

# Messiah Memos

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## Pangrace Family Offers to Sell Property to Messiah West Campus Vision Within Reach

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Messiah has been granted a first chance to buy the property that sits between Messiah Middle School and the Giant Eagle parking lot. Owned for many decades by Adam Pangrace and sons, the property extends from Lorain Road to the back of the apartments just south of the Middle School. It contains three buildings and over 50 parking spaces. Two of the buildings house tenants, an insurance company in one and a beauty salon in the other.

Marty Uhle, Building Committee co-chair, first asked about the property three years ago, as Messiah was preparing to purchase the current Middle School site. That inquiry brought a positive response in the summer of 2008. Discussions with the owners, underway since then, resulted in late August in the present offer to sell, an offer structured to make it as easy as possible for Messiah to proceed with the purchase.

Mr. Uhle describes this offer as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Messiah to solve parking and other property needs once and for all. He is joined in this assessment by Bob Kreps, the Building Committee's other co-chair. The purchase would dovetail perfectly with the vision laid out in the final phase of Messiah's building plans, in which the main entrances to Messiah Church and School face to the west where the parking is.

A special meeting to act on this offer has been called for Sunday, October 11, at 12:15. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

### Faith Mission Project: Kids of the Kingdom is Underway!

Faith Lutheran Church, supported by Messiah, is launching an outreach ministry to its Lakewood neighborhood this month.

Kids of the Kingdom is a program that brings neighborhood children together on Saturday mornings for fun and learning in the style of Vacation Bible School. It offers children a good weekend activity. Parents—who knows?—might welcome the freedom it gives them to get Saturday chores done. However that may be, the program opens the door between Faith and its neighbors. New connections will be made, and with them will come new opportunities for the Holy Spirit to draw people into the life of Christ. *(Turn to page 3 to read more about this initiative)*

## From the Pastor—

Last month's annotated bulletin (September 13<sup>th</sup>—Rally Day) was intended to help explain, clarify, or perhaps even introduce some of the basic whys and wherefores of the liturgical worship that is at the heart of Messiah's life. Judging from many of the comments we received, a good number of you found the marginal notes helpful and informative. We hope to repeat them a few times a year, as well as include an expanded version in booklet form in the pew racks.

Like most institutions, Messiah Lutheran Church can be guilty of making assumptions about practices and customs that bear the weight of years. But not everything we do is necessarily understandable, transparent, or logical to someone who's not used to 'doing it that way.'

Many years ago, when I was a relatively recent arrival at Messiah, I asked about a display in the narthex. (I was concerned that there was no word of explanation anywhere near it.) I was told that "We all know what it's for" in a tone that made it clear that no further discussion was necessary. It is too bad that we can all too often fail to appreciate the legitimate concern as well as the wise diagnosis for remedy that are the particular gifts of the newcomer. I'm glad to say that, while we haven't reached the promised land of totally good signage, we are becoming more sensitive to both the needs and the insights of people new to this congregation.

On the other hand, sometimes folks come with little knowledge or understanding of centuries old traditions—traditions that have stood the test of time for beauty, value, efficacy, and utility. I'm a case in point. I grew up in small Methodist, Presbyterian, and Covenant congregations. With roots solidly in American frontier Protestantism, (my grandfather was pastor in Wagon Mound, New Mexico, in the first half of the twentieth century, where cowboys and Indians were neighbors and parishioners, not movie characters), I found Lutheran worship foreign, complicated, and clearly influenced by Roman Catholicism. If you had asked me early on in my life as a Lutheran, I would have recommended (with the confidence and ignorance I had at 16) that the service needed to be simplified and made more accessible.

What I really wanted was for the Lutherans to be more like what I knew already. There's an old joke about most Christians understanding the word 'tradition' to mean how things were done at the time of their Confirmations. We have a tendency to measure things by our own experience. And most of us haven't the time or the interest to examine the history

of the Church—a 2000 year history—in order to get a clearer sense of tradition in a big-picture way.

This is all to say that the form of the liturgy here at Messiah is not simply something 'done the way the pastors want to do it,' as one of many equally acceptable formats available to us. Your pastors understand themselves to be, with the rest of the Church, the recipients of a form of worship that has been handed down from antiquity, often revised and fine-tuned, but never simply replaced with something 'new.' It has been 'fine-tuned' in a way that reflects the theological, practical, and aesthetic concerns of people whose desire was to help the worshipping community receive the good gifts of Word and Sacrament given by God, offer their prayer and praise in faithful ways, and make sure, insofar as they were able, that the purity of the Good News was safeguarded.

