



The Messenger

Pentecost

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 1 at 7 pm

Mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Ice Cream Social featuring the Esperance Town Band. We will gather on the church lawn (weather permitting) so bring your lawn chairs (bug spray) and your friends for a wonderful evening.

We are looking for people to bake and help with set-up/clean-up. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. See you on July 1st!



SICM Summer Lunch Program

The SICM Summer Lunch Program is run by the Schenectady Inner City Ministry as a way for children through 18 years of age, and is a City of Schenectady Resident, to be fed a well-balanced meal during the summer months.

Messiah will be helping to serve lunches during the weeks of June 29-30, July 1-3 and August 3-7. This year they are requesting less volunteers at our sites, so we're asking for a maximum of six volunteers for each day. We have so many interested in volunteering, that if you can sign-up for one or two days, that will give everyone an opportunity to volunteer. Thank you for supporting such a successful community outreach initiative for our congregation!

Father's Day Eucharist

This year, for the first time, we want to honor the many fathers, grandfathers and other amazing men of our Spirit filled congregation as well. With that in mind, we invite you to join us for our first ever Father's Day Eucharist, taking place on **Sunday, June 21st at 9:30am**. Worship will be outside and super casual (shorts and t-shirts are welcome!!!), so please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Coffee and light snacks will be provided in the back throughout the service.

Eucharistic Ministry Training

Are you interested in helping to visit and bring communion to our sick and homebound members? Have you ever spent time with someone in a hospital or nursing home and didn't know what to say or do? If so, please join us on Saturday, June 27th from 9:30am - 1:00pm for Eucharistic Ministry Training. Karen Kelly, a rostered diaconal minister and hospice chaplain at AtlantiCare Hospice in New Jersey, will be leading the session. Cost is free but donations are welcome to help cover Karen's travel expenses and a Pot Luck lunch will follow the training session. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex letting us know you would like to be a part of the training and what you will be bringing for lunch. If you have any questions, please see Betty Friebe.

Youth and Family Mission Trip

On July 5th following worship, our Spirit filled church will send off fifteen Messiah youth, their friends and family members to take part in our first ever intergenerational mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Through a network of Lutheran congregations called "God's Work, Our Hands," we'll spend the week working alongside youth from two other churches in Atlanta and Chicago. The trip will serve as an amazing opportunity for our youth to form strong bonds with each other, grow in their faith and serve the people of Nashville, but they need your help! While participant families will be covering most costs of attending, we're attempting to raise \$3000.00 to cover travel expenses, including van rental, gas and tolls. Following two extremely successful events this past month, a "Dine to Donate" night at Tops and a Bottle & Can drive, we're about halfway to our goal!! One way you can help the cause is by sharing our GoFundMe page, www.gofund.me/messiahschenectady, on social media sites like Facebook. If you'd like to contribute yourself to this important ministry, please speak with Pastor Dustin.

A Note From Pastor Dustin

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

So this past Sunday after worship, while in between conversations at our annual “Thank You Brunch,” I couldn’t stop thinking about all the amazing changes our Spirit filled community has been blessed with over the past program year. We’re about to embark upon our first ever intergenerational Youth & Family Mission Trip, plans for developing our new food pantry are coming along rapidly and it seems like there are at least a couple new faces joining us for Sunday Eucharist nearly every week! God is working pretty hard here at Messiah, and so is everyone else in our congregation, that’s for sure!!

With that fact in mind, and summer right around the corner, I’d pray you consider taking three actions in the coming months: first, rest!!! While there’s definitely all sorts of things to work on during the summer at Messiah, from the Mission Trip to volunteering with SICM’s Summer Lunch Program to the Community Block Party in August, if you can, take a bit of a pause and rejuvenate! Second, experiment! If your schedule opens up a bit in the summer, it’s a good time to try something new and discern where the Spirit may be moving. At church we’ll be experimenting in a couple areas, including with our new Compline ‘Round the Campfire Service and in trying to put together a young adult ministry. While these are all exciting developments, take some time in your own life to experiment as well...read a different type of book, make a new friend, try a new hobby or sport and in doing so see what you might be able to discover about yourself and how God is at work in your life. And finally, consider the Bible verse from Hebrews above. Whether you’re grappling with change, resting up or experimenting with something new, ground yourself in the fact our God in Jesus Christ is a god of love and hope that never changes. Amen!

