

The Messiah

MESSENGER

JULY  **2011**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



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Dear Members and Friends of Messiah,

“...SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY...”

These words from George Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess” jump out at us as we move deeper into the summer season.

Certainly, after the busy Easter worship season where we observed Confirmation, Memorial Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc., with all the special planning, we do need a time of respite.

The next special worship event will be July 31st, as we celebrate “Christmas in July.” You won’t want to miss the singing of carols and the Christmas Message, culminating in a Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall following our worship service.

Sunday worship, Women’s Sewing, Women’s Bible Study, and Men’s Bible Study will all continue into the summer, as well as our once-a-month brunch (the second Sunday of each month) and fellowship times following our worship services each Sunday.

So, please, come, participate, and celebrate the season which can be a time for meditation and spiritual growth. As the crops of wheat and corn grow, we, too, can use this time for reading Scripture and growing in the Spirit.

Jesus’ invitation: “Come to me...” invites us to be refreshed. Gathered around the Word and the water of our Baptism and the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, we may find rest. May this be true for us as it is:

“...SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY...”

**Sincerely,
In Christ’s Service,**

Rev. John S. Harder

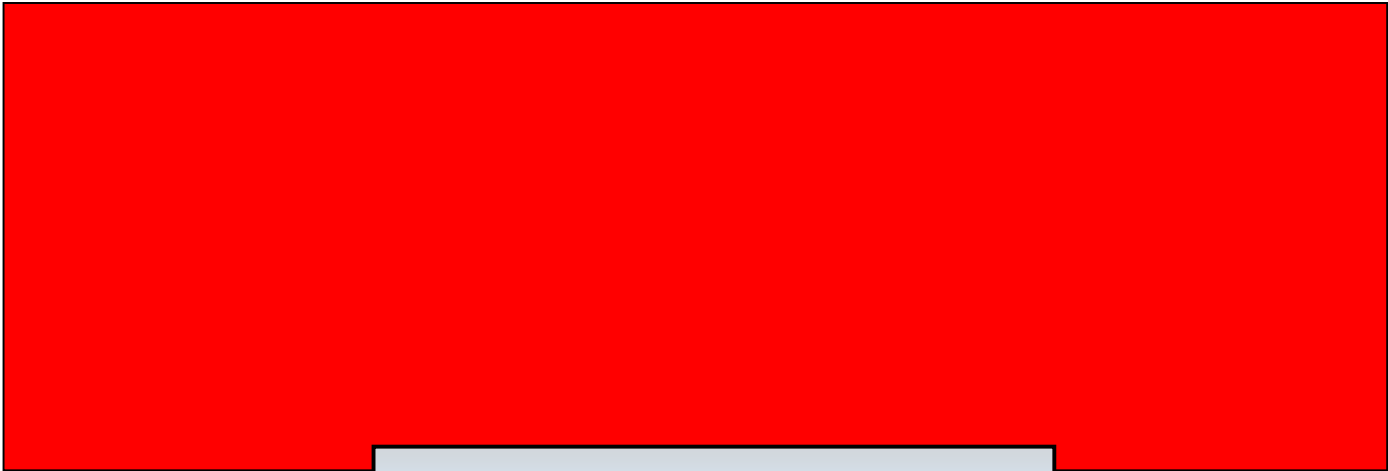
John S. Harder, Pastor

**Please call Pastor Harder at home, at 847 515-3976;
or leave messages for him at the church office.
He should be contacted about all hospitalizations,
shut-ins, and any schedule changes.**






**Minutes from council meetings,
as well as committee reports,
can be found in the binder
in the church library.**



**Minister of Music.....Margaret Kasak
Administrative Assistant....Judy Genandt**



Reminder:
**The OWLS luncheon has been scheduled for
 Monday, July 11th, at 11:30 am at Jameson's in Huntley
 (or meet at the church at 10:45 am).
 See details posted in Fellowship Hall.**

