



The Messenger

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Pastor's message

Happy New Year!

School year, that is. A fresh, shiny-new year of educational possibility, laid out for us like a map of an exciting adventure to places unknown! I've always thought that the beginning of the school year was way more exciting and full of promise than that other one we celebrate! And it's finally here—happy new year!

Now, some of you were eagerly awaiting this moment. Others looked upon its arrival with gloom. And then there are the folks who, being outside of the learning community (having no school aged kids, or not working on a degree of their own at the time), who wouldn't have noticed this milestone's arrival if I hadn't of mentioned it.

Well, I am mentioning it. Mainly to let all Messiah people know that "back to school" doesn't apply only to the children here. You're all invited to pack up your pencils and notebooks and get involved in some Christian education. What opportunities are there for adults? Glad you asked! Here's what's on the burners for Fall 2010...

- Book of Faith Adult Forum – Sunday mornings at 9:30 in classroom AB (on the left as you head down the education wing). This group will be engaging the bible from four perspectives—history, literature, Lutheran theology, and devotional. (I know—sounds a bit heady—but it's not, really.) During the year, the group will take up Genesis and John. Come as you can, when you can. Begins September 19th.
- Weekly Wisdom discussion group – designed for our seniors, this group will meet on every other Wednesday at 11:00 am for a conversation about the topics of the day and the lessons for the coming Sunday. It will include a brief devotional as well. And it will finish up in an hour, so participants might share lunch—either at church or a local eatery! Begins September 22nd.
- Eat This Book – your bible that is, and not eat as in chew and swallow. This adult program (which can easily involve children) seeks to hit the high spots in the scriptures by reading sections vital for understanding our faith. So, you'll walk away from it knowing the major characters and stories. And to make sure that it's accessible in all the meanings of that word—we'll be reading from The Message – a highly understandable version of the bible—and, you can either use your own copy, or have the sections emailed to you. The program will assign readings monthly—but you can go at your own pace. Beginning in Advent, we will finish up in June.

See me for information on any one of these offerings—or if you have an idea of your own for a short term class. Make it a New Year's resolution to gain some knowledge of your faith. For...

"Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge instead of choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with wisdom." Proverbs 8:10-11



In Our Prayers...

Al DeMello, Barbara Wilson (B. Wurst's Mom), **Janey Stokes** (rel of the Wurst's), **Jane Lind** (D. Bonfiglio's Aunt), **Perham Family, Suzy Atwell** (friend of the Mitchell's), **Ed Burgess** (friend of B. Wurst), **Melissa Salisbury** (rel. of the Salisbury's), **Terry Klecker** (rel. of the Costa's), **Sarah** (friend of the Costa's), **Pat Sapienza** (Friend of the Costa's), **Janice Brendal** (S. Retelle's Mom), **Walter Schur** (Dave's Dad), **George A. Ritz** (friends of B. Ensinger), **Pastor Tom, Judy Welke** (A. Juliano's Mom), **Mike** (friend of R. Bonfiglio), **Andy Wyliee, Jim & Gen Retelle** (T. Retelle's parents), **Marie Brundage** (R. Brundage's Mom), **Margie Rowe, Drew D'Auteuil** (friend of the Vaughn's), **Frank Genna** (friend of the Ensinger's), **Pastor Frederic Teichmann, Richard Ball, Harold Chuchul, Crystal** (friend of L. Teichmann), **Dennis & Lorraine Salisbury, The Tucker family** (friends of the Demello's).

Ladies of Messiah Book Club

Just a reminder to put Sept. 24 on the calendar as our next book club meeting at Melissa's house. The book is "Water for Elephants" by Sarah Gruen. We can also talk about "The Holy Man" by Susan Trott, since I think some of you guys read it but were unable to make it to the last meeting. Melissa's address is 28 Helen Circle, Goffstown phone 384-1627.



Resource Fair Announced

A wonderful resource fair is coming up on September, 17, 2010, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, at St. Philip Church Fellowship Hall, on 500 West Hollis Street, Nashua. Lutheran Social Services In-Home Care will be an exhibitor along with many other vendors offering services and products for older adults. Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, 55Plus Community Health Program sponsors the event. It will be a fun and informative event. FMI, call 603-577-2002.

Have you contributed lately to the Benevolence Challenge? All funds donated go to the wider mission of the church at large.

