

# The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 3,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment.

Have a great week.

Come to our services during Lent and Holy Week. Let us be nourished, let us look to the Glory of Easter for He will be Risen.

We are accepting food items for the Easter Baskets in the Narthex. These baskets are to be given out during Holy Week. If anyone knows of someone who may want one, please see me.

The Niagara Frontier Conference Spring Assembly will be held here on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 AM – Noon.

In Peace  
Pastor Mason

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday, April 5** – Distribution of Palms

**Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday**

6:00 PM – Observance of Christ's Pascha

7:00 PM – Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION

**Friday, April 10 – Good Friday**

Noon – 2:00 PM – Quiet Time

2:00 PM – Litany/Bidding Prayer

**Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday**

5:00 PM – Easter Eve Service Re-adornment of Altar, Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday**

6:30 AM - Ecumenical Sunrise Service Fort Niagara

8:00 AM – Worship Service-Holy Communion

9:00 AM – Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM – Worship Service-Holy Communion

## OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to those who lost loved ones recently.

**Nelma Sadie Becker**, passed away on February 23. Nelma was a charter member of Messiah.

**Frank Rudo**, passed away recently in New Jersey. Frank was Marge and Ted Casper's best man and Ted's closest friend for 65 years.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr. 4 2:00 PM – Rose of Calvary, Lewiston Choraleers

May 3 8:15 AM – Worship & Music Meeting

## PRE-K CORNER

MARCH...we watched for signs of Spring!  
We focused on the color GREEN...looked for it in nature and surely talked about it for St. Patrick's Day. This is our favorite month to talk about the RAINBOW. We love ALL the colors in it...and that special 'pot of gold' at the end. PATIENCE is what we are practicing...waiting for SPRING. We took our first walk outside to look for 'signs of spring' and to feel the warmth of the sunshine.

Ms. Sue Ann Ross & Mrs. Lisa Landers.

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

**Olaf Erickson** is recuperating from a fall.

**Savilla Kress Sr.** was recently in Buffalo General Hospital for a stent.

**Carole Schroeder** is recuperating from a stroke.

## THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards to me and also thank all of my friends at Messiah for your prayers, especially Pastor Mason who was always there for me.

Mary Hartman

**Lenten Devotional Booklets** are on the table in the narthex. Please use the coin cards in the narthex and/or use the Lenten envelopes provided in your box of offering envelopes.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating the date of their marriage in April.

04-01-78	Gary & Jeanne Balcom
04-01-89	Robert & Patricia Nashwinter
04-03-04	Lloyd & Kristin Lathrop
04-06-74	Tom & Joyce Krajcirik
04-08-72	Tony & Alice Attardo
04-08-89	Don & Mary Lou Hahn
04-09-88	Richard & Judy Amantia
04-19-86	Bob & Lisa Landers
04-26-97	David & Sandra Stevens
04-27-44	Sid & Win Walton
04-29-00	Peter & Judith Spira

## DATES AVAILABLE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

April 5, 26	August 2
May 17, 31	October 11
June 28	November 8
July 12, 19	December 6, 20, 27

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Ron and Jean Muckley** recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Hawaii.

**Eric and Karen Walck** are the proud parents of Alyssa Susan Walck, born February 26. Alyssa is a granddaughter of Jerry and Terry Walck.

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome **Mark & Carol Wilson** to Messiah. We look forward to getting better acquainted with you and welcome you to join us in our many activities.

## On the Go

Our Messiah Cruisers have returned safe and sound from their cruise. Welcome back!

## 2009 First Holy Communion

Taylor Gibson • Alana Martin • Nathan Nashwinter  
Matthew Spira • Nathan Waterstram

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in April

04-01	Nathaniel Meigs
04-01	Raymond Printup
04-03	Ava Loren Condino
04-03	Ray Keiper
04-04	Nicole DeVantier
04-04	Peggy Harold
04-06	Candice Lymburner
04-07	Andy Zucco
04-08	Christopher Guard
04-09	Billie Duckett
04-10	Kay Keiper
04-11	Emily Mazur
04-12	Jeremiah Meigs
04-15	Tiffany Brunett
04-16	Lea Vickers
04-17	Desirea Autumn Lewis
04-18	Jordan Gibson
04-18	Robert Perri
04-19	Janice Wayland
04-21	Janeen Amantia
04-21	Ted Bunce
04-21	Laura Mann
04-22	Quaid Baker
04-24	Betty Schmoyer
04-24	David Stevens
04-25	Bradley Martin
04-25	Ryan Schroeder
04-26	Gary Balcom Jr.
04-26	Sandra Stevens
04-27	Ryan Gamble
04-28	Gregory Mazur

