

The Messiah Messenger

Newsletter of

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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OCTOBER 2009

FROM YOUR PASTOR

“Sailing Through the Storms of Life”

One of my favorite programs is “Storms Stories,” which airs on the Weather Channel. I am simply amazed at the situations people find themselves in. One story was about a group who were fishing. They dropped two men off in the middle of Tampa Bay on a sand bar and planned on returning two hours later. But, a terrific storm appeared and the men were stranded. The water got deeper and deeper and all they could do was wait. Their friends eventually returned but their boat lost power. All they could do was swim to an old fishing shack on a pier.

During the same storm a woman was sailing with her three children and their boat lost power. The mast was also blown over by the storm. Conditions were so bad that the Coast Guard had difficulty locating them. The woman was scared and she kept making radio calls. A trawler spotted them and a man on the trawler managed to jump aboard and stay with the woman and her children until the Coast Guard finally reached them.

Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, also wrote a story called *Ninety-Three*. It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas. At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship's cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retrieve the loose cannon. But, they knew that the danger of a shipwreck from the cannon was greater than the fury of the storm. In other words, the danger of the inner storm was greater than the outer storm.

Storms of life may blow about us, but it is not exterior storms that pose the gravest danger. It is the

conflicts within us which can overwhelm us. Perhaps you are experiencing a storm of an illness. Perhaps you have a relationship that is strained and conflicted. There are all kinds of storms going on internally. Maybe you have doubts about your faith. Or, perhaps you find yourself alone or even afraid.

How can we get through those difficult storms of our lives? Who can bring peace to the stormy conditions of our lives?

The disciples found themselves in a terrible storm. The Sea of Galilee is known for its sudden storms. They come without warning and they can be very violent. To the ancient Hebrews the sea represented chaos. Therefore, they stressed God's authority over the sea, that God could bring order out of chaos, or peace to a terrible storm. Jesus' calming of the sea is symbolic of the power of God to bring peace to the inner storms of our lives. “He rebuked the wind and said, ‘Peace be still,’ and the wind ceased and their was calm.”

What the disciples learned that day on the Sea of Galilee was not the danger of the storm on the outside of the boat but the danger within the boat. The danger was the lack of faith to overcome the storms of their inner lives. On the one hand Jesus was asking them to follow him, to commit themselves to the ministry of the church and be agents of God's love. That meant they would have to face a cruel and complex world that was very overwhelming. On the other hand, Jesus had a calming presence and was able to relieve them of the stormy conditions.

After the seas were calmed Jesus said, “Why are you afraid, have you no faith?” Faith is what sustains us in the storms of life. Faith in God, our faith in others, and our faith in ourselves bring us peace when there is conflict, tension or chaos.

Let us have that faith.

Education Events

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

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

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During Advent we will have a special service  
centered around the theme of While Shepherds Watch.  
If anyone would like to take part in the scripted sermon  
please see me.

In Peace  
Pastor Mason

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 1 Set up for Bazaar  
October 2 Fruits of our Labor Bazaar  
October 19 Council Meeting  
October 24 German Dinner 4:30-7:00  
November 15 Stewardship Meeting

### 2010 Entertainment Books

The 2010 Entertainment Books are available  
for \$25.00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

### German Dinner

Saturday, October 24th  
4:30PM – 7:00 PM  
Adults - \$8.50  
Children thru 5 – Free  
Children 6 – 11 \$5.50

Contact Charlotte Perri or Alice Attardo for more  
details.

### DATES AVAILABLE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov 8, Dec 27

### STEWARDSHIP

September 14, 2009

Dear Church Family:

In the year of 2009 we have been able to  
maintain all of the functions of our church through  
the participation of our staff and faithful volunteers. It  
has been a very difficult year for those who lost value

of their assets or lost income through job losses or  
reduced hours at work.

Pledged income from current members, coupled  
with fundraisers, LCW support, Free Will and the like  
have remained very constant these last 5-6 years. We  
have been using interest and earnings to balance our  
budget totaling \$35 - \$40,000 per year. Unfortunately  
our investments will produce **less income** because of  
lower interest rates throughout the financial world.

Our church has been blessed with many faithful  
stewards giving of their time and talents. Our Church  
Council has reduced expenses to try to balance our  
budget. Unfortunately, with investment income down  
in 2010 we must raise additional funds to maintain our  
Christ centered church and 55 year tradition.

Our revised pledge card for 2010 year that  
begins in January gives you an opportunity to consider  
your own personal pledge as it applies to your family  
situation. This pledge is confidential and under the  
management of our Financial Secretary. Your pledge  
is your own private matter.

We, of course, need additional pledges in 2010  
to balance our loss from investment income. We pray  
that you will continue to support Messiah and your  
heart will allow for growth in this mission.

Our Time and Talent Sheet has been included  
to see where you could help support Messiah in 2010.  
Please return this sheet with your pledge.