LOCAL BENEVOLENCE - 2011		
<u>Month / Year</u>	<u>Name of Charity</u>	<u>Amount (4 %)</u>
<u>January, 2011</u>	<u>Community Crisis Center</u>	<u>\$ 301.00</u>
<u>February, 2011</u>	<u>Lutherdale</u>	<u>281.00</u>
<u>March, 2011</u>	<u>Zion Lutheran Church</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>April, 2011</u>	<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>May, 2011</u>	<u>Larkin Center</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>June, 2011</u>	<u>Lutheran World Relief</u>	
<u>July, 2011</u>	<u>Salvation Army</u>	
<u>August, 2011</u>		
<u>September, 2011</u>		
<u>October, 2011</u>	<u>Bread for the World</u>	
<u>November, 2011</u>		
<u>December, 2011</u>		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JULY

Altar Guild.....Bea Wilson & Becca Selby

July 3rd

Comm.Asst.....
 LectorMike Maenpaa
 Greeter.....
 Usher
 Counter.....
 Flowers..... The Wiechmann Family

July 10th

Comm.Asst.....Donna Appleberg/Susan Davie
 Lector
 Greeter.....
 Usher
 Counter..... Ron Zillner
 Flowers.....Jim Kimmey
 Breakfast

July 17th

Comm.Asst.....
 LectorMike Maenpaa
 Greeter.....
 Usher
 Counter..... Susan Davie
 Flowers.....Amy Moog / The Keibler Family

July 24th

Comm.Asst.....
 Lector
 Greeter.....
 Usher
 Counter.....
 Flowers..... The Clauson Family/
The Willrett Family

July 31st

Comm.Asst.....
 Lector
 Greeter.....
 Usher
 Counter.....
 Flowers.....Joyce Fowler / Becca Selby

**We come together to praise God together.
 There are opportunities to be of service on Sunday mornings.
 Sign up to be an usher, a lector, a greeter, or a communion assistant.
 Worship is enhanced with participation of all.**

**The next Worship & Music meeting
 has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th,
 at 2:00 pm.
No meeting is scheduled for July.**

**Remember that articles and information
 to be included in each month's Messenger
 are due by the 20th of each month.**

Articles received after this date will be published in the next month's issue.

**Please e-mail your submission to MessiahElgin@foxvalley.net
 or drop off a copy to the church office. Thank you!**

~ Judy Genandt, Messenger Editor



Sundays in July from the Common Lectionary, Year A

Sunday, July 3 Zechariah 9: 9 – 12; Psalm 145: 8 – 14; Romans 7: 15 – 25 a;
Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - 30

Sunday, July 10 Isaiah 55: 10 – 13; Psalm 65: (1 – 8) 9 – 13; Romans 8: 1 – 11;
Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 - 23

Sunday, July 17 Isaiah 44: 6 – 8; Psalm 86 : 11 – 17; Romans 8: 12 – 25;
Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 - 43

Sunday, July 24 1 Kings 3: 5 – 12; Psalm 119: 129 – 136; Romans 8: 26 – 39;
Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52

Sunday, July 31 Isaiah 55: 1 – 5; Psalm 145: 8 – 9, 14 – 21; Romans 9: 1 – 5;
Matthew 14: 13 - 21

The prayer and healing service
is held the first Sunday of every month,
immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.

This service includes prayer for all who suffer, are sick,
or are involved in ministries, and any who are in need of healing.

The 10-15 minute prayer service begins with and ends with
responsive prayer and also includes laying-on of hands and anointing.

All are welcome to participate.

On these Sundays, Prayer Cards will be set out
for all members of Messiah to sign.

These cards are sent on a monthly basis
to everyone on our prayer list who has provided an address,
and would like a monthly reminder that there are caring people
in their lives who are praying for them.

