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MAPS FOR THE JOURNEY

This month we continue a series on important parts of our constitution.

"Chapter 2 CONFESSIONS OF FAITH...

C2.04 This congregation accepts the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as true declarations of the faith of this congregation.

C2.05 This congregation accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as the true witness to the Gospel, acknowledging as one with it in faith and doctrine all churches that likewise accept the teachings of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

C2.06 This congregation accepts the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise, the Small Catechism, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid interpretations of the faith of the Church.

C2.07 This congregation confesses the Gospel, recorded in the Holy Scriptures and confessed in the ecumenical creeds and Lutheran confessional writings, as the power of God to create and sustain the Church for God's mission in the world."

We're deep into vacation time now. Do you remember B.GPS. time? That's when we didn't have GPS's on our dashboards, but instead relied on maps and written directions (or, if you are not a man, asking someone). It's a big world out there and just taking off into the great unknown could be fun and exciting, but also dangerous and time-consuming and boring for those who wanted to get somewhere.

The Bible is the most important document for Christians, for Lutherans and for our congregation. And charging off unaided into its wilderness of 66 different books, written by different authors, in 66 different situations would, no doubt, be fun and exciting. We would learn a lot and, given enough time, we would probably get pretty close to what God wants to say to us.

But we have maps! The maps can help us understand the terrain. These maps have been written by people who have been over the terrain many times before and have looked at older maps to guide them. They know where the blind alleys are, where the most important vistas are, where the dangerous parts are. If we want to know the Bible, we will want to take advantage of these maps. At the same time, we can never forget that the map is NOT the terrain. It only shows the ways we are to go. And so the maps should encourage us to get out there and walk around. On a rare occasion, the map may be wrong or, at least, it might be able to be improved to reflect the reality of the terrain. But in most cases, we will find that the maps are good guides into the Bible.



What are these maps for Christians? One set of maps is the so-called "ecumenical creeds," *i.e.* the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian Creeds. These reflect the consensus of most Christians in the early centuries of the church and reflect the best attempt to summarize the teaching of the Bible about the identity of Jesus (true God and true Human) and of God (Three-in-One, almighty, creator, etc.), among other things.

Lutherans (and our congregational constitution) use some other maps as well. These maps were drawn in 16th century Germany to deal with another question, viz. "How are we saved? How is our relationship with God restored?" These maps attempt to describe "Justification by grace alone through faith alone for the sake of Christ alone" (*i.e.* the Gospel) as the key to understanding the rest of the Bible and recommend that everything the church says, believes and does reflect that central teaching of the Bible. We have assembled them in *The Book of Concord* (the birthday of which I share along with the *Augsburg Confession*, *i.e.* June 25!). Some Lutheran churches around the world prioritize the *Small Catechism* and the *Augsburg Confession* and these are probably the clearest and most easily understood Bible maps in the set. But all are important, even if you might need another map to understand some of the more complicated maps.

So, happy vacationing! Don't forget your GPS or your map if you're headed out of town. And happy Bible exploring! As you do so, take along these trusty maps to guide you: the ecumenical creeds and the Book of Concord. I'd be happy to help you procure your own paper copies of these maps. You can also find public domain versions (the English is a bit archaic) online at www.bookofconcord.org May the Gospel empower you for God's mission to make Jesus-disciples of all the world's ethnicities (Mt 28:19)! - *Pastor Dean*

Vital Statistics

Don Swensson passed
away 7/13/11

Thank yous

7/5/11

Dear

Messiah Members,

Thank you so much for your ordination gift! I will use the *Fourfold Gospels Commentary* many times and will think of you folks when I'm writing sermons and preparing Bible studies.

You folks influenced my call to ministry in more way than you'll know! Thank you for blessing my life those four years of college and for sharing in the Gospel with me.

God's Blessings, Katy Harder; 1614 SW Webster Ave.;
Topeka, KS 66604

7/20/11 Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support for our friends, Larry and Treva Grotelueschen. He passed away last week after a long illness, and we know the family was very appreciative of the prayers they received during such a difficult time.

Sincerely, Cindy and Harvey Daniels

7/18/11 Just wanted to let you know that our daughter-in-law, Joleen Baughman, is home from the hospital and making significant steps in recovery each day. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Neal and Mary Jo Roch

Thrivent News:

* **Open your Thrivent mail** before you pitch it into the trash basket! You may have *Choice Dollars* to give to your designated recipient.

