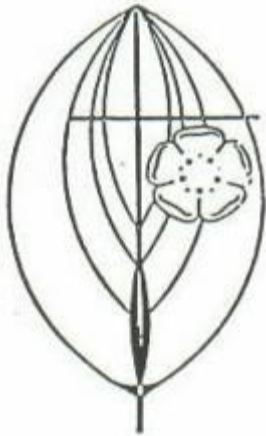


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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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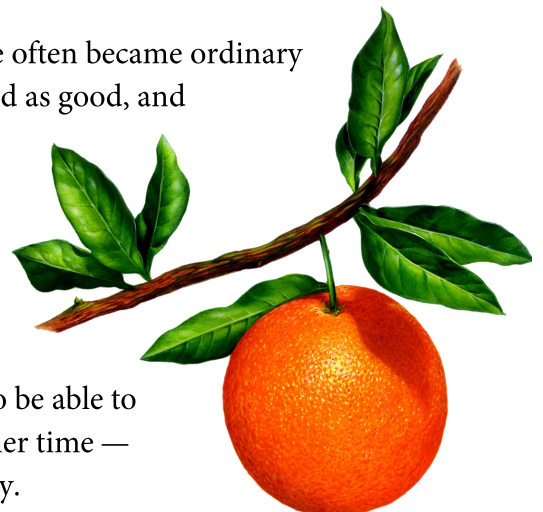
### Cherishing the Ordinary

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is that of the apostle Paul visiting Athens, recorded in Acts 17:16-33. Verse 21 says, "Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new."

Novelty, or at least variety, is important for us. It adds color to life and helps to keep us interested and engaged. We tire of even our favorite food if we eat it, and only it, for every meal. That said, as Acts 17:21 suggests, it's easy to let a healthy appreciation of novelty, variety, and change turn into a preference for the extraordinary over the ordinary. Though that's a recipe for disappointment, it's a trap into which we often fall.

The ordinary things we fail to appreciate often became ordinary only because they were widely recognized as good, and assiduously cultivated and widely distributed to meet popular demand. Consider, for example, the food, water, electricity, music, and health care to which we now have routine access and therefore consider ordinary.

One hundred years ago in New Jersey, to be able to eat an orange at Christmas — or any other time — would have been an extraordinary luxury.



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So would air conditioning, the opportunity to hear a performance of the Emperor Concerto at home, or immunity to polio by vaccination. Familiarity often breeds contempt. When what was once extraordinary becomes commonplace, we may fail to appreciate it. We may even try to escape from what is good due to its familiarity. My desire to leave the comforts of home for the rigors of the wilderness is due in no small part to the fact that I take those comforts for granted and crave a change of environment.

As we begin this new academic year, God invites us to cultivate and appreciate the ordinary good gifts he provides us, e.g. food and shelter, worship and fellowship at Messiah, education and health, and the love of family and friends. So much of what we consider ordinary was once extraordinary and comes to us through the work of our neighbors and forbears. As we work, play, rest, and love, we can thank God for the privilege of being part of a rich and venerable web of giving and receiving. Most of all, we can thank God for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, who has taken our sin and guilt on himself and justified our existence. In Jesus, the extraordinary became ordinary, and as a result our ordinary lives have taken on extraordinary significance and joy.

As we enter this new season of life together, may the extraordinary joy and hope of life in Christ abound in you.

Warmly,

Pastor Erhardt

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### New fellowship opportunity:

Would you like to join others from Messiah for weekly prayer and discussion of the previous Sunday's scripture readings? If so, please email Pastor Erhardt at [lcmprinceton@gmail.com](mailto:lcmprinceton@gmail.com) by Wednesday, September 19, and tell him if you could attend regularly at 10:00am on Wednesdays, and if climbing 20 stairs in the parish building stairwell would be a problem for you or anyone you'd like to invite.



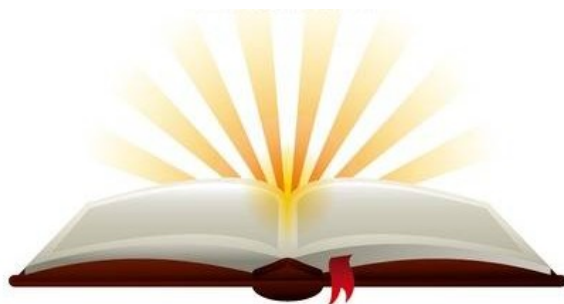
**Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.**  
**<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>**

## CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Daily Bible Reading Guide:

In 2017, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church – Canada, and the North American Lutheran Church jointly prepared a 3-year calendar of daily Bible readings for 2018-2020.

