

MESSIAH'S MESSENGER



Knowing Jesus + Serving Jesus + Sharing Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY PACKING DAYS

Saturday, October 6 and 20
from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. in the
Joy Center

MESSIAH LUTHERAN MEN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 14

MESSIAH LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 13, 2018
at 8:00 a.m. in the FAC

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 14 at 2
pm on the front lawn

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, October 14

COMMITMENT SUNDAY AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 21

CONFIRMATION/ REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 28

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. **James 1:22**

People of Messiah:

I've been thinking about the word "integration" for the past few weeks. My ponderings center on the individual's practice of spiritual integration, not the corporate integration we tend to associate with great movements like public school **integration** in the 1960s. As I learn more about myself, I've come to realize that I'm at home in my head (thinking, dreaming, reflecting), but I struggle at moving my thoughts to action. Simply put, I may know what needs to be done, but I may not know when and where to start the "doing" and how to keep it going after I've started. Integration is a challenge for me. What about you?

The Letter to James offers disciples a twofold invitation: Listen and do. As we receive good news from God, God invites us to let the word transform our lives and reconfigure our priorities. Imagine if the disciples said, "That was unexpected!" on Easter morning, but then went back to business as usual. Does Easter matter? Instead, the Good News of Resurrection becomes a springboard for prophecy, healing, evangelism, prayer, forgiveness, and the establishment of the Church. The disciples integrate Good News into good spiritual practice.

In the upcoming months, I will ask you to think about ways you can integrate our congregational strategic plan - Let Your Light Shine - into your individual spiritual practice. The Plan, rooted in Acts 2, invites us deepen our commitment to discipleship. For now, I'm focused on Goal Three:

Messiah aspires to be a GENEROUS congregation of God's people, called and equipped to share God's gifts throughout the community.

What does this look like for you? Or, as I asked at worship two Sundays ago, how are we practicing the invitation to *Go in peace and serve the Lord?*

I look forward to hearing from you.

Pastor Michael

UPDATES

OCTOBER FLOWERS

COST OF FLOWERS - \$53
CAROL SCHMIDT 297-7814.

OCTOBER 7 – Alwine Belcher
OCTOBER 14 - OPEN
OCTOBER 21- Gordon & Ellen
Culler
OCTOBER 28-OPEN

ON THE KIOSK

COOKIES AND FRUIT FOR FELLOWSHIP: Signup if you would like to bring cookies and fruit to the Gathering Area or FAC for Fellowship Time after worship.

INFORMATION UPDATE

HAVE A CHANGE TO
YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE #,
EMAIL, ETC?

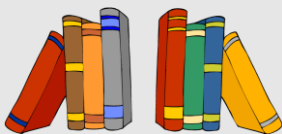
Please email the change to:
updates@messiahmauldin.org
Please us this facility versus
verbal request for change.

WORTH THE READ

Here's the Pastor's
recommended book for
October:

*Living into Community: Cultivating
Practices that Sustain Us*
(Available on Amazon)

-Christine Pohl



IN THE NEWS

PRAYER BEADS

What do you know about protestant prayer beads? They can be a tool for prayer: 1.You mind wanders, 2.You get bored, 3.You wonder if you're being heard or 4.You struggle with what to say. Roma Blair and I are working on putting together two work Sessions: Sunday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 28. The last day for sign up is Sunday, October 28. See signup sheet on the kiosk. We have a lady willing to come and teach a group of us how to make them. That group will then help others make theirs during the work sessions. We really need some volunteers to help us with this part. We also have someone coming to the sessions who can give us some history on the beads and how to use them. We do not have a cost at this time but will let you know as soon as we do. We believe these prayer beads are a wonderful way to enhance your prayer life. Please contact Kathi DeVoe (404)558-2674 if you would like to volunteer.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY

October 21 is World Hunger Sunday at Messiah, and members will be in the Gathering area with Soup pots for your donations to LCA's World Hunger Fund. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Information will be included in the weekly bulletin.

PANTRY NEWS

First, kudos to the Property Team for the metal railings leading into the JOY Center. What a great Improvement and surely a safety factor for our clients! We all thank you very much! During August, we served 136 families and gave out 283 boxes. We are now making plans for our Thanksgiving meals to be given out to everyone who comes into the Pantry in October to sign up. This is a big undertaking for us, but we love seeing the smiles on the faces of the recipients!

The food of the month for October is soup—all donations are much appreciated! Please leave any contributions in the grocery cart on the lower level of the gathering area.

We enjoyed having the youth group from Elizabeth Ann Seton here to help us pack in September. It's great to have support from other area churches and, as always, we truly appreciate everyone here at Messiah who helps us continue this ministry. We are blessed to have such caring support from our church.

MORE NEWS!

