

The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

The gospel my friends, is lost whenever our actions are stressed and the love and the intercession of God in our lives is ignored or down played. The gospel is lost whenever our salvation and the salvation of the world, is linked to our activity, to what we do and feel, instead of being linked to the activity of God, and to what God feels and does for us.

In the reading from the Book of Acts 4: 5 – 12, we heard how Peter and John were arrested for healing a cripple and then proclaiming to the people that through Jesus, sins are forgiven and the dead are resurrected. At the trial the next morning the rulers and elders and teachers of the law questioned Peter and John about the healing they had performed, asking them: "by what power or what name did you do this?" Peter answers them saying: "it is by the name of Jesus Christ that we did this – salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

It is by Jesus Christ and his love, a love shown on the cross, that we are saved; and it is by his name that we receive power; and all that we do that has lasting value is done not by ourselves alone, but by the Holy Spirit working through us and honoring the name that we use.

There are many obstacles and dangers in our lives, there are many drains upon our energy, and many things that challenge us. Alone – we can be overwhelmed by them, but the good news is that we are not alone, there is one who watches over us, and gives us the strength and the protection we need.

An old Chinese proverb tells the story of a fox that was captured by a tiger. The fox said, "You can't eat me because the gods have made me the leader of all the animals."

The tiger did not believe him, but the fox said, "Follow me and see if any animal challenges me." The tiger agreed to this and followed directly behind the fox as the fox began his walk through the forest. To the tiger's amazement it turned out to be exactly as

the fox had said. Not a single animal they encountered challenged the fox. Indeed every animal they met fled in sheer panic. After several such encounters the tiger finally agreed that the fox was the leader of all the animals and let him go. This proverb teaches us that it is easy to remove obstacles that oppose us when we have a tiger behind us.

Peter teaches us, as does Jesus in the gospel lesson, and King David in the 23rd Psalm, that it is God, walking with us, who overcomes that which is overwhelming.

It is Christ who heals and saves, not man, it is the good shepherd who brings comfort to the flock, not the sheep over whom he watches. In this I am not saying that we do not need to help each other, or that we do not have jobs to do, but what I am saying is that what we do should come somewhat easier to us than it often does.

I am saying that if we do not experience some grace in what we do, if our work is wearing us down rather than building us up, then we need to turn to our Lord for help, we need to rest ourselves in him and that which he provides us, rather than trying to go on and on without a pause or break, and attempt to do still more.

To use the words of the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Are you weak and heavy laden?

Cumbered with a load of care?

Christ the Savior is our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in prayer,

Jesus' strength will shield your weakness,

and you'll find new courage there.

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If anyone has an interest in being on the Audit Commission for Messiah, please see Alice Attardo or Don McKenzie. Thank you.

### **Education Events**

Summer Theological Institute – Mark your calendar! Audrey West – Guest Theologian for the Summer Institute of Theology, August 2 – 7 2009 Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY – “PARABLES” Audrey L. S. West is adjunct professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. On the seminary’s faculty since 2000, she teaches Greek with a special emphasis on Paul, particularly the letter to the Philippians. Her research interests are in ancient Greco-Roman conventions of friendship and the intersection between the New Testament and contemporary ethics. Prior to joining the seminary’s faculty, she was an adjunct instructor of pastoral theology at Moravian Theological Seminary. Conference Education Events – open to all interested people – lay and clergy.

Sat. Sept. 26

All Saints, Hamburg 9:00am – 3:00pm

Liturgy-Pr. John Scarafia (full day)

God Matters Today-Pr. Jeff Milsten (full day)

The Church in the Sudan-Pr. Gary Steeves (half day)

Organic Church Model – Nate Preisinger (half day)

Registration deadline – Monday, Sept. 21. Call or e-mail Mary Wolf at St. Paul’s Eggertsville

835-0407 or [stpauls1827@juno.com](mailto:stpauls1827@juno.com)

Sat. Nov. 7 – St. Paul’s Williamsville 9 am – 3 pm -

Biblical Interpretation – Pr. Werner Weinreich will chair panel

Prs. Tim Madsen & Peter Breitsch – TBA

Praying with All the Saints – Pr. Mary Ellen Larson

Registration deadline – Monday, Nov. 2. Call or e-mail Mary Wolf at St. Paul’s Eggertsville 835-0407 or [stpauls1827@juno.com](mailto:stpauls1827@juno.com)

Registration for Saturday events is \$5/person. Lunch is available for an additional \$5/person or you can “brown bag it”.

