

THE MONITOR

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Dear Church!

As I am travelling in Papua New Guinea, I wanted to share with you one of the core values of the ELCA's Mission Theology, the value of Accompaniment.

If you think of Tyler's accompaniment during worship, of Melody's, of Sue Untz', of Steve Gustafson's, all their differing styles and tempos, their ways of leading and following the congregation, you get a small picture of what accompaniment means. If "mission" is a way of being, a journey for us as Christians, then accompaniment as mission means we not only walk with people, we learn from them as well as teach them by being in relationship. Being in relationship means continually working on bridging, on celebrating and reconciling so that the interactions we have are full and rich and loving.

As we grow in mission here at Messiah, what would you say is happening in our world today—both in our community, our nation, and globally? What is hopeful? What is challenging?

When we answer these questions, when we discuss the answers in community, we then take time to think about what is loving in these answers and what is not about love. Expressing our Christian identity takes the form of intentional action as people seek to "love God, love yourself, and love your neighbor." The answers to the questions, then, lead us to find ways to hear God calling us to empower love, to empower people so that they might become loving in word and deed.

It is important that we not answer the questions above based solely on our opinions and impressions. Those are quite important, however, they are not the end of information, nor are they typically inclusive of opinions and impressions which differ from our own. Conversation in community, with people who see things differently that we do, are imperative to discovering a call to action. Perhaps it begins with the group which is discussing the questions. Perhaps those gathered need to do some research and connect again. God seeks to bring us all together in unity, in love, in reconciliation, in universal focus on lifting up the other. This takes times and integrity. It also takes an open mind and an open heart.

Accompaniment is a way of crossing boundaries, both geographical and spiritual. People coming to know one another and growing into relationship even when they don't agree, even when they don't like each other or look or sound alike, this is the gospel mission. Love first in all things. When we begin to practice this, we begin to see, very dimly, how God sees us: perfect, worthy, empowered, fully and openly complete as we are.

Who in our community do we not see very well? Who is so "different" that we don't notice or acknowledge our failure to be in relationship with that population or demographic? With whom might we be walking—and are not—because we are truly uninformed and insulated?

This is the call to discipleship that is the Accompaniment Theology of Mission. To name the barriers we put up and to step through them into new ways of learning and being in the world with others. There is no real end-goal to this, it is a lifestyle that shares God's love and, in God's infinite mystery, brings that love back to us, growing us, strengthening us to share even more with others.

In Papua New Guinea, we are continuing this relationship, redefining our mission with them, and working towards growing deepened and loving ways of sharing God's love across the world (literally!), across the communities we visit, and with the people we've met and come to know, even in part.

May you consider this idea, accompaniment, and may it challenge and grow you. May we as Messiah Lutheran begin to talk about these things, looking to what God is calling us to in, through, and outside of our congregation. May we be empowered to try new ways of opening ourselves to God's uniting love in all circumstances.

Blessings, Church! See you soon!
Pastor Amy

While Pastor Amy is travelling, Pastor Dick Monson will lead worship and Phil Hett will cover pastoral care needs. Please contact the office if you need to speak with either of these pastors. Please pray for Pastor Amy and the PNG delegation as they revisit our companion synod agreements that will lead us into the future together. Pastor will be praying for you!

A special offering was taken at Melissa Woeppel's Service of Ordination, held at Messiah on July 12, 2019. \$176 was gathered and then sent to the charities of Pastor Melissa's choice as follows: \$59 to ELCA AAMPARO, \$59 to Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, and \$58 to The Poor People's Campaign. Thank you for your generous support of Pastor Woeppel and the charities supported through your giving.

We are looking forward to a new year of KICK (Kids In Christ's Kingdom)! If your child would like to participate in KICK, please pick up and return the registration form to Bethany or Messiah Church by Sept. 1. We will have "KICK Kick Off" on Wed. Sept 11, at Bethany Church. All children are invited to join us from 3:35 – 5:45, to sign up for classes and fun activities. This will be followed by a meal served from 5:45 -6:20.

