



# The Messenger

## July/August 2009

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Summer time is finally here! (At least sort of—it's still pretty April-showery and cool out there) The kids are out of school at last, the grill is ready to cook burgers and dogs galore, and most of us are looking forward to a little vacation—or at least a “stay-cation!” Isn't it a wonderful aspect of God's creation that we can enjoy each season in a unique fashion?

At church we also mark the seasons—the seasons of the church year. Right now we are in the season known as “the time after Pentecost,” or “ordinary time,” or most simply “the green season.” Calling this the green season is especially apropos, I think, because it reflects the mood that the verdant foliage evokes. Everything is so full of life and growth, and potential! And yet there's also the feeling that nature is taking a deep breath, enjoying the passage of time before the busy-ness of the fall.

The green season at church is marked by a similar pendular movement between growth and rest. Things slow down a good bit, but there's still a vibrant, weekly worship life and scads of ministry opportunities of which to avail oneself. The season is green and the church is green, and the thought that came to mind for me was: “How will you “be green,” too?

Now I'm not talking about recycling or using those curly-shaped light bulbs. What I'm getting at is how your spiritual life might be refreshed, nourished, and grown this summer. As usual, I have a few suggestions for you!

1. Most importantly—attend worship. Here at Messiah, or wherever you find yourselves (attending a different Lutheran church, or even a different denomination's service is a good experience). Worship is how we express our communal thanks and praise to God, and it is where God has promised to meet us in the sacraments. It is where we as disciples go for renewal and strength.
2. Read a book. Add something spiritual to your beach bag. (Pick something from Augsburg Fortress or Concordia Publishers.) For those with small children, make reading Bible stories to them part of your summer routine.
3. Send your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, to VBS! Volunteer to help!
4. Take some Sabbath time. For total rest—no iPhone, no housework, no “efficient use of time.” Just time for rest and listening for God in the sounds of the ocean, brook, wind, or your neighborhood. Sabbath time can be anytime, remember—it's what you do or don't do, not when. Dream a little. Help us plan for the change of seasons, when we will need to teach our children the faith, inspire our adults with the “Book of Faith,” and serve our community in Jesus' name. We have much to do!



Have a great summer!  
Pastor

Celebrating God's Faith, Hope and Love.

## In Our Prayers...

**In our prayers:** Al DeMello, Barbara Wilson (B. Wurst's Mom), Robert, Judy & Bill Hildebrandt (Bauerschmidt's rel.), Janey Stokes (rel of the Wurst's), Jane Lind (D. Bonfiglio's Aunt), Our military personnel, Perham Family, Suzy Atwell (friend of the Mitchell's), Ed Burgess (friend of B. Wurst), Jean Ahrendt (N. Hammerstrom's Mom), Stan Kelliher (K. Petersen's Dad), Melissa Salisbury (rel. of the Salisbury's), Claire Teichmann, Ken Fisher (friend of E. Costa), Lois Gossen ( D. Vaughn's Mom) Terry Klecker (rel. of the Costa's), Sarah (friend of the Costa's), Pat Sapienza (Friend of the Costa's), Ian Vilegi & family (friend's of T. Morshead), Arthur Scarneo (Friend of L. Teichmann), Carol Scheetz (M. Scheetz's Aunt), Larry Gordon, Drew Dauteuil (friend of B. Vaughn), Janice Brendal (S. Retelle's Mom).

### Special Called Congregational Meeting

The council has called for a congregational meeting to be held on July 12th directly after worship.

The meeting is exclusively for the following agenda items:

1. to hear a mid-year financial report and discuss it.
2. To vote on a motion from council to refinance the church building debt with Thrivent for Lutherans (this will save about \$5000 a year but extends our obligation from 18 years presently to a full 25 years).

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### Ash Street Shelter Recipe for July

#### Taco Salad

##### Ingredients

- \* 1-1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- \* 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- \* 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- \* 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- \* 1 large onion, chopped
- \* 1 bunch romaine, torn
- \* 1 package (12 ounces) corn chips
- \* 1 bottle (24 ounces) Catalina salad dressing

##### Directions:

1. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Transfer to a large 9" x 13" pan.

2. Add the cheese, beans, tomatoes, onion, romaine and corn chips. \*Drizzle with dressing; gently toss to coat.

\* This can be done right at the church before the driver leaves to deliver.

### Ash Street Shelter Recipe for August

#### Ham, Potato and Broccoli Casserole Recipe

##### Ingredients

- \* 1 (16 ounce) package frozen French fries
- \* 1 (16 ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
- \* 1 1/2 cups cooked, cubed ham
- \* 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- \* 1 (10.75 ounce) can milk
- \* 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- \* 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

2. Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Cover bottom of dish with layer of French fries. Add a layer of broccoli, then sprinkle ham evenly over broccoli. In a small bowl mix together soup, milk and mayonnaise. Pour mixture evenly over ingredients in baking dish and sprinkle with cheese.