Ministers, All of the people at Messiah

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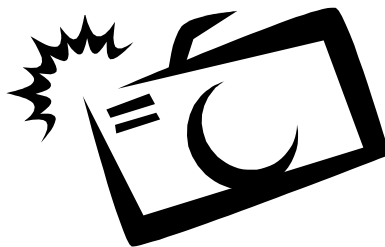
Music Director, Linnea Micciulla

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*Communications Team,
All of the people of God at Messiah*

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Pictures Please!



We're looking for your MLC digital photos to be used on our web page and for a dvd to be duplicated and used as an evangelism tool.

Please send your best pictures to: pastorteich@comcast.net , or do whatever you do on facebook to make pictures available to the webmaster

Dear Members of Messiah,

I would like to thank everyone for all their calls, cards, thoughts, prayers, meals and everything else you have done for our family as we grieve the loss of my father Frank (aka Bubba). His passing was so sudden and unexpected, it gives us great comfort to know we have so much support from our church family to help us through this difficult time. It was just twenty three months ago we lost my mother Joan (aka Nana) so losing both parents in such a short time period is quite difficult, and words simply cannot describe what Messiah has given to us. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive congregation.



God's Blessings to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Joanne, Ray, Raymond, Ryan and Gregory

*The Congregation and Council of
Faith Lutheran Church
request the pleasure of your company
at the installation of our pastor
The Rev. William R. Petersen
on Sunday, September 26th, 2010
at Four O'Clock
Reception following in the Parish Hall*

*1120 Silver Lane
East Hartford, Connecticut
www.faithlutheranct.org*

The Chronicles of Messiah: The People, The Promise, and the Book of Faith

All children ages pre-k to 6th grade are invited to take a spiritual journey and explore **The Chronicles of Messiah**.

You will be travelers through time as you hear the old stories, meet exciting new characters and have fellowship adventures.

Our Sunday School year starts Rally Day, Sunday September 12th at 9:30 am at Messiah. At that time parents can sign children up for Sunday School and pick-up a packet of information. (The coffee will also be ready!) The children will learn a song, get to know their teachers, make a map and "History Book," and play "Who am I?"

We look forward to traveling with you.

Simply Giving

Simply giving is a way to give your offerings to Messiah without the hassle of writing weekly checks. By filling out a simple form your weekly offering can be transferred electronically to Messiah's operating account, thus keeping you up to date and Messiah in the black. Please consider using this service. See Joanne for forms.

HAPPENNINGS AT ANNE MARIE HOUSE:

Messiah and Congregational church of Amherst will be co-hosting at AMH the week of August 29th. Thanks to all of those who will be spending time there. Your willingness to serve makes this endeavor much easier. Without you this very important ministry would not be possible. God Bless!

Our next week is the week of October 17th.

A new family has joined our AMH family—a mom and twin 15 year old daughters and a 3 year old son. I am sure they feel blessed to have a home for now.

Another new family has come to stay at Anne Marie House for help and support—mom, Joanne with 2 children, Tori 9 and Ryan, age 7.

Just a few statistics: 1 in 50 children in the US is homeless. Average age of all homeless people is nine. Thirty four percent of the homeless in the US are families.

These are the people we strive to help at AMH. An individual program is developed for each guest when they arrive. There are classes and goals, but as important as this step-by-step program is, the spirit of love and support that is present is key. Aside from 3 paid staff members, everyone there is a volunteer. The guests see them making supper, helping with homework, sitting and listening or just being there to say "hello". The guests understand that these people are there because they want to help, not because they are being paid. That makes all the difference.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 19th: 3rd 5K walk/run event. Joanne Dow, Olympic Race-Walker will be returning as our featured participant. If anyone is interested in taking part and providing financial support through sponsors, please see Marge.

December 11th: Holiday concert and silent auction. This event is "Stars and Promises" featuring The Peter Mayer Group. This will be held at 7:30 pm at Souhegan high School. More info to follow.

SHARE: The food pantry has been very busy over the summer. Many families have come through and the shelves need to be filled. Mostly hair products, paper towels, large diapers (size 4 and 5), tomato sauce, detergents, dessert mixes. Thank you!

Dinner Groups!

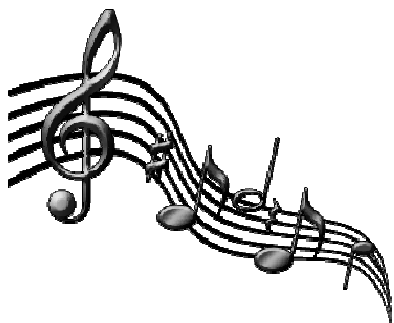
Its again time to sign up for dinner groups. This has been a successful fellowship activity for several years now at Messiah.

