



# Messiah's Messenger

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## Change in Sacred Spaces

*By Pastor Todd A. Peperkorn, STM*

One of the themes that seems to keep running through our study of sacred space in Bible Class is the relationship between the beauty of the space and the function(s) that it serves. The Tabernacle in the Old Testament was portable. The Temple (both 1st and 2nd) were massive, build on the highest point in Jerusalem, and reflected the beauty of God's presence as well as the practical need for sacrifice in order to enter into God's presence. In the Early Church, they met in people's homes with simple adornment and liturgy, but as the churches became larger and more permanent, the need for more ceremony and liturgy became apparent.

Form and function have a way of running together. The needs of our spaces is shaped by what is possible, but also stretched by what we might imagine.

One of the things that I would like to develop this year is a timeline of when things have changed over the



years in our sanctuary. Some of the things I have seen in pictures and heard from members include:

- New baptismal font
- Moving the altar away from the wall and to free-standing.
- Carpeting
- The altar rails moved down to the nave level.
- The Christ figure
- New paraments and vestments

Now as we look at these changes, some of them may be considered done for practical reasons (e.g. the altar rail moving to the nave), and others for artistic reasons. Both are good and valid reasons for making these changes.

So the questions before us this year are these:

- How has our space changed in terms of use in recent years?
- How do those changes in usage inform what we do with our space?
- What are the artistic factors that we should consider in improving our space?

These are good and important questions that I believe we should be asking. This will allow us to make decisions that are reasonable, forward looking, and respect the history and tradition that God has handed down to us.

Two of the practical usage issues that we should probably consider in-

clude

- **Handicap accessibility.** We are blessed to have a building all on one level, but there is no good place for someone confined to a wheelchair to "park".
- **School chapels.** We use our sanctuary every day now for school chapels with either the Academy or Little Lambs or both.
- **Lighting.** One of the elements that really struck me as we visited these other churches on our "steeplechase" (see the article on it in this month's newsletter) is that our sanctuary is dramatically darker than most churches. Between the older light fixtures, the dark carpet, the blond wood in conjunction with the lights, and the off white walls, this makes our space much darker than is probably helpful. This is especially true as we consider children and seniors.

These are just a few things to consider as we move forward. God's blessings to you in Christ!

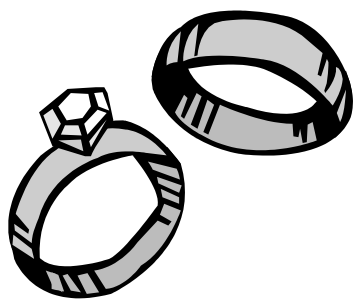
—Pastor Peperkorn



# Events/ Volunteers

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

2/5 Aaron & Kellie Ratzburg  
2/21  
2/24 Dale & Karen Nichols



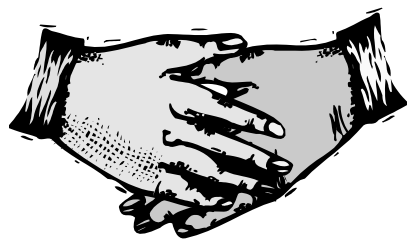
## Elders

2/6 Tyler Nehls  
2/13 Phil Jacobs  
2/20 Don Moe  
2/27 Brent Jiter



## Greeters

2/6 Stacey Cleereman  
2/13 Toni Marshman  
2/20 Gail Kulbacki  
2/27 Mary Siebert



## *Birthdays*

2/1 Hayley & Payton Weathersby  
2/5 Doris Colombe, Sandi Ham burger, Eric Snodgrass & Renata Peperkron  
2/7 Bob Trapp  
2/9 Carol Hernandez  
2/12 Thomas Kochman  
2/13 Elise Walther  
2/14 Steven Billings & Joshua Dickey  
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, Artyom & Sergei Varvil  
2/28 Carrie Messersmith



## *Baptisms*

2/1 Elsie Rintamaki & Kathleen Shafer  
2/4 Lou Capriotti  
2/5 Noah Pederson  
2/7 Mitchel Kauppila  
2/10 Alberta Helmke  
2/12 Sarah Billings  
2/15 Stephanie Zuehls  
2/17 Nyssa Zuehls  
2/19 Kathleen Leisten  
2/21 Garrick Stahl  
2/26 Hayley & Payton Weathersby  
2/29 Elise Walther

## Ushers

2/6 Tyler & Austin Nehls  
2/13 Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke  
2/20 Mike Snodgrass & Sam Braya  
2/27 Tyler & Austin Nehls

## Altar Guild

Gail Kulbacki

Bonnie Griepentrog



## Flower chart

2/6 Todd Geise  
2/13 Kochman family  
2/20 Gail Kulbacki  
2/27 No one signed up yet

# Long Time Members, Bob & Evone Hagerman

By Kris Kochman

Soon after Bob and Evone Hagerman moved to Kenosha from Connecticut in 1981, they started looking for a church to join. And when they visited Messiah Lutheran Church, they knew they had found their church.