Lutherans were among the most conservative of the 16<sup>th</sup> century reformers. Luther himself did not want to discard that which had served the Church well for centuries, and so, while others destroyed pipe organs, stained glass windows and other art works, and turned the Sacraments into 'memorial events,' Lutherans held fast to those things that communicated the Gospel—especially the means of grace. Lutherans worship the way we do because we recognize the bond we share with the Church Universal—believers of every time and place. We know that our brief time in history and our limited geography cannot claim supremacy over the other countless sister churches that have been, are, and will be.

The liturgy is not simply the personal preference of the pastors. It is, at its most basic, what the church does, and does recognizably, whether you're in Fairview Park, Nebraska, Brazil, or Liberia. And wherever it is done, because it has this beyond-time and -local space sense about it, it can focus on the Lord of the Church and not on particular charismatic personalities; it can focus on the catholicity of our faith rather than tie it too closely with a single nation, language, ethnic group, or time.

Whether the liturgy is new to you or an old friend, your pastors urge you to enter into it as the means by which God speaks His saving Word to us, and as the holy time and space set aside that we might come into the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to respond with gratitude for the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation.



- Fr. Ramirez



## Faith Mission Project: Kids of the Kingdom is Underway!

*(continued from page 1)*

Messiah's support is crucial in carrying this program out. Our own Julie Bacon has stepped forward to direct the program. Karen Dunn and Lindsay Stull of Messiah have also signed on as teachers, joining a strong contingent from Faith. Meanwhile Kathy Neumann has assembled a team of people to provide lunches for the program. Many from Messiah will be helping with that.

Even more help will be needed this month for critical events that will launch the program. These include—

- A prayer walk in the community on Sat. October 10 (10 to 11:30)
- Flyer distribution on Sat., October 17 (10 to noon).
- A Fall Festival, October 24 (noon to 3).

Speaking of the Fall Festival: this will be an event for the neighborhood featuring crafts, games, "Bounce Around," food, face painting, corn hole, and much more. Many hands will be needed to assist with the activities. Look for sign up sheets on the Kids of the Kingdom display near the church offices, or else in the atrium.

### *Still Trusting Together*

Messiah is now in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of its life as a congregation. We who are here today build on the legacy of those who gathered in September, 1929, for the first service, and of many thousands of others who have shared in Messiah's worship and ministry through all years since. What held our forebears together was their common faith in God's love for them in Jesus Christ, a love they trusted and acted on. Today it's our turn to keep the trust going, not one on one as individuals, but together, as a congregation of called and gathered saints who get to hear God's promise in Christ week in and week out. How sweet the promise is! So sweet that it demands to be shared and spread around, exactly as Christ has called and commissioned us to do. So our theme this year is trust. Trusting together. Trusting the way the saints before us did, with enough confidence and conviction to put our faith into action. Keep your ears peeled for this theme as the weeks ahead unfold.

*The Stewardship Team*

## Matching Gift Programs for 2009

Giving Plus Program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans changes 1/1/2010

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you have recently received a letter describing the changes to the GivingPlus Program beginning January 1, 2010. We do not have the specific details for the new Thrivent Choice Program yet. We can confirm that the process will change beginning next year. ***We can also confirm that nothing changes in the program between now and December 31, 2009.*** This is the time of year when many matching gifts are received. In order to take advantage of this great program, we need to continue to ask for your support through the balance of this year.

Some program highlights:

- Thrivent members age 16 or older are eligible to participate in this program.
- Your donations, payable to Messiah School, for any amount up to \$600 will be match \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to a total supplement of \$300.
- Do you volunteer your time to Messiah? Mark that circle on the form and Messiah receives an additional \$25 in matching gifts.
- Complete a GivingPlus form, available on the Thrivent table in the atrium, or ask at the church office and return with your donation.

Questions? Contact Darlene Waugh at 440-331-2405.

**PLUS ~ Employer Sponsored Matching Gift Programs**  
Are you employed by a company that offers matching gift benefits to accredited elementary schools or religious institutions? Messiah Church & School qualifies as this type of organization. We have already received matching gifts from National City Bank (PNC), The Progressive Insurance Foundation and The Sherwin Williams Foundation. Contact your human resource department for details.