We pray that you will continue to grow in faith  
and help Messiah in this outreach. Thank you for your  
Christian kindness and may God bless you and keep  
you in Christ's way.

In Christ's Service,  
Messiah's Stewardship Committee.

### Fruits of our Labor Bazaar

Set Up Date – October 1  
Annual Bazaar – October 2

Please start thinking about the bazaar while  
you are doing your canning this summer. Your jams,  
jellies, pickles, relish etc. are a big hit and so many  
people look forward to them. We are also looking  
for your craft items i.e. knitted, crocheted, beaded,  
painted, etc.

Please make sure your items for Trash & Treasure  
are clean and in good condition. Volunteers will be  
needed to set up on Oct. 1. For more information  
please contact Joan Spira at 745-9924.

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

**Olaf Erickson** is recovering from back surgery.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

10-04-97 Christopher & Amy Salada  
10-05-96 Robert & Tracy Waterstram  
10-07-89 Mike & Kim Maglio  
10-12-02 Jeffrey & Autumn Drussell  
10-15-66 Jim & Judy Capolupo  
10-16-93 Peter & Tara Cassidy  
10-16-04 Brian & Kindra Lloyd  
10-18-75 Keith & Chris Freeland  
10-18-58 Vern & Judy Stahl  
10-19-02 Jordan & Ann Taylor  
10-23-04 Michelle & Dennis Brochey  
10-31-53 Fred & Lorna Bussingham

## IN THE NEWS

**Cathy Brochey, Dennis Brochey, Lisa Landers and Nicole Landers** were among the friends of David Quarantillo who presented a check for \$3,066 to the Upstate New York Transplant Services in memory of their friend David Quarantillo.

**Joan Spira**, President of the Youngstown Free Library board presented Zachary Joseph with this year's Youngstown Free Library Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship award.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in October

10-01 Dennis Brochey  
10-01 Joan DeVantier  
10-02 Donald Hahn  
10-03 Mary Lou Hahn  
10-03 Ronald Purdy  
10-04 Anthony Tamul  
10-05 Patricia Ries  
10-07 Tateum Hillman  
10-07 Tori Hillman  
10-07 Preston Hillman  
10-07 Sharon Simone  
10-08 Dana Carroll  
10-09 Bryan Hartz  
10-09 Rose Webb  
10-09 Brianna Zeitz  
10-10 Alana Martin  
10-11 Judy Capolupo  
10-13 William Davidson

10-13 Axel Hastings  
10-14 Justin Scarf  
10-15 Zachary Tamul  
10-17 Jessica Adams  
10-17 Elliana Marshall  
10-17 Terry Walck  
10-18 Joshua Hartman  
10-22 Elisa Nassoioy  
10-22 Robert Waterstram  
10-22 Nathan Waterstram  
10-24 Cory Adams  
10-24 Thomas Conibear  
10-24 Larissa Cox  
10-24 Frederick Guard III  
10-24 James Stevens  
10-25 Pastor Milan Slahor  
10-26 Sally Schoonmaker  
10-26 Amanda VanUden  
10-27 Lee Nassoioy  
10-27 Andrea Simone  
10-28 Taylor Gibson  
10-28 Arlene Sliz  
10-29 Garret Winslow Parker Cassidy  
10-29 Justin Hillman  
10-29 Cindy Ingwersen  
10-30 Dominick Gordon

## MESSIAH'S BULLETIN BOARDS

Please take the time to look at our Bulletin Boards in the hallway. The volunteer sign up sheets are located there as well as information regarding NCCC courses, medical information, events etc.

## EVANGELISM

We need new members at Messiah to ensure long term solid growth and financial stability to allow for outreach and to support our mission.

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

Where do we start? – Look at our 2009 directory of members and associates. Where is everybody? What is a member? By our constitution it clearly spells out who a member is through Baptism. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or previous year. On voting matters regarding contracts, only regular members of legal age can vote.

Look through the directory and call people who have not been worshiping or giving time and talents to Messiah. We really need to step up and be counted. The future of our church depends on you!

Evangelism Committee

## **Lutheran Charities of WNY**

Invites you to  
A German Kappenfest  
“Hats off to Lutheran Charities

The Kappenfest rings in the annual German Karneval Season, which starts in places like Cologne, Duesseldorf, Aachen, Mainz, and many other cities in the Rhineland, every year on November 11, at 11:11. On that day the fools take over and fancy balls, and seasonal comedy shows are celebrated throughout the region.

Wear a hat and qualify for prize for the cleverest design!

Club Lorelei  
5895 Southwestern Blvd, Hamburg

Sunday, Nov. 15 – 3:00pm – 7:00 pm  
Music for listening & Dancing by the Almdudlers

Tickets \$10 prior to Oct. 31  
\$12 at the door

Beverages and German food available for purchase

Call 632-2623 for more information and tickets.

