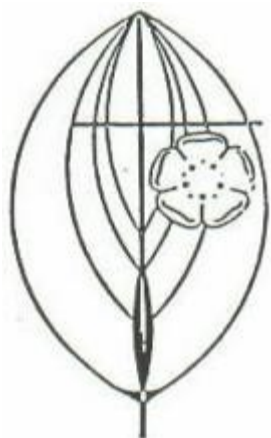


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings from St. Louis!

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Every three years, delegates from the congregations of our far-flung English District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) gather in convention to reacquaint ourselves with other, discuss and decide policy matters for the district, and elect those who will serve and represent the district in an official capacity for the next three years. Each congregation is represented by two delegates: one pastor and one layperson.

This year, Brad Groves and I are representing Messiah at the district convention June 27-30.



Sundays After Pentecost

It's been delightful to have Pastor Goerss and Kay here too, attending the convention and visiting relatives in the area.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the English District of the LCMS, Bishop Stechholz organized a number of commemorative pre-convention events, including a visit to Concordia Publishing House, the original site of Concordia Seminary – St. Louis, historic Holy Cross Evangelical (Ev.) Lutheran Church, and the grounds of what was once Lutheran Hospital. Finally, several of us re-enacted the May 15, 1911, walk of the convention delegates of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri from Our

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)



Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, seven blocks away, where they were warmly received by representatives of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. That's why our district is far-flung – the English District used to be an independent English-speaking church body, and was received into the then predominantly German-speaking church body known today as the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. You can read more about the history of the English District online at

www.englishdistrict.org/about-us/our-history

and

www.englishdistrict.org/sites/default/files/6Jun-Jul2011Channels.pdf.

Part of what makes an English District convention inspiring is seeing how God draws very different people to a common Christian faith. Our district's history is a reminder that Jesus Christ unites people who differ in language, culture, location, income, ethnicity, education, nationality, musical taste, and ways of communicating. That's not to say that disparities in these areas are necessarily desirable, but given that they exist, our district is a manifestation of Jesus' promise in John 12:32, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." That's exciting, and we're part of it!

I look forward to sharing more about the convention with you in July. More than that, however, I look forward to exploring how, in the tradition of our English District, we at Messiah can more fully and consciously participate in God's work of bringing John 12:32 to fruition in our community.

Your grateful partner in the gospel,

Pastor Erhardt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

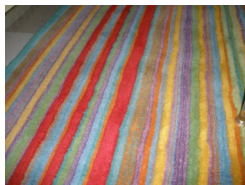
STREET LIGHT AND PATHWAY LIGHTS ARE WORKING!

Have you noticed it is brighter around the church grounds?



CHOIR LIGHTING
INSTALLED

The Choir also has new lighting and the wiring for the piano is now safely installed under the floor boards.



THE KITCHEN HAS
BEEN FRESHLY
PAINTED IN WHITE

Thanks to the Newgrange school, the kitchen and fellowship hall have been freshly painted in preparation for their weekday use by students this coming fall.

In preparation, we plan to move the bookshelves from the storage area to the stage (nursery) to make room. In the process we will consolidate and/or dispose of some of the books on the shelves and toys in the nursery. If there are specific items you would like us to keep, please let Pastor Erhardt know.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30am Summer Worship Schedule has begun, and will continue during the summer months. 10:30am Worship resumes on September 9th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

CHOIR WILL NOT REHEARSE OVER THE SUMMER.

CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

1). Summer Potluck
Dinner at church
September 8th.
Stay tuned for more
information as the
date draws closer.

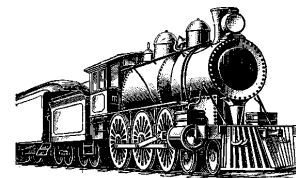


2). Progressive Dinner - please speak to Martha Peck if you would like to host a part of this evening. Appetizers, Main Course, Dessert?



3). Princeton University
Architectural Tour led by
Jon Hlafter.

4). Model Railroad
Open House at
Gishlicks!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Challenge from last issue's
Blast From the Past:
What year was this photo taken?