* **August 31** - An identity theft workshop is being held at Bethany Lutheran Church. Open to the public.

* **Thrivent One-Day Bus Trip to Concordia, Kansas**

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Tour includes:

Bus trip with pick-up in McPherson at Grace Lutheran at 8:00 am and Lindsborg at Bethany Lutheran at 8:30 am

- Tour National Orphan Train Museum
- Tour Brown Grand Theatre - (Restored Opera House)
- Lunch at Huckleberry Teahouse
- Tour Nazareth Convent - Home of Sisters of St. Joseph
- Whole Wall Mural/Museum
- Supper in Salina

Cost \$30.00 per person

Contact Bud Benson



READ AHEAD!

2011 Lectionary

		<i>1st Lesson</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Epistle (Romans)</i>	<i>Gospel (Matthew)</i>	<i>Gospel Theme</i>
7 post Pent	Aug 7	1 Kings 19:9-18	85:8-13	10:5-15	14:22-33	J walks on water and calms a storm
8 post Pent	Aug 14	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	67	11:1-2a, 29-32	15:10-28	true purity
9 post Pent	Aug 21	Isaiah 51:1-6	138	12:1-8	16:13-20	Peter's confession
10 post Pent	Aug 28	Jeremiah 15:15-21	26:1-8	12:9-21	16:21-28	Passion prediction
11 post Pent	Sept 4	Ezekiel 33:7-11	119: 33-40	13:8-14	18:15-20	church discipline
12 post Pent	Sept 11	Genesis 50:15-21	103: 1-13	14:1-12	18:21-35	forgive! a lot!

Global Mission Gathering in Wichita

Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday, daytime, September 30 and October 1 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 925 N. Waco, Wichita

Sign up now! ELCA with Central States Synod and Wichita area hosts will bring together people, music, stories, worship, meals, and mission ideas, from here and around the world in a festive welcoming spirit.

Congregations are bringing pastors and leadership teams, in worship, music, education, outreach, youth.

Individuals and families welcome. Make plans and register now. All ages, everyone, across the Synod and beyond, invited.

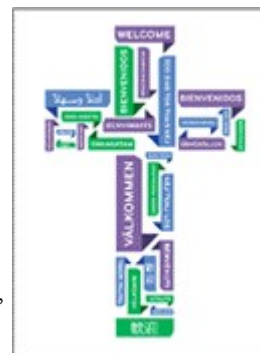
Speakers: Leaders of global and local ministries, including former Bishop Rev. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission.

Workshops: Gather with others to gain and share ideas to strengthen congregational and personal mission and ministry.

Worship, music, and meals in a festive global spirit.

Register now - Only \$35. Online at www.elca.org/glocal; Hotels' special rates listed. Info also on Facebook "Wichita KS Glocal Mission Gathering." For paper registration form, call St. Paul's, 316-263-0810.

Host/Facilitators, for more info: Pr. David Fulton (St. Paul's, 316-263-0819; revdavefulton@live.com), Pr. Sally Fahrenthold (316-683-8649; sallyf@cox.net), and Bishop's Associate Pr. Janice Kibler (913-948-9701; jkibler@css-elca.org).



ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE (www.elca.org/disaster) **Horn of Africa Drought Relief**

The worst drought in 60 years has reached crisis level in East Africa. Thousands and thousands of people in Ethiopia, central and northern Kenya, Djibouti and Somalia are leaving their homes in search of food, water and shelter.

The Dadaab refugee center, managed in partnership with The Lutheran World Federation, was built to accommodate 90,000 people. However, recently more than 380,000 thirsty and hungry people have gathered in and around the center. This number continues to grow with more than 1,000 people arriving daily.

"This is the last of my food, a few beans. I used to grow food myself but there has been no rainfall in eight years, so now I have to buy all my food from the market. The prices keep going up. We only have enough food for one meal a day now, and that goes for all people in this area," says Lucia Muvili Ngotho from the Kalimui village in Mwingi, Kenya.

