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This month we begin a series of Monitor articles on essential parts of our congregational constitution.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution

"Chapter 2 CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

C2.01 This congregation confesses the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C2.02 This congregation confesses **Jesus Christ** as Lord and Savior and **the Gospel** as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. *Jesus Christ* is the **Word of God** incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.
- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both *Law and Gospel* is the **Word of God**, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- c. The *canonical Scriptures* of the Old and New Testament are the written **Word of God**. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world."

What makes a church, denomination or congregation one? In what does our unity consist? In recent years, I've increasingly heard phrases such as we just need to "be church together" or "do church together" and then focusing on different fellowship activities or service projects. In many ways, fellowship and service are essential goals for any church. For our Lutheran confessions, however, the unity of the church and the true essence of the church has to do with two things: rightly preaching the gospel and administering Baptism and Holy Communion in accordance with the gospel and the Word (see Augsburg Confession, Article VII on p. 4). "Doing church" is preaching and administering the sacraments. "Being church" is gathering together to receive those things. Whatever else a church does is supplemental to these things.

It is not surprising then that after some formalities about name and incorporation, our congregational constitution begins by unifying our identity and our work around confessions of what we believe. Although there may be latitude in the details of what we believe and how we practice our worship, the format of the constitution urges us to center ourselves, our fellowship and our work on statements of belief about Jesus and the Gospel. In His high priestly prayer (John 17:11, 21), Jesus prays that all who believe in Him might be one. The unity does not consist of some general belief in mercy or good works

or peace, but in believing in **Jesus**. Therefore our constitution highlights who this Jesus is and the message (the Gospel) which He brings. The constitution confesses a high view of Jesus. He is Lord, Savior, Creator; through Him and His death God fashions a new creation; He is the Word of God, the Center of the Old and New Testaments. The message in which we believe is the **Gospel**, the good news that through Jesus, we are reconciled to God and made a new creation in Him.

In order to be unified in this belief in Jesus and the Gospel, we are given two special gifts—the proclamation of Law and Gospel, judgment and mercy, **preaching** the Bible (creation, Israel and Jesus). During the summer months, I plan to do some reading about God outside in the "Book of Nature." I hope you will as well, but our unity as a congregation will consist more in assembling to hear the preaching of Law and Gospel. So as you plan some time for nature, plan most of your Sunday mornings to be with us here for the preaching of God's Word. The other gift for our unity is the **Scriptures** themselves. They are also the "Word of God" provided by God Himself, God's own breath, through which God speaks to create and sustain faith. The Bible as a collection of ancient books written over a long history by many different people can easily be molded like a "wax nose" into whatever shape a person might prefer. The Scriptures contribute to our unity and are able to exercise their proper authority, however, only when we seek a single meaning of each text and when we seek a common interpretation for our community. We get the Scriptures through preaching, but also in our individual and corporate study (*i.e.* Bible studies, Sunday School, etc).

May God continue even this summer to unite us in Jesus and in His Word (preaching and the Scriptures)! - Pastor Dean



Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

HOSPICE OF SALINA—ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
Kaye Pogue Hospice Center
730 Holly Lane, Salina, Kansas

Vacation Bible School

Bethany/Messiah Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday-Friday, May 31-June 3, 9:00-11:30 am, at Bethany Church. Registration forms are available online and in the church offices. The curriculum, PandaMania, focused on Psalm 139, will be used. The key points and stories are as follows:

Day 1 - Bible Point: God made you.

Bible Story: God creates the world (Genesis 1).

Day 2 - Bible Point: God listens to you.

Bible Story: Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:16-39).

Day 3 - Bible Point: God watches over you.

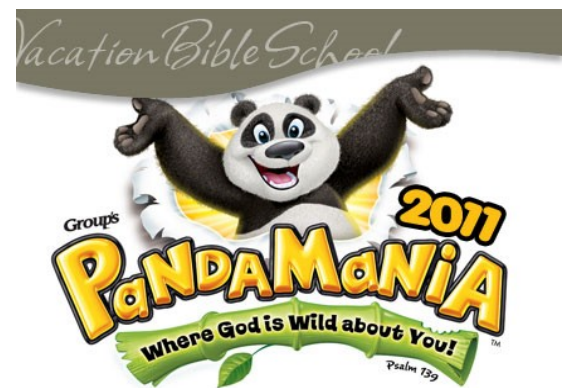
Bible Story: Jonah tries to escape from God (Jonah 1-3).

Day 4 - Bible Point: God loves you, no matter what.

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life (Luke 23:1-24:12).