God’s peace,
Pastor Dustin



Grapevine News

OK so we missed spring and skipped right to summer or maybe fall. Welcome to Upstate NY weather

Things have of course been busy here at Messiah.

We were lucky to celebrate Gabby Nadeau's First Communion as well as the baptisms of Chris Lewis and Mathilde Corbett Lewis (Gabby's uncle and cousin).

We also had two very successful fundraisers for those going on the Mission Trip to Nashville in July. Many thanks to all who helped make these possible and to all who have helped by donating to the goFundme page (there is still time to do this if you haven't already), the can and bottle drive or came out to Tops for our "Dine and Donate" night. Watch the bulletin and weekly email for more info on totals but I believe we are about half way to our goal of \$3000.

Some news about our young members:

Rocco DeMento was recently the recipient of the Charles Mills and Irene Prazak Memorial Scholarship and the Schenectady County Legal Aid Society/Max and Betty Hershkowitz Award at SCCC where he is pursuing his AS degree in Criminal Justice.

Harley Crowther will be graduating from Mohonasen High School this month and will be studying for a teaching degree in Elementary/Special Education.

Kendall Fleming made the High Honor Roll at Schalmont Middle School for the 3rd quarter and also received an award for having the highest average for the 3rd quarter in science (103.92). She also made the JV Softball Team for Schalmont High School as a 7th grader and pitched all 13 games.

Amaya DiGiovanni made the High Honor Roll at Schalmont Middle School for the 3rd quarter.

Kendra Lavenia made "Smart Scholars" at Schenectady High School.

Mark Lavenia passed his test and is now an International World 1st Degree Black Belt.

Kiersten Becker recently Presidential Award for Education Excellence and also played JV lacrosse for Guilderland High School as an 8th grader.

Don't forget to tell everyone that you "...heard it through the grapevine".

Care and Concern

If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital, please let Judy Becker know. (374-5104)

Social Action

Our last meeting was very productive. We compiled a list of food and non-food products that we will be collecting for our Food Pantry. If you think we have missed something, please let us know. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help defray the cost of our gift certificates and food that we may have to purchase. Please try to donate cans with pull tabs whenever possible (please see a complete list of items needed on the last page of this newsletter).

Some highlights from our meeting:

- We will be able to become members of the Food Providers when we have been up and running for 6 months. After that, we will be eligible for food from drives, Regional Food Bank and money from grants.
- We will soon have sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteer opportunities to help with the Food Pantry.
- Our next meeting will be Sunday, after church, August 9th.
- The Regional Food Bank is looking for volunteers to pack food. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board.
- Summer Lunch sign-up is on the board. Sign-up for whenever you are available. Our first week is at Wallingford Park, in Mont Pleasant beginning June 29th through July 2nd.

Thanks, in advance, to all that help to make these volunteer opportunities successful.



Join our Sunday School Teaching Team!

We are looking for energetic, fun people who are interested in teaching. We provide teaching guides, work books, supplies. We just need your time 1 hour on Sundays before church. We work as a team... we have a calendar of events scheduled with many group projects & our special events. It's an easy way to participate as a member of church. Contact Jody at jody@leschateauxinfo.com or Christine at dcadjld@aol.com. . Please consider joining our team!

Faith, Family & Fellowship Day @ the Valley Cats, July 19th at 3 pm

Join people of faith from around the Capitol Region for a great evening of minor league baseball on Sunday, July 19th. Many other Lutheran churches will be participating in this fun event, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's praise band will even be playing a pre-game concert!!! Pre-game festivities begin at 3:00pm and the game itself starts at 5:00pm. Keep a lookout for more details soon, including pricing, or see Charlie Zitzmann if you have any questions.