3. Bake uncovered in preheated oven for 40 minutes.



## Choir Notes

To all the singers and instrumentalists who have volunteered from the fall to the spring by supporting the music program at Messiah, a huge thank you!

A warm handshake and a smile to Jackie, Judy, Trudi and Ed, Jay Davison for his dad James' Easter participation, Dean, Brian, Bill M. and Bill W., Doug, Mike, Ken, and Karla, Lisa and Tom, Ryan, Andrea, Carl, Marilyn

and Wayne, Kathy B. and Brian A. and Steve K. All these folks have either been liturgists, praise band members, choristers or additional musicians. Messiah thanks you and I thank you.

I hope everyone considers signing up to do something this summer either solo or in a group. Let me know if you'd like help with ideas or preparation. Let's have some fun making music together! Sign-up sheet is posted in the hall or you can give me a call at 672-9100 or email me at Debby@basecamp.net.

Deb

## Vacation Bible School Bible Adventurers.

Come "climb mountains," "sail across salty seas," cross the "desert," and beat a path through thick "jungles" at this summer's premier kids' event—VBS Bible Adventurers. Mon through Thursday July 13-16, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This exciting four mornings are for all adventurers K-5<sup>th</sup> grade—Messiah members and their friends and neighbors. Friday night at 6:00 pm all Messiah members (VBSers and all others) are invited to come to a VBS picnic and program (Picnic tables and grill provided, bring your own food and drink)

## Bill Wurst Receives "Lamb Award"

The Boy Scouts of America, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Messiah Lutheran Church bestowed a great honor upon Messiah member Bill Wurst at a worship service this past month—the Lamb Award. This award is for those Scout leaders who offer prolific and continual service to youth, while modeling their faith to adults and youth,

Bill is a charter member of Messiah and has served her youth as a Sunday School teacher and a scout leader. He also has been involved in promoting good stewardship and fostering good staff—congregation relationships through the mutual ministry team. He has a long history with the BSA, both as a scout and a leader. In both these areas of his life he would certainly say that God was guiding him, and he served with grace, patience, and Christian love. Bill is indeed worthy of this recognition!

## The Messenger On-line

Would you like to reduce the amount of paper in your mailbox? Can you help us reduce our postage and paper costs? Do you like the idea of taking a simple step towards living a bit "greener"?

Then sign up to be e-mailed when *The Messenger* will be posted on our web site. Just e-mail Joanne at [messiahnh@comcast.net](mailto:messiahnh@comcast.net) and then she will send you an e-mail reminder each month about checking out our web site [www.messiahnh.org](http://www.messiahnh.org) where you will find each month's newsletter plus a whole lot more!

## Summer Schedule

We will be on the summer worship schedule beginning July 5th and continuing through August. Worship time is 9:00 am with fellowship and refreshments to follow.



## **NEWS FROM HOSPITALITY NETWORK/ANNE MARIE HOUSE AND SHARE:**

Thanks to all who spent time at Anne Marie House this past week. Our next host week is that of August 2nd. Enjoy July! If you have problems or questions about your time spent there, please let me know or contact June St. Lawrence direct at 883-7334.

What's Happenin'??

1. Yard Sale was held on May 16th along with Presentation of Mary- raised \$2000 for our program. If you have or know of anyone with storage space, we would love to begin collecting items for next year as soon as possible. Just give Laurie a call at 883-7338. Thank you!

2. The Rock-A-Thon was held in April and brought in \$5000! Thanks to those who participated. It was a fun time!

3. For those of you who have been with us a while, you will remember Justin and mom, Denise. They are living in Littleton; and a group went to see Justin receive an award for scholastic excellence. He has been receiving straight A's all through elementary school. He also received the Academic Superiority Award in French! Nice going, Justin! He would like to return to France and attend the American College in Paris.

Get ready to run! On Sept 20th will be the 5K Run/Walk to benefit AMH. We are really trying to "end homelessness, one family at a time." See ad in newsletter. Please let me know if you would like to participate.

GUEST NEWS: Kaitlyn, who graduated a couple of months ago, and to whom we donated a car, has received her GED! Congratulations, Kaitlyn!

Karla and her four little ones have found an apartment and have graduated.

Anne and her children will be moving into an apartment at Marguerite's Place next week.

Guess we will be getting some new families in need of a place to live.

Items needed: gift card to grocery stores, WalMart, gas stations, Target

Diapers (esp sizes 5 and 6)

disinfectant wipes

paper and laundry products

snack items for school

If you bring these to church, I will see that they get to the house.

Thanks!

SHARE is still enjoying it's new space as are the volunteers. Trudi and Donna have joined the ranks. Ask them how much fun it is! You too can have fun!

SHARE is also in need of larger size diapers, shampoo, personal products. Thank you, Katie Castel, for your HUGE donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste. YEAH! That was very giving of you.

## **A Message from AMH Director**

**Our Vision:** to eliminate homelessness -- one family at a time.

**Our mission:** to support the needs of families experiencing homelessness as they work to achieve sustainable income, housing and transportation.

