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“I Love You”

One of the best known days in February is Valentine's Day. Some people are tempted to call February 14th “Hallmark Holiday.” Little wonder because in our country over 7,000,000,000 valentine cards are purchased each year. Most of these cards say “I love you” in one way or another. But what does “I love you” mean?

Some would say that “I love you” refers to being physically attracted to a person of the opposite sex. While it is true that physical attractiveness can draw people together we need to remember that physical attractiveness changes over time. Yes, it is an important kind of love, but it does not have the same lasting power as other forms of love.

Others would say that “I love you” means you are my special friend. Good friends are sweet blessings in this life as we find things that we enjoy doing with certain people we like and with whom we have so much in common. A friendship kind of love is very special but, sadly, we know from experience that friends come and go.

There is a deeper understanding of what it means to say “I love you.” The word that comes to mind for

many Christians is “*agape*” which we call God's kind of love. It is unconditional and keeps reaching out to other people even when they may not return this kind of love. That is certainly true of God's love for us sinners. Even when we say and do sinful things God's love reaches out to us. As the Scriptures teach, “*while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*” (Romans 5:8 NIV). Jesus Himself said in John 15:13 (NIV):

“Greater love has no one than that he lay down his life for his friends.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV) describes agape love in this way: “*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*”

The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:1 (NIV): “*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!*” Good and godly children imitate the positive characteristics of their good and godly parents. As the children of God through Jesus Christ we imitate

the love of our Father in heaven. “*We love because He [God] first loved us.*” (1 John 4:19 NIV) What does our Father in heaven delight in doing? John 3:16 (NIV) says it so well: “*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*”

God delights in loving and giving. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are God's children, God's disciples, God's stewards. There is no better witness to what it means to be a child of God than for us to use all of life and life's resources in a way that brings glory to God and blessings to those whose lives we touch. May our “I love you” always be God's kind of love, God's agape love.

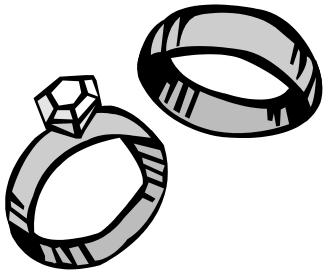


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Events/ Volunteers

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2/5 Aaron & Kellie Ratzburg
- 2/21 Peter & Virginia Campagna
- 2/24 Dale & Karen Nichols



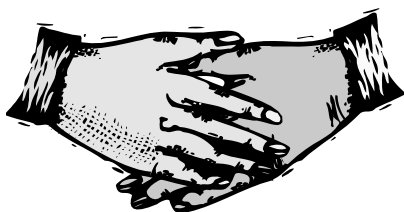
Elders

- 2/5 Don Moe
- 2/12 Tyler Nehls
- 2/19 Brent Jiter
- 2/22 Brent Jiter
- 2/26 Bob Trapp
- 2/29 Bob Trapp



Greeters

- 2/5 Toni Marshman
- 2/12 Mary Rusch
- 2/19 Gail Kulbacki
- 2/26 Stacey Cleereman



Birthdays

- 2/1 Hayley & Payton Weathersby
- 2/5 Doris Colombe, Sandi Hamburger & Eric Snodgrass
- 2/7 Bob Trapp
- 2/9 Carol Hernandez
- 2/12 Thomas Kochman
- 2/13 Elise Walther
- 2/14 Steve Billings & Joshua Dickey
- 2/16 Jeanette Kueker
- 2/17 Don Moe & Cole Pederson
- 2/18 Arby Tobalsky
- 2/19 Austin Nehls
- 2/21 Emma Jiter
- 2/23 Billy Weathersby
- 2/24 Tatum Nehls
- 2/25 Scott Tobalsky
- 2/27 Staci Braya, Jacob Kueker, Artyom & Sergej Varvil

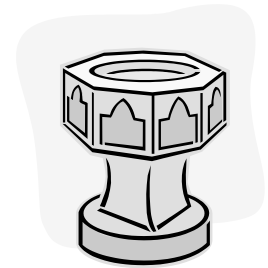


Ushers

- 2/5 Keith & Jacob Kentala
- 2/12 Tyler & Austin Nehls
- 2/19 Sam Braya & Chuck Leisten
- 2/26 Mike & Eric Snodgrass