Theme Verse: "Lead me along the path of everlasting life." (Psalm 139:24)

Many helpers are needed. (Please call Melissa Brumbaugh 227-3065, Holly Lindquist 227-8905, Joyce Peterson 227-2201, or Rebecca VanDerWege 227-4211 to volunteer.)



Thank yous

Everyone appreciated the help they received during our recent 'Spring into Service' project:

I just want to thank everyone to come to my house and washed windows on Saturday. I appreciated it so much! Virginia Henry

Thank you, John, for doing my deck. Betty Holcombe

Thanks for the window washers and for cleaning my patio and raking my leaves. Marge Olson

Thank you so much for cleaning under the bushes in my lawn, Sherry, Margaret; Mary Jo and Neal for cutting bushes, and Andy for hauling it all away. Patty

Thanks to all who came to my house, I'll never be able to thank you enough. LaVerne Larson

Thanks for roto-tilling and washing windows! Betty

Thanks for doing my windows! Lucille Johnson

To the window washing crew, you guys did a fantastic job! Donna Forsberg

Just a few words of thanks for the kind help wch we received during the April 30th 'Spring into Service' program. We appreciate so much the volunteers who made trips to the 'boneyard' and the McPherson transfer station on our behalf. It might have been a long time before we would have been able to take care of such tasks. Yours in Him, Kay and Vic

Thanks for washing our windows. It's so nice to be able to see out! Chuck and Joyce

May 17, 2011
Dear Messiah,
Thanks so much for letting us stay in your church! It was very cool and we really enjoyed the youth room and everything.
Love, Bethany Lutheran
Overland Park, KS.
7th Grade Class

READ AHEAD!

2011 Lectionary

		<i>1st Lesson</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Gospel Theme</i>
Ascen-sion	June 2	Acts 1:1-11	47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53	Jesus ascends to His Father
7th Easter	June 5	Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11	High Priestly Prayer
Pentecost	June 12	Acts 2:1-21	104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23	The Arrival of the Holy Spirit
Trinity	June 19	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	8	1 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20	The 1-in-3; 3-in-1

		<i>1st Lesson</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Epistle (Romans)</i>	<i>Gospel (Matthew)</i>	<i>Gospel Theme</i>
2 post Pent	Jun 26	Jeremiah 28:5-9	89:1-4, 15-18	6:12-23	10:40-42	welcoming the disciples
3 post Pent	July 3	Zechariah 9:9-12	145: 8-14	7:15-25a	11:1-19	dancing God's dance
4 post Pent	July 10	Isaiah 55:10-13	65:1-13	8:1-11	13:1-9, 18-23	the parable of soils
5 post Pent	July 17	Isaiah 44:6-8	86: 11-17	8:12-25	13:24-30, 36-43	weeds and wheat
6 post Pent	July 24	1 Kings 3:5-12	119: 129-136	8:26-39	13:31-33, 44-52	the kingdom's hiddenness
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



SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Saturday worship returns.

Starting June 17, join us at 5:30 pm on Saturday evenings in June and July for worship. We'll offer a variety of services all with contemporary music and instrumentation. If you would like

to help with the services in any way (singing, playing, set-up, fellowship, video), please contact Pastor Dean.

June 18, 5:30 pm - Service of the Word

June 25, 5:30 pm - Holy Communion

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for the use of your facilities for our piano recital on May 15.

Muriel Gentine and Darlene Handlin

Message from Mary....

The dictionary defines a journey as an act or instance of traveling from one place to another or something suggesting travel or passage from one place to another. Sometimes we use journey as a synonym for life while in reality our life is a series of journeys many of which occur at this time of year which is filled with transitions and changes as the school year ends and we experience a variety of endings and beginnings.

Sometimes we make specific plans for our journey and we simply go from point A to point B. At other times our journeys are filled with twists and turns, straight paths and detours and we find ourselves in a place we weren't expecting to go. At times we simply start our journey not knowing where it will lead us. Some journeys are filled with happiness and joy while other journeys are filled with sadness and despair. A journey can also occur without leaving the comfort of our favorite chair as we open a book and our minds are transported to another place.

The most constant thing about a journey is that each and every one has the potential to change us in some way. One of my favorite quotes is the one from Jeremiah 29:11, in which we are reminded that God knows the plans He has for us. In order to write our life story we must first embark on our journeys. Every journey is filled with the potential to change who we are.

I want to thank Rachel Loder who shared this quote from Donald Miller, a writer, in her graduation display. Miller reminds us that while the journeys of our lives will change us, we need not be afraid because we are never alone.