"The first time I met Pastor (Ted) Gundlach, I felt right at home," Evone said. "Here we are, 30 years later."

The Hagermans have been active members of the church, serving in a variety of positions throughout the years.

Evone was asked to become a church organist soon after joining Messiah, a position she continues.

Along with teaching Sunday School and VBS for many years, Evone was a member of the church's women's Bible study group from 1981 until 2006, when she began spending her day off

with her two grandsons instead. She is employed as an accountant for Ultra Industries in Racine.

The Bible study group began with a half a dozen members meeting around the kitchen table at the parsonage, she recalled.

"The group just continued to grow and we moved into the parish house, the old farmhouse on the church property" Evone said. "We brought our children and they would play in the other room. We grew spiritually together and we grew older together!"

Evone said the bible study group, led for many years by Jane Gundlach, had a major impact on her spiritual growth.

"My Wednesday morning Bible study ladies -- we were family," Evone said. "When a lot of things needed to be done in the church, the Wednesday morning ladies

would do it: dinners to new moms, funeral luncheons, Christmas parties."

Throughout the years, Bob has served in many leadership roles at Messiah, including the congregation president, vice president and treasurer. He also served as elder for more than 20 years, and helped with maintenance projects, such as roofing the church.

"There are a lot more younger guys, let them take over; I'll keep doing the choir thing," Bob said with a grin. He operates a software company, Gigatrak, in Kenosha.

Music has been a big part of the couple's involvement at Messiah. Both Bob and Evone have been active in the church choir and Evone also led a children's choir in the past.

"When you serve in organ and choir you're here for almost every service," Evone noted.

*This article is the second 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**



Left to right: Bob & Evone Hagerman, Sarah Hagerman Pratt, Leland Pratt, Ryan Hagerman, Dan & Sara Hagerman

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The Hagermans have enjoyed annual caroling parties, where they have visited members who are now nursing home residents. Chuck and Anita Brothers have traditionally hosted the caroling party reception at the end of the evening. Although the caroling party has dwindled from its peak of about 30 members, it is still a heartwarming experience, the couple said.

The Hagermans said they have developed some close friendships through their association with other Messiah members. Both of their children, Sarah and Dan Hagerman, were confirmed at Messiah.

The couple recalls the construction of the church addition in 1994 as a unifying and exciting event for Messiah. Bob said he is hopeful the

church can take on some remodeling projects in the coming years.

"I love having the school here," said Evone, who recently joined the KALEA board. "I would love to see us have an entire school building."

Having the school here is a sign of vitality, Evone said.

The Hagermans noted that the congregation includes many families with young children today, compared to a more senior population when they joined in 1981.

The Hagermans said they feel it enhances the church experience to see children singing at services, such as the recent Epiphany evening prayer service.

"It's more vibrant now," Bob said.

## CLA NEWS

**New Student Round-up:** On Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Academy (in conjunction with Little Lambs Learning Center) will host a new student round-up for any family interested in learning a little more about our school. All the staff and a parent or two will be available to tour the school, and answer any questions you may have. You may contact Debi Tauschek, at 697-6044 if you have any questions.

**Fine Arts Program:** The students at Christ Lutheran Academy have been working on a musical and a skit they will perform at Mahone Middle School on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The musical is called *The Man With a Crooked Nose* and is full of children from different countries who learn a lesson through clocks. You'll have to see the musical to understand how that all makes sense. The skit will take us back to 1692 and tell us a story of a French Heroine in Canada. Concessions will be available before and after the program. We hope to see you there!

### We need your pictures!

One of the goals of the anniversary committee is to gather pictures of every baptism, confirmation and wedding that have been conducted here at Messiah Lutheran Church from 1961-2011. But we need your help! You may either scan these pictures and email them to Pastor at [pastor@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:pastor@messiahkenosha.org), or give them to Pastor on Sunday morning by putting them in his mailbox (bottom right). We are working on a list of all of these events, and hope to have it available soon.

Thanks for your help!

