



# Make a New Creation

## Summer 2012

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

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## Even Better than Recreation

### Pastor's Message

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!"*

Summer is the time for vacations, stay-cations, long weekends, and the ever-popular "mental health" days. It's the season when we set aside routines and the hub-bub of life in order to restore and refresh our bodies, minds and spirits.

We go to places exciting and spots peaceful. We read novels. We listen to music real loud. We kayak and canoe, or speed about in motor boats and jet skis. We make reservations, instead of making dinner. Or we fire up the grill and enjoy some chopped steaks and tube steaks (hamburgs and hot dogs). We stop at scenic overlooks and hike to glorious summits. We attend band concerts and fireworks, sitting on

blankets to shield our shorts from the dewy grass.

The kids play outside, with real bats and balls, and they go to camp, or venture out into the twilight backyard to catch fireflies and put them in a mason jar with holes punched in the top "so they can breathe," and some grass in the bottom—"for them to eat."

Grandparents come to visit. Cousins run in packs. Life is slow and easy. And for just a day, a week or whatever amount of time you spend away from it, the world is realigned and you can see clearly its peace and order—and your place in it.

Recreation, we call it. Be it for sports, cooking, goofing off, or working in the garden, our recreation is what it says—a *re-creation*. Equivalent to rebooting the old laptop, turning the hourglass, or

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## Upcoming at Worship

- **July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Pentecost 5, 9:30 am worship begins
- **July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Pentecost 6, Sermon – Who Ya Gonna Call?
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Pentecost 7, Sermon: This Old House is Crooked
- **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Commemoration of Mary Magdalen,
- **July 29<sup>th</sup>** - OUTDOOR WORSHIP: bring a lawn chair, dress casually
- **September 16** – Rally Sunday

## FAQ

Here's another question frequently asked around Messiah.

*"Who picks the hymns?"*

Pastor does, with Linnea's help. We try our very best to:

- Add good new hymns to the congregation's repertoire,
- Always have some familiar and favorite hymns mixed in,
- Not always sing the same hymns,
- pick new hymns that are either very singable, or so beautiful that it's worth learning,
- Pick hymns and songs that are reflective of the tone of the worship, the lessons of the day, or the mood of the liturgical day.

### How can I help?

Be patient and give new music a fair shake. Don't shout out "This hymn stinks!" while we're singing it. OR you can help pick the hymns. See Pastor.

## Other News

### Altar Flowers

Remember that you can have flowers put on the altar any Sunday. If it is in remembrance of someone, a special occasion or to the Glory of God or whatever, it does not matter. On Joanne's door there is a sign up poster - you merely have to write in your name after the date and to whom you wish them dedicated. If you wish, I will purchase them and deliver on Saturday. Just call 533-1521 or e-mail [margeball@comcast.net](mailto:margeball@comcast.net). Flowers always beautify the sanctuary.

### Summer Bell Choir

So far only 3 people have expressed an interest in Summer Bells this year... any more takers? If there are at least 8 people who would like to do a summer bell choir, I will see if we can borrow them again! Let me know! No experience required, ages 12 and up. If we get enough people we will probably rehearse Sundays, after the service.

### Summer Musical Offerings

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone who would like to share their musical gifts as part of the worship service this summer. Feel free to sign up, or send me an email: [lmicciulla@comcast.net](mailto:lmicciulla@comcast.net).

### Save the Date!

Plan to attend church on Sunday, **September 16th** for Rally Sunday!!! This not only starts our Sunday School year, but there will also be information tables set up after the worship service for each of the ministry areas. There will be information about these ministries, sign ups to get involved and of course... food, coffee and fellowship!! Learn more ways to get involved, grow in faith and meet new people by participating in a different ministry at Messiah!!

### Holiday Auction

Needed - At least 2 couples to organize the Holiday Auction in December. This has been a yearly event for the past few years. It has been a very fun, successful fundraiser for local and worldwide charities. As the planner, there are many people to assist, there are a few boxes of supplies that can be used and you would get to choose the charities that the funds would go to!

Please consider leading this endeavor!!!! We want to continue this wonderful event, but need an organizer! Contact Deanna Cordts [djcordts@comcast.net](mailto:djcordts@comcast.net) with any questions or with your desire to take on the planning for this year.