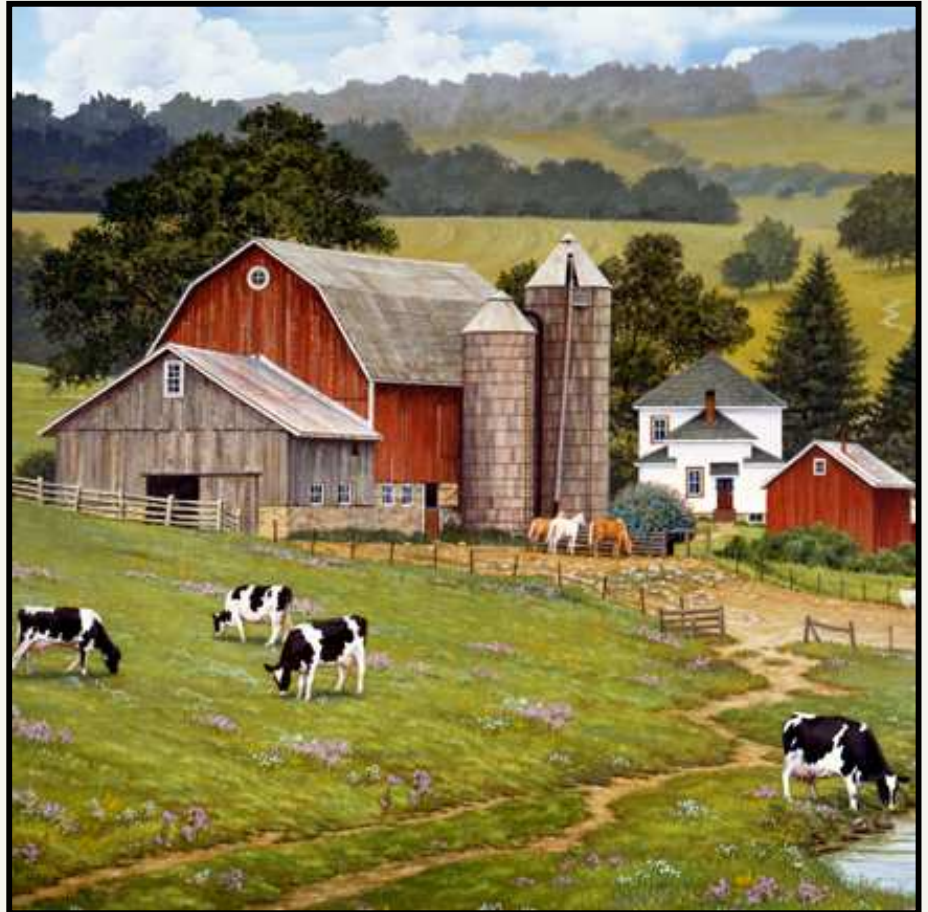
PRAYER CONCERNS: Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here by their request: Lawson Frank, Kristen, Kathy Stempf, Doug Jackson, Greg Oines, Arlan Hauge, Carol Marvel, Joyce Fowler, Amber Kalish, Monica Roth, Danny Schultz, Mary Pape, Riley Mogan, Jean Morris, Kelly Hoepfner, Rol Hartmann, Claire Baddeley, Lillian Magnus, Martha Rowley, Irene Savino, Ellen Olesuk, Faith Higgins, and Leona Sorenson.



JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 2.....Sage Appleberg
(Granddaughter of Bob & Donna Appleberg)
- 3.....William Ahrens
- 3.....Irene Savino
- 3.....Joy Willrett
- 5.....Jay Keller
- 6.....Jan Faber
- 9.....Ellen Olesuk
- 10.....Jim Kimmey
- 10.....Steve Wiechmann
- 11.....James Borello
- 12.....Martin Johnson
- 14.....Eila Maenpaa
- 15.....Brian Sokol
- 19.....Carrie Kiebler
(Granddaughter of
Steve & June Keibler)
- 19.....Nicholas Salzmann
- 22.....Ruthe Harder
- 24.....Charlotte Brainard
- 24.....Bill Maki
- 25.....June Keibler
- 27.....Melanie Johnson
- 28.....Timothy Lawrence
- 31.....Steve Burtness