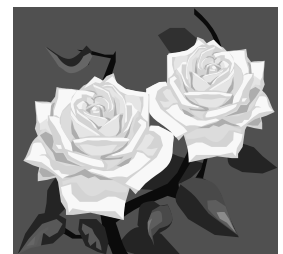
Baptisms

- 2/1 Kathy Shafer
- 2/4 Lou Capriotti
- 2/5 Jason Capriotti & Noah Pederson
- 2/7 Mitchel Kauppila
- 2/10 Alberta Helmke
- 2/12 Sarah Billings
- 2/13 Mark Varvil
- 2/17 Nyssa Zuehls
- 2/19 Kathy Leisten
- 2/21 Garrick Stahl
- 2/26 Hayley & Payton Weathersby
- 2/29 Elise Walther



Altar Guild

Marilyn & Diana Dissen



Flower chart

- 2/5 Metallos
- 2/12 Tobalskys
- 2/19 Tobalskys
- 2/26 Tobalskys

Call Update

The call committee has interviewed all the potential candidates for the call. They are in the process of narrowing down the list and getting prepared to come to the congregation with the information we need. The call list is in the secretary's office for review. If you have any questions, feel free to ask someone on the call committee: Anita Brothers, Marge Harmon, Brent Jiter, Keith Kentala, Ted Scholz, Mike Snodgrass, Bob Trapp, Todd Walther, or Leann Varvil.

As we near the voter's assembly to call our next Pastor, it was suggested that we publish the applicable articles from our constitution that govern this process. Please refer to those articles below, and don't hesitate to contact a member of the call committee or Board of Elders if you have a question or concern regarding the process.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI - POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

RIGHT OF CALLING: The right of calling pastors or called teachers shall be vested in the Voters' Assembly and shall never be delegated to a smaller body or to an individual.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II - VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

B. QUORUM

For the amending of the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution and By-Laws, for the erection of buildings, for the purchase or sale of property, for the calling of a pastor or other called servant or for the removal of a pastor or call teacher or officer from office, a quorum of one third (1/3) of the voting membership shall be necessary. For all other matters, those present at a properly called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - CALLING OF PASTORS AND TEACHERS

When the need to call a pastor or other called servant exists, a Call Committee shall be established by the Spiritual Life Council. A list of candidates shall be obtained from the District President by the Call Committee and published among the members of the congregation. Any voter is entitled to submit additional nominations to the Call Committee within two (2) weeks of the publication of the list of candidates. In a subsequent properly called meeting of the Voters' Assembly, the voters shall approve the list of candidates. The election of the servant to be called shall then proceed by ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be considered elected. If possible, the election shall be made unanimous.

CLA News

On behalf of Christ Lutheran Academy, KALEA has been very busy in the past few months reflecting on the gifts and challenges God has bestowed upon us. In December we analyzed our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We reviewed our bylaws and administrative policies and established clear goals to maximize our strengths and opportunities and counteract our weaknesses and threats.

In January and February we created action steps for the plans. Here are a few of the items we are moving forward on: create an endowed fund through the community; develop a CD/DVD video of the school for potential

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A Message from our Elders

Greetings from the Board of Elders,

Trudging through the cold winter weeks of January and February can often be a let down after the beauty of the Christmas season. However, here at Messiah even in the midst of what may feel like a long and difficult road back to our natural state with a full time Pastor we are continuing to reflect on God's Blessings. First, we are blessed to have Pastor Grenyo, even though his time may be limited. Through Pastor Grenyo, God's Word continues to flow generously in the clear historical confession of our church body. During transitions like this we can clearly recognize the advantage of being connected to a strong national church body, as we are in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. While we are connected to and blessed by the larger community of believers in the LCMS, this transition also highlights the importance all of us play in God's plan for Kenosha. First and foremost in God's plan is for us to continue to show up and hear His Word and receive His blessing through the Sacrament of the Altar. Staying connected to God's Word is even more important during times of struggle and uncertainty and we give thanks that, in general, attendance has remained strong during this time.

