

The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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JUNE 2010

FROM YOUR PASTOR

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the wonderful good news that the risen Lord has poured out his Spirit unto us, first of all to convince us of his victory over sin and death, and then to enable us to continue his work of salvation by our own love and concern for others.

As we can well imagine, the disciples were filled with fear and foreboding after the death of their master. But suddenly Jesus is there among them radiant with life. He shows them his terrible wounds, which have now become beautiful emblems of his love for them. He offers them his peace that the world can offer – a superficial peace that amounts to little more than a temporary cessation of hostilities. This profound peace becomes possible through the presence of his Spirit in them.

And then Jesus tells them what possessing the Spirit will mean in their lives. Henceforth, they will need to be converted from their natural tendency to be self-centered to an attitude of loving concern for others. And this will be manifested first and foremost by their willingness to forgive others. This would be impossible if we did not enjoy the powerful presence of the Spirit who enables us to overcome our constant judgmental tendencies.

Life Implications

As fragile human beings, we know the experience of living in fear and of being anxious and worried about many things, some of which exist only in our imagination. Jesus, having absorbed the ultimate violence, offers us his peace and thereby enables us to be confident and joyful in the face of even severe uncertainty and threat. This represents a real experience of liberation from the paralysis of fear – a paralysis that often prevents us from doing beautiful and risky things, like giving cut flowers!

With this peace and joy comes the obligation to share our blessings with others. It was once thought that the command of Jesus to forgive or retain sins was addressed only to priests and referred only to the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. Now it is clear that this charge is addressed to all the followers of Jesus. We must all accept the wonderful and awesome responsibility of offering or withholding forgiveness. In this case, the sin of omission looms large and should make us all examine our consciences in regard to the many times that we may have persisted in nursing old injuries or have refused to make allowance for extenuating circumstances in the lives of those we call sinners.

In this regard, we should recall the very strong words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get” (Matthew 7:1-2). When we face the final judgment, we all hope to have a merciful judge and now we know how to assure that happy outcome.

It is, of course, very difficult to achieve such an ideal of forgiveness. And that is why Jesus offers us the Holy Spirit who, if given half a chance, will empower us to become the kind of gentle, caring and compassionate persons that can make a real difference in a world that desperately needs the witness of love and forgiveness. Let us all rejoice in this wonderful gift of the Spirit.

On June 13 our worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by our Church Picnic.

In Peace
Pastor Mason

LYO

On June 6 after the worship service there will be a reorganizational planning meeting for youth and parents. The meeting will be held in the nursery. For more information please contact Claire Marshall or Trish Nashwinter. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Lois Griebner was in Memorial Hospital with pneumonia.

Milly Reeves was in the hospital as she was having problems with her pacemaker

Jerry Walck fell from a ladder and cut his hand.

Andy Zucco is in St. Mary's Hospital with pneumonia.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- June 6 Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr., will join us
June 6 10:30 LYO Reorganization meeting
June 6 2:00 pm Lewiston Choraleers
June 13 10:00 am Worship Service
Followed by our Church Picnic
June 20 Rick Mollenkopf – Grill will give a Temple
Talk regarding Lutheran Charities/LYO
Sept 1 Entertainment Books available
Oct 3 German Dinner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

- 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

Lutheran Charities Golf Classic

Friday August 13, 2010
Chestnut Hill Country Club, Darien, NY

IN THE NEWS

Terry Collesano, mayoral candidate was endorsed by the Village of Lewiston Republican Party. Congratulations Terry.

Nancy D'Arcangelo took part in the HART Interfaith 'Swing into Spring' fundraiser luncheon at Water Street Landing.

Richard Hastings enjoyed an ice cream cone at their new Silo Caboose in Lewiston. The Silo Caboose opened earlier this month.

Messiah's Pre-K class, Pastor Mason, Sue Ann Ross, Lisa Landers and Sally Schoonmaker celebrated Earth Day by planting a Rose of Sharon Tree on the church property.

PRE-K CORNER

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

We end our year with a PIZZA Lunch 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. A special THANKS to Mrs. Terry Walck for helping us prepare songs for our final day's program.

To celebrate EARTH WEEK and Arbor Day the preschoolers planted a Rose of Sharon Tree on the church property. The children are learning 'little ones' can do many 'little things' which will make a BIG difference! Blue was our color for the month of May. We talked about the beauty of SPRING, the changes which come during this season, the new birth of baby animals, and highlighted the joy and appreciation for our MOTHERS. Our project for the Mother's Day gift was an apron with our hand prints. We love to give our Moms an exciting gift.

