

THE MONITOR

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church – Lindsborg, Kansas

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Greetings, Church!

Today I'm including an opening statement from All Saints Church in Aurora, Colorado. They greet folks with these words:

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, black and proud, y no habla Ingles.

We extend a special welcome to those who are newborns, poor as dirt, skinny as a rail, got a hitch in their git-along, or just plain can't sing. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther, or more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Maria's confirmation.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 40 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters, and people who stay up too late at night. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at Black Hawk, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who could lose a few pounds, think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't spell, or came because grandma's in town and wanted to go to church. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, are three-times divorced, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you! Welcome Home!"

I love this greeting! I believe that we DO welcome all people. I believe that God is FOR all people, especially all sinners: people who know they have fallen short of most of their goals, who seek to become better folks by learning, practicing, and growing in awareness of God's love for all people.

I hope you'll think about this as you go around the world, meeting with people, greeting people. As a Christian, no matter if I'm at the 'Ol Stuga, at a friend's, or walking the trail, I am an ambassador to the world for God's love.

Richard Rohr writes that God's love is for the transformation, for the changing of the person who is doing the loving. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul writes that "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" This love, this greeting from All Saints, the message of Jesus to include everyone in the love of God, in the forgiveness and the family of God challenges us and the boundaries we want to put on the world, on the rules and expectations we have for people who are "not like us" ...this love is our hope for all the world.

Here at Messiah, we greet people weekly who are visitors to our worship, who are visitors to our building for one or another of the many programs and events we house. We have as our stated mission: *Sharing the faith of our fathers in the words of our youth.* As we shape our words to greet people, our ability and willingness to use words that are simple, descriptive, and able to be understood by folks not raised in the church is important! How are we sharing this transformative love of God through us to everyone?

Our world tells us that we are to make divisions, that unity and one-ness are not realistic goals. Jesus died standing up for the ideal that it is possible, and livable, to practice loving each person as a part of God's family...this is discipleship, to practice being as we understand God calling us to be: in relationship to all people, all creation.

This month, as you travel, as you vacation, as you work, as you lounge around, may you look at people and see them as they are: created in God's image. May you let go of the world's judgments and expectations and look for the gifts God has given each person. And may you see yourself as a disciple of Jesus, practicing sharing God's love everywhere.

Blessings be to you!

~Pastor Amy

Summertime Venture: 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. All ages are invited, you may want to bring your own seat at 7:00pm!



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!

Vacation Bible School – May 2019



Church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. Have a safe and fun Independence day!



What's Up in July

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

In July and August we will once again be putting together school kits which will include 70 sheet notebooks 8" x 10½", rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, small pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, # 2 pencils, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel), boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, and a 2 ½" eraser. Our thanks again to Carolyn Brock for making the backpacks!

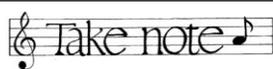
- **Thursdays 9:00 at church - Women's Coffee** (Come as you are – relax, and visit)
- **Friday, July 5, 3:00pm - Visiting at Bethany Home Assisted Living.** Come when you can to enjoy time with residents. Sitting around a table, getting to know each other over a cup of coffee - it is a time when you receive far more than you give.
- **SUMMER BRUNCH AT DROM SOTT INN** - Our Messiah Church Women often enjoy a summer event together. **Tuesday morning, July 16th at 10:00** we will 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. The cost is \$12 and reservations should be called to Mary 227-2640 or Sharon 620-712-9113 by July 10th if possible. You're welcome to leave a message or see one of them at church.
- **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. There will be workshops highlighting St. Francis Migration Ministries, Camp Tomah Shinga, Estate Planning and a Service Project for Veterans. Entertainment for the Saturday night banquet will be provided by *Chic* an outstanding women's quartet.

We are excited to announce that Maria Apel will be receiving a \$400 scholarship from our synod W/ELCA. She will be a freshman at Kansas State University majoring in Clinical Psychology.

Convention registration forms and information are on the bulletin board or table in the Fellowship Hall. Hotel reservations should be made by July 20. Please tell a member of the coordinating council if you would be interested in making a **basket for the Barbara Nelson Triennial Scholarship Auction**. The 2020 Women of ELCA Triennial Gathering will be July 14-16 in Phoenix, AZ. All women are encouraged to think about attending this amazing gathering.