WELCA FOOTHILLS FALL CONFERENCE

October 6 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Chapel in Pickens, South Carolina. More information on the kiosk. Need a ride? Mona Turner is going, so please contact her for a ride.



MESSIAH'S 2ND ANNUAL CAR SHOW

October 20 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm here at Messiah. Food concessions by our youth—burger/hot dog plates. Proceeds go to church wide ministries. For more information go to [www.messiahmauldin.org/car show](http://www.messiahmauldin.org/car%20show).



NOVEMBER 11 is Third Grade Bible Sunday. If you have a third or fourth grader who has not yet received a Bible from Messiah, please let the office know as soon as possible.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING QUILTERS would like to thank the person who gave them squares of fabric.

THE POVERTY FACTOR

Time is running out to register for The Poverty Factor! We have 50 people registered and room for more! Don't miss this interactive, continuing educational opportunity on generational poverty conducted by the professional consulting group, Re-Source Solutions from Columbia.

Saturday, October 13, 2018
9am - 2pm with lunch provided
Family Activity Center

Registration forms are at a table in the Gathering Area or contact Denise Ruby, 864.313.1578 or email deelryby@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Jordan and Lee McAbee celebrate the birth of their daughter Lorna, who arrived on Friday, September 28. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

EVEN MORE NEWS!

WEDNESDAY SPEAKER SERIES - OCTOBER

Philosopher Ludwig Feuerbach suggested in the mid-19th century that, in contrast to the Bible's assertion that we are made in the image of God, instead "man has created God in his own image."

In what ways might this be true? Are we careful to distinguish *God* from our descriptions of God? Do narrow or exclusive images of God keep us from living out the gospel as fully as we could? How might expanding our images of God enrich our faith and our witness?

During Wednesdays in October, Krista Hughes will invite us to consider these questions by taking us on a tour of theological movements that have emerged in the last 50 years in response to shifting cultural landscapes and the call to live out the gospel in fresh ways.



KOINONIA 2.1: MESSIAH'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Seeking to live out our faith in ways that are authentic, generous, and relevant to our 21st-century context.

In Sunday School this fall, we are exploring key concepts in the Christian faith-language: how they have changed since early Christianity and ways they are relevant to today. A reminder that our Sunday morning location has moved into the Family Activities Center: we are next to the choir room on the 2nd floor near the exit on the back side of the building.

Book Group meets Thursday, October 11 at Krista and Michael's home. We are beginning a new book: *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Krista.

Festive Friday takes place this month on October 26; venue TBA and costumes optional.

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

THEN WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM!

The Wednesday night Fellowship suppers are financially self-sufficient, and we would like to keep it that way. To accomplish this will take a team effort. The Fellowship team is looking to create cooking teams of 4 to help with Wednesday night suppers.

The menus will be very simple. If we can get 6 to 8 teams, each team would serve approximately 3 times a year. Suppers are underway and "covered" through October 10. Things get "dicey" on October 17. This is an extremely delightful opportunity, so grab a few friends and build a team. Training is available. Contact: Council Representative John Ihme (jnihme@gmail.com) or Fellowship Chair, Mary Salgado at (marysal@hotmail.com).



October YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday 3 - Teen Night 6-7 pm

Sunday 7 – Middle and High School Youth Group 6-8 pm

Wednesday 10 – Teen Night 6-7 pm

Sunday 14 – 9th Grade Catechism 12-2 pm

6-8th Grade Catechism Classes 2:30-5:30 pm

High School youth group 7-8 pm

Wednesday 17 – Teen Night 6-7 pm

Saturday 20 - Car Show Fundraiser!! 10-2 pm (come help and then check out the awesome cars!)

Sunday 21 – 9th Grade Catechism 12-2 pm

Marty Party! @ St. Steven's Church in Lexington 1:15- 8 pm

Monday 22 - Catechism Make-up Day

Wednesday 24 – Teen Night 6-7 pm

Saturday 27 – Fall Festival, Trunk and Treat, Chili Cook-off!!

Sunday 28 – Happy Reformation Day and Affirmation of Baptism Ceremony!

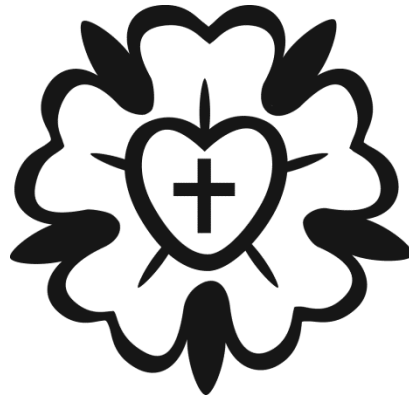
Marty says, Bring it!

Save the date. The Marty Party is Back!

This year's Marty Party will be held Sunday, October 21 at St. Steven's Lutheran Church in Lexington.

