



Messiah's Messenger

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Let the Countdown Begin!

Beloved in Christ,
Our lives in Christ our lives of constant waiting. We wait for the Lord in good times and in bad. We wait on the Lord, for it is good. "But wait a minute!" you say (notice what I did there?) Why should we wait on the Lord? There are things to be done!

We live in such a busy world where things can get accomplished instantly which once took months to accomplish (for example, I may pick up the phone or send an e-mail to the Bishop of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and speak with him instantly, where this kind of communication would have taken months just under 100 years ago.) Waiting seems to be obsolete, a waste of time. Why wait when you can have it now? And yet, Holy Scripture says again and again: **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame** (Psalm 25:3).

And so, we wait. And the Church teaches us to wait patiently on the Lord. Every year, the rhythm of the Church year teaches us to wait, but not only to wait, but to remember. We remember in our waiting the wonder-

ful deeds of the Lord. We wait, not idly, but with minds being conformed to the higher things that God has revealed to us, the higher things of Christ Jesus.

We are entering the final countdown of the Church year, our waiting is about to be reset. We have waited through the Advent preparations for the miracle of the Nativity of our Lord. We have waited and watched and remembered with the wise men, we have seen the epiphany of our Lord as He reveals Himself year after year at the wedding at Cana through the signs and wonders of the Epiphany season. We have waited and watched upon the mount of Transfiguration. We have waited and watched through the penitential season of Lent, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in front of Herod and Pontius, at His scourging, condemnation, crucifixion, bitter sufferings, death and burial. We have waited at the closed tomb. We have waited with the disciples and women to see what would happen in the third day. We have waited through the forty days to His Ascension, we have waited and learned and remembered the teachings of our Lord given to His Church established at Pentecost. And now

we wait again for the glorious last day and second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we wait, we also countdown. September is Divine Service 3, October is Divine Service 2, Divine Service 1 for November...and then...we wait some more!! But our waiting is not in vain. None who wait for the Lord shall be put to shame. He continues His grace and mercy in our waiting. He continues to teach His Church, washing her in the waters of Baptism, feeding her with His own body and blood. We wait, and we remember the goodness of the Lord. We wait with joy for Christ, for He has made the promise: And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Continue to wait, you beloved in the Lord, on His mercies, which are new every morning. Continue to remember the goodness of the Lord for you. Let the countdown to another year in Christ begin! Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

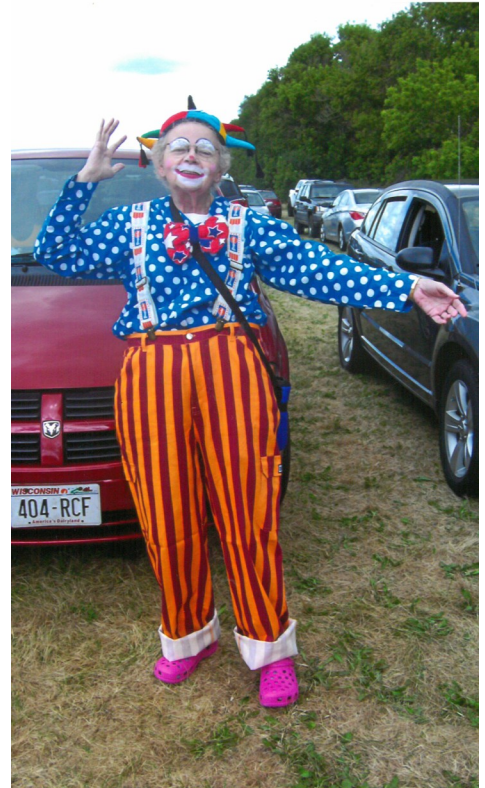
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Encourage one another!

St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians: Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thess. 5:11). It is a great blessing to encourage one another, both for the encouraged and the encourager. My family and I have been greatly encouraged by so many of you since accepting the call to serve here at Messiah over 6 months ago. By means of encouragement to you, I share these won-

derful pictures of one of our own dear sisters, who has been such an encouragement to so many.

It may take you a moment to recognize this happy clown, but it is our own Toni Marshman. When Toni showed me these pictures they made me smile and I thought you could use a smile too! Thanks for the encouragement Toni!

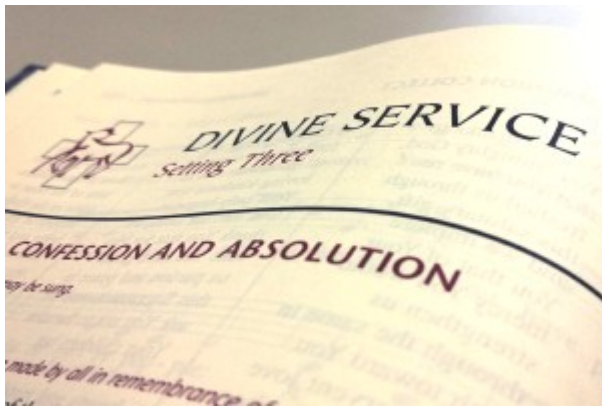


Kenosha Crop Walk for Hunger

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, the 36th Kenosha Crop Walk For Hunger will take place at St. Mary's Lutheran Church. Registration will be at 1:00pm, with the walk beginning at 2:00pm. The Social Welfare Committee has registered Messiah Lutheran Church for this event.

