



Done List

(From your Pastor)

*“Keep on doing the things you have
learned and received and heard and seen...
and the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil. 4.9)*

The best part of having a *To Do* list is not “getting organized” or “being productive.” It’s marking off the jobs that are finished! *That’s* fun! So much so, that, when I make a list of things that need doing, I always put “Make to do list” right at the top. So I can have one checked off right away!

Even better—how about a “*Done*” list? Things you’ve finished. Jobs you completed. Chores you’re through with. Missions accomplished. None of those pesky still to do’s buzzing about you, demanding attention. Just pure unadulterated vocational fulfillment. A *Done* list would be particularly uplifting when the *To Do* list gets out of hand and it feels like you’re one step forward, two steps back.

Around Messiah, the *to do* list is usually quite lengthy. That’s partly because things are on there that have a low priority in relation to others, and they just Hadley ever get done. And the list is long partly because the persons with the talents needed to check-off certain tasks are unavailable. And also because we may not be in a position financially to complete the project or don’t have the volunteers at this time. Great ideas. But kinda demoralizing to see them sit waiting for their time.

That’s why I’m publishing the first ever Messiah *Done List* right here and now. You’ll perhaps be surprised at all that has been accomplished...

VBS 15 children, 4 teens, 3 adults
Messiah House Clean Up
Youth group camp out
Ash Street Shelter meals
Welcome visitors each week
Learned new hymns and liturgies
Brought the word to prisoners
Replaced and repaired inside lights
Donated needed ministry tools
Visited the sick
Grieved for members who died
Digitized the newsletter

Sunday school 35 kids, 10 adults, 6 teachers
Property Day Clean ups (2)
Anne Marie House host weeks
found a great church musician
hosted Watermark (youth encounter)
baptized 5 people
replaced lights in cupola!!!!
made new banners
provided snacks for hungry confirmands
sent backpacks out into the world
hoped in the resurrection
produce liturgically friendly bulletins

Oh, I could go on and on, and so could you. It’s nice to see in one place all the things we’ve been doing as part of serving God. Our *DONE* list is beautiful to behold.

Which can only serve as a motivation for us to transform more of our *To Do*’s into *Done*’s. So, if you haven’t been hands-on involved in Messiah for a while now—if other things have demanded your attention, if you want to feel the satisfaction that comes from doing God’s work with your talents—then just ask me anytime. What is there *to do*? We’ll find something that suits you. And now my message is

DONE!

Celebrating God’s Faith , Hope and Love.

Pastor Tom

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).

Benevolence Challenge

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

Worship Assistants!

Please remember that if you have a "job" at worship, it is important that you honor that responsibility. If you are unable to be at church, please get a replacement. Otherwise people are scurrying around trying to fill your spot. Thank you.



Coming Up...

Where's my November calendar?

Since plans change frequently and weekly routines don't, we won't be printing next month's calendar in the newsletter anymore. Just this month's. Instead this "Coming Up" column will appear monthly, to let you know what's coming up, so you can enter it into your schedules. We will also be working on adding an online yearly calendar to the website.

Nov 5-7 - Women's Retreat at Calumet

Nov 7th - All Saints Sunday

Nov 28th - 1 Advent - Ryan Bonfiglio and Captive Free at worship, after worship soup lunch and

Advent craft

Dec 11th - Christmas Dinner and Auction

College Care Givers

Have you signed up to be a College Care Giver? It's really simple—send an email to messiahnh@comcast.net with Caregiver in the subject line. The office will match you up with a college student and then you're all set! Your job is to send encouragement, care packages, and prayers anonymously to your college student who will find out who you are in May! Make a difference in a college student's life today!

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

Editor, Lisa Teichmann

ASH STREET SHELTER MEALS

For those that are new to our church, we go to the Nashua Ash Street Shelter the second Thursday of each month. At that time we bring meals which serve 25 to 30 people. The Common Room area for the Shelter is extremely small - no dining room table and only a small counter with a microwave for food prep. Space is limited and the people there truly appreciate our hot and delicious entrees.

A few weeks prior to our visit, there is an announcement in church and sign-up sheet for those interested in preparing one of the five items needed (salad, three entrees and dessert). The food is then delivered at 5:15 pm that Thursday at the church and then a Messiah volunteer drives it to the Shelter.

We are always in need of drivers, cooks and bakers. If you can spare some time, we would truly appreciate it. Our next visit is Thursday, October 14 and we will be delivering a delicious Chicken Marsala Casserole.

