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Greetings Church!

Summer is time for Sabbath...at least for our youth as they stop going to daily school and take time to roam the world through sports, music, vacations, swimming, art...all of the things we think about as we recall the days of summer when we had carefree time. Retirement is a form of sabbath; when we no longer have our sleep hours dictated by the necessity of earning money, when we get to decide for ourselves, typically, how we spend our time. Vacation can also be a time of sabbath, if only we allow ourselves unscheduled, free-floating events that don't cause us to rush from one thing to another in order to cram all the leisure/unusual activities into our time.

Spending our time is the point here. Often, we are taught to "kill" time. The connotation is that time is something to be conquered, time is something against which we fight. Choosing how we spend our time is really important. It includes where and how we live into our vocations, our jobs, our relationships, our leisure time.

As we come to the summer, there are many ways we can spend our time. Often, we take a weekend apart from our autumn/winter/spring routines and head to a place in creation where we can enjoy the warmth, the disconnect from electronics, and the serenity of a different setting. For me, the options I have about where and how to spend my time in the summer season is important for a few reasons. I love the outdoors and have recently begun to walk distances in the country around Lindsborg...off of concrete, where I can hear cardinals, whippoorwills, and the sound of the wind in the grasses and leaves. Frogs in ponds and flies in my ears, even swarms of gnats that make me windmill my arms open to me the distance from "town" to "country" and I am transported to a different way of being in the world.

I am transported into another way of seeing God in the world. Sunsets, swaddled with warm breezes and good conversation, punctuated by cows lowing in the distance as a family of deer prance across a field create a sensual impression that cannot be replicated elsewhere. God presents to us God's presence, an unfettered essence of life and relationship, through these profoundly simple moments.

Worship happens in these moments. Serenity. Connection. To worship God is to be aware of the unity of all that is present. Webster's Dictionary notes, "Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission." We often make worship a time apart from our daily lives, and, indeed, it is a discipleship practice to do so. A daily or weekly, intentional time for God is imperative to our spiritual life and faith.

For this, we gather. Either on Sunday mornings or, this June and July, on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. To worship in fellowship with others who are seeking to honor God with extravagant love and extreme submission in new ways can create through us a new way to share God with the world. Come, let us worship as a community of believers.

It is also an important practice to worship in every moment, to honor God with extravagant love and extreme submission in every second of our days. Looking at the person in front of me and seeing that person as a Child of God in *EVERY* situation is an intentional discipline. To maintain my home as a temple where God resides; to cook a meal as though Jesus were coming, to walk with an openness to the elements and creatures, to be fully present to the good, the love, the Omniscience and Omnipresence of God *EVERYWHERE* is also to worship.

I recall the simplicity of joy that the actuality of summer brought to me when I was 'out' of school, how that sense of release allowed me to wallow in and savor the now...whatever the 'now' was, such that I could fully ingest the moment. It was, without my knowing, an honoring and a humility that opened me to BE fully connected with that moment, that event, that environment.

My prayer is that this summer, and perhaps beyond, you will allow yourself the subtle awareness of being in unity with all that is around you. May this summer open for you the presence of God in your being, such that you see God in all places, all people. And may you enjoy Sabbath in a way that you have not previously allowed yourself.

Peace be with you, now and always, Pastor Amy



Summertime Ventures: Pastor Amy will be gone several different times this summer. In June, along with Messiah representatives Pari and Dwight Ford, she will attend the Central States Assembly in Overland Park, KS from June 7-9. We will be voting on a new bishop for our Synod as Bishop Gustafson has decided not to run again.

From June 18-28, Pastor will be attending the Luther Academy of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. This year, the teachers will be Dr. Ann Fritschel speaking about "Stewardship for the Next Generation," Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos speaking on "Thinking About God in the Age of Brain Science: Musings for a Critical Liberation Theology of the Brain," and Rev. Michael Burk, "Musings of a Bishop Embarking on his Last Year of Service." Pastor gains 25 hours of CEU's during this retreat and many more hours of time apart from the world.

At the end of August, Pastor will be accompanying a contingency of folks from the ELCA Churchwide Office in Chicago as they visit Papua New Guinea (PNG). They will travel from August 27th to Sept 12th. This trip is to gain a renewed understanding of our relationship with the people of PNG including how we can more greatly accompany one another in our faith journeys.

Thank you for supporting her continuing education and time apart. It is a blessing!