A special "thanks" to Grandma Sally Schoonmaker, who has returned from a long vacation and brought us much JOY. The children love to see her when she just stops in to say 'hello' and give them a hug!

Prospective students are inquiring about next year and observing our class in session. If you have friends, family or neighbors who would be interested in more information, please have them phone 754-7755 (classroom), 754-4944 (church office), or 754-8570 (Sue Ann Ross at home) or 754-2352 (Mrs. Lisa Landers at home). Thanks to everyone who continues to spread the word about our wonderful location and our outstanding program.

Ms. Sue Ann Ross & Mrs. Lisa Landers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in June

- 06-01 Cara Elyse Quarantillo
06-02 Kathryn E. MacKenzie
06-03 April Moore
06-03 Jean Walck
06-08 Nate Bunce

06-08 Tracy Waterstram
06-09 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 George Adamson
06-13 Matthew Adamson
06-13 Michael Mazaika
06-13 Jason Scarf
06-14 Anthony Ashley
06-14 Jeremy Lymburner
06-14 Robert Chase Stevens
06-16 Sarah Michelle Mazur
06-16 Gregory Perry
06-17 Nancy D'Arcangelo
06-20 Lois Griebner
06-20 Trista Nichols
06-20 Colleen Smolen
06-22 Zachary Smolen
06-23 Nicholas Regester
06-28 Michael Henderson
06-29 Vivian Austin
06-29 Jonathon Hartman
06-30 Dena Quarantillo

Regional Youth Gathering

July 22 –25, West Chester, PA
Walking Together

Many congregations around the synod have small numbers of youth interested in participating in activities such as the Regional Youth Gathering. Let's join forces around the synod to plan for the gathering and travel there together. If you are interested please contact youthgath@gmail.com. We'll make sure everyone who wants to be gets connected.

Pastor Laurie Carson-Nelson
Adult Advisor for LYO

LCW RECIPES NEEDED!!!

The LCW are going to write a cookbook. All recipes must be submitted by June 27th. We plan to have the cookbooks available for the church bazaar on October 1st. This is an LCW fundraiser. There are forms to fill out and the recipes can be put in the marked box in the narthex. Any questions please contact Kristin Lathrop at 745-7354. Thank you.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 13

Mark the date on your calendar. Messiah is supplying the meat, drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to share, i.e. potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, baked beans, watermelon, fruit salad, relish tray, chips etc. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Hope to see you there. Remember the church service is at 10:00 am, feel free to dress casually for the service.

STOCK THE KITCHEN

It's Spring again and time for us to refresh and restock the kitchen. Please select a sticker form the kitchen at the coffee counter and help us get the kitchen supplies restocked. Thanks for your help.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY OF WNY

Rev. Galen Purpura, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Western NY will be with us on Sunday, June 6 to give a message about what the church does through LCMC in the Niagara Frontier.

LEWISTON CHORALEERS

The Lewiston Choraleers will perform their Spring Concert at 2:00 pm at Messiah. Light refreshments to follow – freewill offering.

2010 FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Eric Stephen Bussingham
John Haas Cevaer
Jacob Michael Lombardi
Mari Louise Salada
Michael Scott Tamul
Jacob Michael Westadt
Zachary William Westadt

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Robert Christopher Bussingham
Anthony Thomas Tamul

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Donald & Judy Taylor
5140 Forest Road, Lewiston
284-0005

We welcome you to Messiah and look forward to getting to know you and hope that you join us in some of our activities.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone at Messiah. It is a great honor to be Woman of the Year this year and totally unexpected. It is always a pleasure participating in the many activities here at Messiah. Thank you again.

Billie Duckett

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Please let us know if you are graduating this year. We are always interested in hearing about what you are doing and what you have accomplished.

LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER NURSES NEEDED

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

Upcoming Conference Education Events

Aug. 1 – 6 - Summer Theological Institute at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY. The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hegedus, Associate Professor of New Testament Theology at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. His course will include presentations on Early Christianity and Religious Pluralism. Modern Christianity and Religious Pluralism. Aspects of Jewish-Christian Relations Today and Aspects of Muslim-Christian Relations Today.

