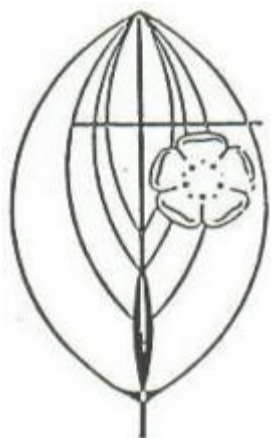


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Counting our Blessings

It's good to be writing from this side of Easter. For one thing, I'm not as hungry as I was in Lent. For another, I'm grateful to have not only survived my first Lent, Passion Week, and Easter Sunday as a pastor, but to be able to look back on the good things in which we at Messiah have been privileged to participate since February. Among the blessings we can count are the revival of midweek Soup & Salad Suppers and Lenten Evening Prayer services, substantial progress and amicable negotiations with the Newgrange School on a lease agreement

for weekday use of the fellowship hall, meaningful Passion Week and Easter services made possible by generous and cheerful contributions of time, energy, money, and expertise on the part of so many Messiah members, and especially for the opportunity to welcome Miranda Hempel as a member of Messiah at her baptism on Easter Sunday. The Sunday School children modeled Gospel-shaped living for us in both song and deed -- singing on Palm Sunday, selling and delivering Easter candy & handicrafts to benefit Lutheran World Relief, and organizing the



Pentecost Sunday May 27

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)

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Easter Egg Hunt. Martha Peck organized a delightful outing to *The Man of LaMancha* at the Off-Broadstreet Theater in Hopewell. Lutheran Campus Ministry participated in two Activities Fairs for admitted high school students at Princeton University at which our Martin Luther garden gnome appeared to critical acclaim. Attendance is increasing at Taize-style Tuesday Evening Prayer services, including students from Princeton Seminary, Westminster Choir College, and Princeton University, as well as Messiah members and

other people from the community. Messiah continues to host monthly international student dinners convened by John and Aruna Desai and weekly AA meetings, and we support the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton with food and funds. On April 28, the creativity and dedicated effort of many at Messiah made our Communiversity booth a great favorite with families. The following Sunday, we rejoiced with Hank and Doris Gerwers on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, and were once again impressed and delighted by the work of the Messiah Mantles prayer shawl group.

God is at work among us! May and June are busy months, and many of us are facing pressures of finishing school, attending events, caring for and worrying about loved ones, and recovering from illness and injury. It's easy to become overwhelmed. At times like this, it is good to step back and recall God's past provision, rest in His presence with us now, and trust His promises to walk with us into the future.

We are blessed at Messiah. Our cup runneth over. Thank you for bringing goodness and mercy into the life of our congregation even in the midst of busyness and difficulty. Where that happens, God offers the world a glimpse of life in His kingdom.

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

EASTER



Thank you to the Gishlick and Sabatura Families for Easter Decorating!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Then

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Anybody want to guess
the year this photo was
taken?

Please email your guess
to:

Eva.m.groves@gmail.com



and Now
2012

Thank you to all who helped make 2012 Communiversity a success: John Fischer II, Thomas Wohn, Debbie Zak, Gail and Heidi Sabatura, Esther Fischer, Doris Gerwers, Eva Groves, Debbie and Danny Baer, Miranda Hempel, Christine Knight, Emily Harmon, Nancy Amidon, Pat Hlafter, Peter & Renate Giller, and Martin Luther!



EASTER SUNDAY BAPTISM



Miranda Hempel Baptism; Lottie Coffin, sponsor



UPCOMING READINGS

Readings taken from website: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> May 6, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> May 13, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
<u>Ascension of the Lord</u> May 17, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> May 20, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
<u>Day of Pentecost</u> May 27, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
<u>Trinity Sunday</u> June 3, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29		Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
<u>Proper 5 (10)</u> Second Sunday after Pentecost June 10, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) Psalm 138	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
<u>Proper 6 (11)</u> Third Sunday after Pentecost June 17, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 20	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
<u>Proper 7 (12)</u> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 24, 2012 ART -- PRAYER	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20	Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:3

COMMUNIVERSITY PHOTOS



Thank you to all who transported items, set-up tables, sold fair trade items, supervised children's crafts and manned the tables during the Community Event on April 28th.

Children's crafts

Fair Trade items for sale

Prayer Shawl demonstrations

Water Give-Away

And Fellowship!

NEEDLEPOINT KNEELERS

Messiah would like to purchase kneelers for those who have requested them and a proposal was made to cover them with needlepoint.

So, before a purchase is made we have been doing some research. We have visited neighboring churches and have gotten some ideas of what we like. Price quotes are being gathered and we will soon have a meeting to discuss moving forward. Already we have a group of interested needlepointers. Would you like to be one of them? Stay tuned and read the service folders for announcements of the next meeting.



GARDENING

The Gardening Committee held its first meeting after services on Sunday, April 29 to discuss plans for enhancing and maintaining Messiah's landscaping both in the short term and over the long haul. Jon Hlafter provided a diagram of the church grounds to assist in coming up with a overall plan for improvements over the next several years. The committee decided to get started immediately with a project to boost the church's curb appeal by brightening the entrance area with flowering borders along the walk and planter containers in the area around the doors. Several longer term projects were identified: the improvement of the lawn, selecting perennials and flowering shrubs, the large trees at the front of the grounds, and, less glamorous but no less important, maintenance like weeding, pruning, and watering. In addition, the committee is compiling a To Do list of gardening tasks to be tackled on Messiah's Spring Cleaning Day, May 19.

