\$4,051.00

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

[www.messiahlewiston.org](http://www.messiahlewiston.org).

Thank you.

Requirements to make plan = \$3,625.00  
Weekly.  
Treasurer



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**Calendar of Events for 2018**

- May 2 9am Newsletter work group  
May 3 830a Messiah work group  
**May 4-6 Pastor out of Church/Office**  
May 5 10am Choraleers  
May 6 6th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion  
5p Thank you dinner hosted by the Spira's  
May 7 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 8 7p Endowment Meeting  
May 9 545p-8p Girls Scout Troops  
May 11 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 12 10a Choraleers  
May 13 7th Sunday of Easter  
9am Communion Training  
11a Council Meeting  
May 14 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 16 545p-8pm Girls Scout Troops  
May 17 830a Messiah work group  
May 18 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 19 10a Choraleers  
May 20 Confirmation & 1st Communion  
Holy Communion  
*2pm Cassack Bridal Shower **Parish Hall Reserved***  
May 21 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 23 545p-8p Girls Scout Troops  
May 24 7p Historical Society  
May 25 12p Heritage Christen Service Day Program  
May 26 10a Choraleers  
May 27 Holy Trinity  
May 28 12p Heritage Christen Services Day Program  
May 30 545p-8p Girls Scout Troops  
May 31 830a Messiah Work Group

**Happy Anniversary**

- 05-07-90 Kevin & Robin Stevens  
05-09-59 Bill & Donna West  
05-09-81 Rob & Sandy Hahn  
05-12-84 Bryan & Shelly Meigs  
05-14-83 Les & Sherri Myers  
05-27-00 Bill & Julia Faetz



**Happy Birthday**

- 05-01 Sadie Mills  
05-01 Jen Adams  
05-02 Carly Stachowski  
05-09 Brian Sandstrom  
05-11 Mike Maglio  
05-11 Kevin Stevens  
05-12 Bryan Meigs  
05-13 Robert Bruce Blakelock  
05-15 Shirley Martin  
05-15 Emily McCarthy  
05-16 Judy Amantia  
05-17 Joshua Koepsell  
05-17 Amelia Smith  
05-20 Elizabeth Borget  
05-21 Connor Martin  
05-21 Eric Bussingham  
05-22 Gavan Aloian  
05-22 Frank Mazur  
05-23 Vicki DeVantier  
05-23 Elliott Waterstram  
05-23 William West  
05-24 Melissa George  
05-25 Rob Hahn  
05-25 Matthew Spira  
05-25 Brian Stevens  
05-26 Richard Amantia  
05-25 Jill Wallace  
05-28 Alex Mills  
05-29 John Spatholt  
05-30 Jeffrey Freeland  
05-31 Melissa Sandstrom Whitney



Christian Education Spring 2018

Our Easter Egg Hunt went off without a hitch, aside from the fact that the temperature was in the 20's. We finally had a beautiful, sunshiny day, but too cold!

There is always next year. Thank you to all you bunnies who helped hide eggs!

We have begun our study of what Jesus did between the Resurrection and His ascension into heaven. We will discuss the Miracles and Parables of Jesus and how he taught his disciples to be followers and believers.

We have also been playing a new game called "What's in Ned's Head". Ned has clues from past Bible stories hidden in his head. The children take turns pulling an object from Ned's head that holds a clue they must connect to a story from past lessons.

The Care and Share Pantry was very pleased to receive our food collection for the pantry shelves. The children enjoyed their visit to the pantry and were happy to see what happens to their donations. Don't forget this is an ongoing project of service to the community, so bring your non-perishable items to Sunday School whenever possible.

Jackie Sutherland 754-7324  
Sunday School Superintendent



Pre School News

We are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. Both the preschool students and teachers are eager to get outside! We have made many bright and colorful crafts hoping to welcome spring to come. Everyone had wonderful stories to share from their Easter break adventures. It was such a joy to hear the excitement in the voices as they all took turns sharing their tales.

We are working our way through the remaining letters of the alphabet and currently learning numbers 9 and 10. Our students are all now officially name writing experts, yes even our 3 year olds!! The class has learned and grown so much since September it truly is amazing. We have begun the beginning stages of planning our graduation.

This year has really flown by. All of Our eligible students are returning next year, and our 2018/2019 class currently has a waiting list.

Rose Aloian and Brandi Krassopoulos

### **LCW News**

Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon April 15, 2018  
We held our fashion show & luncheon Sunday with challenges from the weather. The church members and community came out to support our fundraiser. The people who worked for months in preparing for the event, Thank you. The people who did set up and break down and serving. Thank you. The models, basket donors and the kitchen staff. Thank you  
Thank you to the quick response of Robert Landers plowing & Randy Salting & Scraping.