### New Member Class Begins

Thursday, October 15

7:00 p.m.

A course for prospective members, for people who simply want to learn what Lutherans are all about, or those who'd like to take a fresh look at the essential nuts and bolts of the Christian faith. Interested, or know someone else who might be? Please call or email the church office (440) 331-2405 or [church@messiahfp.org](mailto:church@messiahfp.org).



## “Notes” From the Director of Music

Music for Tuesdays at 12:10 commences its offering of 24 varied musical programs on September 29th, finishing on April 27th, 2010, with a short break in mid-season.

It's an especially wide range of music and performers, celebrating the 20th annual series of Music for Tuesdays at 12:10, initiated at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lakewood in 1990, and continued in recent years here at Messiah Lutheran Church. Over the years, the series has grown in the number of concerts annually, and the breadth of music represented by performers. It has always been, for me, a means of reaching out into the community and sharing our resources of music, sacred space, and mid-day and mid-week fellowship, outside the confines of a purely concert space and its implications. It seems to work...as I all too often say, "It's the best music on Lorain Road on Tuesdays at 12:10!"

Speaking of the best music, etc., leads me to publicly laud Messiah Choir. Their devotion to enriching our worship through choral music is humbling and their offerings are inspiring and uplifting. It is a joy and privilege to work with this group. I am disappointed that so few of the members of the congregation respond to the call for their participation in Messiah Choir...not that this is anything new or peculiar to this Church. Rather, it's a manifestation of our hectic schedules and pervasive changes in our modes of self-expression. Live acoustic music is nearing the status of quaint. Perhaps Messiah Choir has a few attributes of an earlier time, but it also has a reality of live voices in concert, sharing

messages of hope and praise through the musical voices of composers from the earliest to the present time. It's a grand undertaking and we offer it to all of you who would like to become a part of this ministry.

Let's do a little acoustical math here. Every so often during an anthem, Messiah Choir will let out a blast of sound which pretty much fills the Church. Then we have a congregational hymn and we add a couple hundred more voices to the mix. Shouldn't we be blowing the roof off the Church? Yes and no. Two voices are not twice as loud as one...sound increases in a logarithmic manner, meaning that a second voice would need to be ten times louder to achieve the impression of twice the loudness. It's all in the perception, but bear with me...now we're back in Church and the hymn is a rouser! What do I hear? With Messiah Choir present, I hear Messiah Choir and little else. Where's the congregation? Listen again to the Creed – and we hear the unmistakable grey sound of a congregation reciting what might just as well be an obscure mathematical formula for all of the conviction and commitment in the utterance. Could we not enter into worship with a full-throated voice of confident participation, to use our voices with conviction and commitment? Let's use God's gifts of mind and voice in audible and convicted prayer and praise to his everlasting glory!

In His Name,  
David Gooding,  
Director of Music Ministries

### *It is time for our next Music for Tuesdays Program to begin!*

*The programs are in the sanctuary. Bring your brown bag lunch—we provide coffee, tea, and cookies. The programs conclude before 1:00 pm and are entirely informal...come when you can, and leave when you must. A freewill offering, benefiting the Messiah Choir Fund, is always welcome.*

- 9/29 – David Gooding, organ; The instrument unveiled through a series of short representative works from many periods of its history
- 10/6 – Brian Bacon, baritone; David Gooding, piano; Songs by Michael Head
- 10/13 – Brian Taylor, piano; Ernesto Bloch: Poems of the Sea: I. Waves, II. Chantilly, III. At Sea; John Adams: China Gate; Alberto Ginastera: Suite de Danzas Criollas
- 10/20 – Diane Menges, soprano; Brian Kozak, guitar; Hector Villa-Lobos: Bacchianas; Songs by Manuel de Falla
- 10/27 – David Gooding, organ; Bach, Brahms, Boellmann
- 11/3 – Andrew Lipian, countertenor; Barbara Lipian, soprano; David Gooding, keyboard; Duets by Schütz, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Brahms
- 11/10 – David Tidyman, organ; Program TBA
- 11/17 – Jonathan Snyder, English Horn; David Gooding, Organ; Leo Sowerby: Ballade
- 11/24 – James Meyers, violoncello; David Gooding, keyboards; Bach, Handel, Marcello, Vivaldi
- 12/1 – Barbara Bartels, organ; Christmas is Coming
- 12/8 – North Coast Consort of Viols; Early music with a nod to the Season
- 12/15 – Edith Yerger, recorders; David Betts, recorders; Music for Two...to Celebrate the Holidays



## *From the Principal's Desk*

### **A New Addition! And Some New Additions**

We rejoice with Joseph and Theresa Woodall (Messiah's first grade teacher) at the birth of Avery Mae Woodall, born on September 9, 2009. Mom and baby are both doing well. Thanks be to God!