Sincerely,
Service Committee
Trudi Costa
Stephanie Vore Apple

Chicken Marsala Casserole

Ingredients

- 3/4 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 (8-oz.) carton sour cream
- 1 C. milk
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 (16-oz.) can chicken broth
- 1/2 C. Marsala wine
- 1/3 C. chopped celery
- 1/8 tsp. cardamom
- 1 lb. skinned & boned chicken breast, cut in bite-size pieces
- 1 (8-oz.) package pre-sliced mushrooms
- 2 C. hot cooked angel hair pasta, about 4 oz. uncooked pasta
- 1/2 C. (2 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring C., level off with a knife. Combine the flour and sour cream in a medium saucepan, stirring with a whisk. Add milk, salt, pepper, and chicken broth. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Place a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add the wine and the next 4 ingredients, and cook for 10 minutes or until liquid almost evaporates. Combine the cream sauce, chicken mixture, and pasta; spoon into a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with cheese; bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

Ecumenical Opportunity

Book Discussion to Start October 18

Please join us for a book discussion group co-sponsored by Church of Our Saviour and Messiah Lutheran Church on Monday evenings from 7-8 pm, beginning October 18 and ending November 22. Our first meeting will be at Messiah Lutheran on Route 101 in Amherst, with October 25th's meeting at Church of Our Saviour, with meetings continuing to alternate. We'll be using God's Mission in the World: An Ecumenical Christian Study Guide on Global Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals, produced jointly between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, available for just \$5. Contact Pastor Tom at Messiah Lutheran or Debbie Donnelly (672-3188) at COOS to sign up for a book before October 7, and we should have them ready to hand out at Sunday services on October 17, or order directly from Augsburg Press.

Quoting from Augsburg Press, this study guide is "intended as a resource for congregations and other groups who are looking to broaden their understanding of global poverty and become part of the worldwide movement achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); it features six weekly sessions examining Christian understandings of social justice, global poverty, and the MDGs. The MDGs are eight goals adopted in 2000 by all member states of the United Nations, including the United States. The goals are to, by 2015, cut extreme poverty and hunger in half, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and create a global partnership for development."

We pray that you will make time to join us in exploring and responding to God's call to help heal the brokenness of our world so that all might share in God's abundance.



New Banners

Last year our Sunday School kids, the Wayfarers, worked on a service project for the church - creating new Pentecost banners. Each child participated in weaving the scraps of material into the cross shape. They had fun doing it and now can admire their handiwork. Connie Wisneski and Lisa Teichmann were instrumental in guiding and finishing the project. Without their quilting talents, the banners would not hang so beautifully. Thank you to Connie and Lisa for their help!

Messiah Member In the News

A picture of Lauren Cordts selling cotton candy is in the September issue of *The Lutheran*. Be sure to get your copy before they become collector's items. Thanks to Aria Neukam for her efforts in making this happen. Check it out on line here: http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=9279

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

The Sunday School year has begun but your child aged 4 to 11 can join in the fun at any time. They will be travelers through time as they hear the old stories, meet exciting new characters and have fellowship adventures. Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Messiah House. Check the church bulletin board for the year schedule. If you have any questions or would like to be part of the program, please contact Sunday School Coordinator Stephanie Vore Apple at psapple@comcast.net.

**Go Take a Hike!
Pack Monadnock**

Sunday, October 3 at 1:30 pm



The Chroniclers are going to hike Pack Monadnock on Sunday, October 3 meeting on East Mountain Road at 1:30 pm. We invite all those interested in an outing of fun and fellowship. You may even meet an amazing man along the way.

Yes, you can chase a white dimpled ball across a golf course OR you can chase white children size sneakers up a mountain. Either way get outside and have some fun - weather permitting of course.

Directions to the Raymond Trail Entrance:

This year we will begin from the East Mountain Road side of Pack Monadnock instead of Miller State Park. To get to there follow Route 101 West past the entrance to Miller State Park and take the immediate right onto Old Mountain Road. Then take a right again onto East Mountain road and park along the edge where the trail begins. We will be hiking the Raymond Trail (white blazes). The 1.6 mile trail reaches the summit at the picnic area just north of the parking area.

For more information, please contact Stephanie (psapple@comcast.net).

HAPPENNINGS AT ANNE MARIE HOUSE:

Things are busy as usual at the House. We are in the process of making a few changes. Tami McKay, who was volunteer coordinator, is leaving but suddenly received a message from her family that her mom has bone cancer; so she had to leave immediately for North Dakota. Please remember her in your prayers. Linda Fraser will be taking her place.

Two families have graduated and two new families have moved in.

I will be having a field trip to Anne Marie House if there is anyone who would like to see the facility. No pressure to volunteer (unless you would like to). This is a ministry that our entire congregation supports and maybe you are interested in taking a tour. You will be pleasantly surprised. This will take place Sunday, Oct 17th (1st day of our host week) at 6:30-meeting at the church. If there is one person or 10 we will go! Signups are at church.

UPCOMING EVENT:

HOLIDAY CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION
STARS AND PROMISES FEATURING THE PETER MAYER GROUP
Date: December 11th @ 7:30
Place: Souhegan High School

Treasurer's Tidbits

Fun facts to know and tell from our Treasurer:

Did you know?...