Anniversaries

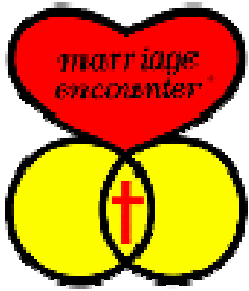
- 12.....David & Julie Edmundson
- 17.....Clifford & Marcella Linker



*I've moved!
New address
for Doris Kastilahn*

is

*605 Barrington Avenue # 334
East Dundee, IL 60118
For new phone number,
please check with office.*



NORTHERN ILLINOIS LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
is scheduled for July 22nd - July 24th
at the Double Tree Hotel in Schaumburg, IL.

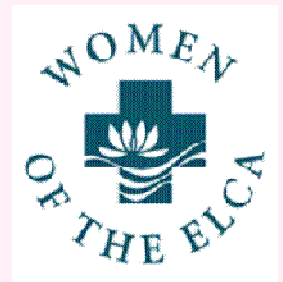
For further information or to register, please call:
Dave and Jean Dobbelstein

Northern Illinois Lutheran Marriage Encounter
1 847 839-3545 or email: dave_jean@comcast.net

Messiah Lutheran Church Women

SPRING IS HERE !!!

The MLCW "Blanket Day" group, had a fruitful year, making 50 quilts, 39 layettes, and 60 health kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). All of the above is complete and has been delivered to a LWR warehouse, thanks to Dick Willrett. Thank you to the congregation for all of the donations, for these worthwhile projects.



ATTENTION ALL "GARAGE SALES"!



When you're out & about, looking for bargains, the following items are needed for the MLCW-LWR Quilts and Layettes.

Quilts

In order for us to start making more quilts again, we are in dire need of bed sheets. They are quite expensive to buy new, so if you find any at garage sales or during spring cleaning, you might want to donate your old sheets to us. The sheets can be any size in fairly good condition (twin, full, etc.)

Layettes

- Receiving Blankets
- Infant clothing (up to size 2)
- Baby Sweaters
- Sleepers

The LWR box is in the narthex for any future donations.

"Blanket Day" meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of the month @ 9:30 a.m. at the church. The MLCW have been volunteering their time for the past 45 years, for these necessary and needed mission projects, with thousands of quilts, layettes, and health kits being sent locally and overseas.

It's a friendly, hard working, & fun group. We welcome all ladies to join us, if you have Tuesday morning free.

Confirmation June 5, 2011





Fox Valley
HELPING PAWS
 2500 Harding Lane
 Woodstock, IL 60098-6921
 815 338-4400
www.helpingpaws.net

June 10, 2011

Messiah Lutheran Church
 500 Church Road
 Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for all the great “wish list” items that you dropped off at our shelter recently. They included great toys for the cats and dogs, along with much-needed supplies that help us keep our facility so clean and healthy.

Kindly extend our appreciation to all the donators, along with an invitation to stop by the shelter whenever they get a chance. We are open 7 days a week from noon to 4pm and are located between Crystal Lake and Woodstock off Route # 14 in the Lake Shore Business Park.

Again, thanks so much for the very generous donations.

Sincerely,
 Marlene Mugavero, Secretary

I looked at all the caged animals at the shelter...the castoffs of human society.
 I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal,
 and I was angry.
 “God,” I said, “This is terrible! Why don’t you do something?”
 God was silent for a moment, and then He spoke softly:
 “I have done something,” He replied.
 “I created you!”

June 13, 2011



Ms. Jan Faber
 500 Church Rd.
 Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Ms. Faber:

We have received your contribution of \$280.00. On behalf of The Larkin Center’s Board of Directors, staff, and clients, thank you! You are a friend of The Larkin Center and it is an honor to have your generous support.