### **Our values:**

*Hospitality* — we welcome the stranger and embrace them as family

*Faith* — we live out our faith in relationships; to make a positive difference in the lives of others. we promote interfaith collaboration as a means to deliver the largest possible benefit.

*Respect for Every Person and Family*

— we believe in the inherent worth of each person and family - their individual faith, their privacy, their dignity, and their potential for positive growth. we embrace socioeconomic, cultural, and racial diversity of our guest families, our staff and volunteers.

*Individual responsibilities* — we emphasize the importance of individual responsibility by all guests, staff and volunteers, to promote a safe environment and health behaviors.

*Learning* — we believe the success of our program is completely Dependant on continual listening and learning from each other and from outside sources.

Although the specific details of our program offerings may change, we

believe our core values will not. Many of you may be more articulate about AMH than we are. I invite your feedback, and I will be sure to include your comments the next time we revisit this living document.

Your friend in service,

Laurie Skibba  
Director



## Equal Exchange and Lutheran World Relief

For every pound of consumable Equal Exchange goods that we purchase at church - coffee, tea, chocolate, cranberries, pecans, etc. that you buy, and fellowship hour coffee that Messiah buys- 20 cents goes to the Small Farmer Fund. For orders place by Lutheran churches, this gets passed to Lutheran World Relief. LWR sends some of that money

to the farmers we purchase from, helping them set up their farms and systems. In 2008, Equal Exchange sent **\$63,111.20** to LWR!!!

So when you purchase coffee and snacks at Messiah, not only are you supporting the fair trade mission - you are also supporting Lutheran World Relief - which in turn support the fair trade mission.

## Belated Happy Graduation Wishes!

David Brundage graduated from Souhegan High School on June 12, 2009. He will be attending Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania in the fall.



## Red Balloon Rummage Sale Update



Messiah's Red Balloon Rummage Sale was a testament to my faith that GOD PROVIDES.

HE PROVIDED the committee members contributing different skills and experience to plan the sale including Stephanie Apple, Kari Berkner, Trudi Costa, Jean Pituck, Pastor Teichmann and Lynn Schur.

HE PROVIDED members of the congregation that contributed an enormous number of items to sell.

HE PROVIDED us with Messiah House and the tent and volunteers for setting up the tent (not an easy task).

HE PROVIDED volunteers throughout the week to accept the donations, price and categorize all the items.

HE PROVIDED strong hard working woman to move all the goods from Messiah House to the tent and set up the sale.

HE PROVIDED special helpers like Kari's daughter JaNeen that filled in some missing gaps in our plans.

HE PROVIDED perfect weather Friday evening for the pre-sale and Saturday for the sale.

HE PROVIDED enough volunteers for the day of the sale and to clean up after.

HE PROVIDED for the baked goods for our concession.

HE PROVIDED the buyers. Approximately \$1200 was raised for benevolence.

HE PROVIDED for a fun fellowship event.

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways. A special thanks to Kari Berkner for all her time, expertise and hard work.

Lynn Schur

### ***Messiah's Mission and Vision Statements***

*We believe in Jesus Christ, who died and was raised for us. Through Baptism we are called to grow in Christ and to proclaim him in word and deed. We gather in worship to celebrate the promise of God's grace, love and forgiveness. In the power of the Holy Spirit we use the gifts that God has given us for the sake of each other, our communities and the world. Messiah's Vision is to invite people to faith, to care for each other with love, to help one another grow in faith, and to share our gifts with others.*

Deadline for the September newsletter is Sunday, August 23.

Please submit articles to  
mlc\_nwsletter@hotmail.com

### ***Messiah Wish List***

We are wishing for a new computer monitor for the secretary's workstation. If you would like to donate this piece of equipment please see Pastor (about \$200).

6' plastic folding tables to replace the heavy ones in the Sunday school rooms. (approximate cost \$60 each)

Worship Banners—especially green banners (see Pastor Tom for specifics) \$100+

If you're interested in donating any of the above items, please see Pastor Tom.

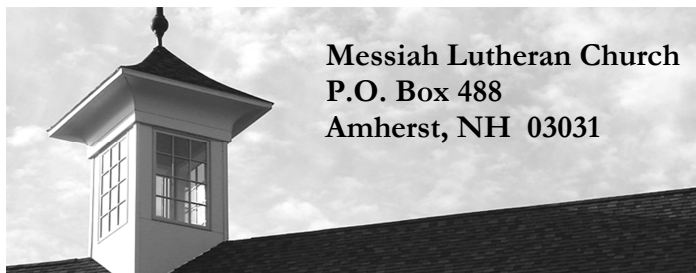
### ***Come Share the Spirit!***



Worship Service 9:00 am

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 303 Rt.101E in Amherst 1/2 mile east of the shops of "Salzburg Square". Contact the church by calling 603-673-2011 or visit us online at

<http://www.messiahnh.org>



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