IMPACT SERIES

# I Trust When Dark My Road

*A Lutheran View of Depression*  
with Pastor Todd Peperkorn

Wednesday, February 16  
7:00 PM

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# A Few Pictures from Snowpocalypse 2011





## February

# News for Ewes

## Little Lambs Learning Center

### Themes:

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Dental Health - S

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Valentines - T

February 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: Outer Space –U



### Visit us at our Open House!

Come and learn about the programs that Little Lambs offers for Kindergarten Readiness, Pre-school and before and after-care for preschoolers and CLA students.

Staff will be available to answer questions about daily lessons, weekly themes, and learning objectives at LLLC.

Christ Lutheran Academy will be hosting their open house in conjunction with our open house. So you may stop by and learn about the academy while you are visiting LLLC, as well as enjoy refreshments.

### Little Lambs Learning Center Open House

Date: Sunday, January 20th

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Little Lambs Learning Center Classrooms

Contact: Mary Jo Jiter at 551-8167 or  
[lllc@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:lllc@messiahkenosha.org)

### February Center Updates:

- When picking up children or visiting the center or church on school days, please park in the parking spots and not by the orange cones.
- If Kenosha Unified is closed due to the weather, it is our policy to close as well.
- Registration for fall 2011 preschool will begin on February 20th at the Open House. If you register by June 1st, 2011 you will receive a 25% discount off your child's registration fee. Registration is first come, first serve.



### Teddy Bear Picnic!





# Messiah Visits First Three Churches in Steeplechase

Members of Messiah's Sunday morning Bible Class (and a few Sunday School kids) went on an outing January 30th, visiting three local churches.

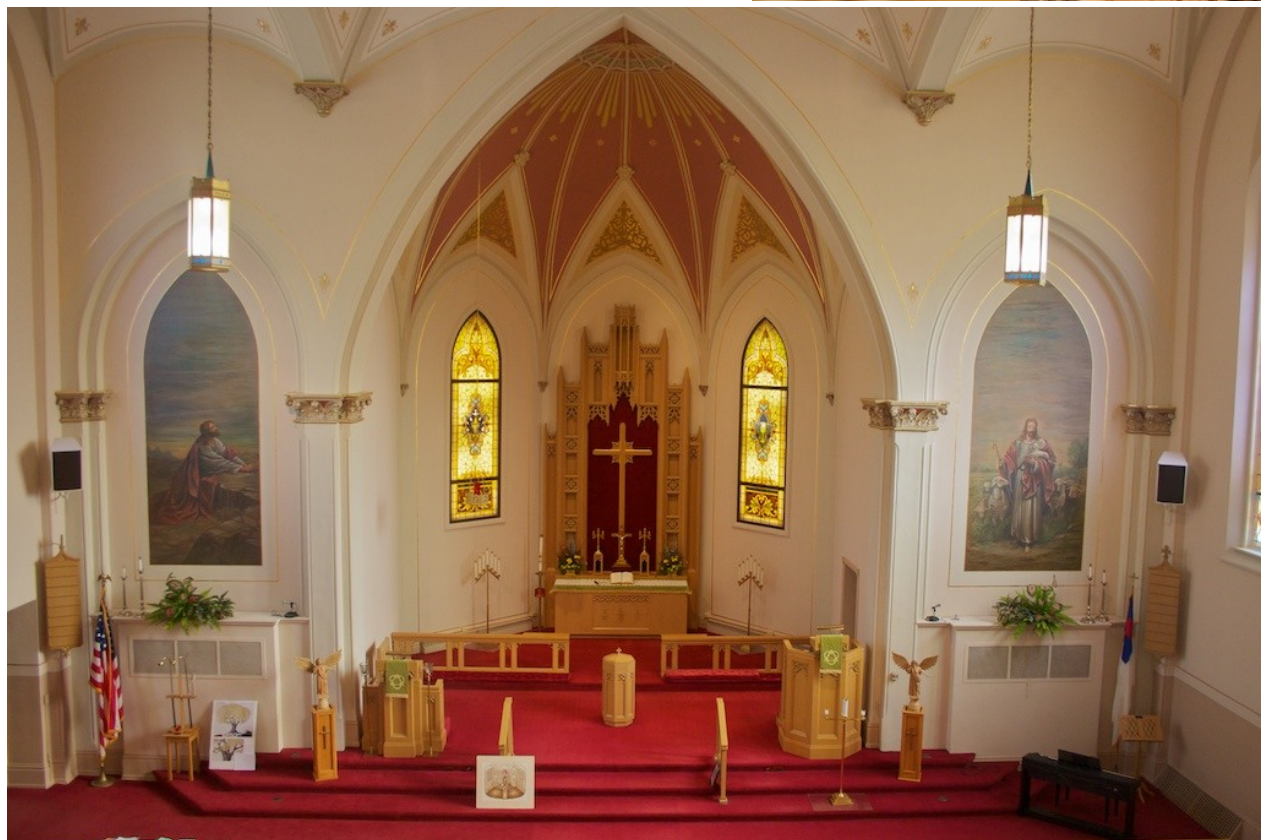
St. John's Lutheran Church in Racine is one of the oldest churches in Racine. Pastor Daniel Quinn showed us around, and some of the kids got to ring the big bells!