04-28 Lauren Russell  
04-28 Laura Wylucki  
04-29 Paul Schmidt  
04-30 Adam Wylucki

## LCW

The LCW will be collecting non-perishable food items for Easter Baskets to be given to families in need from our community. The baskets will be put together and distributed during Holy Week. If you know of anyone needing a basket, please contact Pastor Mason.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

10:30 AM – ALL ARE WELCOME

1-5 Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt – no class held  
1-12 Easter Sunday – no class held  
1-19 New Testament Study – “After the Resurrection”  
1-26 The Apostles’ and Nicene Creed  
Guest Lecturer – Ed DeVantier

### EASTER LILIES

Please assist us in beautifying our Sanctuary at Easter by subscribing to our Easter Lily Program, \$6.00 per plant. Envelopes are in the pews and must be in no later than April 5. You may take your plant(s) home after the late service on Easter morning.

### Christian Symbols

#### Lily

*The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ’s resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.*

#### Pomegranate

*The pomegranate is used as a symbol of the power of Christ and his Resurrection because of the many seeds that burst forth from the fruit. These seeds represent the many believers who follow Christ. They also represent the magnificence of divine grace and the fertility of the Word.*

#### Butterfly

*The butterfly represents the Resurrection and eternal life. It emerges from its cocoon or chrysalis and gloriously rises into the sky in its splendid new body. Similarly, Jesus and his followers are born into a new life on Easter.*

#### Peacock

*The peacock sheds his feathers annually. Each year the feathers grow back more beautiful and more brilliant in color. This renewal symbolizes eternal life or resurrection. There’s also a myth that the peacock’s flesh doesn’t decay after death-immortality. (The peacock is sometimes used to represent human vanity, because of the way he proudly struts and displays his plumage).*

#### Phoenix

*The phoenix was a mythical bird that lived in the Arabian Desert for five hundred years. It set its own nest on fire and perished in the flames. But on the third day it rose from its own ashes and ascended into the sky as a new and beautiful creature. It’s easy to see why the phoenix represents immortal life and the Resurrection.*

*Taken from the Newsletter Newsletter Publication*

### Maundy Thursday

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word “Maundy” is a shortened version of the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told his disciples, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34)

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom we don’t naturally have affection for and express our wish that the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them.

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### Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

*Taken from the Newsletter Newsletter Publication*

### I am What I am

I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am.

John Newton

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Dear friends and colleagues:

I invite you all to Trinity Old Lutheran's second annual German-English Easter Service (TOLSAGEES) on the Sunday after Easter, April 19 at 10:45 a.m. with a little reception after the service (coffee, cookies, Easter eggs – maybe Bratwurst, but that depends on the weather...)

The liturgy will be held, like the last time, completely in German. A complete English translation (with a wonderful German accent) will be provided in the bulletins. The hymns will be sung bilingual – everyone may choose the preferred language and the Lord's Prayer will also be prayed in a multilingual, or better Pentecostal style.

The Gospel of Easter will be read in Martin Luther's wonderful translation (slightly revised in 1984) and the sermon will be given in German and English (here, too, you will appreciate the German accent). However, Alleluias and Amens will be said and sung in Dutch, Polish, French and Hebrew according to the good, old tradition at TOL and they will not be translated.)

*Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.*

Danny Thomas

### **February Financials**

#### Actual Receipts/ Expenses

February Receipts	\$ 8,737.92
February Disbursements	<u>16,664.17</u>
Shortfall	\$(7,926.25)

#### Budgeted Receipts/Expenses

February Receipts – Plan	\$17,390.00
Actual	<u>8,737.92</u>
Shortfall	\$ 8,652.08

#### February Disbursements

Plan	\$17,390.00
Actual	16,644.17

Barb Bunce  
Treasurer

### **The Salvation Army of Niagara Falls Announces: A Celebration of Music**

Featuring  
The Salvation Army Empire State Brass,  
Timbrels and Songsters

April 25 @ 7:00 PM

The Salvation Army  
7018 Buffalo Ave.  
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283-7697

### **THE LUTHERAN CHORALE**

Of the Niagara Frontier  
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Presents

Schubert's Deutsche Messe  
And selected shorter works  
7:30 PM Saturday, May 2

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
900 Maryvale Dr., Cheektowaga, NY  
Tickets \$12, Students & Seniors \$10.

