



Messiah's Messenger

October 2000

AFTER ONE YEAR

It has now been one year since I began serving as the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church. It has been a great year in many ways. It's been a year of teaching and learning, hearing God's Word and receiving His Body and Blood for life and salvation.

The following words are from the Call document that the members of Messiah Lutheran Church mailed to me on July 28, 1999:

Diploma of Vocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To *Todd A. Peperkorn of Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Having called on the Lord our God, for guidance and in the exercise of the authority with which He has vested His church on earth, we, the voters' Assembly of Messiah Lutheran Church, on behalf of the members of Messiah Lutheran Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, have elected you to the office of Pastor and herewith extend to you this formal notification of your solemn call.

In the name of the Triune God and by His authority we ask you to assume the responsibilities of the office to which we have called you and faithfully to perform all the duties of your office according to the Word of God and the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as drawn from the Sacred Scriptures and found in the Book of Concord. We ask you to do this according to the needs as specified in the accompanying document or as may be resolved and mutually agreed upon from time to time. To the end that you may be enabled to do this, we pledge you our wholehearted and continuing cooperation and support in word and deed and in our prayers to God in your behalf.

We pray God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has moved us to extend our call to you, to convince you by His Holy Spirit that it comes from Him; to induce you to accept it; to conduct you safely to your field of labor; and to bless your ministrations to the glory of His holy name, the building of His church, the temporal and eternal welfare of many people, and your own great joy and blessing.

Signed on this 28 day of July, A.D. 1999, on behalf of Messiah Lutheran by *Theodore J. Scholz*, President; *Robert D. Hagerman*, Chairman, Spiritual Life Council (Elders); *Arthur A. Froemming*, Chairman, Call Committee.

In addition to this, I would add the following from the Small Catechism:

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2-4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:17-18.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12-13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17

May God continue to bless the work of Messiah Lutheran Church in the years to come!

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

Now on first read, this may seem like an odd book of the month. After all, don't hymnals belong in the pews? What reason would I have for wanting to purchase my own hymnal?

There are many reasons to have a family hymnal, or even several. Here are just a few of them:

- ◆ After the Bible, the hymnal contains the best theology and Christian poetry anywhere.
- ◆ It has a majority of the Psalms
- ◆ There are several prayer services suitable for home devotions
- ◆ You can teach the liturgy and hymns to your children or grandchildren!
- ◆ It contains the Small Catechism

Just recently I had the mother of one of our members comment that her two year old daughter has started

singing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" from the liturgy. If a two year old can learn that much once a week, imagine how much they can learn if we work at teaching them the faith?

There are two options for purchasing the hymnal. The pew sized version (8/12 by 6) costs \$15, and the pocket version (about 4 X 6) costs \$26.

You may purchase them through the church office.

God be with you!



Our Servants at Messiah

The following is a list of those serving on various boards and committees of Messiah Lutheran Church. If you have an area where you would like to serve, please contact Ted Scholz, Pastor Peperkorn, or Alberta Helmke (stewardship).

President	Ted Scholz	Board of Evangelism	Bill Dissen (Chairman) Margaret Sheridan John Hrupka
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PARISH PLANNING NOTES

PRESIDENT

No report

No report

VICE-PRESIDENT

No report

EVANGELISM

See next page

TREASURER (vacant)

No report

ACTIVITIES

No Report

EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class meets after Divine services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Sunday school is on it's way this fall, confirmation has begun, and this are off and running!

TRUSTEES (vacant)

YOUTH

Phil Jacobs has graciously agreed to serve as the chairman of the youth board. God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP

No Report

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

No Report

SOCIAL WELFARE

NEW BIBLES ON THE WAY!

Thanks to the generous donation of one of our members, about \$1500 worth of bibles have been donated to Messiah Lutheran Church in memory of our friend and departed brother, John Greno. These bibles have been ordered, and are on the way to the church.