As mentioned in this space last month, our school has added a number of new technologies for use in the classroom. Below is a summary:

- A 28-station mobile laptop computer lab gives students access to the Internet and other resources. This unit can be moved to other classrooms for use in various settings.
- SmartBoards – the interactive whiteboards that present endless possibilities for teacher presentations and student learning activities.
- ELMO Document Cameras that function in a similar fashion to an overhead through SmartBoard technology that allows for student interaction.
- Senteo Student Response systems – these are remote control-like devices that allow students to answer questions given by the teacher. Both student and teacher receive immediate feedback.
- Discovery Education Streaming is a web-based program that gives teachers access to an incredible resource that includes video clips and numerous other teaching tools.

As with anything new, there is training needed for the use of this equipment and the usual “glitches” that seem to come with most new technology. (I wonder if our ancestors had such difficulties with learning how to use the chalkboard.) But we have truly been blessed to have opportunities to obtain the necessary tools for 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

As always – to God be the glory!

In Christ,  
Kyle B. Chuhran, Principal



## *How do we know an apple tree is an apple tree?*

That was the question asked in devotions in the Second Grade classroom last week. The answer was obvious to the children – an apple tree has apples on it! We were preparing to go to Apple Hill Orchard with the first graders to pick the fall crop. We were also reviewing what we are learning in Chapel this year at Messiah Lutheran School, our Chapel theme being “Fruit of the Spirit.”

How do you know a Christian is a Christian? They produce “fruit.” – good works that glorify God and bless the people around them... certainly not in order to procure salvation – Jesus has already done that for us – but as a living testimony to those great things God has done for us in Jesus Christ, to give ourselves as an offering to Him, and to serve our neighbor.

As we talked about creation earlier this year in our religion classes, we marveled together at God's great plan to renew his creation. Trees produce fruit. Fruit contains seeds. Seeds are planted and grow into new trees, which produce fruit..... and on it goes. The same is true for our Christian life. We, because of God's grace and mercy in sending Jesus Christ as our Savior, with the help of the Holy Spirit, produce good works, which plant a seed in the hearts of others. They grow in faith and produce good works, which plant the seed in the hearts of others....and God is glorified.

Remember Messiah Lutheran School, Lakewood Lutheran School, the children and the staff members in your prayers. Pray with us that God will work in each of us to produce much fruit for His Kingdom.



*Messiah 3rd Graders sharing a moment of silence on September 11th. They prayed for the country and for Christians to be bold in their witness.*

# Planning Process Results

Last spring over 200 members of Messiah participated in an effort to clarify the goals and directions of our congregation for the next several. Most did so by filling out a survey, others by coming together to discuss what the survey revealed. The discussion groups quickly identified a set of specific concerns, and prepared lists of ideas for addressing them. With this as background our president, Bob Zalac, convened a committee to prepare a set of objectives for the congregation and its leaders to aim at over the next few years. See below for the results.

## Messiah's Mission

*(what we're all about)*

Messiah Lutheran Church is an outpost of God's ongoing rescue mission in Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the hearing of the Gospel, we draw people into the life of Christ, build them up in the word of Christ, and send them into the world as agents of God's promise in Christ for all people.

## A Vision for Messiah

*(what we'd like to see)*

Messiah—anchored in the Gospel, committed to excellence, and known for its educational and outreach ministries—is an attractive, vibrant, and energetic Lutheran congregation that church-seekers are eager to explore, members are glad to recommend, and the wider community is moved to thank God for.

## Aims for the Next Three Years

The Messiah leadership, staff, and congregation are active partners in achieving these objectives.