Anyone wishing to provide **flowers** for a month, special event or a commemoration, please see Cindy in the office.



by Jeanne Ahlers

With the start of the new school year, the pace of life is picking up from the relaxation of summer. And among those activities will be the musical groups at Messiah.

The No SS Band has enlivened church services during the last few years. It's always a refreshing experience to hear our young people present their music. Their performances are a welcome addition to the Messiah musical scene, and something to look forward to.

The Senior Choir will be back on the scene beginning in September. As always, new members will be more than welcome. Director Mark Lucas will doubtlessly have some surprises up his sleeve! And anyone who saw this summer's Broadway RFD production of *Into the Woods* can attest to his creativity and imagination. (His whole family took part! Jeanne was an absolutely unforgettable witch!)

Special events like the annual Christmas Candlelight Service can be counted on to enhance the church year. Why not take part in it?

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA
QUILT AUCTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2019

Camp Tomah Shinga
Junction City, KS
11:00 a.m. Quilts on Display
12:00 p.m. Lunch is Served
1:00 p.m. Auction Begins

All are welcome to come for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and supporting outdoor ministries! All proceeds go directly to Camp Tomah Shinga!



What an exciting, worthwhile time we had at our 32nd Central States (KS and MO) Synod Convention in Wichita. In one weekend we were blessed with excellent music, meaningful focus groups, and a wonderful theme related Bible Study led by Joy Michalicek from Duluth, MN representing the W/ELCA executive board. Listening to Bishop Elect Rev. Susan Candeia give the opening devotions and Sunday morning message were also highlights. The opening love offering on Friday night brought in \$1921.80.

It's always good to see representatives from Bethany Home, Thrivent, Camp Tomah Shinga, Mosaic, and The Bridge Market and Faith Community. It was especially great to see Anki and Maria Apel Friday night. Maria was honored along with three others who received our synod scholarships.

Many of us remember Anna Prockish, a past Messiah member who now lives in Salina. She was thanked for her years on the board. She especially has been working with the scholarship fund which started in 2015. She encouraged us to keep up our giving so we can continue this outreach. We have had many Messiah girls receive this scholarship, so I hope we will continue to sponsor this.

I will keep you updated when I hear the results of the Barbara Nelson Scholarship Silent Auction for those attending the Triennial in Phoenix, July 16-19, 2020. There are applications on the table in the Fellowship Hall if anyone is interested in applying. Also, we should be hearing how much was given toward the scholarship fund and seminary education from the Little Raffle items and the quilt auction. Our women are amazing in the many ways they help others.

Ask Mary Lindgren if she's excited about next year's convention. It will be in her Kansas City home church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, August 7-8. We are hoping we can get a couple carloads of Messiah women to have a "mini retreat" together.

What's Up in September



- **Thursdays 9:00 at church - Women's Coffee** (Come as you are – relax, and visit)
- **Thursdays 12:00-1:00 Moms in Prayer** at Barbara's, 405 N. Chestnut, (when school is in session) Join in prayer for our precious children here in Lindsborg and across the world.
- **Thursday, September 5, 3:00pm - Visiting at Bethany Home Assisted Living.** Come when you can to enjoy time with residents. Sitting around a table, getting to know each other over a cup of coffee - it is a time when you receive far more than you give.
- **Wednesday, September 25,** Our Messiah Church Women will be meeting for **Bible Study** at Sharon Hoffman's, 830 Emerald Dr. All are welcome! Daytha Lindburg will be leading the discussion. Bring a friend!
- **Are you preparing for Hyllingsfest?** Our church has been asked to provide 60 loaves of rye bread. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are able to help with this.

Thank you for the generous response to our personal care kits and school kits. Also, sincere thanks to those who worked on quilts, and continue to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. October 10th is the date that we'll be taking them to Trinity Lutheran Church in Salina. So far we have 20 school kits and 8 personal care kits. We will keep you posted as to how many quilts!