### **Save the Date**

The date of the Men & Boys Retreat has been reserved at the Koinonia Conference Center in Highland Lakes, New York for Friday, August 28 through Sunday, August 30, 2009. The final prices will be determined by the size of the grant from Thrivent for Lutherans. I will update you as more details become available.

In Peace  
Pastor Mason

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### **SonRock Kids Camp**

Monday, July 13-Friday, July 17

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Volunteers needed! See Terry Walck

### **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.

### **DATES AVAILABLE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS**

Jul 19 Oct 11 Nov 8 Dec 6, 20, 27

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

June 14 Messiah’s Picnic

June 15 7:00 PM Council Meeting

July 13 – 17 Vacation Bible School

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Sunday, June 14

**Worship Service 10:30 AM**

Picnic to follow the worship service

Everyone is asked to please sign up to bring a dish to pass.

### **12th Annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic**

Chestnut Hill Country Club

Darien, NY

Friday, August 7

Details to follow

### **IN THE NEWS**

**Susan Smith** along with other members of the Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield held it’s first pancake breakfast March 22. The funds raised will be used toward the Kiwanis’ youth-oriented community involvement.

### **PORTALS OF PRAYER**

We are in need of assistance in defraying the cost of the Portals of Prayer. If you would be able to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **PRE-K CORNER**

Our school year ended at Memorial Day...so we are came down the 'home stretch'. Many of our lessons were focused on our pre-writing skills as well as reading, math, and science.

We ended our year with a PIZZA Luncheon for the students and their families. It is important to pause and reflect on the positive experience and growth for each child this past year. We are used the sanctuary to present some of our favorite music for the guests.

We focused on many topics during our last month. Some include weather, Earth Day, things growing, the solar system, night and day, our "planet earth", recycling, the four seasons and getting ready for next year.

Prospective students have been inquiring about next year. Anyone interested in more information, please phone 754-7755 (classroom), 754-4944 (church office), or 754-8570 (Sue Ann Ross at home) or 754-2352 (Mrs. Lisa Landers at home).

### **St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church and School North Ridge**

"St. Peter Lutheran Church and School is looking for an administrator for their after school Latch Key program. The program will begin in September 2009 and run school days from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested please send a resume to the church at: 4169 Church Road, Lockport, NY 14094. For more information, contact Patti Zastrow (Board of Christian Education Chairperson) at 434-2764.

Thank you.

Bonnie Beccue

### **LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Lutheran Campus Ministries is looking for a couple of college students to be "peer ministers." Peer ministers are paid a stipend in exchange for 6-8 hours of responsibility as the ambassadors of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UB (or possibly at other are college campuses). Contact Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr. at Lutheran Campus Ministries, 833-6950 or email office lcmwny.org

### **CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**Tom Adamson** is recuperating from a heart attack.

**Lois Griebner** is recuperating from knee surgery.

**Lisa Landers** is suffering from 2 herniated discs

### **Father's Day Gift of Life and Love**

One Free of Charge

Prostrate Cancer P.S.A. Blood Test  
Mt. St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center  
Outpatient Entrance

Noon to 5:00 PM June 15 – June 19, 2009  
7:00 AM to Noon Sat., June 20, 2009

Sponsored by  
Mt. St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center & the  
Board of Associates

Results will be forwarded to your personal physician  
No appointment necessary.