- **Energizing Our Youth Program** - The Church Council will approve the creation of a Youth Director staff position, develop a comprehensive job description, and fill the position. The position will provide opportunities for youth and young adults to participate in Christ-centered, social, worship, and service activities in a safe and fun environment.
- **Improving Operations** - The Administration and Finance Committee will conduct an evaluation of the Church and School operating policy manual and employee handbook. Revisions will be made where necessary. The Committee will work with representatives of the church and school and other standing committees to develop a centralized resource to assist staff in carrying out the daily operations of Messiah.
- **Expanding Christian Literacy** - The Education and Enrichment committee will perform an analysis of the various Biblical and theme-based educational opportunities for youth and adults outside of the worship service. They will recommend changes in or additions to the programs currently offered by Messiah.
- **Activating Servants** - The Mission and Ministry Committee will develop, administer, and maintain an interest-inventory that communicates the needs of the congregation's ministries to all active Messiah members. This information will be used to identify, recruit, and encourage members to serve in the many opportunities Messiah offers. Using this information, future leaders will be identified and mentored.
- **Enhancing Worship** - The Pastors, with assistance from the Church Council and Deacons, will perform an analysis of both the traditional and contemporary worship services. Focus groups will be formed to discuss all facets of the services to identify opportunities for improvement (while remaining mindful of and continuing to adhere to the ELCA Confession of Faith). The Pastors will present the finding to the Church Council.
- **Strengthening Your School Experience** - The Messiah Day School Board of Education will host an annual parent's meeting to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement and to provide a forum for school parents to express constructive feedback with regard to their families overall school experience. The Board of Education Chairman will attend and report on its work at Church Council meetings (and Executive Committee meetings when necessary).
- **Reaching Our Neighbors** - All Messiah congregation members commit to participate in one outreach effort in the local community each year. At a minimum, Messiah will plan or participate in three community outreach efforts annually. Member involvement may take the form of planning, building, marketing, recruiting, etc. Members commit to participate.
- **Evaluating Our Progress** - The Church Council will actively monitor, evaluate, and communicate the status of each of these goals twice a year through an organized, specific effort (e.g. Sunday magazine, annual meeting, etc.).

A Seminar for Workplace Leaders

Paul E. Brammeier presents—

## How God's *Two* Words will keep you Sane and Productive, and your co-workers too

Friday, November 8, 2009

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Messiah Lutheran Church

*Fee:* \$15. Includes morning-long coffee and refreshments

### *About the presenter—*

Paul Brammeier, lifelong Lutheran and student of the Word, is a retired educator and business leader. His remarkable career took him from the fifth grade classroom of a parochial school in St. Louis to the business worlds of China and South America, with many stops along the way.

Paul worked in the financial services sector for Fiserv, Inc., Citibank, and Financial Data Systems. He moved from managing large data centers to serving as the President and CEO of three wholly owned subsidiaries, and finally to the launching of corporate offices overseas. In retirement he continues to assist small businesses and non-profit organizations in the art of managing people.

As an educator Paul taught all grades from fifth through college level. He was the first principal assigned by the St. Louis school system to pilot the desegregation plan ordered by a federal judge in the late 1970's. He has conducted management workshops at Citibank and Fiserv, and has also served as an instructor at Northwestern University, Webster University, and the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Paul did his undergraduate work at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. He followed that with a Master of Arts in Religion at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and a Master's in Educational Administration from Washington University. Later he successfully completed Citibank's Senior Executive Management Certificate Program.

Paul has been active in the church his whole life long, holding leadership positions in several congregations. He is an avid student of theology, and is a consultant to the board of the Crossings Community in St. Louis, Missouri ([www.crossings.org](http://www.crossings.org)). He has been happily married to Kathy for 42 year. They continue to enjoy their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Messiah Lutheran School

Night at the Oscars

Auction

Saturday November 7, 2009, 6pm

Wagner's Country Inn

30855 Center Ridge Road

Come to this Semi Formal evening and enjoy appetizers, an Italian buffet, assorted desserts, Auctions, raffles, music and more!! \$30 per ticket or \$300 for a table of 10.

Tickets are being sold between Sunday services, or you may complete the form on page 9 of this Memos. A few auction items include a Bahamas 4 day cruise, a week at a Hilton Head condo, homemade items, wine, spa, restaurant, and sport packages – just to name a few! More items will be listed as the event draws near.

Donations are still being accepted! Contact Joy Ellerbruch at (440) 427-8412.