Community Block Party
Saturday, August 1st

In case you haven't heard, Messiah is having a Community Block Party right here on the church grounds on August 1st. While planning is still in the preliminary stages, the big day will be here before you know it. We have several areas that will be needing volunteers. Below is a list of those and who you should contact to help out. We want this to be a great event that friends and neighbors will remember for years to come so we need "all hands on deck"! We will be meeting on June 14th immediately following worship so please join us.

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| Advertising | Debby Heckeler |
| Food | Bill Becker, Rich Becker, Billy Olochnowicz |
| Outdoor activities and games | |
| | Molly Karrel, Kristen Olochnowicz, Susie and Kody Schaffer |
| Prizes | Jill Becker, Judy Becker |
| Silent Auction | Tina Bascom |

MESSIAH MEMBER MILESTONES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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| Doug Chilton and Cecile Stewart | June 11 |
| Cheryl and Max Borski | June 28 |
| Ron and Sue Force | July 4 |
| Barb and Rich Hallett | July 7 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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| Holly Kernozek | June 2 |
| Jessica Lacosse | June 3 |
| Marc Whitman | June 6 |
| Chuck Whitman | June 11 |
| Amy DeMento | June 12 |
| Bob Reisinger | June 15 |
| Penny Incitti | June 16 |
| Tammi Crowther | June 19 |
| Colby Miller | June 19 |
| Kody Schaffer | June 23 |
| Allison Bode | June 26 |
| Paul Bode | June 28 |
| Liam Tedford | June 29 |
| Dave Barnett | June 30 |
| Brian Karrel | July 3 |
| David Ellis | July 11 |
| Tony Lavenia | July 11 |

Prayer List



If you have a friend or loved one you would like to add to our prayer list, please complete a "prayer request card" which can be found on the Ushers' Table in the back of the Sanctuary.

PLEASE PRAY for **Members:** Dave Ellis, Lore Ellis, Carol Jurewicz, Carlie Klein, Marion Lewis, Bob Reisinger, Tom Town, Theo Wegner. **Friends and family:** Kiki Axer, Jeannette Axford, Donna Biler, Tom Chilton, Terri Dufeck, Kathy Faina, Jocelyn Fairlee, Emily Fonda, Makayla Gainswith, Barb Hamlin, Kathleen LaPointe, Victoria Lindman, , Syliva MacFarlane, Jerry Morrison, Tina Prout, Joe Ritzo, Alicia Rizzo, John Roberge, Hazel Rodriguez, Greg Russell, Nzinga Smith, Kay Snodgrass. **Loved ones serving our country and others:** Jason Maione, Ken Ryan, Tim Zakriski.

Compline Round the Campfire

This summer, each **Monday, July 13th through August 24th at 7:00pm**, we're going to be launching a new evening service called "Compline Round the Campfire." While we're still in the initial planning stages, in general this will be an informal, relatively brief liturgy around a campfire in the parish yard behind Messiah. Combining the best of ancient Christian tradition and contemporary practices, this service will be designed especially for young adults and those who may be away during our normal Sunday services in the summer. If you have any input about what this service should look like or have musical talent, please speak with Pastor Dustin.