Your help is needed now to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected. Gifts designated to "Horn of Africa Drought" will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors with immediate and long-term needs. Donations to the undesignated fund help us respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors as they journey to recovery. Thank you! (*You may write your check to MELC, write "Horn of Africa Drought" in the memo and send it to the church office.*)

Message from Mary....

This is the first time in over twenty-five years that I have not attended the Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA. I was really feeling left out until I discovered I could be virtual part of the Gathering as it was streamed live on facebook. It allowed me to hear Bishop Mark Hanson's address live. Bishop Hanson closed his presentation by saying that sometimes the acronym ELCA might also stand for Expectations Low Climbing Anxiety. He reminded us again that the focus of our ministry together must focus, not on the differences, but on our commonalities. He encouraged us have "High Expectations" of the Holy Spirit.

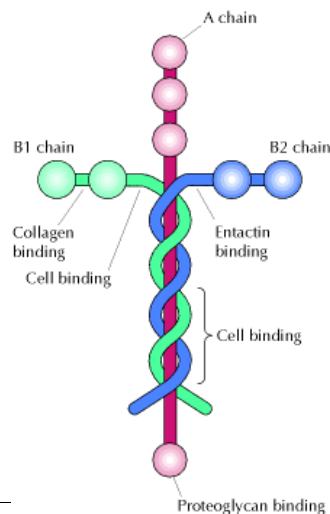
From "How Great is Our God"

*by Pastor Louie Giglio***

Louie talks about how inconceivably BIG our God is.... How He spoke the universe into being... How He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire... etc., etc. He then talks about how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. He goes on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart....how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

Do you know what laminin is? Here is how Wikipedia describes them: 'Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see.... Laminins are what hold us together.... LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. But the most spectacular thing about these laminins is what they LOOK LIKE.

Here is what the structure of laminin looks like... AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it.... If you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see...



Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing. The glue that holds us together... ALL of us... Is in the shape of the cross. Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; All things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him, all things HOLD TOGETHER.' Colossians 1:15-17

Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together... One cell to another... By the cross. You can never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam breathed his first breath!!

*The "Laminin" clip from his message "How Great Is Our God" has been viewed over 3 million times on YouTube alone.

*Grace and Peace,
ME*

Adult Studies in August

Adult Sunday School (Sunday, 11 am, Fellowship Hall) Here and Now, There and Then - Beth Moore Study on Revelation.

A Study is held 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4:30 pm (see weekly schedule). You are welcome to join us! Venues change from week to week, so watch the bulletin for more information.

A Bible study on **Genesis** meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:15 pm for **GenXer's**. In Aug, we will meet only on **Aug 7th** at the Apels' (231 N. Main). For more information or to register your interest, communicate with Pastor Dean.

Men meet every **Saturday morning** at 8:00 am for a Bible study. We are presently discussing the Gospel of **Luke**.



Women's News

No Circle Meetings
Until September

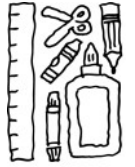
Hannah-Martha



Mary-Ruth Circles

SCHOOL KITS

If you are interested in filling schoolbags, watch the back-to-school sales. Check the list in the Women's Ministry Handbook on page 13. (construction paper not needed)



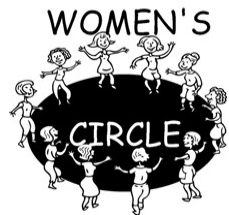
WICK CHOCOLATE BAR

WICK (Women In Christ's Kingdom) will meet on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:00 pm. Women who do not currently belong to a circle are asked to join us for conversation and scrumptious chocolate bar. Our goal is to plan several events for this fall, so bring your ideas to share.



ANOTHER APPETIZING EVENT

On Wednesday, August 31, all Messiah women and their guests are invited to join us. Women of Bethany Church are also invited to join us for the evening which begins at 6:30 when we will enjoy a variety of appetizers. We will hear from the women who attended the Triennial Gathering this year in Spokane and have a preview of the new Bible study that the circles will be using this fall: *To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark*, written by Pastor Patricia Lull. Women of Messiah are each asked to bring an appetizer to share.



SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP August 6, 5:30 pm - Service of the Word

We will take a break for the rest of August while pastor is in Kenya. The Worship Committee will discuss if we want to continue the services in the Fall. Let Pastor Dean know if you have an opinion about the future of Saturday night and/or contemporary worship at Messiah.