Through the efforts of our volunteers, committee members, and loyal donors, The Larkin Center is celebrating 114 *continuous years of service* this year. In 2010, we provided 136,000 hours of direct care to our children, adult, and family clients.

Thank you again for your support. Larkin’s 200 staff members who work so hard for our youth residents and students, as well as our adults and families, can’t thank you enough for your kindness.

Sincerely,
 Dennis L. Graf, Larkin Center Executive Director



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

June 6, 2011

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Elgin, IL 60123-9339

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for the Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

The congregations of our companion church, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, immediately opened their doors to people who were unable to reach their homes and those who were injured. A college professor named Shinji, a member of the Lutheran church in Sendai, reports that the church building there still stands, and that his family is safe and praying every day. He asks for our prayers—and asks God to bless us all.

To neighbors in need, including Shinji and the people who sought refuge in the churches in Japan, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for us to be there with our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you.

Together in Christ's service,
The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director
ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

1001 East Touhy Avenue Suite 50
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

June 9, 2011

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your recent gift of \$250.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). We are grateful to your congregation for standing with us as we serve the poorest of the poor in Illinois. Your generosity helps bring health, healing, and wholeness to thousands of people across the state. Over 60% of LSSI's clients have an income of under \$10,000 per year.

As Christians we believe that all things work together for good. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

In Faith,
The Rev. Dr. Denver Bitner
President / CEO

Biblical Prophecies about the Messiah

Professor Peter W. Stoner, who authored "Science Speaks," stated that the probability of just eight particular prophecies being fulfilled in one person is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

The eight prophecies used in the calculation were:

- 1. Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem.
(Micah 5: 2; fulfilled in Matthew 2: 1 – 7; John 7: 42; Luke 2: 47).**
- 2. Messiah is to be preceded by a Messenger.
(Isaiah 40: 3; Malachi 3: 1; fulfilled in Matthew 3: 1 – 3; 11: 10; John 1: 23; Luke 1: 17).**
- 3. Messiah is to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.
(Zechariah 9: 9; fulfilled in Luke 35 – 37; Matthew 21: 6 – 11)**
- 4. Messiah is to be betrayed by a friend.
(Psalms 41: 9, 55: 12 – 14; fulfilled in Matthew 10: 4; 26: 49 – 50; John 13: 21).**
- 5. Messiah is to be sold for 30 pieces of silver.
(Zechariah 11: 12; fulfilled in Matthew 26: 15; 27: 3).**
- 6. The money for which Messiah is sold is to be thrown "to the potter" in God's house.
(Zechariah 11: 13; fulfilled in Matthew 27: 5 – 7).**
- 7. Messiah is to be silent before His accusers.
(Isaiah 53: 7; fulfilled in Matthew 27: 12).**
- 8. Messiah is to be executed by crucifixion as a thief.
(Psalm 22: 16; Zechariah 12: 10; Isaiah 53: 5 – 12; fulfilled in Luke 23: 33; John 20: 25; Matthew 27: 38; Mark 15: 27 – 28).**

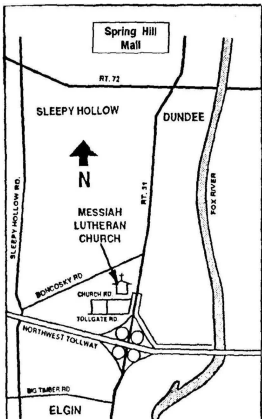
**Do a home Bible study
by looking up these passages about the Messiah.**



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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with music
 and sung liturgy and Holy Communion
 Coffee, tea, and snacks after the service
 every first, third, and fourth Sunday;
 Breakfast served after the service every second Sunday



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Messiah is located
 2 miles south
 of Spring Hill Mall
 at the corner of Route 31
 and Tollgate Rd.
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