We have envelopes for those of you who are interested in walking, and raising money for a wonderful cause. You have the option to walk 1, 2, or 3 miles, while raising money for those around the world that walk miles everyday to get food and water.

In addition to helping other countries, 25% of the monies raised will go to Kenosha area food pantries. Please consider being a part of this great event. If interested, please see Kate Tobalsky, Heidi Tobalsky, or Tamara Weathersby. Thank you!



The Discipline of Receptive Meditation through Divine Service

By The Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, pastor at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fairgrove, Mich.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14 ESV).

One minute goes by. Then two minutes. The sounds of fidgeting are heard, and they quickly multiply. Three minutes have now passed; it seems we're experiencing eternity. It's very hard for us, isn't it? During a recent evening service we experienced three minutes of reflection between the confession and the absolution, and a long period of meditation after the reading of God's Word. I was struck by the fact that three minutes (180 seconds) seemed like a black hole from whence we would never return—forever stuck in a state of awkward silence.

Distractions

It seemed a simple task—to sit quietly and reflect—meditate—on the Word of Life we had just received. Tick. Tick. Tick. There we sat, uncomfortable in our silence. Hearts and minds that were gathered to receive the good gifts of God were distracted by the stillness. We were meditating on our meditation.


How did we get here? How did we get to a point that, within the Divine

Service where and when we gathered to receive the gift of Christ, silence became awkward? Could it be that our lives, so filled with constant stimuli, view the absence of stimuli as a threat? Maybe we are so used to being receptive to all the noise and distractions around us that quietness and contemplation have be-

come alien. Quite possibly we remain receptive, but we remain receptive to the wrong things. Our hearts, if you will, are tuned into the wrong stations.

Receiving is Quiet

We are listening creatures. As St. Paul notes, *"faith comes through*



Southeast Wisconsin Lutheran Confessions Study

WHAT?

An informal reading group for the purpose of studying and discussing the Book of Concord, the Lutheran Confessions

WHEN?

St. Matthew's Day, September 21, 2013 at 9:30 am

WHERE?

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2026 22nd Ave. Kenosha, Wisconsin

The reading group begins with Divine Service at 9:30 celebrating the feast of St. Matthew's Day and then study of the Confessions until noon. You are invited to join us for lunch at a local eatery after the study.

**Please bring a copy of the Book of Concord, preferably
"Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions,
A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord"
available at: www.cph.org or www.amazon.com**

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CHRIST LUTHERAN ACADEMY



On September 3rd, Christ Lutheran Academy will begin its eleventh year of providing CLASSICAL EDUCATION to twenty-two students preK-3 through 8th grade!! The teachers and students are all looking forward to another year of learning, laughter, and lessons about the Lord.

This year will be filled with stars, castles, and maybe a little bit of drama as Christ Lutheran Academy follows a four year pattern of curriculum. The students will be studying Medieval History and the Renaissance, reading classics such as Beowulf, Dante, Chaucer, and Shakespeare, and focusing on Earth Science and Basic Astronomy. Perhaps by the end of the year, the students will know a bit more about the Bard, why castle stairways always turn clockwise and why Pluto is no longer considered a planet!

Do you have any interest or expertise in our subjects of study this year or just want to spend time with our wonderful students and staff? There are always volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Debi Tauschek at headmaster@christlutheranacademy.com

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School
Year

Classroom Corner

Pre-K/Kindergarten Klips

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten is a big transition for many children. Most of the early weeks in Mrs. Mallmann's and Mrs. Zuehls' classrooms will focus on routines, familiar stories, and fun to get our newest students comfortable. Themes for the first weeks include School, Colors, and Apples.

First, Seconds, and Thirds

Mrs. Moe's classroom will be a bit noisier than last year as her boy to girl ratio has made a significant shift! This new dynamic will be perfect for her study of Medieval castles, knights, and armor. In literature, some of her students will be reading Paddle to the Sea, while others will be learning more about history and our faith by reading a biography of Martin Luther.

Middle Grade Musings

This year's classroom will be slightly different for Mrs. Tauschek as she will be team teaching the fourth grade class with Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Christensen. She will be starting out her science year with her eyes focused on the stars starting out with Astronomy as her science focus along with the basics of grammar, spelling, Saxon math, and Latin. For Catechism, the older students will be studying Lutheran Catechesis by Peter C. Bender.

What are Essential Elements of Classical Education?