### **The 77th Annual Lutheran Summer Conference at Silver Bay**

<http://LSCsilverBay.googlepages.com>

*A joint offering of the Metropolitan and Upstate NY Synods  
of the ELCA*

*Saturday, July 11 through Friday, July 17*

*The Vacation Experience of a Lifetime!*

*Information and registration forms are available on the  
conference web site*

### **Attention High School Students**

Messiah is offering a \$200.00 scholarship to high school seniors graduating in June who are active members of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah. Applications can be picked up at the church office or on Sundays after the service. All applications are due back by Friday, May 29. Scholarships will be presented to seniors on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 28. Applicants are asked to be present to receive their scholarship.

### **April Fool's Day – The History**

In the 16th century, France celebrated the New Year just like we do today, except they partied on April 1st. In 1562, Pope Gregory changed the calendar to the one we use today and from then on, the New Year began on January 1st. Lots of folks didn't know about the new calendar, or they ignored the new calendar and kept celebrating on April 1st. Everyone else called them April fools and played tricks on them.

### **Amazing Human Bodies**

I have just come across some physiological facts. They are given as being true of the average woman, but I suppose that in general they will also be true of man. The average woman owns 750 movable muscles, 500 of which work in pairs. Her skin covers an area of 20 square feet. In any piece of her skin the size of a postage stamp, there are four yards of nerves, a hundred sweat glands, fifteen oil glands, a yard of blood vessels, and three million assorted cells!" When you think of that, you can only say that in truth we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14)

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### **WE ARE PRAYING FOR**

#### **Those who are ill or shut in:**

Ralph & Vivian Austin, Bob Brady, Sandy Person Butte, Loretta Campbell, Martin Darmstedter, Audrey DiMatties, Olaf Erickson, Terry Garner, Gordon C. Gladden, Jane Gurr, Mary Hartman, Thomas Hill, Fran Horning, Lynne Jensen, Mary & Clifford Joell, Bob & Shirley Knowles, Savilla Kress Jr., Josh Maddox, Jerry Nashwinter, Craig Peterson, Michelle Reeler, Donald David Shulenburg, Ethel Thomas, Rosemary Thompson, Doris Volk, Winifred Walton, Alma Watkinson, Carol Wegener, Sharon Wittkopp, Laurie Yaw, Andy Zucco

#### **Those who are caregivers**

#### **Those who serve our country:**

Airman Jim Bane, Carol & Rene Cevaer, Sgt. Tanya Bills, Lt. Cdr. James Condino, Lt. Joseph Condino, CWO Randy Evans, Lt. Daniel Gusich, S. Sgt. Joseph Jones, Michael Lammerts, Sgt. Ben Lord, MM3 Jeremy Lymburner, Pvt. Jonathon Serianni, S. Sgt. Bailey Sutherland, S. Sgt. Ty Sutherland, Sr. Airman Mark R. Tupper, Pam Waller, T. Sgt. Melody Yates

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Greg Hager, Curt Heydt, Dan Nagle, Jean Vargo

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## APRIL LAY MINISTRY

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ASSISTING DEACONS</u>	<u>COMMUNION DEACONS</u>
April 5	Alana Martin Devan Maglio	Rob Harold	Ted Bunce
April 9	Joseph Stevens Eric Bussingham	Barb Bunce	Evelyn Shear
April 12	8:00AM 10:00AM	Susan Smith Peggy Harold	Mike Duckett Gloria Montondo
April 19		George Adamson	Olaf Erickson
April 26		Robin Stevens	
USHERS –			
GREETERS –			
LECTOR –	Barb Bunce		
COUNTERS –	Barb & Ted Bunce		
ALTAR GUILD –			

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by daily witness through prayer, service and thanksgiving.**

***Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, April 12, 2009***