## Entertainment Book Sale for PTL

The Messiah PTL is selling Entertainment Books for the 2009-2010 school year in between services through the beginning of November. This year's book features coupons for Steak & Shake, TGIFridays and Aeropostale. Also, for every two books you purchase you can receive a FREE Cav's ticket with the purchase of one discounted Cavs ticket. Interested? Meet a PTL representative between the services, or call Ginger Brookins at (440) 823-9392 or email her at [ginmark@zoominternet.net](mailto:ginmark@zoominternet.net).

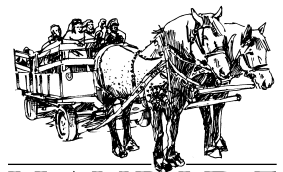
## Calling all 5th-8th Graders!

### Join us for Messiah's annual Youth Group Hayride!

Saturday, October 10, 2009

6-10 p.m. (Meet at 5 at Messiah if you need a ride)

Turn in a permission slip and check or cash for \$13/person. Make check payable to Messiah Lutheran Church. \$10 is for Boyert's Farm; \$3 is for a hot dog dinner. Give your permission slip (see page 8) and check to the church office or give cash or check directly to Mrs. Szabo.



We'll need drivers/chaperones for the evening. Please indicate on the permission slip your availability. Any questions, call or email Tharasa Szabo 216-676-8741, [tharasaszabo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tharasaszabo@sbcglobal.net).

## HAYRIDE

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HAY RIDE PERMISSION SLIP

(Please Print Clearly)

I give my permission for my son / daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Hay Ride event with the Messiah Lutheran Church Junior Youth Group on **Saturday, October 10, 2009**.

In case of an emergency, I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ . If I cannot be reached, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ (relative / friend) at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number).

My child has the following allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Insurance information: Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group number: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If emergency treatment is necessary, I give my permission for my child to be treated at Boyert's Farm by the chaperones or transported to the nearest medical facility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Today's Date

**STUDENT COVENANT:** I agree to obey the rules of Boyert's Farm and the Messiah adult leaders. I agree to respect our leaders and Boyert's property. At all times I will strive to be as Christ-like as possible and treat all others with respect.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRIVERS/CHAPERONES NEEDED!**

I am willing to drive and chaperone: YES NO If yes, how many people can you take: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Detach and return top portion)

Admission fee is \$13 / person. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church. Please return to Tharasa Szabo by the day of the event. If you have any questions, please call or email Tharasa Szabo 216-676-8741, [tharasaszabo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tharasaszabo@sbcglobal.net). (While no one will be turned away if permission forms are not received ahead of time, we need to call Boyert's with a head count by Oct. 3.)

**Also, please bring a snack to share (chips, cupcakes, brownies, rice crispy squares, etc).**

**PLEASE MEET AT MESSIAH BY 5:00 PM ON OCTOBER 10, 2009.  
WE WILL MEET IN THE GYM AND ASSIGN KIDS TO DRIVERS.  
WE WILL RETURN TO MESSIAH AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 PM.  
PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD. THANK YOU!!!**

Boyert's is located at 4557 Paradise Rd, Seville, OH 44273. Their phone is 330-725-3509.



Dear Friend of Messiah,

You are cordially invited to attend Messiah Lutheran School “Night at the Oscars” Dinner and Auction event.

Saturday, November 7, 2009 @ 6 p.m.  
Wagner’s Country Inn  
30855 Center Ridge Road, Westlake

Proceeds from the auction will be used to provide educational tools and research, including mobile laptops for student use, smart boards and other technology. In addition, proceeds will be used to help in the second phase of our building campaign. We are reaching to you, our school and church families, and friends of our community, to attend the event that will help shape our future.

**Individual tickets:** “Night at the Oscars” semi-formal evening will include appetizers, Italian buffet, assorted desserts, silent & live auction, raffles, music and more.

Name	Student Name	Grade	# Tickets @ \$30 each	Total

**Sponsor a Table:** Purchase a full table of 10 for \$300. Includes your family or company’s name or advertisement in the center of the table and recognition in the evening program. This guarantees seating together at one table.

Name	Student Name	Grade	# Tables @ \$300 each	Total

**Patron Sponsorship:** This is an opportunity for families, individuals or corporations to provide various levels of direct financial support. This will also include recognition in the evening’s program.