Saturday, Sept. 25 – St. Timothy, Grand Island.
Hosea the Prophet – Pr. Werner Weinreich

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Those who are ill or shut in:

Wayne Bowley, Paul Buerger, Sandy Person Butte, Dave Clark, Mark Gibson, Gordon C. Gladden, Lois Gleason, Lois Griebner, Jane Gurr, Kathleen Harris, Thomas Hill, Butch Hillman, Kate Jensen, Lynne Jensen, Mary & Clifford Joell, Bob & Shirley Knowles, Wayne Lehman, Ed Linnane, Josh Maddox, George Mason, Linda Miles, Jerry Nashwinter, Lorene Near, Mimi Pyne, Craig Peterson, Michelle Reeler, Cheryl Sandler, Betty Sandler, Art

Schroeder, Donald David Shulenburg, Sister Laura, Gale Syty, Ethel Thomas, Doris Volk, Terry Walck, Winifred Walton

Those who are caregivers

Those who serve our country:

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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

9535 Clarence Center Rd., Clarence Center, NY
Spirit Bound will present a performance of "Find the Good Way"

Thursday, June 24 at 7:30 pm
Free-will offering

GREENFIELDS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

At the Greenfields Gazebo
5949 Broadway, Lancaster
concerts begin promptly at 6:30 pm

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| June 30 | New York Rockin' Revue |
| July 14 | Terry Buchwald – A Tribute to Elvis |
| July 28 | Easy Street Big Band |
| Aug 11 | Uptown Featuring Mark Weber |
| Aug 25 | Carnival Kids Steel Drum Orchestra |

For more information www.NiagaraLutheran.org

BUFFALO LUTHERAN EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (B.L.E.S.)

Over 26 years ago, the Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service began as a ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. A young man, Ken Holley, had a vision of helping people secure employment through an agency that attempted to minister to the whole person; an agency that treated people with dignity; an agency that respected the life story and experience of the person seeking help. Those themes have remained the central focus of the ministry of B.L.E.S. over the years, and are just as strong today as when the ministry began.

Over the years Ken Holley has built relationships with employers in Buffalo who share these values and have come to trust that when Ken sends someone to

them for a job, they are getting an employee for whom there will be follow-up and support.

B.L.E.S. has always operated on a shoestring budget; for many years they operated in a storefront on Sycamore St. More recently they have moved 'around the corner' to a storefront on Fillmore. Two years ago, they moved into Hananiah Lutheran Church, where the pastor, Rev. Kenyatta Cobb, who had been helped by B.L.E.S. himself in the early years, saw an opportunity to give B.L.E.S. greater visibility and better support.

Two to three hundred people a year find employment through B.L.E.S. Perhaps it's better to say that two to three hundred people have their life changed by B.L.E.S. In addition to employment services, B.L.E.S. also feeds a large number of individuals and families through its food pantry, provides clothes for work or for interviews through its clothing pantry. B.L.E.S. has operated classes to teach young men the responsibilities of fatherhood. Most recently, B.L.E.S. has been reaching out to seniors living in the Genesee-Fillmore Area with a lunch program, activities and connections to other helping services which are needed.

You may donate to Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service by making your check out to North Park Lutheran Church and noting "B.L.E.S." on the memo line.

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**A Short History of the Lutheran Church in Western New York.** There are a limited number of copies of this 2006 best seller available. Cost is \$10 and all proceeds go to the Resurrection Health Center. Contact Chick Biegner at 741-4573 to purchase a copy.

**TWO DAY WORKSHOP**  
**DEMYSTIFYING AUTISM**  
**AN INSIDE OUT PERSPECTIVE**  
with William Stillman

Date: June 8-9  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Registration begins at 8:15 am

Location: NCCC  
Arts & Media Theatre  
Free parking in Lot 1 and Lot 2  
Both lots offer areas for individuals with disabilities

**Audience**

Anyone and everyone involved with individuals experiencing the autism spectrum – persons on the spectrum, parents, grandparents, special education teachers, regular education teachers, therapists,

paraprofessional support staff, administrators, guidance counselors, psychologists, etc. (You must attend Day One in order to participate in Day Two of the workshop)

**About the Workshop and Presenter**

As a person with Asperger's Syndrome, Bill provides a non-clinical, humanistic overview of the autism spectrum from the perspective of those who experience it. William Stillman is a nationally known autism spectrum speaker who has worked in the human services field since 1987. An award-winning author, his books include Demystifying the Autistic Experience, The Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Asperger's Syndrome, Empowered Autism Parenting, and Autism and the God Connection. Visit [www.williamstillman.com](http://www.williamstillman.com) for further information.

**Registration & Fees**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

Free for individuals on the Spectrum on June 8  
\$5 fee for community members for Tues. June 8  
\$40 fee for professionals for both Tues. and Wed  
Attendance in Part 1 is required to participate in Part 2

Note: Morning refreshments will be provided  
Lunch will be on your own

Please use the registration form on the website at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wfcd/lp](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wfcd/lp)

William Stillman is Sponsored by Senator George Maziarz & NCCC & hosted by the Special Needs Advisory Committee

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