

# The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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**MAY 2009**

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

**From Psalm 23**

**What is death?**

Death – real death – is separation from the awareness of God's love and grace. Death is being afraid of God.

It doesn't matter how strong or healthy and safe or secure you may think you are, if you live outside of the love of God, if God is someone you do not know or have come to fear, then you are among the living dead. You are living in death.

But St. Paul tells us that Christ has taken up our death into life! Into the resurrection life prepared for all who trust in him. Do you remember when Jesus came to the tomb of his good friend, Lazarus, and he met his sisters, Mary and Martha, how Jesus said,

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

The promise that we Christians have every day of our lives is that we will never die. We will never be separated from the love of God that we have through Jesus Christ.

But there will be those times when we experience the valley of the shadow of death.

There will be those times when we might feel forsaken, abandoned, alone, rejected, those troubled times when we may wonder where God is.

The valley of the shadow of death are those times when we feel forsaken, but by faith we know that we are not, because we have both God's promise, and the experience of God's grace and love for us throughout the past.

When we are in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, we may feel as if God is far away, but deep down inside we can know that God is very near.

God promises us life – life in this world, and life in the world to come. Christians don't die. God simply calls

us from one life to another.

But as long as we live in this world of sin and suffering, we will experience the shadow of death.

And that can be a terrifying experience for us. At that time it is good to recall how the Good Shepherd is leading us to green pastures where he will restore our souls. To remember that he is preparing a table for me – a table that contains the bread of heaven and the wine of everlasting and abundant joy.

Listen to the voice of the shepherd when you are in the valley of the shadow of death. Listen and know that he is leading to a better place.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you, O Lord, are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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We are trying an 8:00 a.m., 30 minute service of word and prayer on Sunday morning, for a month, to see if you are interested in it.

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

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Frank Fulson resides at Our Lady of Peace, room 304B. If you are in the area, stop and visit. Frank is always glad to see his friends from Messiah.

## **DON'T MISS CHURCH!**

I like Top Ten lists. You know, those lists like, "The Top Ten Songs of the Week" or "The Top Ten Movies of the Year". When your parents were choosing a name for you, they may have looked at a list of "The Top Ten Names for Boys and Girls". I guess there is a Top Ten list for just about everything you can imagine. I have a Top Ten list this morning that you may not have heard before. It is the "Top Ten Reasons for Going to Church".

Every Sunday you have to decide whether you are going to get up and go to church. Well, here is a list of the Top Ten Reasons for Going to Church. Maybe it will help you to decide.

10. It doesn't cost anything to get in.
  9. Your parents are going to church and they won't let you stay at home alone.
  8. There's nothing good on TV at that time of day
  7. It's a great place to show off your new clothes.
  6. There's a fantastic all-you-can-eat buffet after church
  5. It's a good place to meet and visit with friends.
  4. The Praise Band plays some really cool music.
  3. If you get sleepy, you can take a nap during the sermon.
  2. You have a test in school tomorrow and you need to ask God for his help.
- And the #1 reason for going to church is...
1. If you don't, you just might miss out on something really important.

Come and see with it is all about!

In Peace  
Pastor Mason

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Nicole (Mason) Faulkner** and **Kyle Faulkner** were married on March 28, 2010 at Messiah. Congratulations Nicole and Kyle.

**Hannah Cassidy** received a gold medal in the Skaneateles competition and a silver medal in Cicero, NY. Hannah has medaled in every one of her competitions and has also received the Tiny Tots Award at this past years Niagara University Skating Club banquet. Great job Hannah! Hannah is the daughter of Tara and Peter Cassidy.

**Kaleigh Smolen** took first place in the Skating Club of WNY 2010 Skate Challenge in Cicero, NY. Congratulations Kaleigh. Great job!

**Hannah** and **Kaleigh** are competitive figure skaters for the Niagara University Skating Club.

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Sue Ann Ross had arthroscopy surgery on her knee.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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|--------|------------------------------|
| May 2  | First Communion Instruction  |
| May 9  | 10:30 Mother's Day Breakfast |
| May 10 | 6:00 PM Finance Meeting      |
|        | 7:00 PM Council Meeting      |
| May 11 | 7:00 PM Endowment Meeting    |

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| May 20  | Q & A Confirmation             |
| May 23  | Confirmation & First Communion |
| June 13 | 10:00 am Worship Service       |
|         | Followed by our Church Picnic  |
| Sept 1  | Entertainment Books available  |
| Oct 3   | German Dinner                  |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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| 05-07-90 | Kevin & Robin Stevens    |
| 05-09-59 | Bill & Donna West        |
| 05-09-81 | Rob & Sandy Hahn         |
| 05-12-84 | Bryan & Shelly Meigs     |
| 05-13-95 | Daniel & Amy Curcione    |
| 05-14-83 | Les & Sherri Myers       |
| 05-23-81 | Randall & Lynnor Printup |
| 05-27-00 | Bill & Julia Faetz       |
| 05-29-82 | Jack & Gretchen Morgan   |

### IN THE NEWS

**Bruce Smithson** was in the photo that appeared in the the Niagara Gazette spotlighting the Lewiston Choraleers performing at Messiah for the Easter Cantata.

