



Messiah's Messenger

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HELP WANTED:

PASTOR

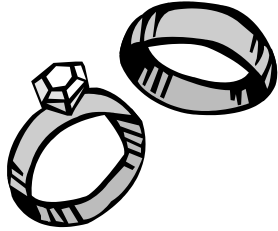


If you have suggestions for the call committee for characteristics or other things to look for in a Pastor, please see someone on the call committee. They want the congregation's input and suggestions.

Events/ Volunteers

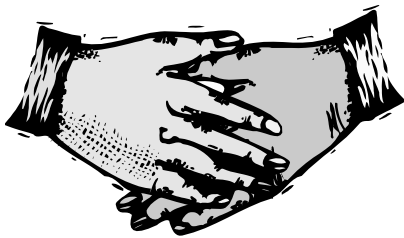
Wedding Anniversaries

- 8/6 Jerome & Michelle Knull
- 8/12 Kevin & Laureen Brothers
Todd & Amy Walther
- 8/18 Dennis & Alberta Helmke



Ushers

- 8/7 Tyler & Austin Nehls
- 8/14 Chuck Leisten & Mike
Snodgrass
- 8/21 Sam Braya & Mark
Varvil
- 8/28 Roger Jeschke & Dale
Miller



Greeters

- 8/7 Gail Kulbacki
- 8/14 Mary Siebert
- 8/21 Toni Marshman
- 8/28 Mary Rusch

Birthdays

- 8/2 John Hrupka
- 8/4 Mary Rusch & Noah
Corey
- 8/5 Garrick Stahl
- 8/6 Paul Rusch
- 8/7 Matthew Brothers
- 8/8 Nick Tauschek
- 8/10 Louise Braya & Michelle
Carpenter
- 8/12 DuWayne Griepentrog &
Allison Hernandez
- 8/15 Bill Dissen, Grant Noble
& Logan Maki
- 8/16 John Piel, Brent Jiter, &
Leland Pratt
- 8/17 Joseph Brothers
- 8/18 Natalie Davidson
- 8/19 Noah Jiter & Brie Ratzburg
- 8/22 Lynda Koch
- 8/24 Yessenia Heitkamp
- 8/28 Joan Chianelli
- 8/29 Garrett Koch



Elders

- 8/7 Don Moe
- 8/14 Chuck Brothers
- 8/21 Tyler Nehls
- 8/28 Pat Tauschek



Baptisms

- 8/1 Dale Miller, Bradley Brothers,
& Kris Kochman
- 8/3 Meri Jo Cleereman
- 8/10 Lauren Noble
- 8/15 Pamela DelFrate & Troy
Wohlgefahrt
- 8/16 Suzanne Peterson
- 8/18 Bill Dissen & Mary Rusch
- 8/22 John Hrupka & Nick
Tauschek
- 8/23 Anna Walther
- 8/25 Jacqueline Tauschek
- 8/26 Betty Boness & DuWayne
Griepentrog
- 8/27 Robert Zuehls
- 8/29 Luke Bertz

Altar Guild

8/7 & 8/14

Doris Colombe & Kathy Capriotti

8/21 & 8/28

Sarah & Katy Billings & Lois Metallo



Flower chart

- 8/7 Chuck & Anita Brothers
- 8/14 Donna Primuth
- 8/21 Bill & Doris Colombe
- 8/28 No one signed up yet

This article is the seventh in a series that Messiah member Kris Kochman will be writing for our anniversary year. Our goal behind this series is to hear the stories of members young and old, so that we may learn more of who we are, and how that will shape how we are to move forward.

Toni Marshman

By Kris Kochman

Toni Marshman says she felt a warm welcome from the congregation when she first joined Messiah Lutheran Church in 1979. Toni grew up in the LCMS, but had not been attending church regularly. She decided it was time to return to church, and visited a few in Kenosha, but none were the right fit. Members of another church discouraged her from attending after she told them she was divorced, and had four children.

She met with Pastor Ted Gundlach and had a good discussion about her faith and family, which encouraged her to try Messiah. Her four sons -- Kelly, Kevin, Ken and Kurt -- were baptized and later confirmed at Messiah..

"I love Messiah because the people are so friendly and so compassionate," she said.



"People at Messiah were just very welcoming. I didn't have to be nervous."

Pastor Gundlach encouraged her to attend the adult bible study while her children were in the Sunday school classes.

"At first I was afraid to -- what do I know? They convinced me to join the adults and I found a warm welcome there. I didn't feel judged," she said.

Toni said it was good to return to the LCMS and take part in bible study.

"We just loved Pastor Gundlach," she said. "We had 9,000 questions about God and he answered every one of them. He never made you feel there were any dumb questions."

A few years after joining the congregation, Toni and her family had a crisis, and were touched by the caring response of their fellow church members.

