



# Messiah's Messenger

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## What this means for Messiah

*By Pastor Todd A. Peperkorn, STM*

**A**s I said in my letter accepting the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rocklin, this was the hardest decision of my life. I love the people of Messiah, we love Kenosha, we love Little Lambs and Christ Lutheran Academy. I wasn't "looking" for a call, and we could very easily have spent the rest of our lives here. But that is not the way it is going to work out.

So what does all of this mean for Messiah Lutheran Church? You will have to talk to Mike Snodgrass and Todd Walther and the other leaders of our parish for the mechanics of how it will work. But I thought it worthwhile to give you a little theological perspective on the matter:

**The first thing it means is that Christ is still Lord of the Church.** It isn't your church or my church or anyone else's. It is Christ's Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Messiah is dear to Him, and He has promised to care for you no matter what. He is the Good Shepherd, who loves you with an everlasting love. This change may very well be an opportunity for everyone here to learn again about what it means to "trust in the Lord with

all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

**The second thing it means is that things change.** People change. Lives change. Congregations change. Pastors change. God gives His gifts out to His people in so many wonderful ways. That is both the beauty and the scariness of trust. The Church is not a museum piece or a set group of the "frozen chosen". The Church is a family, and families grow and contract. They change. That is a part of what it means to be a Church.

**The third thing it means is that Messiah has an opportunity to grow.** We have been looking at a lot of great pictures and history this year at Messiah. This is another wonderful chance for Messiah to ask who we are and where we want to go as a congregation.

Be at peace, dear friends. While this may seem hard now, it will work out for the best. "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). I can't wait to see what great things God has in store for Messiah!

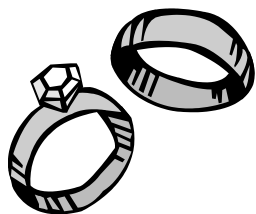
+The Lord Be with You +  
*Pastor Peperkorn*



# Events/ Volunteers

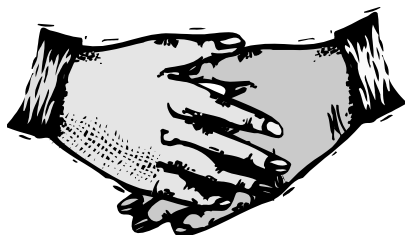
## *Wedding Anniversaries*

- 6/3 Brent & Mary Jo Jiter
- 6/6 Mike & Debbie Snodgrass  
Eric & Debbie Davidson
- 6/9 Billy & Tamara Weathersby  
John & Allison Hernandez
- 6/10 Ted & Monica Scholz
- 6/21 George & Lois Metallo
- 6/22 Chuck & Kathy Leisten
- 6/26 Mitch & Jamie Kauppila



## Ushers

- 6/5 Jonathan Lutz & Sam Braya
- 6/12 Tyler & Austin Nehls
- 6/19 Roger Jeschke & Chuck Leisten
- 6/26 Sam Braya & Mike Snodgrass



## Greeters

- 6/5 Mary Siebert
- 6/12 Toni Marshman
- 6/19 Gail Kulbacki
- 6/26 Stacey Cleereman

## *Birthdays*

- 6/2 Valerie Zuehls
- 6/3 Suzanne Peterson & Cody Weathersby
- 6/4 Diane Kentala & Lisa Leisten
- 6/5 Mark Snodgrass
- 6/6 Ted Scholz & Randall Koch
- 6/10 Krista Vinanskie & Naomi Jiter
- 6/12 Jami Ross
- 6/13 Andrew Billings
- 6/16 Jerry Kochman & Cheryl Moe
- 6/17 Alexander Weber
- 6/15 Kellie Ratzburg
- 6/21 Dale Miller
- 6/22 Ella Stahl
- 6/23 Deleen Nehls
- 6/24 Dennis Helmke & Isabella Peperkorn



## Elders

- 6/5 Todd Walther
- 6/12 Chuck Brother
- 6/19 Don Moe
- 6/26 Brent Jiter



## *Baptisms*

- 6/1 Arby Tobalsky
- 6/2 Stacey Cleereman
- 6/5 Sarah Hagerman
- 6/6 Brittany Busse
- 6/7 Amelia Noble
- 6/8 Jerome Knull
- 6/9 Brandon Cleereman
- 6/10 Debbie Snodgrass
- 6/11 Brooke Ratzburg
- 6/17 Andrew Griepentrog
- 6/19 Rebecca Brothers
- 6/20 Randall Koch
- 6/21 Lisa Leisten
- 6/22 Cody Weathersby
- 6/24 George Metallo
- 6/28 Karen Nichols, Debbie Davidson, Sara Ricchio, & Naomi Jiter
- 6/30 Richard Cleereman

## Altar Guild

- Gail Kulbacki
- Lois Metallo



## Flower chart

- 6/5 Mike & Debbie Snodgrass
- 6/12 Don & Cheryl Moe
- 6/19 George & Lois Metallo
- 6/26 Jerry & Kris Kochman

# The Walther Family

By Kris Kochman

When Todd and Amy Walther moved to Kenosha in 2002 from Collinsville, Ill., they visited different churches in the area before settling on Messiah. A visit from Messiah member Bill Dissen helped convince them to consider Messiah, they said.