- That Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has a new program called Thrivent Choice, which is a charitable grant program? And that if you are a Thrivent Member, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah? Just select Messiah Lutheran Church, Amherst NH as the Choice Dollars designee.
- That Messiah has an investment account at Fidelity? And that you can transfer assets (like stock) to that account, as part of your annual giving?
- That the Simply Giving program allows you to give to Messiah through regularly scheduled, automatic Electronic Funds Transfers? And that you can sign up for this program by getting an authorization form from the Church Office?

Messiah... Where the Giving is Easy!

If you'd like more information about any of these, please see Jay Davison,
or email messiahntreasurer@gmail.com

Messiah Lutheran Church

FY 2010 Income and Expenses Summary (through August 2010)

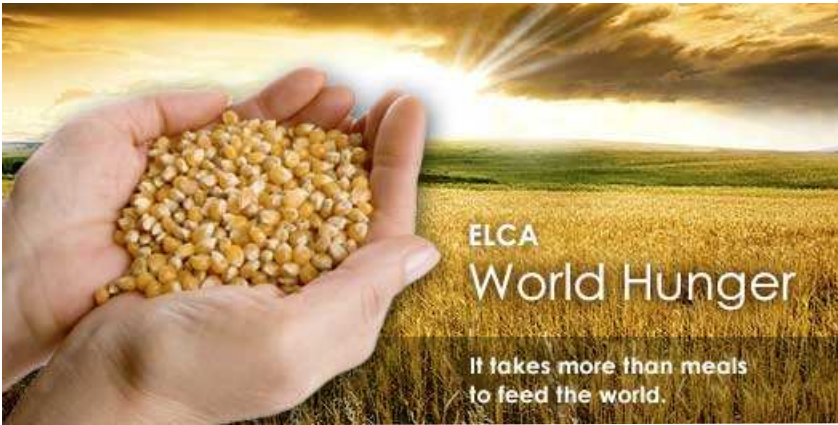
	Jul 2010	Budget \$	Over Budget
Total Income	\$ 130,940	125,724	5,216
Total Expense	\$ 130,961	125,056	5,905
Net Income	\$ -21	668	-689

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

	Aug 2010	Budget \$	Over Budget
Pledged Giving	\$ 84,059	90,304	-6,245

This means that through July, we have fallen behind our budgeted Pledged Giving by about \$6,250.

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



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3rd
directly after worship
in the picnic area

(please make sure your pet
is contained)



World Hunger News

Bryan Clickner has agreed to be Messiah's World Hunger Advocate, which means he will be keeping the issue of hunger before us. Anticipate announcements!

An important event exploring how the ELCA and the New England Synod are working to end world hunger, and how you can “join the cause,” is being held in October, sponsored by the World Hunger Team of the New England Synod. The session is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17, from 2-6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3 Lutheran Dr., Nashua, N.H. A meal will be served. The Rev. Dan Rift, director of the ELCA’s World Hunger Appeal, will speak on “We Who Gather: Children of the Bread Breaker,” as well as lead a workshop on what the ELCA offers when it comes to addressing hunger and inviting folks to know more. Other workshops will explore the world’s water crisis, highlight successful efforts in the synod, and provide information on how a congregation can increase and act on its awareness of hunger issues. Cost is \$10 per person. Register by Oct. 11 Doreen Rinas at doreenrinas@yahoo.com or 978-433-2645.

Are you on Facebook?

Did you know that Messiah has a fan page on Facebook? Search for Messiah Lutheran Church and “like” us! It’s filled with information and a great way to find other fans of Messiah!



Give Your College Student a Boost!

There’s still time to sign up your college student for the College Care Givers program! Each month they’ll get cards, care packages and prayers anonymously from a Messiah member! In May, they’ll find out just exactly who sent that flying screaming monkey to them! Send an email to messiahnh@comcast.net to sign them up!

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

New computer for secretary's use

Paraments for altar.

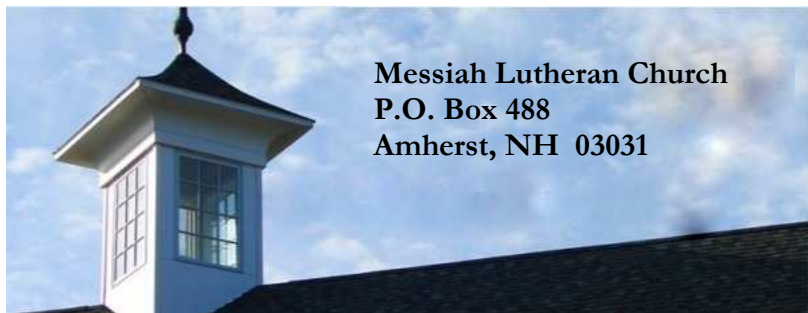
If you're interested in donating any of the above items, please see Pastor Tom.

Come Share the Spirit!



Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 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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