Make a Difference – Host a Student

Have you ever thought about hosting a foreign student? Now is your chance. Exchange students have spending money and medical insurance. They pay for their own school fees, personal items, and entertainment expenses. Hope families provide three meals a day and local transportation. **HAVE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!**

For more information contact Nancy: 620-654-3595 (perrinnancyjo@gmail.com)

Join us for Summer Outside Socials, Wednesdays this summer! We anticipate being outside during June for sure- all ages are invited, you may want to bring your own seat at 7:00pm!



June 5th: Join us for s'mores around the fire pit and Pentecost discussion and activities.

June 12th: We'll be discussing Romans 5: 1-5 and enjoying homemade ice cream around the fire pit! *Please bring a topping to share.* ***KIDS! Bring your bike or scooter!***

June 19th: Meet us around the fire pit for discussion and activities planned over 1 Kings 19, and watermelon! How can we listen for God in the silence?

June 26th: Discussion and kids activities regarding Luke 9: 51-62, fire pit, and popsicles!

July 3rd: We're taking a break from S.O.S. this week~ We hope you'll enjoy all the wonderful events planned to celebrate the 4th of July and Lindsborg's 150th!

July 10th: **Bring a snack to share, and a favorite board game if you have it (adults AND kids!),** as we study and discuss Colossians 1: 1-14!

July 17th: **Bring fruit to share** as we study and discuss Luke 10: 38-42! Kids games and activities, too!

July 24th: We'll be snacking on pretzels as we study and celebrate the Lord's Prayer!

Join us for our final Summer Outside Social! All ages are invited!

TUESDAY July 30th: Meet us at the Lindsborg Swimming Pool from 7-9pm for the annual MELC/BLC joint Pool Party! Please come join us for fun and fellowship! All ages are welcome! Please bring friends! The community is invited to join us for this fun night!

***Notice: The church office will be closed June 6 & 7th
Sherry will be on vacation the first 2 weeks of June.

What's Up in June

June Birthdays

Donna Forsberg	6/01
Curtis Carlson	6/01
Kylan Lindquist	6/06
Bryce Loder	6/07
Hailey Branek	6/07
Harvey Daniels	6/08
Gloria Holdsworth	6/11
Nathan Ford	6/12
Anya Pohl	6/21
Kyle Anderson	6/27
Sammie Aeschliman	6/30

June Anniversaries

Har and Jeannette Sjogren	6/02
Bill and Carol Gusenius	6/08
Vic and Kay Streufert	6/17



- **Thursdays 9:00 at church - Women's Coffee** (Come as you are - stop in for a few minutes or stay a while.)
- **Thursday, June 6, 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.
- **GIFTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Thanks to all those who volunteered to be part of the Quilting Workshop in May! Our Fellowship Hall hummed with activity as several beautiful quilts were created. Many families - adults and children - will feel the love that is stitched into each one. A special thanks to Carolyn and Sherry for organizing the event!

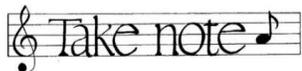
- **ENJOY A WEEKEND IN WICHITA**

"Wonderfully Made", based on Psalm 139:14, is the theme of this summer's Central States Synod W/ELCA Convention. It will be held August 16, 17 and 18 at the Holiday Inn, Wichita East. All women are invited to be part of this inspirational weekend.

Registration forms are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Deadlines are June 12 for voting members, and July 1 for other participants.

- **SUMMER BRUNCH AT DROM SOTT INN**

Our Messiah Church Women often enjoy a summer event together. This summer we are planning to have a Summer Brunch at the newly-remodeled Drom Sott Sweet Dreams Inn. It will be fun to have a relaxing time together and to see the new Inn. Aren't we all curious? Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 16, 10-11am. Cost is \$12.00.



by Jeanne Ahlers

Spring took its time getting here, which may be why summer seems to sneak up on us. But warmer weather is finally here, and with it, all the things summer means, including vacations, less pressure in our lives ... and the end of the choir season. And that means the opportunity to share musical talents in the Sunday service.

Was there a special piece played in a musical contest or a recital? Here's a chance to revisit it and share it. Nobody's asking for professional grade performance. We're all friends here! Producing music is part of the joy of living. Whether it's a piano piece, another instrumental solo, a vocal solo or duet, it will be welcome. Maybe a family group ... to paraphrase an old saying, how about "The family that sings together clings together"?