May 6, 2018 Thank you dinner at 6pm  
Please sign up so we can have a count.  
Refreshments 6pm followed by dinner.

### **Bazaar date change October 19, 2018**

Thank you for the gentleman who helped move Paul Schmidt's belongings out of his apartment. The movers were lead by George Spira, Ted Bunce, Randy Haskell, Robert and Nat Nashwinter and Colin Smith.

Paul directed his things be donated to charity.

Joan Spira

### **News from the Synod**

#### **My Mentor and Me Day at LCLC**

**May 19, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

LCLC's My Mentor & Me Day is for Grandparents and Grandchildren, Aunts or Uncles with Nieces or Nephews, Mothers or Fathers with Daughters or Sons, or any mentor and youth. We will spend quality, unplugged time together playing outside, hiking and exploring in nature, and there will be time available to enjoy the beauty of Lake Chautauqua and all that LCLC has to offer! Cost is \$25.00 per Mentor/Mentee Pair

#### **Companion Synod Sunday May 18, 2018**

Bishop John Macholz has designated May 20, Pentecost, as Companion Synod Sunday in the UNYS. This is an opportunity for congregations to intentionally recognize and celebrate the Upstate NY Synod's international relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZa).

Some possible ways to celebrate our brothers and sisters in Christ are:

Include Head Bishop Faindi (pronounced "Find") (ELCZ) and Senior Pastor Chana (ELCZa) in your prayers of the people.

#### **RETIREES/WIDOWS/WIDOWERS LUNCHEON**

mark your calendars now to join Bishop John Macholz for lunch during Synod Assembly on Monday, June 4 at 12:00noon. Invitations have been sent. RSVPs are required.

## News from the Synod cont..

[The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria](#) (LCCN) is in the midst of a renewal campaign to revitalize the church's educational ministries and welcome members and youth to better understand their faith as Lutheran Christians. With nearly 100 evangelists and missionaries, the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria reaches out to new communities with the gospel message of Christ and supports local communities through education, agriculture and other ministries. However, with a strong presence in northern Nigeria, the influence of radical Islamic thought had led to a need to reform, revitalize and renew the church's education initiatives and institutions to better teach the freely given liberating grace of God and protect against radicalization.

Through the Global Ministries project, [Nigeria: Reforming, Revitalizing and Renewing Education and Ministry](#), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is partnering with the LCCN to help the church discern its spiritual and educational needs, now and in the future. The goal is to raise \$350,000 to be used to evaluate and restructure education initiatives and increase youth engagement in creative new ways. Learn more about this [global ministry project](#) at [http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Global\\_Ministries\\_Nigeria.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Global_Ministries_Nigeria.pdf). Your mission donations support this initiative. **Thank you!**

## Local Happenings



Festival season in the Village of Lewiston kicks off with the annual Smelt Festival held on May 4, 2018 on the Lewiston Waterfront starting at 5pm! The annual festival is hosted by the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Village of Lewiston and Niagara River Anglers.

**When: Friday, May 4th**

**Time: Beginning at 5pm**

**Where: Lewiston Waterfront**

**Entertainment: 90 West**

Details: Niagara River Anglers and Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce staff, board of directors and local dignitaries will serve free Smelt samples on Friday night along with the Smelt King, Ken Scibetta, co-owner of the Griffon House.

The Anglers will batter and fry approximately 400 pounds of Smelt, given out as free samples (donations are encouraged and go towards the Niagara River Angler's community programs).

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Food and beverage will be available for purchase at the event. The Spicey Pickle will have food available for sale. Smelt samples are served until they run out. The local country band 90 WEST will perform throughout the event.

The Smelt Festival is sponsored by DiMino's Lewiston Tops, Modern Corporation and Waste Management, Inc.

Many Lewiston restaurants will also offer Smelt on their menu's over the weekend. Participating restaurants serving Smelt, and businesses offering special promotions, will be identified by a decorative fish flag outside their door. For additional information, contact the Chamber office at 754-9500 or online at [www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com](http://www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com)

**Church announcement:  
Congratulations to Jack Ingerwersen on making the honor roll at St. Peter RC Catholic School.**

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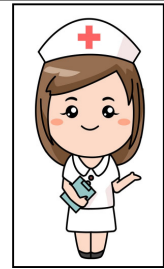
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<p>Roger Alexis                  Sybil Balcom                  Connor Bills</p>	<p>Carter Lord                  Charles McElhinney                  Beth MacSwan                  Phyllis McMillan                  Ronald Muckley</p>
<p>Jillian Boyer                  Joe Crano</p>	<p>Charlotte Perri                  Phyllis Peters                  Ruth Prindle</p>
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*Don't forget to contact the church office when a loved one is ill, injured or hospitalized.*