### **Flu Preparedness**

The simplest and most effective prevention measure is washing our hands to help prevent the spread of germs. Most of us don't wash for a long enough period of time, at least 15 seconds. Try singing the chorus to Jesus Loves Me while you wash your hands.

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating the date of their marriage in June

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 06-05-04 | Bruce & Jill Spira         |
| 06-06-57 | Lynn & Joan Waterstrat     |
| 06-13-98 | Richard & Courtney Hillman |
| 06-23-51 | Don & Virginia McKenzie    |
| 06-27-03 | Stephen & Janelle Brooks   |
| 06-28-58 | Art & Joan Schroeder       |

### **ON THE GO**

**Jim & Sally Schoonmaker** have returned from vacationing in Florida.

## **Woman of the Year 2009**

### **Arlene Sliz**

It has been a tradition here at Messiah to honor one woman each Mother's Day as the woman of the year (although many are worthy...only one is chosen annually). This year we recognize a woman who exhibits true Christian ideals in all she does. Her gentle and generous spirit is evident in all that she contributes to her church and her community. She volunteers her services freely and eschews any recognition, therefore, she will be as uncomfortable accepting this accolade as I was two years ago and Betty Zucco was last year. She graciously assists with our bereavement dinners, teaches our adult bible class, lifts us all up in prayer, and shares her tremendous artistic abilities with us, contributing many beautiful creations to our bazaar, etc. Our children (and I) have been most blest by her help in VBS the past three summers. Her banners and murals serve as lasting testaments to the joy of sharing our faith with our children! She gives freely of her time, talent, and treasures as she diligently endeavors to set an example of Christian charity to all those around her.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Members of Messiah:

I would like to thank Pastor Mason for the beautiful service that was given in memory of Al.

I would also like to thank Terry for the beautiful hymns that were played during the service.

Thanks to the kitchen help who served a delicious luncheon. It was very well appreciated.

Grace Schultz & family

Dear Messiah Members:

I can't adequately express how surprised I was to receive the honor of "Woman of the Year".

There has never been a time when I expected or wanted recognition for the work done at our church. I've simply tried to follow 1Cor. 10:31, transcribed as follows:

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Thank you, dear friends,

Arlene Sliz

## **Lew-Port Relay for Life**

June 6

BBQ Chicken Dinners

4 –7 PM

Lew Port High School (drive-up)  
And Lew-Port Relay for Life Tent on Track

\$7.50 presale \$8. at event to benefit  
American Cancer Society

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in June.

06-01 Cara Quarantillo  
06-02 Kathryn E. MacKenzie  
06-03 April Moore  
06-03 Jean Walck  
06-08 Nate Bunce  
06-08 Tracy Waterstram  
06-08 Brandie Bane  
06-09 Amy Salada  
06-10 Michael Stachowski  
06-11 Devon Maglio  
06-11 Gregory Perry  
06-12 Kathy Harold  
06-12 Scott Shafer  
06-13 Geroge Adamson  
06-13 Matthew Adamson  
06-13 Michael Mazaika  
06-13 Jason Scarf  
06-14 Anthony Ashley  
06-14 Jeremy Lymburner  
06-14 Robert Stevens  
06-16 Sarah Mazur  
06-16 Gregory Perry  
06-17 Nancy D'Arcangelo  
06-20 Lois Griebner  
06-20 Colleen Smolen  
06-20 Trista Nichols  
06-22 Zachary Smolen  
06-23 Nicholas Regester  
06-28 Michael Henderson  
06-29 Vivian Austin  
06-29 Jonathon Hartman  
06-30 Dena Quarantillo

Happy Belated Birthday to Carly Stachowski who turned 1 year old on May 2nd

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Winifred and Sidney Walton** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 27, with family at Water Street Landing.

### **ACOLYTES**

I would like to thank the young women and men who have served as our Acolytes here at Messiah, and parents who have brought them to church. Please remember you are still an Acolyte after your Confirmation until you have graduated from high school. You are still NEEDED.