The Central States Synod Assembly is our annual gathering to do business and to celebrate that we are church together. Dwight and Pari Ford attended the Central States Synod Assembly in Overland Park, June 6-8. It was an amazing time of gathering together from congregations across all of Kansas and Missouri, for worship, prayer, fellowship, and the business of the Church.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Melheim presented several keynote addresses. His core message is that the church needs to happen first and most importantly every day in the home, with an intergenerational family using his Faith 5 Steps: read, pray, share, read, and bless. Melheim created a mural outside the meeting for everyone to contribute their brush strokes, demonstrating intergenerational collaboration, "painted by many brushes.'

Friday evening was filled with celebrations for many pastors celebrating milestone anniversaries of their leadership in the synod. The Synod Vice President, Dennis Allerheiligen and Bishop Roger Gustafson were honored for their service to the Central States Synod.

There were several other votes to elect members to various synod committees and discussions and votes of proposed resolutions. Over the course of the event, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit we elected a new Bishop, the Rev. Susan Candea, and we are excited for her leadership in the years ahead!

Messiah received the following letter from The Sprout House

Hello Messiah Church Family!

Where has the summer gone? I just wanted to give everyone a short update on the daycare room. Currently, we have seven children ages 2 ½ months through 17 months. We are patiently waiting for our 8th baby to arrive into the world. There is lots of learning, playing and giggling in this room. The great news is we also have several on our waiting list! Thank you all for allowing us to care for these children at the church!

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Psalms 127:3.

Sally Johnson
Sprout House

Join us for Flint Hills Praisefest 2019

Saturday, September 21st

Cico Park, Manhattan, Kansas

Thrivent is privileged to be a major sponsor for the 8th year in a row!

TWO Tremendous Generosity Events and Opportunities to Serve:

EXCLUSIVE PURPLE Live Generously t-shirts (printed just for Praisefest 2019)!

*Quantities are limited. To claim yours and for more information, sign up early for one of the Generosity Events!



Approximate number of people who used Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church during the month of September.:

- Worship Services **352**
- Others in August **419**
- Daily (includes staff, daycare & coffee groups) **46**

September Anniversaries

Cindy & Harvey Daniels 09/01
Rita & Merlin Hilt 09/24

September Birthdays

Arnold Reinert	09/03
Dixie Mattas	09/04
Brad Lawson	09/09
Heidi Wedel	09/13
Gavin Doughty	09/14
Carol Gusenius	09/14
Kelly Carlson	09/15
David Janis	09/15
Andrew Loder	09/15
Tom Haxton	09/16
Rita Hilt	09/18
Bob D'Andrea	09/25
Janie Nyquist	09/25
Jaxson Rogers	09/26
Earl Ahlstedt	09/27
Joy Janis	09/27
William Gusenius	09/29
Don Anderson	09/30
Linda Lewis	09/30

MELC Church Choir Schedule Fall 2019

- September 8 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- September 15 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 Potluck and extended rehearsal after Sunday School until 2 pm.
- September 22 – **No Choir or Rehearsal**
- September 29 - Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- October 6 – **No Choir or Rehearsal**
- October 13 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 Bishop from Lutheran World Federation.
- October 20 – **No Choir or Rehearsal.**
- October 27 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 Reformation Sunday
- November 3 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 All Saints and Daylight Savings
- November 10 - Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- November 17 – **No Choir or Rehearsal**
- November 24 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- December 1 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 Advent begins
- December 8 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- December 15 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
 Christmas Candlelight Service at 7 pm
- December 22 – Choir will rehearse, and will sing at church
- December 29 – **Choir will not sing and will NOT rehearse**

Messiah Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes
(these minutes will be approved at the August council meeting)

August 15, 2019

Council Members present: Pastor Amy Truhe, President Pari Ford, Kirsten BruceLois Carlson, Gavin Doughty, Chock Hefner, Linda Lewis, Muriel Gentine, Ingrid Pohl, Warren Olson. Absent: Ted Kessinger, Anya Pohl.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy

Reports:

Secretary: Approval of Minutes from June **M/S/P**.

Treasurer: **M/S/P** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Pastor: As written.