Do you have small odd jobs that need to be done? If so, please contact the church office and request the services of Messiah's Yellow shirts.



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Notes from Social Ministry . . .

Our Diaper and Detergent ministry has been successful. Since 10/29/10, we have given out 63 packages of diapers, 41 bottles of detergent, and 15 packages of wipes. We appreciate your donations. We would like to see the tubs filled with diapers, size 3-4-5-6. Any kind or any size detergent is fine. Scott's sometimes has them 2 for \$5.00, or less. Wipes can be purchased at most places. Dillon's has the best prices on diapers.

We are investigating the food programs of Prairie Land Foods and Angel Food, both out of Salina. More to come on that.

If you are currently not serving on a committee, or have an interest in this ministry, we would invite you to become part of the Social Ministry.

Part of being a member of Messiah is your commitment to serve our God and our Community.—De Roth

August 2011 Youth Events



Sr. High(9-12th grades)

August 21, 9:45 am at Bethany, 10:45 at Messiah, parent/youth meeting for NYG, in the youth rooms.

August 28, \$150 Deposit due for NYG. Please give your check to Joyce or LeAnna. (Please make the check payable to Bethany Church)

Jr. and Sr. High Youth

August 21, 3:00 - 4:30, Bethany/Messiah Church Bowling Party in McPherson, at Starlite Lanes, 900 W. Kansas. Cost is \$8.00 for two games of bowling and shoes, or \$5.00 for one game and shoes. Meet at the bowling alley, invite a friend and we'll see you there. All ages are welcome.

Sunday, Aug. 28, 6:00 pm, everyone, meet at Bethany Church for a gutter Sundae competition. We'll be planning for the year ahead. Please bring the following toppings:

7th – chopped nuts or peanuts **8th** - M&M's or other candy toppings

Freshmen - any flavored ice cream syrup **Sophomores** - whipped cream

Juniors – bananas **Seniors** - maraschino cherries

NYG - National Youth Gathering: Current 8th graders - Juniors are eligible to attend the 2012 Youth Gathering, "Citizens with the Saints," in New Orleans, July 18-22. Plan now to attend. Start saving your pennies now, for this "once in a lifetime" trip.

LeAnna DeWitt; 227-3735; ldsewwhat@sbcglobal.net; Joyce Peterson; 227-2201; joycepeterson@sbcglobal.net

Thanks for supporting camp!

We had a great time at Confirmation Camp, "Jesus Chooses You"!

The themes for the days were as follows: Jesus Calls You; Jesus Protects You; Jesus Speaks to You; Jesus Comes to You; and Jesus Meets You. Here is what the youth enjoyed most about the week

Katie Travelstead – I liked the ropes course and making friends

Toby Johnson – I liked the high ropes course and night hiking

Erica Youngquist – I like the high ropes course and pranking the boys

Jacob Bryan - I liked the night hike and the ropes course

Myriah Webster – I liked the activities and games

Seth Peterson – I liked sleeping and the high ropes course

Brynne Stockman – I liked the high ropes course and swimming

Maggie Anderson – I like the high ropes course and getting to know the counselors

Delaney Johnson – I liked the night hike, the ropes course and making new friends

Yohannes Apel – I liked the high ropes course and FOB (Feet on Bunk) time

Kelsie Anderson - I liked the night-hike, the ropes course, meeting new friends, and the counselors.

and *Kate Deterding* – I liked the high ropes and swimming.

The following Messiah members also attended camp at Tomah Shinga this summer: *Kyle Anderson, Lukas Apel, Maria Apel and Nick Reinert.*



Get excited for Sunday School!

We look forward to a new year of studying the Bible with you and your children!

This school year, nursery age through 8th graders will be following a lectionary-based curriculum called, *Feasting on the Word*. Senior High students will learn about Christ's attributes. Subjects for adult classes will be announced later.