"Bill started talking to Todd about Cardinal baseball," Amy recalled.

Then, she received a call from Messiah member Mary Jo Jiter, and also felt a welcoming connection to the community at Messiah.

"We were on the phone for an hour," she said.

At Mary Jo's invitation, Amy and her older two daughters began attending Messiah's Play and Pray

group for mothers and their young children.

Since that time, Messiah Lutheran Church has become their family, since most of their family lives in points south, the couple said.

"Our friends from church are like our family since we don't have any family here," Amy said.

Todd is a math teacher at Indian Trail Academy. Amy is a registered nurse and also a case manager for home health care, employed by Wheaton Franciscan Home Health and Hospice. Their children include Anna, 13 in July, Meg, 11 in June, and Elise, 7. They also count their Boston Terrier, Cece, and Anna's cockatiel, Charlie, as part of the family.

Amy grew up in St. Louis, and

the couple met during their college years, in Todd's hometown of Belleville, Ill. They were both working at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, where a co-worker

knew both of them. Amy said the co-worker thought she would be a good match for Todd, since "I was a nice Lutheran girl," she said with a laugh. Both Todd and Amy are lifelong members of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

The Walthers said they enjoy the church community at Messiah and they like to be involved in church activities.

Todd serves as an elder and is currently chairman of the board of elders. He teaches Sunday School most years and has served as Sunday School Superintendent. He worked many Brewers games for fundraising efforts for the church school, Christ Lutheran Academy and also served on the board for the school board, KALEA. Amy has co-chaired rummage sales and spaghetti dinners to benefit CLA. Their daughters have attended the school for the past eight years.

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*This article is the sixth 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.*

**Looking Back to Look Forward**



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Anna was in the school's first Kindergarten class.

"The kids have developed strong friendships through the church and school," Todd said.

Family highlights at Messiah have included Anna's Confirmation and Meg's First Communion and Elise's baptism.

Becoming involved in the church benefits their family, Todd said.

"I think it fosters and strengthens

relationships between people in the congregation," he said. "You don't have that when you just go to church and leave."

They take part in church functions, including the Oktoberfest sausage dinner and the annual church picnic. Amy enjoys the occasional craft night at Messiah.

They also enjoy outings to the Oktoberfest at Kemper Center with friends from the church, including the Billings, Peperkorn and Jiter families.

In addition to the social connec-

tion, Todd said he liked the traditional liturgy at Messiah.

"It's very sound doctrinally," Todd said. "I enjoy the law and Gospel."

"I love Pastor's sermons," said Amy. "You are fed what you need to hear when you go."

During times of change, the church is a source of stability in their life, the couple said. Amy said the family misses their home church when they are away on travels.

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## A Note From Our President

Dear Friends,

Now that the school year as ended, I would like to take a moment to recognize some more of the unsung heroes of our congregation that have, over the past year, volunteered their time and energy to teach our children the Word of the Lord every Sunday. The following individuals have been a part of this process: Allison Stephens, Stephanie Zuehls, Tamara Weathersby, Jacquelyn Tauschek, Jeff Zuehls, Gerry Kochman, Leann Varvil, Pam Delfrate, Todd Walther, Becky Noble, Stacey Braya, Stacy Cleereman and Kathryn Peperkorn.

On behalf of all of us here at Messiah, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to you for your time and efforts that you have provided to the children of this congregation. Our children are truly blessed to have you as one of their teachers.

A very special thank you to Kathryn for serving as the Sunday School Superintendant. This is a thankless job that you have faithfully performed and because your efforts every Sunday, our children always had an opportunity to learn and grow with Our Lord. Please except our sincere gratitude for your love and dedication to the children.