Patron Name	Patron Level	Patron Amount	Total
	Gold	\$500 +	
	Silver	\$250 - \$499	
	Bronze	\$10 - \$249	

Please make checks payable to *Messiah Lutheran PTL Auction* and return to the school office. Auction tickets will be sent home in the BYE on Tuesdays or can be picked up in the school office. Auction tickets will also be on sale on Sundays starting September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The students of Messiah Lutheran School Thank You.

Any questions, please contact Joy Ellerbruch (440) 427-8412 or [joyellerbruch@yahoo.com](mailto:joyellerbruch@yahoo.com)



**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2009**



***A New Look to our Traditional Breakfast Buffet!***

*Compliment your worship on Reformation morning with our breakfast buffet. Open seating is available from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (before, during or after services)*

***The Menu***

**Hot Buffet Featuring:**

*Pancakes w/ a variety of toppings*

*Hash browns*

*Scrambled eggs*

*Breakfast Sausage*

**Carving Station Featuring :**

*Oven Roasted Turkey (NEW!)*

*Glazed Ham (NEW!)*

**Side-bar Featuring**

*Fresh Fruit Salad*

*Unlimited Homemade Desserts*

*Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice, and Milk*

***Please make plans to join us on this wonderful celebration of fellowship on Reformation Sunday!***

***Head Chef—Tim Ratvasky, of Famous Dave's Restaurant in North Olmsted***  
***Carving Chef—Matt Snyder, senior culinary student, Lakewood High School***

***Buffet Pricing***

***Adults \$7.00 Senior Citizens \$6.00***

***Children \$5.00 (ages 6-12)***

***All Children under 5 are Free!***

*All Proceeds to support our ministries at Messiah.*

*This event is a recipient of the Thrivent Care and Congregation Support Program offered to Messiah.*

*Cooks, Bakers, Buffet Line Servers, Table Busers, Coffee/Juice Station Runners, etc. are needed.*

*Contact Darlene Waugh at [dwaugh@messiahfp.org](mailto:dwaugh@messiahfp.org) or our church office (440) 331-2405 to volunteer.*

**Yes, The \_\_\_\_\_ Family will attend.**

We will have \_\_\_\_\_ # of People enjoying breakfast.

I/We would like to donated the following:

Fresh Cut Fruit Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Goods \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make arrangements to drop off all donations to

Kitchen on Sat. 10-24, 9 a.m.—Noon or early Sunday morning.)

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We would like to volunteer my time to help with:**

Hall Set-up **Friday, 10-23** 1:00-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen/Servicing/Busing 7:30-9:30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen/Serving/Busing 9:30 – 11:30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Kitchen/Serving/Busing 11:30 – 1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Clean-up Hall/Kitchen 12:30 – 1:30 \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

By Nancy Mickan

The annual Mother-Daughter Tea is coming up again. It will be on October 4th at La Centre in Westlake.

Doors open at 1:45 and the program starts at 2:00 pm. I have heard it was a very good program last year. It is a mother-daughter tea but you don't need to have a daughter or a mother to attend. So far there is a group going from Messiah. Come join us.

### FLU VACCINES ARE HERE.

Here are the times I will be giving vaccines at Messiah are:

**October 11, 9AM TO 1 PM**

**October 19, 1PM TO 4 PM**

At Faith

**October 18, 11AM TO 1 PM.**

The company supplying the vaccines will accept Medicare and will bill some insurance companies. You will need to bring your Medicare and your insurance cards with you. Others will get a receipt for the \$30 cost that you can file with your insurance company for reimbursement.

Already there are people who have gotten the flu. There are things we can do to protect ourselves and others from getting the flu. The most important thing is to **WASH YOUR HANDS** frequently and **GET A FLU SHOT**. Cover your cough with either your elbow or a tissue. If you use a tissue you need to throw it away and then **Wash** your hands. If you are not feeling good and have a cough or fever **STAY** home.

## GOURMET PRAYER

By Priscilla Hinsch

Things are changing ALL over the place. You don't have to go far to see or hear about change. But, in all of it God *is* there! God *is* in charge. God *is* what matters.