Summer offers all sorts of musical possibilities. Contact Mark Lukas or Pastor Amy and let them hear of yours.

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

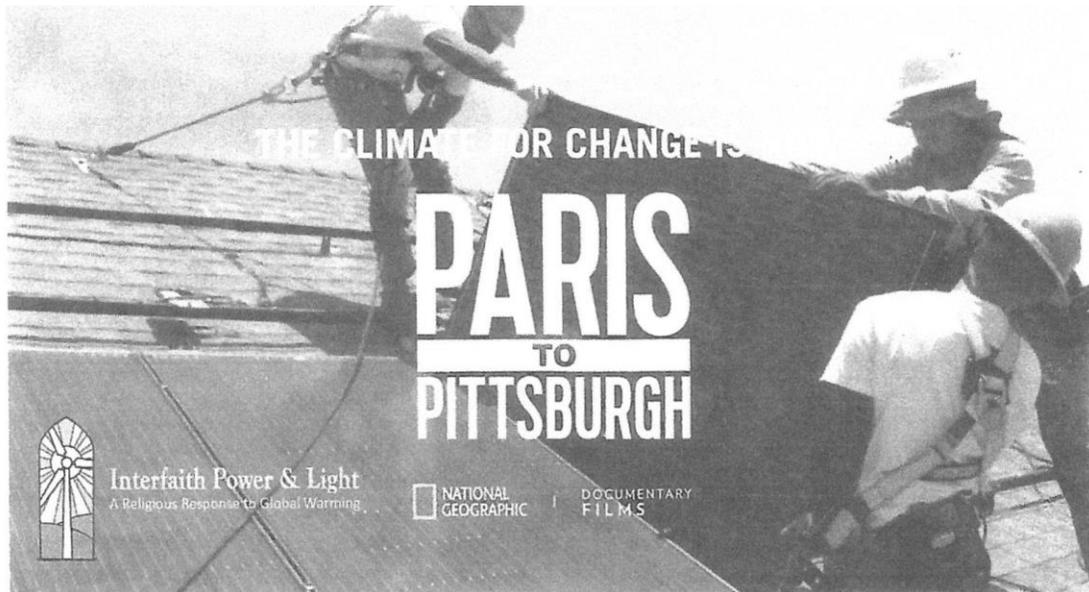
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| • Worship Services | 254 |
| • Others in May | 130 |
| • Weekly (average during school year 2 nd semester) | 115 |
| • Daily (includes staff & coffee groups) | 19 |



Melissa Woepfel graduated May 17, 2019 with her Masters of Divinity Degree from United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, PA.



Phil Hett graduated on May 19, 2019 with his Masters of Divinity Degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.



Join us for a FREE screening of *Paris to Pittsburgh*, a new film from National Geographic, produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies -- narrated by Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award- winning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"). This film is being offered through [Interfaith Power and Light](#) to draw faith communities together to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all.

From coastal cities to America's heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren't waiting on Washington to act. Learn about their incredible stories in *Paris to Pittsburgh*, and be inspired to Create change in your own community!

The Progressive Christians of Lindsborg are excited to be hosting a screening of this incredible film at Bethany College, Board Room, Chapel Bldg., on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Messiah Worship Assistants – June 2019

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.

June 2, 2019	VBS service in North Park
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June 9, 2019	Holy Communion • Pentecost
Acolyte	Macie Carlson
Lector	Julie Aeschliman
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Ellise Peterson
Ushers	Harvey Daniels; capt, Julie Aeschliman, Dwight Ford, Matt Toll
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist
Counters	Harvey Daniels and Arne Reinert

June 16, 2019	Holy Communion • Holy Trinity Sunday
Acolyte	Matt Lucas
Lector	Andy Carlson
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Olivia Ford
Ushers	Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Ken Peterson, Marc Anderson
Altar Steward	Kristen Prater
Counters	Harvey Daniels and Arne Reinert

June 23, 2019	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Anya Pohl
Lector	Sharon Bruce
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Cayson Lindquist
Ushers	Dwight Swisher, capt; Arne Reinert, Ron Wilson, Aaron Yoder, Harvey Daniels
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward	Kristen Prater
Counters	Arne Reinert and Ingrid Pohl