Again, to all of you, please accept our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your time and effort. The Lord has truly blessed us all by having you here at Messiah.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Snodgrass



## June Themes:

May 31<sup>st</sup>–June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Vacations / A & B  
June 6<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>: Picnics / C & D  
June 13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day & Recycling / E & F  
June 20<sup>th</sup>–24<sup>th</sup>: Pond Life / G & H  
June 27<sup>th</sup>–July 1<sup>st</sup>: Red, White & Blue / I & J

### Are you still looking for summer preschool?

This summer we are running an early childhood program for children Preschool – 3rd grade. We open at 6:30 AM for before care and our program will run from 8:00-11:30 AM. We will provide aftercare until noon. The summer session will continue to have a structured program with weekly thematic learning units. Just like our school year policy, children can enroll two, three, four, or five morning sessions. Call Mrs. Jiter for additional details or to pick up a registration packet.

## News for Ewes Little Lambs Learning Center



**Register Now for Fall!** Are you looking for a preschool for your 3-5 year old child, or for before or aftercare for your CLA student? If so please set up an appointment with Mary Jo Jiter, the director of Little Lambs Learning Center. She would be happy to set up a tour to share more about the programs that Little Lambs offers for Kindergarten Readiness, preschool and before and aftercare for preschoolers and CLA students. Call 262-551-8167 or email [llc@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:llc@messiahkenosha.org).

*The first day of the 2011-2012 school year will be Thursday, September 1st, mark your calendars!*



Learn



Discover



Pretend



Pray



Enjoy



Picnic

## Racine Zoo

# June 2011




- Messiah Google
- Historic Lectionary
- Christ Lutheran Academy (2)

May 2011							June 2011							July 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Rogate (Easter 6) - 9:00 AM Divine Service	30 Memorial Day Pastor's Day off	31 Justin, Martyr	1 Ascension	2	3	4
5 Exaudi (S...Ascension) - 9:00 AM Divine Service	6 Pastor's Day off	7	8 - 10:30 AM LLC Chapel	9	10 St. Barnabas, Apostle	11
12 The Ecum..., A.D. 325 Whitsund...Pentecost - 9:00 AM Divine Service	13 Whit-Monday Pastor's Day off	14 Elisha Flag Day Whit-Tuesday	15 - 10:30 AM LLC Chapel - 6:00 PM Parish Planning - 7:00 PM Spiritual Life	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Trinity Sunday - 9:00 AM Divine Service	20 Pastor's Day off	21	22 - 10:30 AM LLC Chapel - 6:30 PM KALEA	23 Nativity o...he Baptist	24 Presentati...onfession	25
26 Jeremiah Trinity 1 - 9:00 AM Divine Service	27 Pastor's Day off Cyril of Al...Confessor	28 Irenaeus...ons, Pastor St. Peter a...Apostles	29 - 10:30 AM LLC Chapel	30	1 The Visitation	2



# July 2011

-  Messiah Google
-  Historic Lectionary
-  Christ Lutheran Academy (2)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Jeremiah</b> <b>Trinity 1</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	26 Pastor's Day off Cyril of Al...Confessor	27 Irenaeus...ons, Pastor	28 St. Peter a...Apostles	29 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	30 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	1 <b>The Visitation</b>
<b>Trinity 2</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	3 Pastor's Day off Independence Day	4 Pastor's Day off Independence Day	5 Pastor's Day off Independence Day	6 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	7 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	8 — 6:00 PM Craft Night
<b>Trinity 3</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	10 Pastor's Day off	11 Pastor's Day off	12 Pastor's Day off	13 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel — 6:00 PM Spiritual Life — 7:00 PM Parish Planning	14 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	15 — 6:00 PM Craft Night
<b>Trinity 4</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	17 Pastor's Day off	18 Pastor's Day off	19 Elijah	20 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel — 6:00 PM Spiritual Life — 7:00 PM Parish Planning	21 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	22 <b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Trinity 5</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	24 St. James the Elder Pastor's Day off	25 St. James the Elder Pastor's Day off	26 St. James the Elder Pastor's Day off	27 Johann Se...h, Kantor — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel — 6:30 PM KALEA	28 Johann Se...h, Kantor — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel — 6:30 PM KALEA	29 Johann Se...h, Kantor — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel — 6:30 PM KALEA
<b>Trinity 6</b> — 9:00 AM Divine Service — vice	31 Pastor's Day off	1 Pastor's Day off	2 Joanna, M...rhbearers	3 Joanna, M...rhbearers	4 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel	5 — 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel

# Upcoming Events at Messiah



Thurs. June 2nd	LWML Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wed. June 8th	LLLC Board Meeting	7:15 p.m.
Sat. June 11th	Schmidt/Daoust Wedding	2:00 p.m.
Thurs. June 16th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Thurs. June 23rd	KALEA meeting	6:30 p.m.



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