Lois Carlson would like to register a note of commendation for Pastor Amy for the way she handled the crisis the week of August 4, 2019.

President: No report

Old Business:

Dishwasher - estimated installation fees are \$1,200. Warren Olson will follow-up on types and costs of dishwashers. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility of installing instant hot water under the sink. Will review the facility use policy for the use of plastic and add a cost if using plastic.

SOS: Started out well attended, will discuss how to improve and maintain for next summer.

Synod Assembly Report: Pari and Dwight will write report

Custodian – Ken Peterson retiring August 22, 2019. Kirsten will get a gift card to present to Ken from the congregation. Juan Redmon will continue as scheduled. Staff will contact Svetlana Hawk about working 4 – 5 hrs. a week to do the rooms that Ken cleaned.

Papua New Guinea – Pastor Amy will be in Papua New Guinea from August 27 – September 12. Pastor Dick Monson will preach on September 1 and 8.

New Business:

Budget Review: All committees should review their budget and make any changes by the September Council meeting.

Bethany College Sunday: B C students invited to the worship service on August 18 and brunch following worship.

Council Members for coming year: Corrections were made on the years of service. Begin looking for people to come onto council for the coming year.

Hyllnings Fest: Booth at Farmer's Market, contact Joyce Pigge) – Discussed ideas for possible fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed – Pari Ford - written report

Fellowship – Gavin Doughty –

Finance & Stewardship – Warren Olson

Global Mission – Lois Carlson

Outreach & Caring – Ingrid Pohl

Property – Chock Hefner – Still waiting for estimate on tuck pointing brick. **Motion to use Justine Olson's estate money toward J. W. Shearhart's bid to paint and caulk exterior windows and doors and to paint the bell tower. This would include adding a sheet of Lexan to each window. MSP**

AC Units: Discussion followed about AC units and AC split systems

Staff Relations – Kirsten Bruce

TACOL – Linda Lewis

Worship & Music – Becky Anderson

Youth – (Jeanne Lucas) Anya Pohl

Memorial – (Dixie Mattas)

Sprout House Update: no report

Devotions: Ingrid Pohl, Chapter 4

Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Next MELC Council Meeting: Wednesday September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions for September: Lois Carlson

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor to Papua New Guinea 10:00 am Service of the Word 10:45 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Bible Study - God's Promises/Heaven	2 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am	3 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Yoga - Pari Ford 6:00 am	4 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting	5 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Women's coffee at church 9:00 am 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 3:00 pm Coffee-visit @ assisted living	6 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am	7 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Men-Bible Study 8:00 am
8 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:45 am Fellowship	9 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am 3:30 pm Executive Board	10 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Yoga - Pari Ford 6:00 am 9:45 am Retired Church Workers	11 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am 3:35 pm KICK Kick-off @ BLC 5:45 pm KICK Meal 7:00 pm Worship and Music	12 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Women's coffee at church 9:00 am 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	13 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Chapel 10:30 am	14 Pastor to Papua New Guinea Men-Bible Study 8:00 am
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:45 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Bible Study - God's Promises/Heaven	16 Chapel 10:30 am	17 Yoga - Pari Ford 6:00 am	18 Chapel 10:30 am 3:35 pm KICK @ BLC 7:00 pm Council	19 Women's coffee at church 9:00 am 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	20 Chapel 10:30 am	21 Men-Bible Study 8:00 am
22 Holy Communion 9:30 am 10:45 am Fellowship	23 Chapel 10:30 am	24 Yoga - Pari Ford 6:00 am	25 Chapel 10:30 am 3:35 pm KICK @ BLC 7:00 pm Messiah Church Women	26 Bethania Choral Workshop 8:00 am 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	27 Chapel 10:30 am	28 Men-Bible Study 8:00 am
29 Service of the Word 9:30 am 10:45 am Fellowship	30 Chapel 10:30 am					

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Organist Tyler Breneman

Sr. Choir Director Dr. Mark Lucas

Treasurer Christine Reinert

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

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