"And so my prayer is that your story will have involved some leaving and some coming home, some summer and some winter, some roses blooming out like children in a play. My hope is your story will be about changing, about getting something beautiful born inside of you, about learning to love a woman or a man, about

learning to love a child, about moving yourself around water, around mountains, around friends, about learning to love others more than we love ourselves... We get one story, you and I, and one story alone. It would be a crime not to venture out, wouldn't it? I want to repeat one word for you: Leave. Roll the word around on your tongue for a bit. It is a beautiful word, isn't it? So strong and forceful, the way you have always wanted to be. And you will not be alone. You have never been alone. Don't worry. Everything will still be here when you get back. It is you who will have changed."

GRACE AND PEACE,
ME

Adult Studies in June

Adult Sunday School (11 am)

Here and Now, There and Then - Beth Moore Study on Revelation, starts June 19 in the Fellowship Hall.

A Bible study on **Colossians** is held every other Sunday afternoon at 5 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 June, we will meet on the 12th and 26th 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**.

"It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel.

"For this is enough for the true unity of the Christian church that there the gospel is preached harmoniously [*i.e.* with one accord] according to a pure understanding and the sacraments are administered in conformity with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that uniform ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere. As Paul says in Ephesians 4[:4-5]: 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.'" - *Augsburg Confession, Article VII (German Text)*



Thanks to our Sunday School Teachers

If you see any of these teachers, please thank them for their investment in Messiah's Future!

Anki Apel	Mijkin Haxton	Holly Lindquist
Melissa Brumbaugh	Phil Hett	LeAnna DeWitt
Joy Everhart	Gay Lindholm	Julie Aeschliman
Sammie Aeschliman	Kelly Carlson	Andy Carlson
Marc Anderson	Anne Anderson	Annie Reinert

KICK

It was only a year ago that a task force of Messiah and Bethany members gathered to talk about an after-school program. We had a lot of hopes and dreams for this new program, which we named KICK or "Kids In Christ's Kingdom," but it is only because of the faithful support of the myriad of volunteers that it was so successful. We had 81 children enrolled and served meals to 120. We had volunteers who were there week after week, volunteers that helped once a month, volunteers who brought food, volunteers who made phone calls and sent emails. It is impossible to name all of them but we want to THANK each and every one of them. We do want to thank all of the coordinators who put in some many hours. THANKS TO: Andy and Kelly Carlson, Jaime Nickel, Ann Johnson, Mary Parker, Walli Ellis, Amy Dreier, Anki Apel, Linda Branch, Ted Kessinger, Nancy Kessinger, Sharon Hoffman, Joyce Englund, Donna Ruble, Mary Lindgren, Kally Tuttle, Marilyn Sjogren, Kris Swanson, Anne Metcalfe, Genevieve Bishop, Lan Nelson, Kat Washut, Jodi Bachand, and Ken Bridges. A special THANKS to those who supported us financially! And a huge thank-you to all of the parents who shared their children with us week after week.

We are looking forward to an even bigger and better program next year.

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ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Midwest on May 22, 2011, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing at least 89 people. Residents describe the city as "unrecognizable." This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms. ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornadoes, rising waters and leveled by destructive winds. Our church is reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing the needs—working together for as long as it takes.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected by these disasters. **Gifts designated to "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover.** Donations given "Where Needed Most" help to respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery. Thank you!

MAY 2011 www.elca.org/disaster

Yes, I want to help!

ELCA Disaster Response: *U.S. Severe Storms* \$ _____ DDG0074

ELCA Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City State ZIP code _____

Email Address _____

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:

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

write "U.S. Severe Storms" or "Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line.



Women's News

No Circle Meetings
June, July, and August

Hannah-Martha



Mary-Ruth Circles

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will be taking a break for the summer months and will resume in the fall. If you have questions, please contact Mary at 227.5747 or marybridges@mlc.kscoxmail.com. Open to all.



Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 9, 2011 10:00 am

Information about donating a quilt for the auction or attending is available in the office or at www.tomahshinga.com.

WICK NOW ON FACEBOOK

Attention Women: WICK (Women In Christ's Kingdom) now has a group on Facebook. Won't you become one of our groupies and connect to women in the Smoky Valley?