Groups of about 8 people (couples and or singles) are grouped together. Each month the group meets at the home of one of the members for dinner. Each person/couple is assigned part of the meal to bring. Usually the host provides the main course.

Other ideas are to meet at a restaurant or go for an activity such as bowling. Any plan that works for the group is terrific. Its a great way to spend time with and get to know members of Messiah that you may not have an opportunity to meet on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in joining in with this please email me, Deanna Cordts, (djcordts@comcast.net) your name(s), address, phone number and email address. The new groups will be out by the second week in September.



Meet Our New Musician—Linnea Micciulla



Hello! I've been asked to tell you a bit about myself... so here goes!

I was born in Cornwall, New York, and grew up in King of Kings Lutheran church in New Windsor. I have always loved music and languages from a very young age, and I have had the very good fortune to be able to spend several years travelling and learning languages, making music along the way. After New York, I lived in Pennsylvania, where I majored in Spanish and minored in Music at Bucknell University. I then went on to live in Spain, Kansas, Vermont, Morocco, Brazil, Massachusetts, Russia, and for the past 12 years, New Hampshire. Wherever I have lived, I have looked for opportunities to make music - singing, directing, arranging, playing piano, organ, guitar, bells, or any other instrument that was available! Most recently, I have provided service music and directed the choir and bell choir at Gethsemane Lutheran church in Manchester, and prior to that at Christ the King Lutheran church in Nashua.

Mike and I were married at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Nashua in 1999. Between us we have eleven wonderful nieces and nephews, ranging in age from 4 to 26. We visit Mike's family in North Carolina a couple of times a year, and see my family in New York and Michigan as often as we can. Mike has worked in publishing, and currently works as a sales manager at a Borders bookstore. I am (finally!) finishing up my doctorate in Linguistics, and am looking for full time work.

I am thrilled to be involved in music ministry at Messiah. I have so enjoyed the worship and the fellowship during my time so far at Messiah... it seems like the right place to be. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone!

Messiah Lutheran Church FY 2010 Income and Expenses Summary (through July 2010)

	Jul 2010	Budget \$	Over Budget
Total Income	\$ 117,596	112,516	5,080
Total Expense	\$ 118,378	110,907	7,471
Net Income	\$ -782	1,609	-2,391

Note that our "Pledged Giving" shows the following through July 2010:

	Jul 2010	Budget \$	Over Budget
Pledged Giving	\$ 73,367	79,016	-5,749

This means that through July, we have fallen behind our budgeted Pledged Giving by about \$5,750.

Note - Full details of each 2010 Monthly Treasurer's Report can be found on the hallway bulletin board next to the kitchen entrance.

Messiah's Mission and Vision Statements

We believe in Jesus Christ, who died and was raised for us. Through Baptism we are called to grow in Christ and to proclaim him in word and deed. We gather in worship to celebrate the promise of God's grace, love and forgiveness. In the power of the Holy Spirit we use the gifts that God has given us for the sake of each other, our communities and the world. Messiah's Vision is to invite people to faith, to care for each other with love, to help one another grow in faith, and to share our gifts with others.

Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of each month.
Please submit articles to
news@messiahnh.org

Messiah Wish List

Wireless handheld mics—\$60 for two

“Spark” Children’s bibles—\$20 ea
We need ten.

New computer for secretary’s use

Paraments for altar.

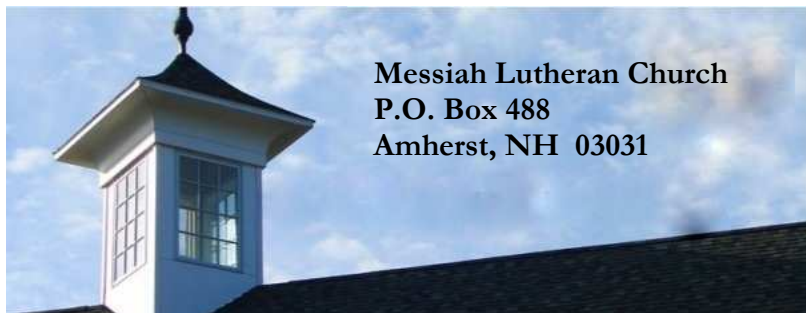
If you’re interested in donating any of the above items, please see Pastor Tom.

Come Share the Spirit!



Worship Service 9:00 am
(until 9/12/10)
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 303 Rt.101E in Amherst 1/2 mile east of the shops of “Salzburg Square”. Contact the church by calling 603-673-2011 or visit us online at <http://www.messiahnh.org>



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