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Racine is a historic building, with beautiful dark woodwork, and typical Episcopal styling. Mr. James Schatzman gave us this tour.

Finally, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Kenosha is in what is called the Romanesque style. Fr. Bill Hayward explained some of the elements of the space to us.

The next steeplechase is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 6. We hope you can join us!

*An angel and the sanctuary of St. John's on the north side of Racine.*







*All of the woodwork at St. Luke's Episcopal Church was done by local artists.*



*The dome above the altar depicts Jesus giving the Rosary to Mary. Notice the altar behind, and the freestanding altar in front of it at both St. Luke's and Holy Rosary.*



# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>Epiphany 4</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class 1:00 PM STEEPLE CHASE	<b>31</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>1</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>2</b> <b>The Purification of M...</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>4</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany 5</b> Officer Installation 9:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Sing at Lamb of God 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class	<b>7</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>8</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>9</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 6:00 PM Parish Planning 7:00 PM Spiritual Life	<b>11</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>12</b> Lincoln's Birthday
<b>13</b> <b>Transfiguration</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class 1:00 PM Sledding 2:00 PM Lutheranism 101 6:00 PM SEWPA in fellowship hall	<b>14</b> Pastor's Day off Valentine's Day 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>15</b> Spring Primary Elections 8:15 AM Matins	<b>16</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM IMPACT: I Trust When Dark My Road	<b>17</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 7:00 PM The Man with the Crooked Nose	<b>18</b> No School – End of m...	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Septuagesima</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class 2:00 PM New Student Round-up	<b>21</b> Pastor's Day off President's Day 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>22</b> Ordination Anniversary Washington's Birthday 8:15 AM Matins	<b>23</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>St. Matthias the Apostle</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 6:30 PM KALEA	<b>25</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>26</b> Chess Tournament
<b>27</b> <b>Sexagesima</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class	<b>28</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>1</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>2</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 7:00 PM IMPACT: Teaching Respect and Expecting Respect	<b>4</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>5</b>

# March 2011

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<b>27</b> <b>Sexagesima</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class	<b>28</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>8:15 AM Matins</b>	<b>1</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 7:00 PM IMPACT: Teaching Respect and Expecting Respect	<b>4</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Quinquagesima</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class 12:00 PM Steeplechase	<b>7</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>8:15 AM Matins</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	<b>10</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>11</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Tim... <b>Invocavit (Lent 1)</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class	<b>14</b> <b>SPRING BREAK</b> Pastor's Day off	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>St. Joseph, Guardian ...</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Reminisce (Lent 2)</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class	<b>21</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>8:15 AM Matins</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lent Midweek Service	<b>23</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lent Midweek Service	<b>24</b> <b>Annunciation of our L...</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers 6:30 PM KALEA	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>GUEST PREACHER: Re...</b> <b>Oculi (Lent 3)</b> 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM SS & Bible Class 6:00 PM SEWPA in fellow-ship hall	<b>28</b> Pastor's Day off 2:30 PM Vespers 6:00 PM SEWPA in fellow-ship hall	<b>8:15 AM Matins</b>	<b>29</b> 8:15 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lent Midweek Service	<b>30</b> 10:30 AM LLLC Chapel 1:45 PM Confession and Absolution 2:30 PM Vespers	<b>31</b> 8:15 AM Matins	<b>2</b>



# Upcoming Events at Messiah



Thurs. Feb. 10th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 13th	Sledding at Petrified Springs	1:00 p.m.
	Fellowship Hall reserved (K. Peperkorn)	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 15th	Spring Primary Election	All Day
Wed. Feb. 16th	IMPACT: I Trust When Dark My Road	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 17th	"The Man with the Crooked Nose" CLA Musical at Mahone	7:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 20th	CLA New Student Roundup	2:00 p.m.
	LLLC Open House	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 27th	New Member Reception/Pot Luck	11:15 a.m.



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