SCRAPBOOKING AND CRAFT NIGHT

FRIDAY—June 24—6:00 pm to midnight

All women of Messiah and their guests are invited to join us for our monthly Scrapbooking and Craft Night. Our hours are 6:00 p.m. to midnight. At 6:30 pm we will enjoy a light supper. Last month's stone salad was such a hit we will do it again. Salad greens will be provided and everyone is asked to bring their favorite salad ingredient or crackers. Drinks are also provided. Please bring a snack to share. Scrapbooking tools are available for your use, including a Cricut cutting system. You simply need to bring your pictures, memorabilia, albums, paper and/or embellishments. We have experienced scrapbookers available to help beginners. If you don't scrapbook, please bring your current craft project, sewing, or mending and join us. Or stop by and say "HI" and have a snack with us. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! QUESTIONS???

CALL MARY 227-5747 PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND!!!!

RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE

Based on Philippians 4:4-9 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.....Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Women of Messiah and their guests are invited to attend a one-day retreat
Saturday, July 30 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join us as we look at these three words.

As numerous as the stars in the sky are God's many gifts to us. We are renewed by the promise that God continues to be revealed in our world today.

It is easy to see how to be renewed by simply celebrating the many times God's peace has made us able to respond.

Being able to always rejoice in God's love is the priceless gift God has given to all.

A free-will offering will be taken to help defray costs. You are invited to come for the whole day if your schedule will allow; if not, come for the morning and leave after lunch or come for lunch and stay for the afternoon. Please RSVP by July 20, so we will have an idea of our lunch count.

Call Messiah (227-3977) church office to register! Contact Mary Bridges if you have questions.

June 2011 Youth Events

Congratulations to our Seniors!



Stephen DeWitt
(Bethany College,
Biology)



Haley Martin
(Hutchinson Comm.
College, Physical Therapist
Assistant Program)



Daniel Norland
(College Undecided,
Music)



Taylor Whittaker
(Bethany College,
Engineering)



Elias Peterson
(McPherson College,
Graphic Design)



Tiffany Youngquist
(KSU or Bethany
College, Secondary
Math Education)



Rachel Loder (Rotary Exchange
Program, Barcelona, Spain)

Jr. and Sr. High

Sunday, June 5, 9:30am, all youth are asked to help with the youth service in North Park. Please meet early at 9:30 before the service to hand out bulletins, and get organized for the 10:00 service.
Summer Bible Study, (for youth finishing 8th to 12th grades) - are you interested in meeting weekly for a Bible Study? If so, please email or visit with Pastor Dean. The time, dates and venue are yet to be decided.

Confirmation Camp - June 26 - July 1 - Please keep Pastor Apel, Yohannes Apel, Kelsie Anderson, Maggie Anderson, Harley Brodin, Jacob Bryan, Kate Deterding, Delaney Johnson, Toben Johnson, Katie Patterson, Joyce Peterson, Seth Peterson, Brynne Stockman, Myriah Webster, and Ericka Youngquist in your prayers during this special week. (Kyle Anderson, Lukas Apel, Maria Apel & Nick Reinert will attend other sessions at Tomah Shinga this summer. Pray for them as well!)

NYG - National Youth Gathering

Current 8th graders through Juniors are eligible to attend the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Financial assistance from the national church is available if needed. Parents or students, please talk to Joyce or LeAnna if you're interested in applying for these scholarships.

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Youth Directors: LeAnna DeWitt, Joyce Peterson

Choir Director: Becky Anderson

Organist: Nic Carlson

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

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. Matongo was our home for many years. The experience Gloria narrates below took place just after Anki and I left Matongo in 1992. - Pastor Dean



...We're Your Family Now by Gloria Sauck, Missionary of WMPL (reprinted with permission from *Fellow Workers, A Publication of the World Mission Prayer League - A Lutheran Missionary Society, April 1993*)

I could just barely see Mama Anna's face, beautifully etched with lines revealing years of happiness and hard work, as we sat visiting in her dimly-lit living room with the flickering kerosene lantern casting dancing shadows all around. She had been telling me more about her ten living children and their families when she stopped and said to me, "I know you have your own family there in America, but while you are here in Kenya we're your family now." I was deeply moved by her gracious words of welcome, which were the explicit statement of the kindness, generosity and 'belonging' that I had been experiencing throughout that whole weekend stay in Pastor Michoro's home. I realized I was beginning to understand more about the importance and meaning of family in the African context.

I am grateful to have been attending a language school that takes cultural orientation and understanding seriously as an important aspect of language acquisition. Our assignment was to spend a weekend (at least 24 hours) in a Kenyan family's home and speak to them only in Swahili. I decided to stay three full days. Some of the goals for the weekend were an in-depth cultural contact and language immersion, introduction to an area of the country and the missionaries and church workers there, learning and practicing African social skills, 'thinking on my feet' in Swahili in a complete Swahili context without teachers or textbooks, and an opportunity to give a Christian testimony in Swahili before an African congregation. So with the help of Mike and Gail Koski, arrangements were made for me to stay with the Michoro family in Matongo, not far from the Lutheran Bible College there.