This challenge has also given us an opportunity to reflect upon the role each of us play in church and our mission. Through Messiah Lutheran Church, each of us has the opportunity to serve our neighbor. But is more than simply volunteering in another community organization. We don't rest in what *we* accomplish; we rest in the knowledge and promises of God's Word.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

No matter the talent or gifts that you are able to share, when given in service to the Lord they all work to serve our neighbor because God promises to bless our actions and use them to accomplish His Will and purpose. Therefore, although much of the recent focus has been on the work and blessings a full time Pastor brings to our congregation let us not forget our role. Share your gifts and talents freely, for it is through our work together with the Preaching of God's Word and administration of the Sacraments through the office of the Pastor that accomplishes God's work here in Kenosha.

Please continue to pray for our call committee members and the process as we get closer to making a decision to call someone. But also, please prayerfully consider how you may serve your neighbors by the giving of your time and talents here at Messiah.

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families and donors; establish a strong recruitment plan: Open House, yard signs, bumper stickers, contacting home-schooled families, newspaper ads, community cable, radio spots, social media, multi-congregation bulletins, Milwaukee TV ideas; develop a Planned Gifts Program; develop corporate-sponsored collateral; develop a grant-writing plan; enhance our relationship in the community year-round; and host a grand 10-year celebration in May.

The Lord has truly blessed us, school and families, and I am filled with excitement when I look to our future. It is my prayer we continue to use the talents and resources available to us to catechize and train our young in bringing the Gospel to all parts of the world.

Parish Planning Minutes from January Meeting

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARISH PLANNING – January 19, 2012 7:15 PM

President - Mike Snodgrass, Vice- President -Tyler Nehls, Trustee – Dennis Helmke Activities - Allison Stephens, Treasurer - Ted Scholz, Stewardship - Vacant, Financial Secretary, - Gerry Kochman, Evangelism - Vacant, Secretary - Marge Harmon, Youth - Shane Pederson, Education -Vacant, Social Welfare - Kelly Pederson

Present: Mike, Tyler, Ted, Allison, Marge

Guest Debi Tauschek CLA Headmaster Debi explained that Tyler Nehls has offered to finance a sign for CLA through Creative Designs. It would be as close to corner of 22nd Ave. and 21st Street near bus stop as allowed by city regulations. It would be wood with two sides and not lit.

Proposal to allow Pastor Chryst to have a chess club at Messiah. It would be open to CLA students and the public. Public students would need to be accompanied by their parents. It would be every Tuesday that school is open from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. It would use the Fellowship Hall and adjoining bathrooms. They would follow the rules for the use of the area. Agreement is filed in official book.

Trustees - Marge A detailed report of Project Rehab was distributed. Need to replace moldings in downstairs rooms. Most other items are finished. Report is filed.

Treasurer - Ted Many reports were distributed. Bills are current except for CLA assessment.

How economic report will be presented in the Weekly Bulletin was discussed.

Allison has been asked to purchase more coffee mugs to be given to visitors. Shipping is the major cost. Mike will contact other sources.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 16 with Parish Planning at 6 pm and Spiritual Life at 7:15 pm.

Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Project Rehab Update

Most of the big items in the parsonage that needing fixing/replacing have been done. The molding is being put on the floors and the windows. There are still several small things that need to be done before the parsonage is completed. Now that all the big items have been taken care of, we are now receiving bills for all the items and



labor. Prayerfully consider giving to the Project Rehab fund so that the church is able to pay for all the renovations, in addition to our current monthly bills. Any money donated specifically for Project Rehab should be noted, so that it is put in the correct fund. If you would like to help out or if you have any questions, please contact Bob Hagerman or Ted Scholz. Thank you!



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Mar 18 - 24

Mar 25 - 31

Upcoming Events at Messiah



Mon. Feb. 13th	LWML Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 16th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 18th	Altar Guild Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Fellowship	5:30 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 19th	Sledding at Petrified Springs	1:00 p.m.



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