Reading *the* Word  
of **GOD**



More information about this helpful resource is available at:

<https://www.thenalc.org/projects/daily-bible-readings> & <https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/lcms-lcc-and-nalc-compile-three-year-schedule-of-daily-bible-readings>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 2, 10:30 am**

*Worship service time reverts to 10:30*



**Saturday, September 8, 8 am**

*International Student Garage Give-Away  
(p. 7)*



**Sunday, September 9, 9 am**

*Christian Education classes resume*



**Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm**

*LCM Table Talk (p. 6)*



**Thursday, September 21, 6 pm**

*International Student Dinner*



**Saturday, September 29, 9 am**

*Men's Forum at Wegmans*



**Sunday, September 30, 10:30 am**

*Pledge Sunday*



**Thursday, October 4, 6:30 pm**

*LCM Table Talk (p. 6)*



**Thursday, October 11, 7 pm**

*Executive Board Meeting*



**Friday, October 26, 6 pm**

*International Student Dinner*



**Saturday, October 27, 9 am**

*Men's Forum at Wegmans*



**Sunday, October 28, 4 pm**

*Reformation Service & Potluck*

*Bethany Lutheran Church, Ewing, NJ*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COME SING IN THE CHOIR!

Come join us for an exciting choir season which starts the first Sunday after Labor Day. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7:30pm. The old saying, "Sing once and pray twice" is true. We need you! Also, we have an urgent need for a soprano, especially in September.

Come and sing to the Lord a new song. Satisfaction guaranteed!



Congratulations to Dan and Emily (Harmon) Weimer, on the birth of their son Andrew in July! Emily graduated from Princeton University in 2012 and attended Messiah and Lutheran Campus Ministry events faithfully while she was a student.

**From Lois Sulla: Operation Christmas Child Shop back-to-school sales to fill your box.**

Messiah will be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, on Sunday, November 18th. You may take advantage of bargains throughout the summer at stores such as Staples and Target. Gift suggestions are school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, etc. Non-liquid hygiene items include such things as toothbrushes, bar soap, and washcloths. Necessity type items include socks, gloves, and hats. Goodies could include a toy bear, ball, top, calculator, puzzle. Remember these kids have nothing compared to ours. Dollar stores are great places also to help fill in items without going broke. You can choose a boy or girl (ages 2 - 4, and 10 - 14) to receive the shoebox. For more suggestions or questions, go to Operation Christmas Child website or speak to Lois Sulla. Boxes can be made online and paid for, and then you can see where your box goes. Videos showing children receiving boxes also are available online.

Thanks for all your help. Let's all try to reach our goal of 25 boxes!





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Farewell to Mike and Debbie Zak,  
August 26, 2018**

**Camilla Anne Ricco, granddaughter of  
Hank Gerwers & Doris Schubert-Gerwers  
was baptized July 29, 2018**



### **Messiah Movie Group:**

We meet informally the first Friday of each month to see a movie and grab a bite together afterwards for discussion and conversation. If you are interested, all you have to do is come join us. Our next movie night is Friday, September 7. We will meet at 3:45pm at AMC Market Fair on Canal Point Boulevard near Princeton. We are planning to see "Crazy Rich Asians." For information, please contact Miranda.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

**Christian Education classes meet Sundays at 9:00am**

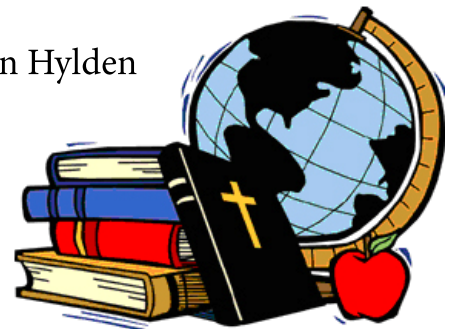
**Adult Forum** meets in the parish building lounge.

**Sunday School** for children of all ages meets in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Upcoming Adult Forum Topics:

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 : Does Your Work Matter to God? -- Justin Hylden

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28: Mr. Bad Example:  
Four Bible Characters We Love to Point the Finger At  
-- Pastor Erhardt



### TABLE TALKS RESUME

#### **Fall 2018 Lutheran Campus Ministry Monthly Dinner Discussions**

Thursday, September 13: The Catholics We Are -- Pastor Erhardt

Thursday, October 4: Suffering in the Shadow of the Cross -- Justin Hylden



All discussions are scheduled for **6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
in 210 Murray-Dodge Hall,  
Princeton University.