Their apartment was severely damaged by a leaking roof. All of their possessions were ruined and they could not return to the apartment.

She took her children to Milwaukee, where she had family. The next day, she received a phone call from Pastor Gundlach. He told her that the congregation was worried about her and wanted to take care of her family. Members offered a

place in their homes for Toni and her children, but she ultimately accepted the offer of temporary residence in the old parish house.

"We came back and went to the parish house and people from parish brought blankets, pillows, a TV, groceries -- everything. It was just...I hardly stopped crying because it was just too awesome. I think back and wonder if I ever thanked those people for being so nice. Our church definitely does that," she said.

At Christmas that year, people collected money so she could purchase gifts for her children.

Toni said she was recently reminded of the charitable response of the congregation when she came across a verse from Galatians 6: 9-10: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up. Therefore as we have opportunity let us do good to all people especially those who belong to the family of believers.*

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"That's exactly what our church does. They are such caring people," she said.

Toni said she considers Messiah her second family. She said she has found strength in the church, calling on God during difficult times.

In 1988, she was laid off from American Motors. "I asked the Lord to help me with my life, he was always involved in my life," she said.

Her brother in Milwaukee offered her a job, which she held until retiring in 1993 or 1994. She is happy to be available to stay home and help take care of her grandchildren.

Toni also keeps busy with church activities. She has been involved with the Altar Guild for the past 10 years, and started the practice of greeting members at the door. Toni

said she enjoys greeting very much and encourages other people to participate as a good way to meet members.

She has been involved with the Lutheran Women's Mission League and has helped with adult Bible study as well as the nursery.

She enjoys Wednesday morning Bible class with a core group of about a dozen women, lead by Jane Gundlach.

"I enjoy that group because we learn things about how God wants us to live our life. How he wants us to share with other people," she said. "It's a time when we support each other. If somebody's having a problem we talk about it, or if somebody's happy. You need that time to share things. Life is so busy."

Toni said it was "a heartbreaker," when Pastor Gundlach retired and she is likewise very sad about the

departure of Pastor Peperkorn as he takes a call to a congregation in California. She was part of the call committee for Pastor Peperkorn. She recalls meeting him for the first time and being convinced very quickly that he was the best choice to lead Messiah into the future.

"He makes God's word exciting and interesting and you gotta be there for the next chapter," she said. "Pastor Peperkorn is so charming, he's lovable, he's smart."

She said she also has enjoyed his singing ability during services.

Toni said Pastor Peperkorn has opened her mind to new ideas, such as a discussion about God and art.

"I thought we don't need that. He brought it in and started talking about it. Guess who's appreciating that?"

A Note From Our President

Dear Friends,

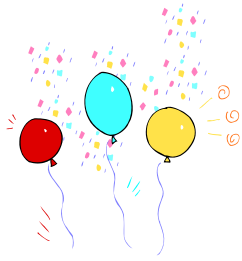
The school year is coming soon and Sunday school will be starting shortly. We are still desperately looking for a Sunday School Superintendent. Please consider taking on this very important role for the benefit of the children of Messiah.

Yours in Christ,
Mike Snodgrass

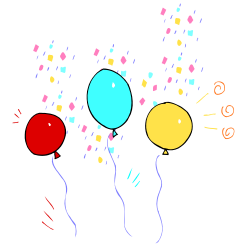
Call Update

Currently there is no update on the call process. If you have any questions, please ask someone on the call committee:

Ted Scholz	Mike Snodgrass
Keith Kentala	Brent Jiter
Sarah Billings	Marge Harmon
LeAnnVarvil	Todd Walther
Bob Trapp	Anita Brothers



Messiah's 50th



Anniversary Celebration

Save the date!

Saturday, October 22nd Banquet at the Fireside

Sunday, October 23rd Anniversary Service



If you have questions, please see Gail Kulbacki,
Deleen Nehls, or Mary Rusch



The anniversary committee is working on getting addresses of former members so that they can be invited to the events. If you know the CURRENT addresses of any former members, please let Gail, Deleen, or Mary know.



Thanks for your help!

August 2011

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Allison Stephans

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Sep 11 - 17	11 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service 10:15am 11:15am SS & Bible Class	12	13	14	15	16 6:00pm 9:00pm Craft Night	17
Sep 18 - 24	18 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service 10:15am 11:15am SS & Bible Class	19	20	21	22 6:00pm 7:00pm Parish Planning (Messiah Lutheran Church) 7:15pm 8:15pm Spiritual Life	23 6:30pm 7:30pm KALEA	24
Sep 25 - Oct 1	25 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service 10:15am 11:15am SS & Bible Class	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1

Upcoming Events at Messiah



Thurs. Aug. 11th

Spiritual Life

6:00 p.m.

Parish Planning

7:15 p.m.

Thurs. Aug. 25th

KALEA meeting

6:30 p.m.



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