### Christian Award Winner

#### Anneli DiVirgilio

Anneli DiVirgilio is in the first grade at The Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson. At the final prayer service she was awarded the Zachary Tompkins Christian Award. This is given to a student in each class who has demonstrated a commitment to his/her faith and has not been afraid to live his/her convictions through word, act and attitude.

She was also given \$100.00 towards next years tuition by the Tompkins family. Congratulations Anneli!!!

# Pastor's Message continued

"do over" in stickball. Everything resets to "zero" and we go back to jobs, school, family, and all the mess and disorder those invoke, ready to tackle life once again. While counting the days till our next time away!

Wouldn't it be great if life was a vacation—if that recreation aspect of it had more of a half-life, and didn't disintegrate over time like a bowl of fruit? And wouldn't it be stupendous if you could take a 5 minute vacation and return even more refreshed and renewed? Well, guess what? You *can!* And what you get is even better than "re"-creation. It's *new creation*. What's the difference? Re-creation is a recapitulation of reality—there's change, but it is only *a change back* to where you started from. Like rewinding a video tape (remember them?). New creation is God's activity. When you are "in Christ" then you are a new creation, everything old is gone, and it's all new. Like when you wipe off the chalk board (remember them?)—but even more so,

it's like wiping the whole board away and replacing it and the chalk with new ones. The new creation is the transformation of reality, completely changing it for the good. You return to the world from this vacation forgiven, made right with God, and ready to live a godly life.

Where do you get that 5 minute vacation? What travel agent will book it for you? None. Being in Christ is affirming your "belief" in Jesus Christ. And by affirming your belief, I mean not an intellectual acceptance of doctrine, but faith in the power of Christ to change you. The five minutes is spent in prayer—anywhere, anytime. The prayer is simple, you can repeat it for a while and then just listen in silence. The prayer is: "Jesus, make me new again, change me, transform my life and make it a new creation."

I guarantee it'll be your best vacation ever.

## ELCA National Youth Gathering

by Kenneth Duesing

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is being held in New Orleans on July 18-22. Messiah will be sending 8 youth and 2 adults (Abby, Cam, Ben, Korina, Megan, Christina, Mitch, Mia, Lisa, and Kenneth) to the event. While there we will learn about the city and the

devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. We will spend our days Practicing Justice, Peacemaking, and Discipleship, along with 33,000 other Lutherans. Learn more about it by visiting National Gathering page on [elca.org](http://elca.org) or ELCA Youth Gathering on

Facebook. We thank you for your support of our youth as we prepare to travel to New Orleans and participate in this enriching experience. Please keep us in your prayers during the week we are there. On Sunday, July 22, we invite you to stay after church and watch our Sunday morning worship at the Superdome as it is streamed live

## Treasurer's Report

by MLC Finance Committee

	Actual	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Total Income	\$85,295	\$81,966	\$3,329
Total Expense	\$75,952	\$80,600	\$-4,648
Net Income	\$9,343	\$1,366	\$7,977

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# Anne Marie House Update

by Marge Ball

Life is becoming a bit more hectic at Anne Marie House, as school gets out and children will be more visible. But that is the way any home is; and the way it should be. For working parents, there are day care centers available at reduced rates. Parents who are around the house during the day can sign a paper taking responsibility to watch a child of working parents. This is witnessed and all legal.

Within the past couple of months a family or two "graduated" from the program and moved into brand new homes (for them). One mom (we will call her Jane), was pregnant with her youngest child when she moved in. In her words, it was the darkest time of her life. She felt like an outcast of society.

Today, Jane, a single mom of three, and her children live in a safe and decent apartment and Jane has a living wage job, reliable transportation, no credit card debt and a modest reserve. The smile on Jane's face at her family's graduation party spoke volumes about her renewed self-confidence and sense of personal worth.

Graduations are always celebrated with a party. There are decorations, cake, ice cream and volunteers and guests wishing them well.

As with any graduation, Jane worked hard to meet the requirements of each and every family graduating. She completed a 12-week parenting class, achieved a living wage job and transportation and learned basic money management skills while accumulating enough savings to move into safe permanent housing. Our families achieve this with the support of staff, volunteers and fellow guest families. I accentuate the word VOLUNTEERS, because without all of you, this would not be possible. Even if you do not

volunteer, it is a blessing knowing that our congregation supports this ministry. Remember that it only takes a few hours every 6 weeks (or more, if you would like).