If you'd be interested in helping out MOSAIC in Winfield, KS (a faith-based organization that serves people with intellectual disabilities), check out the list of items to contribute on the bulletin board. There will be a plastic tub on the table where you may place your items. Do you have eye glasses, lenses, and eye glass frames that you're not using? These will also be collected for the area Lions Club.



by Jeanne Ahlers

It's been said that, if you want something done, you ask a busy person. If that's so, Tyler Breneman is certainly someone to ask!

May saw him busy taking part in end-of-year concerts, both at the middle school and high school. As for June he's been accompanying rehearsals for two musicals. *Peter Pan Jr.* is a slightly shorter production of the Peter Pan play, featuring approximately 40 young players. Rehearsals last about three hours, and the kids are learning more than just their parts. They're picking up points about auditioning, acting, make-up, lights, sound and more. It's really an education in itself ... with Tyler at the piano.

The adult Broadway RFD production this summer is *Into the Woods*, a wonderful way to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Broadway RFD. For the occasion the band shell has been repainted, to represent a forest. The outstanding cast includes some players from out of town. Rehearsals take place a couple of nights each week, and it's reportedly the hardest show to have been produced during the summer season.

After 40 years of heavy use, the pedal board of the Presser Hall organ has been replaced.

And if that isn't enough, Tyler has been tuning a couple of organs in Wichita.

One can only imagine that, by the time August rolls around and he has a couple of weeks off, Tyler will be more than ready for them!

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

- Worship Services **260**
- Others in June **164**
- Weekly **115**
- Daily (includes staff & coffee groups) **31**

Interesting News from former Pastor Steve Pera:

Hello, People of Messiah,

My greetings to the congregation. I thought that the members of Messiah would be interested in knowing that in the most recently sent "Christ in Our Home" devotional booklets from Augsburg/Fortress, I, one of their former pastors, authored the first segment, July 1-15. Knowing that may add a spark of interest in using the daily devotional booklets. Thanks and God's Peace to you,

Pastor Steve Pera

July Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Nick Reinert | 7/02 |
| Mark Flynn | 7/03 |
| Betty Peterson | 7/03 |
| Cal Hefner | 7/04 |
| Anne D'Andrea | 7/09 |
| Sophie Hefner | 7/14 |
| Bill Taylor | 7/16 |
| Carolyn Brock | 7/18 |
| Sharon Hoffman | 7/18 |
| Justin Lawson | 7/18 |
| Dwight Swisher | 7/22 |
| Aubrie Ellis | 7/28 |
| Mary Lindgren | 7/28 |

Thank you to the following people who volunteered to serve lunch meals at the Methodist Church. June helpers were Betty Holcombe, Gavin Doughty and Sharon Doughty.

July helpers are Betty Holcombe, Larry Elmquist, Marla Elmquist, and Robbie Peterson. The dates for July are the 22-26. Hours needed are 11am-1:00pm.

July Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|------|
| Sherry and Ken Peterson | 7/01 |
| Marla and Larry Elmquist | 7/12 |
| Gay and Bill Lindholm | 7/22 |
| L'Jean and Dwight Swisher | 7/26 |



On Sunday, July 7th we will have a Salad Potluck Lunch after church. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. This is in honor of Sherry Peterson for her retirement.



Busy Tying Quilts (and a little visiting mixed in)!



Thanks to all who helped with the Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Messiah Worship Assistants – July 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.

| July 7, 2019 | Service of the Word |
|---------------------|---|
| Acolyte | Jake Lucas |
| Lector | Carol Gusenius |
| Liturgist | Becky Anderson |
| Nursery Attendant | Macie Carlson |
| Ushers | Andy Carlson, capt; Bill Brock, Bill Lindholm, Larry Elmquist, Dixie Mattas |
| Altar Steward | Becky Anderson |
| Counters | Ingrid Pohl and Julie Anderson |

| July 14, 2019 | Holy Communion |
|----------------------|--|
| Acolyte | Cayson Lindquist |
| Lector | Mary Lindgren |
| Liturgist | Becky Anderson |
| Nursery Attendant | Jake Lucas |
| Ushers | Harvey Daniels; capt, Julie Aeschliman, Dwight Ford, Matt Toll |
| Communion Assistant | Ingrid Pohl |
| Altar Steward | Becky Anderson |
| Counters | Ingrid Pohl and Julie Anderson |