The correct answer: **1954.**

The winner was Martha Peck.
Martha, come claim your prize!



This month's new challenge, name the Sunday School kids...



Email your answers to:
eva.m.groves@gmail.com

YARD SALE



The annual Yard Sale was once again a success. \$1,008.90 was earned to support local outreach. Thank you to our dedicated set-up crew and organizing committee, Debbie and Danny Baer, Paula Hartman, Lottie Coffin, Esther Fischer and Pastor Erhardt. Thanks also to all who attended the sale and worked the sale !

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's who attended church on Mother's Day at Messiah were treated to a beautiful orchid corsage to celebrate the day.



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

May 19th was Clean-Up Day and much was accomplished. Thank you to all who came to help outdoors and in! Our newly formed gardening committee dug two flower beds on either side of the front walkway and planted flowers in spite of the heat. Pizza was served.

UPCOMING READINGS

Proper 8 (13) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 1, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 <i>or</i> <i>Lamentations 3:22-33</i> Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
Proper 9 (14) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 8, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Proper 10 (15) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 15, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Proper 11 (16) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 22, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Proper 12 (17) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 29, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Proper 13 (18) Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 5, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Proper 14 (19) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Proper 15 (20) Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Proper 16 (21) Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2012 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

PENTECOSTAL GOOD BYE

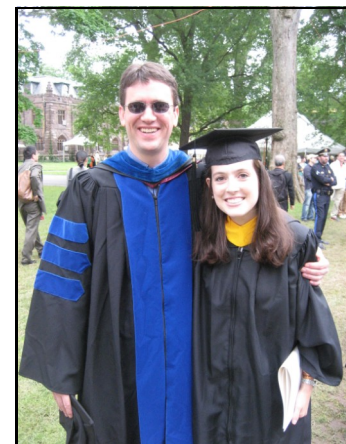
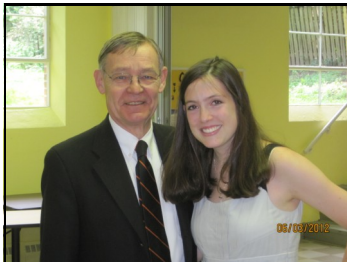


Farewell to Phillip Cary and Nancy Hazle and their son Jacob who were frequent worshipers with us this past academic year while Phillip has been a visiting scholar at the Center of Theological Inquiry.



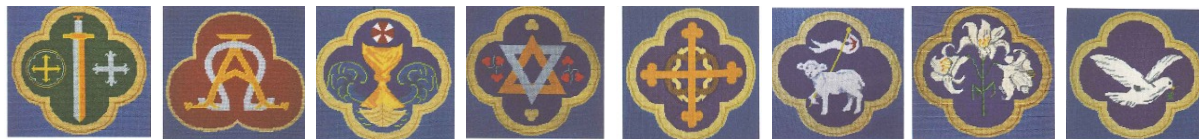
EMILY HARMON GRADUATES

Coffee hour on June 3rd was given in honor of Emily Harmon's graduation. Farewell and God Bless! Messiah will miss you.



NEEDLEPOINT KNEELERS

We are in the process of getting designs put on canvas and will soon begin working on kneelers to use in the pews. If you would like to be part of the needlepoint group, please sign up in the rear of the church. Each kneeler will measure approx. 12" x 16". The designs below are samples of kneelers done by Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport CT.



Messiah would like to do something similar. Let us know if you'd like to join us, needlepoint can be *team-sewn*, with one person doing the design and another the background.