There may be no better way of serving in God's House of Worship than to be an Acolyte, especially for young people.

ACOLYTE taken from the Greek, means 'to follow'...a lay liturgical assistant...as crucifer, candlelighter and server."

As most of you know I am here on Sundays, and will definitely try to assist you with any questions you may have.

Paul Schmidt  
Acolyte Supervisor

### **PREVENTION IS POWERFUL!!** **Cancer Screening Saves Lives**

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For men age 50 – 64 and Women 40 – 64

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Receive a \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card After completing a screening

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## **LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER**

### **NURSES NEEDED**

For the 2009 Summer Camping Season

LCLC is still recruiting volunteer nurses for a number of weeks this summer. If you are an RN or an LPN please consider making a difference at LCLC this summer. Room and board are provided plus one free campership per week served.

Current Open Weeks Include:

Week #3 July 12 – 17

Week #5 July 26 - 31

Week #7 August 9 - 14

Call LCLC at 716-386-4125 for more information.

### **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

#### **GARAGE SALE**

If you have a good item of value and no longer have a use for it, Lutheran Campus Ministries would be happy to have it for their September 26, Garage Sale. No clothes, thank you. New and gently used items such as antiques, garden equipment, tools, small furniture, sports equipment, décor/paintings, and kitchen and household items are welcome. Please bring them to the Campus Ministry House at 4001 Main St., Eggertsville or call Jeff at 833-6950 for information.

### **WE ARE PRAYING FOR**

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

Tom Adamson, Deana Andrews, Vivian Austin, Amelia Brady, Sandy Person Butte, Loretta Campbell, Martin Darmstedter, Florence Fulcher, Jane Gurr, Thomas Hill, Fran Horning, Bonnie Hunt, Kate Jensen, Lynne Jensen, Mary & Clifford Joell, Bob & Shirley Knowles, Helen Kress, Lisa Landers, Bob Lowe, Josh Maddox, Jerry Nashwinter, Mimi Pyne, Craig Peterson, Michelle Reeler, Donald David Shulenburg, Sharon Simone, Ethel Thomas, Rosemary Thompson, Doris Volk, Jean Walck, Winifred Walton, Alma Watkinson, 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

#### **Chaplains from Upstate New York Synod:**

Greg Hager, Curt Heydt, Dan Nagle, Jean Vargo

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### **ATTORNEY – GENERAL PRACTICE**

George S. Adamson, Esq., 777 Cayuga St., Suite #4, Lewiston, N.Y., Phone: 754-7954 gsadamson@verizon.net. Estate Planning/Elder Law, Probate and Estate Administration, and Real Estate Closings.

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### **CARLA'S LATCHKEY LEARNING CENTER**

New York State licensed Latchkey program accepting children before and after school ages 5 to 12. Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Lewiston. Call Carla Fasso 807-7711

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### **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Colin L. Smith, 4698 N. 5th St., Lewiston. Phone 565-3013 or 888-806-0733. Financial Planning.

### **HONEY FOR SALE**

See Bruce Smithson at Messiah

### **HEARING AIDS AND AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES**

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### **HAIRDRESSER**

Janice Montie-Wayland, 1248 Cain Road, Youngstown, N.Y. 14174. Phone: home 745-7969, cell 695-8384.

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Stevens, 779 Scovell Drive, Lewiston, N.Y. Phone 754-4734

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Outstanding learning program for 3 – 4 year olds. Classes Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Ms. Sue Ann Ross, Director and Teacher, Mrs. Lisa Landers, Assistant Teacher. Phone 754-7755 or 754-8570

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Please call Amanda Buerger at 754-1429.

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### **RON'S PLACE FOR HAIR**

Family Hair Care, 2910 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Ron and Jean Muckley. Phone 284-2072.

**JUNE LAY MINISTRY**

ACOLYTES

June 7  
June 14  
June 21  
June 28

ASSISTING  
DEACONS

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

***Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, June 15, 2009***