Messiah hosted the "Diabetes Awareness" event which was coordinated and conducted by the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston. **Bill Bennion, Joan and George Spira** played a major role in this event.

### Lutheran Charities Golf Classic

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

### 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. Spring is an exciting time for us.

We end our year with a 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 focus on many topics during our last month. Some include weather, Arbor Day, things growing, the solar system, night and day, 'nocturnal animals', our "planet earth", the four seasons, our address, phone numbers and getting ready for next year.

Blue is our color for the month of May. We have 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.

Prospective students have been 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).

Ms. Sue Ann Ross & Mrs. Lisa Landers

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Sabrina Balcom  
731 Hillview Court, Lewiston, NY 14092

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Sarah Coffey**, 716 Mohawk St. Lewiston, NY. Sarah joined Messiah on March 28.

**Ryan Sinatra, Jamie Truman and Giuliana Sinatra** joined Messiah on April 4.

Welcome to Messiah. We look forward to getting to know you and hope that you join us in some of Messiah's activities.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in May

05-01 Jen Adams  
05-02 Emily Ann Keller  
05-02 Paul Schmoyer  
05-02 Carly Stachowski  
05-03 Arthur Schroeder  
05-06 Don McKenzie  
05-09 Brian Sandstrom  
05-10 Sharon Wittkopp  
05-11 Mike Maglio  
05-11 Kevin Stevens  
05-12 Bryan Meigs  
05-13 Robert Bruce Blakelock  
05-15 Shirley Martin  
05-15 Emily McCarthy  
05-16 Judy Amantia  
05-16 Pastor Carl Onofrio  
05-18 Brian James Nichols  
05-21 Connor Martin  
05-22 Frank Mazur  
05-22 Rachel Antonia Serianni  
05-22 Gavin Aloian  
05-23 Vicki DeVantier  
05-23 William West  
05-23 Elliott Waterstram  
05-24 Michael Carreno  
05-24 Supha Olivia Yates  
05-25 Keith Freeland

05-25 Rob Hahn  
05-25 Wallace Moll  
05-25 Matthew Sarkee Spira  
05-25 Brian Stevens  
05-26 Richard Amantia  
05-27 Kristen Conibear  
05-29 John Spatholt  
05-30 Jeffrey Freeland  
05-31 Melissa Sandstrom Whitney

### **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.

#### **STOCK THE KITCHEN**

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

#### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The church is once again offering \$200.00 scholarships 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 MWF 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM or on Sundays. All applications are due Friday, May 28th. Scholarships will be presented to seniors on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 27th. Applicants are asked to be present to receive their scholarships.

**PENTECOST, CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND  
FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY**

We will have the Tongues of Fire (Holy Spirit) represented by red geraniums, which will later be planted in the church gardens. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of these beautiful symbolic flowers, envelopes are placed in the pew for your donation of \$5.00 or more. Please wear Red on May 23rd, Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday.

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

Saturday May 1, 9:00 – 2:00

The church is located at the corner of  
18th St. & Cleveland Ave.

Use the 18th St. entrance

With a Voice of Singing

Featuring

The Buffalo Schwaben Chor

Jack Trenchard, Director, performing

“Songs of the Earth”

and

The Lutheran Chorale

Of the Niagara Frontier

Thomas J. Mudd, Jr., Director, performing

“Sacred Music Through the Centuries”

Saturday, May 15 7:30 pm

Kenmore Presbyterian Church

2771 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, NY

Tickets \$10.00

**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:**

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

Sandler, Betty Sandler, Donald David Shulenburg, Sister Laura, Gale Syty, Ethel Thomas, Doris Volk, Winifred Walton

**Those who are caregivers**

**Those who serve our country:**

Airman Jim Bane, Sgt. Tanya Bills, 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

**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  
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**MAY LAY MINISTRY**

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ASSISTING  
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COMMUNION  
DEACONS

May 2

May 9

May 16

May 23

May 30

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Carol Wilson

COUNTERS –

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*The Mission of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah is to proclaim our faith to Jesus Christ  
by daily witness through prayer, service and thanksgiving.*

**Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, May 16, 2010**