The Michoros are from the Kisii tribe of western Kenya. Pastor Michoro, now retired, was one of the first pastors of the ELCK and was very instrumental in establishing Lutheran work in the Matongo area. That he is very well known and respected in the Matongo community became obvious as we walked together through the area, greeting and visiting with people along the way.

In many ways their home is typical of many rural family homes in western Kenya these days. On the compound are a mixture of modern buildings and houses as well as the traditional thatch-roofed mud houses. Cows, goats and chickens freely roam the yard, making lawn mowing unnecessary but watching where you step very necessary! There is no electricity, running water, telephone or indoor plumbing. But there is the several-acre garden lush with banana trees, pineapple plants, maize, sweet potatoes, coffee trees, tea bushes, papaya trees, sugar cane and many other vegetables.

Various family members live in those houses on the compound. Pastor Michoro and his wife Anna had their own house. One son and his family have a home there also. Their widowed daughter-in-law and her children live in another house. There were also a few other extended family members living there. Two other sons and their families have homes nearby in the community. So I had many opportunities to have language immersion, thinking on my feet in Swahili, learning and practicing African social skills, as I visited and ate with all those various family members, and a few neighbors as well, during the three days. And I had the opportunity to share my Christian testimony in Swahili before a packed-full congregation of around 500 people Sunday morning at Matongo Lutheran Church. Those were the goals I was expecting to meet, but it was the unexpected thing that has moved, challenged and excited me the most.

I walked into their home as a stranger and guest and was treated as such. I left with understanding that I now 'belonged,' and was treated as such. The morning I left I was given a 'sack lunch' to eat during my journey. Then Sabina, the widowed daughter-in-law, said she would accompany me all the way to Kisumu to make sure I got on a bus to Nairobi without trouble. (Dozens of times during these past six months in Kenya I have seen brothers, sisters, cousins and spouses accompanying their family member to the bus or train. Even my house girl asked for a day off once to escort her cousin to the local bus. How important family is to Kenyans.)

Then suddenly I was walking down the winding, rock road outside their home, with Sabina sharing the load of my suitcase between us, and feeling very honored to be treated like a sister. In spite of many stares from people along the way, Sabina gave no hint of being ashamed of the foreigner she was accompanying.

What a wonderful picture of what it is like to be in the family of God. Through faith in Jesus Christ we are made children of God. Hebrews 2:11 says, "Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers." And we are not left alone on our earthly journey once we are in God's family. He has given us his word to chew on as our spiritual food and strength. He has given us his Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey, comfort us, accompany us, and help us with our burdens even on the roughest and rockiest spots in life. And we have our brothers and sisters in Christ...

What an awesome privilege it is to be like Mama Anna in our world, telling people about the family of God and then inviting them to become members as well! Thank you, Michoro family, for the living example you are in what Christian missions is all about.

The **Christian Education Committee** and **KICK** are planning for the 2011/2012 school year. Please consider helping with one of these important ministries.

Your name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Sunday School, 11 – 11:50am

Teach Sunday school

- I'm willing to teach the full school year (Sept – May)
- I'm willing to teach the Fall Semester (Sept-Dec)
- I'm willing to teach the Spring Semester (Jan-May)
- I prefer to teach in several two-week segments interspersed throughout the school year
- I prefer to teach with a co-teacher
- I'm willing to substitute teach

I prefer to teach the following ages

- Pre-school
- K-3rd/4th grades
- 3rd/4th – 6th grades
- Middle school (7th-8th grades)
- High school (9th-12th grades)

I'm willing to help with or lead the following Sunday School activities

- Rally Day (Sept)
- Christmas Program (Nov/Dec)

KICK, Wednesday, Sept – May, times will vary

- Set out snacks and clean up
- Coordinate the nursery workers
- Coordinate the recreation helpers
- Supervise a board Game Room
- Help in the kitchen with meal preparation
- Send food for meals
- Make phone calls for the committee

Please keep the Christian Education Committee and KICK in your prayers as we secure workers for these ministries of Messiah. If you have questions, or need more specifics, please check with Pastor Dean, PMA Mary or Ted Kessinger (x2107, tkessinger@cox.net)

return your reply on email or to the church office

Thank You!

The Bethany Lutheran Church Christian Education Committee invites:
June 26, Emerald Lake Hot Dog Roast, 4-7 pm.

Come early at 4:00 if you want to swim, hotdogs served at 6 pm.