TRUTH

Classical Education integrates God's word throughout the curriculum

ORDER

In Classical Education student will know what is expected of them and that consequences exist

BEAUTY

With the elements of truth and order in place, beauty or goodness naturally follows. Just as in the beginning of Genesis after each creation day God saw it was good.

Upcoming Events

Opening Evening Prayer ~ Saturday September 7th 4 pm ~ Messiah Lutheran Church

Golf & Gala ~ Saturday September 14th at

Maplecrest CC

Annual Sausage Dinner ~ October 25th

The Discipline of Receptive Meditation through Divine Service (continued)

hearing" (Romans 10:17). Each Lord's Day, God feeds you with His Word—the Word spoken, chanted, and sung. Through the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry, the Lord also feeds you—literally—Christ. Take! Eat! This is for you! We hear, speak, chant, eat, and sing the Word of Christ—the Word made flesh.

The meditation that comes from receiving Christ in the Divine Service happens in many places. Conversations, music, and what we see and feel all can be triggers for meditation, as can be sitting quietly. However, sometimes our life is so filled with "noise" that we can only hear "static."

As a pastor at a liturgical church, I often hear those from other confessions note that our church services are very quiet (sometimes that's a polite way of saying they are boring). Receiving is quiet. You see, the stillness noted above that we found so disconcerting was a symptom. It was symptom of the disease that the concept and practice of receiving what God gives, and to peacefully reflect on that giving and gift, is alien to us. "I must have to do something to help all this along." No. Scripture is quite clear. You are dead until God in Christ makes you alive. This happens in the Divine Service where God serves you.

A Receptive Heart

Next time you attend the Divine Service, sit. Listen. Receive. Take your hymnal home. Read the words we say week after week. All are drawn from Scripture. See in those words the language of reception. "O Lord open my lips..." The whole service, whether Matins, Vespers, etc., is a grand confession of who we are before God and what He does for us. We say what God says—this is the essence of confession.

The receptive heart hears these words. Why would God say this about me? Am I a poor miserable sinner? Am I forgiven for the sake of Christ?

Receptive meditation receives the answers from God Himself. As God answers through the preaching of office, through the Holy Supper, through Baptism, our hearts begin to hear Him. We stop listening to the noise of the world and our busy lives, and we start hearing the Truth. I am a poor miserable sinner. For the sake of the holy, bitter, innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ He has had mercy on me. So with the words of the Divine Service our "self" is cast aside. In these words we are taught to receive as we receive Him in Word and Sacrament.

Can you then see how this spills over into our medita-

tion at home, work, or wherever meditation occurs? When troubles happen, our meditation becomes less about what we want and more about what God seeks to do through circumstance. Our hearts receive the bad news, the good news, and the rebukes. Our hearts cry out: "Thy will be done!"

Need a receptive heart? Who doesn't? Be fed by God. Stop listening to the noise of the world that tells you to look and experience God anywhere but in the place He has promised to be. Come to the buffet. Sit and listen. In all this, know that Christ is there. He is rescuing you from the death caused by your sin and making you a new creation. I suspect on that thought alone we could ruminate for far longer than three minutes.

2ND ANNUAL
GOLF & Gala

Benefit for
CHRIST
Lutheran Academy

MAPLECREST COUNTRY CLUB
9401 18TH STREET • KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

12:30 Golf - Shotgun Start
6:00 Silent Auction & Cocktails (Cash Bar)
7:00 Dinner

\$30 Per Person for Dinner Only
\$60 Per Person for Golf Only
\$85 Per Person for Golf & Dinner

Saturday
September 14th 2013

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

by email: Fundraising@ChristLutheranAcademy.com
by phone: (262) 697-6044

September 2013

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8 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service	9	10	11 8:15am 8:45am CLA Divine Service	12	13	14 12:30pm 9:00pm Golf and Gala (Maplecrest Country Club)
15 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service	16	17	18 8:15am 8:45am CLA Divine Service	19 6:00pm 7:00pm Spiritual Life (Messiah Lutheran Church) 7:00pm 8:00pm Parish Planning	20	21 9:30am 12:00pm Lutheran Confessions Study 12:00pm 1:00pm Option lunch after study group
22 9:00am 10:15am Divine Service	23	24	25 8:15am 8:45am CLA Divine Service	26 6:30pm 7:30pm KALEA	27	28
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Sep 29 - Oct 5

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Sep 15 - 21

Sep 8 - 14

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November 2013

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Oct 6 - 12

Oct 13 - 19

Oct 20 - 26

Oct 27 - Nov 2

Upcoming Events at Messiah



Sat. Sept. 14th	CLA Golf & Gala	12:30 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 19th	Spiritual Life	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Planning	7:15 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 21st	Lutheran Confessional Group	9:30 a.m.
Sun. Oct. 13th	Kenosha Crop Walk for Hunger	1:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 17th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 19th	Lutheran Confessional Group	9:30 a.m.
Fri. Oct. 25th	CLA Sausage Dinner	

CLA Divine Service is every Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. Messiah members are welcome to attend.



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