GARDENING



The border of marigolds and ageratum that the Gardening Committee planted is flourishing, and the front and side entrances now welcome congregants with pots of salvia, geraniums, petunias, and lantanas. But this is just the beginning for the Gardening Committee. This fall, the four ailing, unattractive trees along Nassau Street will be taken down by Paul Majstrik, who is a tree expert, and replaced with trees offering more ornamental appeal and ease of maintenance. In addition, the Gardening Committee is planning to put in a hedge of flowering shrubs along the sidewalk. If you have suggestions for replacement trees or flowering shrubs for the hedge, now is the time to share them! The Committee is presenting its proposed plan at the next board meeting being held on July 26. Please contact Miranda Hempel at [609-875-8117](tel:609-875-8117) or ballroomania@yahoo.com if you have suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer for the Committee.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



Evening Prayer in the spirit of the Taize Community will resume in September. Please join us Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Princeton University chapel for contemplative prayer, scripture, and song. All are welcome. For more information on the Taize Community, see www.taize.fr

SUNDAY SCHOOL BASEBALL OUTING



Thank you to Debbie Baer and Belkys Wackerman who faithfully taught our Sunday School children this past year. This Trenton Thunder baseball game was a super conclusion to the year!



Congratulations to Samuel Rausch, boarding student at the American Boychoir School, who celebrated his 13th birthday at Messiah in June! Samuel is at home in Washington state for the summer and will return for the 2012-2013 school year.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of 6/17/12

Contributions Last Week	\$ 907.00
Weekly Contributions Needed	\$ 2,557.00
Year-to-date needs	\$68,208.00
Year-to-date contributions	\$67,221.00

MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thank you to Mildred Coyner for hosting our Prayer Shawl meetings in her home once a month. We will take a summer hiatus and will start our meetings again in the fall. Check the website for updates!

In May and June Prayer Shawls were given to:

Nancy Hazle and Philip Cary upon their return to Pennsylvania.

Emily Harmon in celebration of her Princeton graduation and as a farewell reminder of Messiah.

And in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary, a white shawl was knit and given to John and Esther Fischer.

If you would like to request a shawl, please contact any one of the knitters or contact Eva Groves at eva.m.groves@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Earl and Judy Whitcraft who celebrated their 74th! wedding anniversary on June 26th.

Anne Bolick who will celebrate a special birthday this month on July 1st.



PEW CUSHIONS

Four individual seat cushions have been purchased for use in the pews. They will be stacked on the shelf in the back of church. If you would like to use one during worship, please help yourself.



We begin each meeting by lighting a candle and sharing a prayer .

A Summer Prayer

Creator of all, thank You for summer!

*Thank You for the warmth of the sun
And the increased daylight.*

*Thank You for the beauty I see all
Around me and for the opportunity to
Be outside and enjoy Your creation.*

*Thank you for the increased time I
Have to be with my friends and family,
And for the more casual pace of the
summer season.*

*Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter
Where I am or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence,
and light my path with Your Word and
Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation,
Create in me A pure heart and a
hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.*

JULY 2012

1 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION REV. DR. JOHN MARK GOERSS PREACHER	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION REV. DR. PAUL ROREM PREACHER	23	24	25	26 7:00PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG.	27	28
29 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	30	31				

AUGUST 2012

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5 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26 9:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	27	28	29	30	31		

THANK YOU



Thank you to
Pastor Martin and Messiah
Congregation,

Our 60th anniversary has been a wonderful celebration both with our family and our Messiah family. We are very grateful for God's grace and love for bringing us this far.

The reception held for us last Sunday was such a happy time. The company, the food, the flowers and the strawberry shortcake was awesome and we are honored.

Gratefully, Esther and
John Fischer



FROM ISI: INTERNATIONAL FRIDAY DINNERS

June 2012,

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne (Revelations 7: 10)

To Dearest chosen servants of the Lord at His vineyard at Lutheran Church of the Messiah:

We greet you in the Lord who has made His salvation known to the nations (Psalm 98:2).

We thank him for you, who has clothed with garments of salvation (Isaiah 61: 10).

We thank you for your generous giving, prayers and hosting the annual garage give-away as well as the monthly friendship dinners which enable us to proclaim that salvation is found no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which they must be saved (Acts 4: 12).

We pray for the Pastor, leaders and members of the church that you will continue to be committed to bring His salvation to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49: 6)

Serving with you the Lord, the Author of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:9).

John and Aruna Desai

<http://www.isiwebnet.net/sites/jdesai>