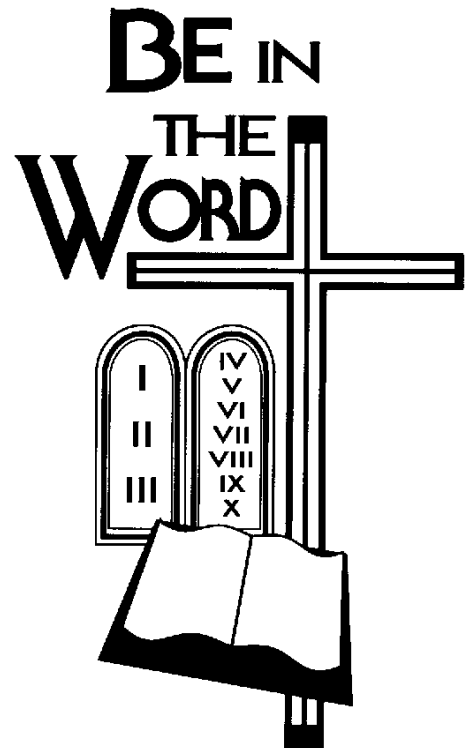
God willing, they will be dedicated on Reformation Sunday (October 29), and will be in use by that time.

The translation we are using is the New King James Version (NKJV) of the bible. The NKJV is a translation that has been around for about 20 years, and is considered by many (including your pastor) to be one of the most accurate translations that retains the beauty and poetry of the original languages.

This is also one of the translations they are seriously considering for the next hymnal (which is still several years away).

Included in these bibles are 72 regular sized bibles, 14 large print bibles, and a lectern bible.

Please make a point of joining us for bible class to make use of these great gifts from God!



LUTHERAN SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Why start a Lutheran School in Kenosha?

- ❖ The Great Commission tells us to “Go teach all nations...”. It is part of our outreach mission.
- ❖ There is currently no LCMS elementary school in Kenosha county.
- ❖ The LCMS congregations in the Kenosha area have lost members or failed to gain new members due to the lack of a Lutheran school.
- ❖ Many members of the LCMS congregations in the Kenosha area currently send their children to Racine LCMS schools or Christian schools of other denominations.
- ❖ Our children deserve a quality Lutheran education.
- ❖ The future of our community and our church depends on how well we equip our children to interact in the world.

What has the Lutheran School Planning Committee been doing?

- ❖ Exploring how our congregations and the surrounding communities would benefit from a Lutheran school.
- ❖ Studying a Lutheran day school from a Biblical perspective.
- ❖ Posing questions and determining the best way to answer those questions.
- ❖ Looking at what we can learn from other LCMS school start-ups.
- ❖ Discussing how the LCMS congregations can collaborate and share our talents and resources.

Where do we go from here?

- ❖ Distribute an interest survey to the members of the LCMS congregations in the Kenosha area.

- ❖ Review and expound on the demographic and feasibility reports generated by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.
- ❖ Analyze the results of the research.
- ❖ Talk to every member with young children to determine their willingness to enroll their child(ren).
- ❖ Talk to all members of each congregation about their willingness to support a Lutheran day school in any and all possible ways.
- ❖ Pray without ceasing.

How can you help?

- ❖ Complete the Education Survey included with this brochure and return it by the stated deadline.
- ❖ Think about how you might be able to help with the planning and implementation of a Lutheran day school in the Kenosha area.
- ❖ As we proceed with the school start-up, spread the word to any and all friends, neighbors and relatives who have young children.
- ❖ Pray for the committee, the congregations, the leadership of each church, and the children who deserve to be offered this opportunity.
- ❖ Serve on a sub-committee that best fits the talents God has given you.

God's Will Be Done

God willing, we plan to start this joint Lutheran day school in Fall 2001 at Lamb of God's new location at Green Bay Road and 85th Street in Pleasant Prairie.

Grade levels offered will depend on the responses and commitments received.

Lutheran School Planning Committee Members from Messiah

Pastor Todd Peperkorn Debbie Davidson
Todd Giese Kent Thomas

A BIT FROM THE CATECHISM

This month in confirmation we are learning the 10 Commandments. We will also be working on these in Sunday School. Take a few minutes and work on these each day with your family. You may be surprised at how easy it is!

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all of these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).



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