- For Middle and High School Youth
- We will leave from Messiah at 1:15 and return around 8:00 pm. Please send \$10 for dinner.
- Signups and Permission Forms are on the kiosks.





***Congratulations to our 2018
Confirmands!!***

Kevin Buie

Hayden James

Chelsea Palotta

Elijah Sherman

Cadence Smith

Ahnnalise Wolf

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE

FALL FESTIVAL

@ MESSIAH LUTHERAN on OCTOBER 27, 4:00 PM

WE'RE FIRIN' UP THE SMOKER FOR THE PIG ROAST,
SO BRING A DISH TO SHARE AT THE POTLUCK AND
JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!

COME EARLY—BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CHILI COOKOFF
COMPETITION

GAMES galore
POP the PUMPKIN
REMOVABLE
TATTOOS

JUMPING SPIDERS!
GRAB AN APPLE!



CARNIVAL
CAKEWALK

PUMPKIN POP
RING TOSS

MAKE YOUR
OWN CARMEL APPLE

PRIZES for everyone! More information to follow

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Jim Wilkins
Bob Freund
- 4—Bill Nolan
Barbara Cevasco
- 5—Martha Amador
- 7—Jim Cevasco
- 11—Fred Fulmer
Sue Glasgow
- 12—Gregory Gero
- 17—Joyce Dodd
- 18—Ernest Boyer
- 19—Jay Wilkins
Owen Taggart
- 20—Tom Manske
- 21—Gordon Culler
- 23—Kenneth Sturm
- 26—Jim Allen
Shiloy Barry
Bill Hendrix
- 27—Dick Seeber
- 28—Marley Reece
- 29—Gail Williams
Pat Pryor
- 30—Andrea Knight
- 31—Rachel Boyer
Glenda Gruenholz
Sally Hyman

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Richard & Mary Miller, Blair & Deb Tidmarsh, Gail Williams, Ruth Miller, Betty Thacker, Judy Gisman, Helen Wolfe, Helen Weiger, Paul Bachtel, John Stone, Tom Manske, Mary Carbaugh, Elsie Switzer, Gary Carbaugh, Bill & Marilyn Hendrix, Jenny Leudke, Joyce Dodd, Marilyn Harmon, Fred Covalt, Sandy Sanders (Kevin Sterling), Jan Beaty, Hilda Hucker, Dick Bergmann, Darlene Zinnel, Ursula Moran, Patrick & Toni Pryor, Kathi DeVoe.

PRAYERS FOR:

Machin & Susan Clark, friends of the McKittens
Martha Axman, daughter of Helen Weiger
The son-in-law of Joe Gobbert
The daughter of Marlowe & Betty Lindstrom
The brother of Laura Boyer
Linda Schertz, the mother of Daniel Schertz.
David Ramsey, the father of Tom Ramsey

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY ARE WITH:

The Carbaugh family at the death of Harry Carbaugh.

The family of Harry Carbaugh would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits and food. We love all of you.

Doug and Linda Stazer would like to thank the congregation for their many prayers, calls and texts over the last 7 weeks of Doug's illness. Doug is recovering from his surgery and is regaining his strength. Thank you again

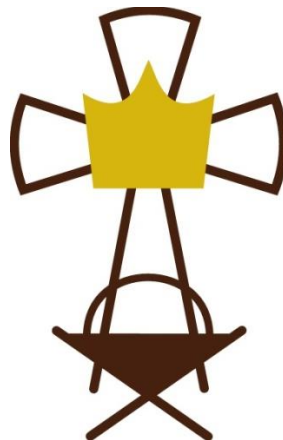
If your name is not listed above, please call the church office. Thank You!

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: **Todd Chambers:** nephew of Jim & Sherry Crofts, **Britain Weaver:** son of Paul & Barbara Weaver, **Derek Clayton:** brother of Melissa Walser and uncle of Pat & Chris Innes, **Tony Kizziah:** grandson-in-law of Helen Weiger, **Forrest Reid:** nephew of Rod & Donna Brown, **Andrew Jones:** grandson of Marilyn Harmon, **Lee Williams:** son-in-law of Gary & Renee Carbaugh, **Leo & Thomas Kasmer:** grandsons of Adeline Blegen, **Christopher Bair:** nephews of Jay & Lisa Best, **Gary Pagan:** brother-in-law of Jon & Jenny Luedke, **Michael Oberkramer:** nephew of Jim & Martha Amador, **Thomas Johnson:** great nephew of Ralph & Mary Wimmer, **Lance Bonkosk:** the husband of Lee & Helen Fisher's granddaughter, **Adam Disque:** son-in-law of Fred & Beth Fulmer, Jessica Lanford, daughter of Elizabeth Lanford & Jacob Lanford, son of Elizabeth Lanford.

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