Sunday School Volunteers

Co-Superintendents: Anki Apel and Kim Hett

Christian Education Committee Chairperson: Ted Kessinger

Pre-School Coordinator: (see below)

Lower Grade School Teacher: Anki Apel

Upper Grade School Teachers: Phil and Kim Hett

Middle School Coordinator: Holly Lindquist

High School Coordinator: Nick Brumbaugh

Aug 28, 11 am *A Gathering for Sunday School Teachers*

Sept 11, 10:30 am *RALLY DAY!*

Sept 18, 11 am *Sunday School Begins*

Volunteer teachers willing to make a two Sunday/semester commitment are still needed for Pre-school, Middle School and High School. Let Sherry or Pastor Dean or the co-superintendents know if you are willing to serve our kids in this or any other way!



Attention-Parents and Potential Sunday School Teachers and Helpers of Children, birth - 6 yrs

We will be holding a very important brainstorming session on Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing ideas about how to organize this very important area of our Christian Education.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

KICK

KICK will begin in September. This will be our second year and we hope it will be even bigger and better than our first year. We have some exciting things planned for this year. We are in the process of securing the needed volunteers. If you could volunteer just once a month that would be really, really great. Please contact Mary at 227.5747 or marybridges@mlc.kscoxmail.com.

Yes, I want to help!

___ ELCA Disaster Response: *Horn of Africa Drought* \$ _____ IDG0067

___ ELCA Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ IDG0016

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Give through your local congregation or send your check directly to:

**ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center,
Chicago, IL 60694-9300**

write "*Horn of Africa Drought*" or "

Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line.



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

When we don't have fresh news from Gloria Sauck, our missionary in Kenya, we will try to share some articles she has written in the past. Since 1992, Gloria Sauck has been working to establish and improve health care (especially eye care) in northern Kenya. Recently she has also taken on the responsibility of coordinating all the medical work in the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. I did my pastoral internship at Arsim 1990-1992 and left there just before Gloria arrived. - Pastor Dean

Rejoice in God's Faithfulness by Gloria Sauck, Missionary of WMPL (reprinted with permission from *Fellow Workers, A Publication of the World Mission Prayer League - A Lutheran Missionary Society*, Jan/Feb 1996) as told to Joyce Ruohoniemi.

"But as for me, I would seek God and to God I would commit my cause - Who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number" (Job 5:8,9, NKJV)

When I was four years old I had a severe illness and reacted to a medicine so had to be rushed off to the city for treatment and nearly died. Twenty-one years later, as I was preparing to leave for Taiwan as a missionary nurse, my mother told me she had prayed at the time of that illness that if God would spare me she would release me to serve him in some special way. Here was the answer to that prayer and I had not even known it!

After a term of two-and-a-half years in Taiwan, I visited Kenya on my way back to the US. It was a very negative experience; I did not like the country at all! It seemed so dry and dirty and not at all a place I would want to live. Once back in the US, I studied for a BA in nursing. I became involved in St. Paul's Lutheran Church where I first heard of the World Mission Prayer league. On a two-week mission trip to Mexico in 1990, the Lord spoke to me through a verse from Psalm 63 about a "dry and thirsty land" and asked if I would be willing to go there. Later, the suggestion came from World Mission Prayer League that I might serve in Kenya, but I still wasn't ready to go. The negative experience of my first visit there had definitely put me off Kenya! However, I did choose to be part of the WMPL and at the briefing [orientation] course in 1991 the Lord dealt with my unwillingness. Through the story of Peter and Cornelius in Acts 10 he showed me I was to despise no people or place and I was led to repentance and healing. In August 1992 I was off to Kenya! First there was language study and that first year was a wonderful confirmation of God's call to Kenya. Then came the testings.

On June 23, 1994, at about 2:00 p.m., I was driving a brand new Toyota Hilux [pickup]. About a half hour out of Nairobi four men in another vehicle shot out the side window; one bullet grazed my wrist. Two of the men kidnapped me in my vehicle and took off, following the other car. Throughout this journey they talked of raping me and made rude and ugly suggestions. I expected rape and death at any moment. They drove about twenty minutes, then turned off on a dirt road. By God's mercy they simply let me off and drove away with the Toyota and all the medical supplies and money for [dispensary worker] salaries that it contained. I was at last able to flag down a truck by standing in the road waving my arms frantically and that driver took me as far as the tar road. From there I was able to get to the police station in a *matatu* (pickup or van that has been made into a public passenger vehicle). At the police station they were not sure the crime was in their jurisdiction, so when my friends from Nairobi arrived we had to go to a second station and return to the scene before the report could be made. It was 8:00 p.m. by the time we got back to the mission house in Nairobi. Throughout the two months following, as I was harassed by dreams and fears, I never doubted God's call for me to be in Kenya. He was faithful.