If anyone is interested in finding out more information or just curious as to what AMH looks like, please let me know. There are still volunteer training classes during the summer, just not following the usual schedule. Andrew will be more than happy to train anyone who may be interested.



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

**5K Walk/Run on October 20<sup>th</sup> Box City** for youth 6th grade through high school in Oct (more info to follow).

**Homeward Bound-Auction and entertainment-Thurs, Dec 6th**

**NAME CHANGE:** Family Promise is the national name for Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network. For consistency sake this will be the name of the organization all over the country- no longer GNIHN. This way, when Family Promise is mentioned, people will be familiar with it.

## PEASE GREETERS CARE PACKAGE REMINDER LIST

### TOILETRIES ITEMS-8oz or TRAVEL SIZE

NO AEROSOL CANS  
 \*CHAP STICKS \* SUN SCREEN  
 \*HAND SANITIZER \*HANDI WIPES  
 \*DEODORANT \*AIR FRESHENERS  
 \*TYLENOL \*FLIPFLOPS  
 \*ASPRIN \*WHITE SOCKS  
 \*RAZORS **mid-calf for boots**  
 \*EYE DROPS \*SHAVE GEL IN TUBES  
 \*BUG WIPES \*SANITARY ITEMS  
 \*INNER SOLES \*MOUTHWASH  
 \*FOOT POWDER \*HANDWARMERS, ETC.

### FOOD ITEMS-INDIVIDUALLY PACKED TO SHARE

\* COOKIES \*HARD CANDY  
 \* NUTS \*DRIED FRUIT  
 \*TRAIL MIX \*RAISINS  
 \*POP TARTS \*GRANOLA BARS  
 \*MICRO-WAVE POPCORN  
 \*CRYSTAL LIGHT ETC.  
 \*COFFEE-1LB - ON THE GO DRINK MIXES  
 \*GUM \*FREEZE POPS  
 \*BEEF JERKY \*SLIM JIMS

### FUN STUFF FOR THE TROOPS

\*FRISBEES \*YOYOS  
 \*DICE \*PLAYING CARDS  
 \*SMALL NERF BALLS \*BASEBALLS  
 \*RUBIK CUBES \*SMALL CARD GAMES

### ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE SENT

\*ANY FOOD CONTAINING PORK  
 \*ADULT BOOKS OR MAGAZINES

Care package items now accepted at Messiah Lutheran Church – collection box located in the Narthex in front of the secretary's office along with the wish list.

# Goodbye Dean and Carolyn

by Rande Neukam

The old Russian adage that every good bye is a little death is true, and nowhere more so than when old friends of a certain age wish it. You two were one of the first families Aria and I met when we joined Messiah fully 20 years ago, and that history is certainly on my mind as I scribble out this farewell. But I've found that friends like you that we've made at Messiah are bigger than Sunday morning. They're the stuff of drop-ins and dinners and deck talks, poker and joking, bond fires and campfires and wood stoves on winter nights, and even arguments that move past the particulars of any disagreement to preserve the better things that bind.

Among these was the simple pleasure of continuity, of moving along together through each season, each year,

growing older with thicker shadows if thinner halos. But there's a wisdom there too in the anecdotes that we've piled up over so many occasions, stories I'll now savor as memories in the strange, somewhat empty days ahead. And much laughter too, I think. Have to remember that as well.

Now that continuity is broken as it should be when roots deeper than New Hampshire – as well as giggling grandchildren – call you home. You'll be missed. The empty chairs you leave us with on Sunday mornings and your absence at our events echo in your wake. Personally, I know I'll never

shepherd my hips at cards or look at cool-whip on ice cream the same way ever again.

These were good years. I know I speak for all of your friends in wishing you many, many more.



# Bishop Elect of the New England Synod

by Pastor Tom Teichmann

The Rev. James E. Hazelwood was elected June 9 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He was elected on the fifth ballot at the synod's assembly June 8-10 in Springfield, Mass.

Hazelwood is pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Charlestown, R.I. He succeeds the Rev. Margaret G. Payne, who is retiring. She served two terms as synod bishop.

Bishop Elect Hazelwood will begin his Call as Bishop beginning September 1st, 2012. A Service of Installation for the new Bishop will be held at 2 pm.,



September 29th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Mass.