June 30, 2019	Service of the Word
Acolytes	Cayson Lindquist
Lector	Holly Toll
Liturgist	Carol Gusenius
Nursery Attendant	Anya Pohl
Ushers	Ingrid Pohl, capt; Matt Toll, Chock Hefner, David Daire
Altar Steward	Kristen Prater
Counters	Arne Reinert and Ingrid Pohl

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

May 23, 2019

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy

Reports:

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

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

Pastor: No report

President: No report

Old Business:

Dishwasher Update – Gavin reported that he had looked at the dishwasher that Council had voted to purchase from the Methodist Church. The brand name of the dishwasher is Fagor. The American company in New Jersey has closed and the parent company in Spain has recently gone bankrupt. After some discussion, a motion was made that we do not purchase the dishwasher from the Methodist Church but instead research alternative brands of commercial dishwashers to purchase. **M/S/P**

Camp Tomah Shinga – Lunch served on May 19 brought in \$350. The number of people attending was much less than anticipated. Leftover meat was frozen and available for purchase along with buns and chips.

Nutt information out – received check.

Mingenback Grant application – no word yet.

Secretary – Sherry Peterson retiring June 30; job is posted

Custodian – Ken Peterson retiring July 31; working on job description for transition of this position.

New Business:

Christmas & Lenten Offerings – Motion to designate the Christmas offering of \$247.36 and the Lenten offering of \$746.10 to Camp Tomah Shinga. **M/S/P**

Council/College Liaison Persons – Pastor Amy, Kirsten Bruce, Ted Kessinger, Warren Olson. This committee met with Bethany College for Pastor Amy's review. Pastor's review met with outstanding approval.

Council Retreat: A mini retreat was held under the leadership of Pastor Amy.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed – Pari Ford – VBS at Bethany Lutheran Church May 28 – May 31. Kirsten Bruce wrote a grant to cover food expenses at VBS. Summer Outside Social (SOS), Wednesdays in June & July at 7 p.m. Sally Hefner is new chair of this committee.

Fellowship – Gavin Doughty – reported on the status of the dishwasher

Finance & Stewardship – Warren Olson

Global Mission – Lois Carlson – written report

Outreach & Caring – Ingrid Pohl

Property – Chock Hefner

Staff Relations – Kirsten Bruce

TACOL – Linda Lewis – written report

Worship & Music – Becky Anderson

Youth – (Jeanne Lucas) Anya Pohl

Memorial – (Dixie Mattas)

Sprout House Update: no report

Devotions: Warren Olson, Blessed to Follow, Chapter 2

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Next MELC Council Meeting: Wednesday June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions for June: Pari Ford

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
2 9:30 am VBS Service in North Park 4:00 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven	3 Sherry vacation	4 6:00 am Sherry vacation Yoga - Pari Ford	5 7:00 pm Sherry vacation Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm MELC Summer 7:00 pm Outdoor Social Muriel student's piano recital	6 9:00 am Sherry vacation Synod Assembly - Overland Park Women's coffee at church 3:00 pm Coffee-visit @ assisted living	7 Office Closed Sherry vacation Synod Assembly - Overland Park	8 8:00 am Sherry vacation Synod Assembly - Overland Park Men-Bible Study
9 9:30 am Sherry vacation Synod Assembly - Overland Park 10:30 am Holy Communion Day of Pentecost Fellowship	10 Sherry vacation	11 6:00 am Sherry vacation Yoga - Pari Ford	12 7:00 pm Sherry vacation MELC Summer 7:00 pm Outdoor Social Worship and Music	13 9:00 am Sherry vacation Women's coffee at church	14 Sherry vacation	15 8:00 am July Newsletter Deadline Men-Bible Study
16 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Trinity Sunday 4:00 pm Fellowship Bible Study - Biblical Heaven	17	18 6:00 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Yoga - Pari Ford	19 7:00 pm Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed 7:00 pm Council - MELC Summer Outdoor Social	20 9:00 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Women's coffee at church	21 Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed	22 8:00 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Men-Bible Study
23 9:30am Holy Communion - Melissa Woeppel preaching 10:30 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Fellowship	24 Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed	25 6:00 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Yoga - Pari Ford	26 7:00 pm Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed MELC Summer Outdoor Social	27 9:00 am Pastor to Luther Academy of the Rockies Continuing Ed Women's coffee at church	28	29 8:00 am Woeppel/Milies wedding @ Pearson Chapel Men-Bible Study
30 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Fellowship						

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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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