| July 21, 2019 | Service of the Word |
|----------------------|---|
| Acolyte | Olivia Ford |
| Lector | Linda Lewis |
| Liturgist | Becky Anderson |
| Nursery Attendant | Cayson Lindquist |
| Ushers | Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Ken Peterson, Marc Anderson |
| Altar Steward | Becky Anderson |
| Counters | Julie Anderson and Marc Anderson |

| July 28, 2019 | Holy Communion |
|----------------------|---|
| Acolytes | Macie Carlson |
| Lector | Bob D'Andrea |
| Liturgist | Becky Anderson |
| Nursery Attendant | Ellise Peterson |
| Ushers | Dwight Swisher, capt; Arne Reinert, Ron Wilson, Aaron Yoder, Harvey Daniels |
| Communion Assistant | Ingrid Pohl |
| Altar Steward | Becky Anderson |
| Counters | Julie Anderson and Marc Anderson |

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

July 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 6:00 am Yoga - Parí Ford | 3 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting | 4 Holiday - office closed | 5 3:00 pm Coffee-visit @ assisted living | 6 8:00 am Men-Bible Study |
| 7 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Pot-luck Salad Lunch 4:00 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven | 8 | 9 6:00 am Yoga - Parí Ford | 10 7:00 pm MELC Summer Outdoor Social | 11 9:00 am Women's coffee at church | 12 5:00 pm Cooper/Braneck rehearsal | 13 8:00 am Men-Bible Study 3:00 pm Cooper/Braneck Wedding 5:00 pm Cooper/Braneck Reception - Fellowship Hall |
| 14 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 6:00 am 10:00 am Yoga - Parí Ford Women of ELCA Summer Brunch at Drom Sott Inn | 17 7:00 pm MELC Summer Outdoor Social | 18 9:00 am Women's coffee at church | 19 | 20 8:00 am Men-Bible Study |
| 21 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven | 22 | 23 6:00 am Yoga - Parí Ford | 24 7:00 pm MELC Summer Outdoor Social | 25 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 10:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive | 26 | 27 8:00 am Men-Bible Study |
| 28 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship | 29 | 30 6:00 am 7:00 pm Yoga - Parí Ford SOS Messiah/Bethany Pool Party | 31 | | | |

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

June 12, 2019

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy

Reports:

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

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

Pastor: As written.

President: No report

Old Business:

Dishwasher - estimated installation are still \$1,200.

KICK – Attendance was good, programming went well.

Steps McPherson – Received thank you for serving their fundraising meal.

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

Secretary Sherry – Celebration of service on July 7 following worship.

New Business:

Smoky Valley Community Foundation – Received the annual unrestricted disbursement of \$2,607.

***Motion to honor our pledge of \$2,500 to Camp Tomah Shinga taking the balance owed of \$1,000 from the Smoky Valley Community Foundation disbursement. MSP**

***Smoky Valley Community Foundation – Motion to put the remainder of the disbursement funds of \$1,607 in the improvement fund #2901. MSP**

Synod Assembly – Pari and Dwight Ford and Pastor Amy attended. Pari will write report and give temple talk on June 30.

Pastor's retreat – Pastor Amy will be in Colorado for a continuing education retreat June 18 -27. Melissa Woeppel will preach on June 23.

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 Secretary – Cindy Challans will begin her duties as secretary on July 8.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed – Pari Ford – VBS went well with approximately 63 students. SOS continues on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Fellowship – Gavin Doughty –

Finance & Stewardship – Warren Olson

Global Mission – Lois Carlson – written report

Outreach & Caring – Ingrid Pohl

Property – Chock Hefner – Checking into roof repairs, tuck pointing brick & caulking the exterior of the windows.

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: Pari Ford, Blessed to Follow, Chapter 3

Next Executive Committee Meeting: August 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Next MELC Council Meeting: Wednesday August 15 at 7:00 p.m. **NO MEETING IN JULY.**

Devotions for August: Ingrid Pohl

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Pastor Amy

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Office Manager Sherry Peterson

Custodians Ken Peterson and Juan Redmon

Youth Directors Jeanne Lucas, *with Ericka Lysell of Bethany Lutheran Church*

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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