## **LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER**

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is installing a new water system which is essential to the camp's operation. They have been given permission to borrow funds from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA to do the project but they are concerned about the ability to pay back the loan. The cost of \$250,000 will really stretch their operating budget over the next years. Donations from congregations and families who have benefited from the camp's ministry could greatly reduce the burden. Gifts may be sent directly to LCLC marked "Water System". Please consider such a gift.

LCLC is a treasure we share in this Conference.

## **Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Autumnfest 2009**

Saturday, October 3, 2009  
12:30 – 5:00 pm

Free Admission, Basket Auction  
Staff Reunion, Camper Reunion  
Closing Worship at 4:00 pm outdoor Chapel  
Please join us as we dedicate our new Pavilion,  
Basketball Court and Water System

For more information contact 716-386-4125

## **WE ARE PRAYING FOR**

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

Vivian Austin, Sandy Person Butte, Martin Darmstedter, Olaf Erickson, Gordon C. Gladden, Lois Gleason, Jane Gurr, Kathleen Harris, Thomas Hill, Butch Hillman, Bonnie Hunt, Kate Jensen, Lynne Jensen, Mary & Clifford Joell, Bob & Shirley Knowles, Ernie Krell, Bob Lowe, Josh Maddox, Shirley Martin, George Mason, Jerry Nashwinter, Mimi Pyne, Craig Peterson, Michelle Reeler, Cheryl Sadler, Betty Sandler, Evelyn Shear, Donald David Shulenburg, Ethel Thomas, Betty Tossell, Doris Volk, Winifred Walton, Alma Watkinson, Andy Zucco

### **Those who are caregivers**

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

Airman Jim Bane, Sgt. Tanya Bills, Joshua Casper, Carol & Rene Cevaer, 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. 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

## **MESSIAH'S BULLETIN BOARD**

### **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.

### **BABBSCO CARSTAR COLLISION**

Quality Collision Repair and Refinishing. 5-year nationwide warranty. Free estimates. 8624 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, N.Y. 297-9451. Mike Duckett.

### **CAKE DECORATING**

Special order cakes for birthdays, parties, etc. Sabrina Balcom 909-5959

### **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

### **CONSTRUCTION – LANDERS & SON**

Owned by Robert Landers, 4641 Model City Road, Model City. Phone 754-2352. Bulldozing, sewer lines, water lines, septic systems, septic tanks cleaned. Free estimates.

### **DESIGN, PUBLISHING, ADVERTISING, ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

More than 25 years experience in print advertising and design; electronic media; Web design and implementation; editing and proofreading; and magazine, book, and newsletter design and publication. Also Macintosh computer troubleshooting and repair. We're in Youngstown. Visit [www.ljsquared.com](http://www.ljsquared.com) or contact Kristin or Lloyd Lathrop at [ljathrop@ljsquared.com](mailto:ljathrop@ljsquared.com) or by phone at (716) 531-9075.

### **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**

Jill G. Mazur – The Hearing Aid Center, 549 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14302 Phone 282-4130

**LONG TERM HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE** – Dave Stevens, 779 Scovell Drive, Lewiston, N.Y. Phone 754-4734

### **MPI MANAGING PROFIT IMPROVEMENT**

Owned by Bill Faetz, 2424 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305. Phone 297-2935. Computerized tax & accounting service, business plans, financing, counseling.

### **MUFFLERMAN**

Wholesale prices ... mufflers, pipes, shocks, brake service. No appointment necessary. 2517 Military Road, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 297-6611. Gary Balcom – Manager.

### **OLDE TIME BARBER SHOP**

Luxury At Its Best, Stylish Haircuts, 478 Center St., Lewiston, N.Y. Terry & Chris Collesano. Phone: 754-2505.

### **PAYNE'S CARPET OUTLET**

Family owned and operated-free estimates. Jonathon Payne – Vice-President. 2406 Military Road, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Phone 298-0455 Fax 298-0457.

### **PRE-K at MESSIAH**

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

### **RED CROSS CERTIFIED BABY SITTER**

Please call Amanda Buerger at 754-1429.

### **RETIREMENT, EDUCATIONAL & ESTATE PLANNING** – Peter

D. Spira, CFP, Financial Advisor with UBS Financial Services, Inc., Buffalo, N.Y. Phone 716-849-3813 or 1-800-537-7398. [www.UBS.COM/FA/PETERSPIRA](http://www.UBS.COM/FA/PETERSPIRA).

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

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

### **TRANSITOWNE USA**

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## OCTOBER LAY MINISTRY

### ACOLYTES

October 4  
October 11  
October 18  
October 25

### ASSISTING DEACONS

Judy Condino  
Robin Stevens  
Chris Guard  
Barbara Bunce

### COMMUNION DEACONS

Ted Casper  
  
Ted Bunce

USHERS – Nancy D’Arcangelo & Gloria Montondo  
GREETERS –  
LECTOR – Barbara Bunce  
COUNTERS – Gloria Montondo & Charlotte Perri  
ALTAR GUILD – Vicki DeVantier & Cathy Bennion

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by daily witness through prayer, service and thanksgiving.*

**Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, October 18, 2009**