**“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”**

1Timothy 6:17-18

“Direct me to invest my time and energy today into matters of the heart.  
Steer me from tagging value to temporal things of this world. You provide all that I need.  
When I learn that my job is not to build an empire – my job is to serve the kingdom. It seems that I have spent a lot of my daydreams envisioning a life of status and carefree luxury when my time would be better spent imagining how I might encourage others, aid the poor, be sensitive to the wounded.  
Remove my arrogance and replace it with a changed heart of humility. I will be watching for ways to place my hope in You. Amen”

*(Prayer from “One-Minute Prayers” by Harvest House Publishers.)*



### Young In Spirit

Monday, October 19, Noon

Barb Sutton, Humorist & Storyteller will present "Tales to Make Your Hair Stand on End."

Remember to bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

*All 55+ are invited!*

*Would you like to receive the Messiah Memos via email vs. paper? If so, please email the church office at [church@messiahfp.org](mailto:church@messiahfp.org).*

## Jonathan Snyder Named to National Honors Orchestra

Our own Jonathan Snyder has been selected to perform with the National High School Honors Orchestra (NHSO), an honor bestowed upon only 120 student musicians across the country. Snyder, who plays the oboe and English horn, will perform with the orchestra in February in California at the national conference of the American String Teachers Association, which sponsors the orchestra.

Snyder's admittance to the national orchestra comes after a highly selective audition process, said Lakewood High School orchestra director Beth Hankins. Audition CDs are judged by a panel of state judges who then narrow the applicants down to a group of about 10 to be nominated for selection in the national orchestra. Ohio received about 500 audition CDs, according to Hankins.

Hankins recalls first meeting Snyder when, as a very young elementary-age student, his parents won, at a school auction, the privilege of conducting the high school orchestra. They chose Jonathan to conduct. "He showed up in a little tuxedo and would only conduct Mozart," Hankins said. "It shows you how at such a young age, music and playing was his focus."

When Snyder arrived at high school years later, he ended up in the orchestra by accident due to a scheduling error that didn't place him in the band as he had requested. Hankins asked him to stay and once she heard him play she realized "this is something special," she said. She immediately helped arrange lessons with a Cleveland Orchestra oboist to help further develop a talent she said comes "once in a generation."

Jonathan Snyder also performs in the high school's Wind Ensemble, Symphony, and Symphonic and Mixed choir and keyboardist for the Lakewood Project rock orchestra. He is a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, as well as the Cleveland Contemporary Youth Orchestra. Here at Messiah, Jonathan is a member of the choir and often performs at worship services on oboe and English horn. He will be featured on Music for Tuesdays at the church on November 17th.

## Are you Passionate About Caring for the Earth and God's Creation?

You may want to join the Earth Ministry team at Messiah. A group is working on starting this ministry and all are welcomed to join. The Earth Ministry will promote the care and conservation of creation by promoting practical ways Messiah members can care for the Earth.

The Earth Ministry team is discussing a variety of projects, including a community garden, fair trade coffee project, speaker series, comprehensive recycling project in collaboration with Messiah School and more.

If these projects sound appealing to you and you'd like to get involved in Earth Ministry, email Emily Humphrey at [ehumphrey@messiahfp.org](mailto:ehumphrey@messiahfp.org).



## Wednesday Bible Classes

Wednesday morning Bible Class will be held at 10 am (or right after Day School Chapel). We'll be looking at the Joseph story in Genesis. Wednesday evening Bible Class will meet at 7:30 pm (right after Evening Prayer (7:00 pm)) - "The Book of Revelation : We Beg to Differ." Bring a Bible or two...both classes meet in the Conference Room, just east of the Administrative Area.

## Women Together in Faith

A Friday morning women's bible study that meets from 9-10:30 every Friday that Messiah school is in session in the conference room. All women are welcome to join us in a new video study by Beth Moore on the great story of Esther. Beth peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to us. Workbooks are available online at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com). Questions? Call Karen Blackburn at 440-871-7486.

## Family News

### *Baptized*

Aaden Anthony Brady, Son of Adam Brady & Natalie Williams, on September 19, 2009

### *Weddings*

Charise Hoffman & Ryan Winter on September 19

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*To the glory of God,  
through the strength  
of the Spirit.*



## *October 25: Reformation Sunday*

A day to celebrate God's best and greatest gift, the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Brass, timpani and choir at both Sunday services. As is our custom, we will celebrate both the faithful work of the 16th century reformers in calling the Church back to the Gospel, and the Church Catholic of which we are a part. Come experience the best of Lutheran worship.

Reformation Brunch from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Wear Something Red!*

## *November 1: All Saints Sunday*

We remember with thanks all who fell asleep in the Lord during the past year.