Born in Concord, Mass., Hazelwood earned a bachelor's

degree from California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He attended Union Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Divinity degree at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. He earned a doctorate at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. California Lutheran is

one of the ELCA's 26 colleges and universities; Pacific Lutheran is one of eight ELCA seminaries.

After his ordination in 1987, Hazelwood was pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Prior to his ordination, he served as a program director for El Camino Pines Camp in Frazier Park, Calif.; youth director at All Saint's Lutheran Church in Danville, Calif.; intern pastor at Burr Oak and Hesper Lutheran Church, Burr Oak, Iowa; and, he was superintendent at a school in Brooklyn. He also participated in a variety of ELCA churchwide ministries and synod activities.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 2012						
1 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Summer Worship Begins and Fellowship Follows	2	3 St. Thomas Apostle	4 <b>Happy 4th Cotton Candy on the Green</b>	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Trudi Costa
8 <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship & Fellowship  Happy Birthday Nathan Fritz	9	10	11 <b>11 am Wed Wisdom</b>  Happy Birthday Sarah Retelle	12 <b>Ash Street Meal</b>	13	14
15 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship & Fellowship 7:00 Council Meeting	16	17 Happy Birthday Jim Pituck	18	19 Happy Birthday Diana Carr & Chandra Wisneski  Happy Aniversary Rob & Bonnie Ensigner	20 Happy Birthday Nadine Murphy	21 Happy Birthday Katie Bonfiglio
22 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship & Fellowship  10:30 NOLA Gathering worship streamed live onto the big screen!	23 Mary Magdalene Apostle	24	25 <b>11 am Wed Wisdom</b>  Happy Birthday Jean Pituck	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Rachel Morshead
29 <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship & Fellowship	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2012			1 Happy Birthday Irene Pulfer  Happy 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bob and Diane Bonfiglio	2	3	4
5 <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Summer Worship  Fellowship	6	7 Happy Birthday Chuck Morshead	8	9 <b>Ash Street Meal</b>  Happy Birthday Valerie Wisneski	10 Happy Anniversary Michelle & Al DeMello	11
12 <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Fellowship  Happy Anniversary Roxanne & Brian Meldrum	13	14 Happy Birthday Ted Carr  Happy 45th Anniversary Irene & Doug Pulfer	15 <b>Mary Mother of Our Lord</b>	16 Happy Anniversary Amy Coleman & Hubby	17 Happy Birthday Linnea Micciulla & Katie Rose Pulfer	18 Happy Birthday Terri Yensz  Happy 40th Anniversary Aria & Rande Neukam & Jay & Darlene Davidson
19 <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship & Fellowship	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline**</b>	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Linda DeNoble	24 <b>St. Barthalamew Apostle</b>	25 Happy Birthday John Schneller
26 <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 Worship & Fellowship with Pastor Don Blume	27 Happy Birthday Leslie Peterson	28 Happy Birthday Bob Bonfiglio, Lynn Schur & Connie Wisneski	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Jeff Cordts	

# In Our Prayers

**Al DeMello, Barbara Wilson** (B. Wurst's Mom), **Perham Family, Ed Burgess** (friend of B. Wurst), **Terry Klecker** (rel. of the Costa's), **Sarah, Pat Sapienza** (Friend's of the Costa's), **Pastor Tom** (Parkinson's Disease), **Mike** (friend of R. Bonfiglio), **Andy Wyliee, Sue Strock** (R. Ball's sister), **Frank Genna** (friend of the Ensinger's), **Judy Johnson, Barbara Bonfiglio** (Bob's Mom), **Our military personnel, Annemarie Chuchul, Bill Wurst, Rebecca Peterson, Jean Ahrendt** (Nancy's Mom), **Lois Yensz** (Mike's Mom), **Krista Seckinger** (Karla's sister), **Phyllis**

**Duesing** (K. Duesing's Mom), **Robert Hildebrandt, Walter Aunio** (Kauko's brother), **Margie Rowe, Karin DiVirgilio, George Webber** (friend of D. Pulfer), **Joyce Celms** (Olson's cousin), **Wendy Meldrum** (Brian's Mom), **Pastor Frederic Teichmann, Aidan Santillan** (friend of J. Ensinger), **Carole Baker** (friend of J. Mitchell's) **Darren and David Hallowell** (friends of R. Theil), **Rodney & Deanna Kensrud** (N. Murphy's parents), **Mercedes Lindenberg, Betsy Ray** (W. Gordon's sister)..

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