After 5:00 PM on weekdays, free parking is  
available in the university lot on William St.,  
between Washington Rd. and Charlton St.

All are welcome! Please join us and invite friends.

## THE 35TH ISI ANNUAL GARAGE GIVE-AWAY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

PLACE: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

DATE: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 (Rain Date 9/15)**

TIME: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. DONATION DELIVERY TIME

8:00 – 10:00 A.M. SET UP TIME

10:00 – 11:00 A.M. OPEN TO STUDENTS & SCHOLARS

11:00 – 12:00 Noon CLEAN UP TIME

**HELPERS** ARE NEEDED BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

**Drivers** with pickups, vans, and bigger vehicles are needed

### **MUCH SOUGHT AFTER ITEMS:**

**KITCHEN:** POTS, DISHES, SILVERWARE

**BED & BATH:** SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, TOWELS,  
COMFORTERS, THROW RUGS

**APPLIANCES:** TOASTERS, IRONS, HEATERS, FANS

**FURNITURE:** DESKS, DINETTE, LAMPS, CHAIRS, COUCHES, BEDS, BOOKSHELVES, BICYCLES

**NOT NEEDED:** TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, TOYS, CLOTHES, GAMES, BOOKS,  
CURTAINS

\* DONATED ITEMS MUST BE **CLEAN AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.**

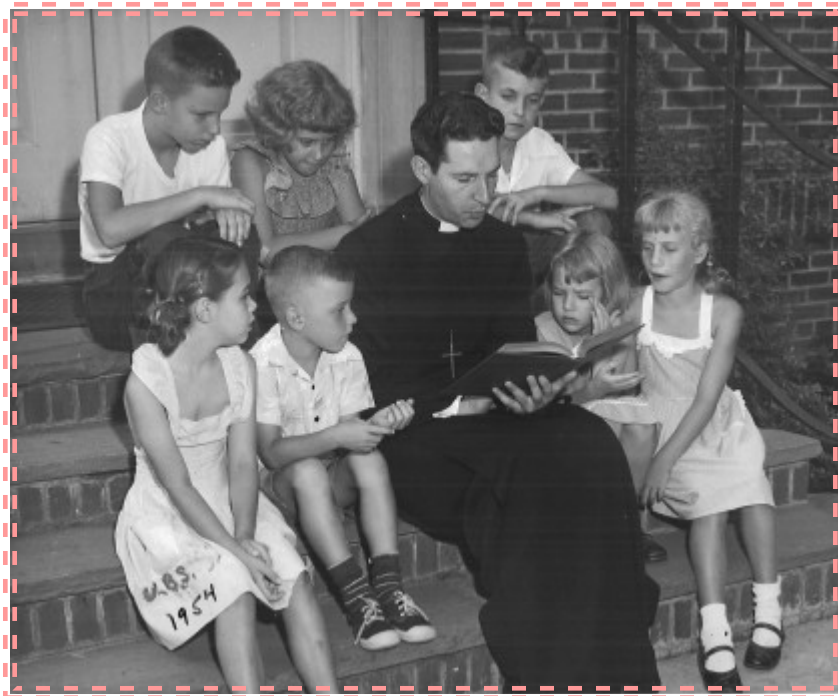
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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

EASTER YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 2, 2018	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalms 125	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2018	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalms 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2018	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalms 1	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 30, 2018	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Psalms 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

LENT HOLY WEEK YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2018	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Psalms 26	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 14, 2018	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalms 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 21, 2018	Job 38:1-7, 34-41	Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 28, 2018	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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# September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>  <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>International Student Garage Give-Away</i>
<b>9</b> <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>6:30 pm LCM Table Talk</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>6pm International Student Dinner</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>9am Men's Forum</i>
<b>30</b> <i>9am Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>Pledge Sunday</i>						



# October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:30 pm LCM Table Talk	5	6
7 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	8	9	10	11 7pm Executive Board Meeting	12	13
14 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	22	23	24	25	26 6pm International Student Dinner	27 9am Men's Forum
28 9am Education 10:30am Holy Communion 4pm Reformation	29	30	31			







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