Three weeks later, in July 1994, I was back at my station in Arsim, riding my camel, when he bucked me off. One of my feet stuck in the stirrups and I was dragged along with my head bouncing off the ground. A huge hematoma developed on my head but I was able to walk back to the dispensary. Two months later I was back on the camel again.

On July 7, 1995, I was riding in a *matatu* when it was involved in a head-on collision and turned over on its side. My right leg was crushed beneath the engine which had broken loose, and I ended up in a pile that included several other passengers. We were all taken to a village hospital but I knew I must get to Nairobi. My leg was nearly cut off and I was losing a lot of blood. There was a flying doctor service in that area but, due to lack of fuel and disorganization, I could not get to the airport where a plane had waited until, because of the coming darkness, it had to leave without me. With my skirt twisted around my leg as a tourniquet, I insisted on getting a *matatu* for the seven-hour ride to Nairobi. I was faint from loss of blood and had to keep putting my head down. A message mistakenly sent to the mission folk had sent them off in the opposite direction to look for me.

I was forty days in the Nairobi Hospital and had four surgeries on the leg including skin grafts. A procession of nine different roommates shared my room. A Muslim doctor, who later had to leave my case and have surgery himself, first took care of me. The second doctor was a Hindu and had a son studying in Minnesota so there was instant rapport with him. I was able to share about Jesus with a ll of them and they were able to see with their own eyes God's healing as I regained use of my leg and the would healed.



Messiah Worship Assistants - August 2011

Thank you for your time of serving. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone and call the church office at 227-3977 by noon on Wednesday.

8/7/11	Service of the Word (ELW 10)
Acolyte	Sammie Aeschliman
Lector	Jeanne Ahlers
Liturgist	John Presley
Nursery Attendant	Emily Deterding
Children's Sermon	Linda Lewis
Greeters	Sharon and Kirsten Bruce
Ushers	Dave Janis, Capt; Bill Brock, Andy Carlson, Bill Lindholm, Phil Hett
Altar Stewards	Joy Janis and Deb Ruud
Counters	Brian Anderson and Deb Ruud

8/14/11	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Curtis Carlson and Dani Rome
Lector	Karl Ruud
Liturgist	John Presley
Nursery Attendant	Mary Evans
Greeters	Bud and Cheryl Rothgeb
Ushers	Bill Taylor, Capt; Erik Peterson, Bob Nyquist, Jay Jensen, Julie Aeschliman
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward(s)	Joy Janis and Deb Ruud
Counters	Deb Ruud and Marc Anderson

8/21/11	Service of the Word (ELW 10)
Acolyte	Kate Deterding
Lector	Patty Karstadt
Liturgist	John Presley
Nursery Attendant	Mijkin Haxton
Children's Sermon	Joy Janis
Greeters	Kenny Bridges and John Flohr
Ushers	Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Marc Anderson, Ken Peterson, Jim Pitts
Altar Steward(s)	Joy Janis and Deb Ruud
Counters	Deb Ruud and Marc Anderson

8/28/11	Holy Communion
Acolytes/s	Emma Flynn and Annie Reinert
Lector	Bill Gusenius
Liturgist	John Presley
Nursery Attendant	Marilyn Sjogren
Greeters	Donna Forsberg and Betty Peterson
Ushers	Tom DeWitt, capt; Bill Gusenius, Neal Roch, Ron Wilson, Stephen DeWitt
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward(s)	Joy Janis and Deb Ruud
Counters	Marc Anderson and Russ Hefner

MELC's Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord

Everyone is welcome

Love changes people

Everyone has gifts to offer

God sends us as servants to the world

We commit to grow in faith

Messiah Church Staff

Ministers: All members of Messiah

Pastor: Dean Apel

Parish Ministry Associate: Mary Bridges

Office Manager: Sherry Peterson

Maintenance: Kenny Bridges

Custodians: Kenny Bridges, Ken Peterson

Assistant Custodian: Barb Malm

Youth Directors: LeAnna DeWitt, Joyce Peterson

Choir Director: Becky Anderson

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