Outdoor Worship

This past fall, after what was a huge turnout for our annual Rally Day outdoor worship, we decided to hold services outside more frequently. Thus, in addition to our Father's Day Eucharist on June 21st, we'll have two additional outdoor services this summer: July 19th (when our Mission Trip participants will have the opportunity to share about their experience) and August 16th, both at our regular summer worship time of 9:30am. While worshipping outside is an amazing experience, it does take a bit of extra work to make these services happen, especially in putting out chairs for everyone. If you'd be willing to come early around 8:30am on one of those Sundays to help, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY DONATION ITEMS

(please place your items in the bin located by the sanctuary doors in the narthex)

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

Applesauce
Baby Food (stages 1 and 2)
Boxed Meals with meat (Hormel)
Canned Fruits (fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapple)
Canned meats (chicken, ham, spam (lite))
Canned Vegetables (carrots, corn, green beans, peas)
Cereal
Coffee
Coffee Creamer
Crackers (animal, graham, saltines)
Dinty Moore beef stew
Evaporated milk
Jelly
Juice Boxes
Macaroni and cheese bowls
Noodles (ramen and others)
Pancake mix (complete)
Pamalat (shelf stable milk)
Pasta
Peanut Butter
Raisins
Ravioli
Rice pouches
Soups
Spaghetti sauce
Spaghettio's (with and without meat)
Syrup
Tuna
Tuna Helper

NON FOOD ITEMS

Baby wash
Deodorant
Diapers
Dish Detergent
Paper Napkins
Paper Towels
Shampoo
Toilet paper

Worship Assignments for June 14 – July 19, 2015

	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12	July 19
Assisting Minister	Pamella Ford	Betsy Ryan	Anthony Miller	Susie Underkoffler	Kristen Olochnowicz	Linda Klein
Crucifer	Kendra Lavenia	Hanna Avery	Kiersten Becker	Combined with Acolyte for Summer	Combined with Acolyte for Summer	Combined with Acolyte for Summer
Acolyte	Olivia Tedford	Mark Lavenia	Gabby Nadeau	Kyle Avery	Kendra Lavenia	Hanna Avery
Lector	Beth Waugh	Amaya DiGiovanni	Tammi Crowther	Brian Karrel	Susie Underkoffler	Anthony Miller
Ushers	Paul Bode Chip Crowther	John Diegel Beth Waugh	Kendall Fleming Danielle Sefcovic	John Diegel Beth Waugh	Pamella Ford Denise Larrabee	Bill Becker Ray Heckeler
Greeters	Allison Bode Nancy Stellrecht	Ray Heckeler Debby Heckeler	Laura Underkoffler Beth Waugh	Betty Friebel Barb Sandmeyer	Cheryl Borski Hannah Borski	Tammi Crowther Denise Larrabee
Altar Guild	Joyce Gresham Betty Friebel Barb Sandmeyer	Betsy Ryan Beth Waugh	Pamella Ford Denise Larrabee	Tina Bascom Dotty Diegel Amaya DiGiovanni	Joyce Gresham Betty Friebel Barb Sandmeyer	Betsy Ryan Beth Waugh
Bread Baker	Molly and Logan Karrel	Carlie and Linda Klein	Baker Needed	Baker Needed	Baker Needed	Baker Needed
Nursery	Melissa DiGiovanni Amaya DiGiovanni	Brian Karrel Hannah Borski	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed

***Your participation in these ministries is appreciated.
If you cannot serve as scheduled, please arrange to switch with someone***

June 14 - July 11, 2015

The Lord's Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3rd Sunday After Pentecost 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 am Holy Communion 10:45 am Community Block Party Meeting Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34				6:00 pm Fitness		
4th Sunday After Pentecost 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 am Holy Communion Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41				6:00 pm Fitness		
5th Sunday After Pentecost 28	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
9:30 am Holy Communion/Schaffer Confirmation w/Reception 11:30 am Calendar Meeting Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43			7 pm Ice Cream Social	6:00 pm Fitness		
6th Sunday After Pentecost July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11
9:30 am Holy Communion Youth Mission Trip Send Off Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13				6:00 pm Fitness		

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Mon – 9-12

Monday Community
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Dinner – 12-3

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*To be a spirit filled church following Jesus Christ.
We will welcome all people into our fellowship
so that we may all worship, praise, sing together and learn
from one another. With Jesus as our example we will
spread the Word of God.*

Please join us for Worship at 9:30 am