The Gardening Committee consists of Laura Bennett, Lottie Coffin, Mildred Coyner, Robert Coyner, Doris Gerwers, Renata Giller, Eva Groves, Miranda Hempel (chairperson), Patricia Liverman, Eric Meyers, and Gail Sabatura. Anybody with an interest in improving and maintaining the church's landscaping is invited to join or attend meetings. Suggestions can be e-mailed to Miranda Hempel at ballroomania@yahoo.com.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



Thank you to Pastor Erhardt and Emily Harmon who manned the Lutheran Campus Ministry table at the Princeton University Activities Fairs at Dillon Gym. Even **Martin Luther** made an appearance!



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT



Messiah's children had fun collecting Easter Eggs on the front lawn. Thank you Sunday School teachers and egg-hiding helpers! Pretty in pink is Katarina Knight. Grace Terrell (Jon and Pat Hlafter's granddaughter) is charming in blue.

YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 8AM - NOON

We're looking for donations of household items, toys, jewelry, furniture, knick-knacks, children's clothes, and holiday items with great resale value. Because we have limited storage space, please donate only items you're willing to take back if they don't sell. Please no TVs, computer items, books, or videos. Please bring your items to church the week of May 6th. Eva will be at church most evenings between 6 and 8pm. Please call the church office at (609) 924-3642 if you need the doors unlocked then. Pastor Erhardt anticipates being available to accept donations at church at the following times, but please call ahead to make sure: Wednesday: 3-5pm, Thursday: 11:30am-2:30pm and 7-11pm, and Friday: 10:30am-2:30pm.

MESSIAH SPRING CLEANING DAY ON SAT., MAY 19, 10AM-4PM

We have plenty of work to go around. Come when you can and leave when you must. Gardening volunteers, please bring gloves and tools. It's fun, lunch is provided, and your help is greatly appreciated!

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of 5/1/12

Contributions Last Week	\$ 4,162.00
Weekly Contributions Needed	\$ 3,451.00
Year-to-date needs	\$55,593.00
Year-to-date contributions	\$48,709.00

MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

At the Prayer Shawl Blessing on April 29th, Miranda Hempel was presented with a shawl in honor of her Easter Sunday Baptism. The cool spring weather cooperated as we all wore our personal prayer shawls to church. Messiah ladies have been busy!

At the March meeting,

Mildred Coyner surprised the Prayer Shawl group with a Birthday cake for Siv Mitt (Eva's mom).



Mildred Coyner and Siv Mitt



Doris Gerwers

Appropriately, the cake was decorated with balls of yarn (raspberries) and knitting needles (chocolate stix). Siv has just completed her **73rd Prayer Shawl**, and as you can see from the photo, Doris is quickly catching up with 5 completed shawls in one month! Amazing! Join us, our next meetings will be on May 24th and June 21st.

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.

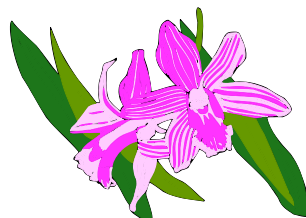
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John and Esther Fischer, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 15th.

Our graduates, especially Emily Harmon, who will graduate from Princeton University on June 5th.

All parents — Happy Mother's Day! (May 13th)

Happy Father's Day! (June 17th)



PEW CUSHIONS

4 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.

MAY 2012

		1 8PM TAIZE	2 8PM CHOIR	3	4	5
6 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1030 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	7	8 8PM TAIZE	9 8PM CHOIR	10	11	12 YARD SALE 8AM- NOON
13 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1030 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	14	15 8PM TAIZE PASTOR AT CHAPLAINS RETREAT	16 8PM CHOIR	17 ASCENSION DAY 7PM EXEC BOARD	18 6PM ISI DINNER	19 MESSIAH SPRING CLEANING 10AM - 4PM
20 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1030 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION VOTERS MEETING	21	22	23 8PM CHOIR	24 7PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING	25	26
27 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1030 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	28	29	30 8PM CHOIR	31		

JUNE 2012

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3 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:30 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	4	5	6 8PM CHOIR	7	8	9	
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10 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:30 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	11	12	13 8PM CHOIR	14	15 JOHN & ESTHER FISCHER 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	16	
17 9AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:30 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	18	19	20 8PM CHOIR	21 7PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING	22	23	
24 9:30 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	25	26	27 8PM CHOIR	28	29	30	
	PASTOR IN ST. LOUIS FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION						

FROM ISI: APRIL INTERNATIONAL DINNER

April 20, 2012 Monthly Friendship Dinner here at Messiah, was attended by **seventy** friends.

Prof. Andy Bocarsly, Dept. of Chemistry, Princeton University, spoke on his story of how he became a Christian from a Jewish background and found Jesus Christ as his Messiah. He said chemists are observers. Their small discovery and sometime big discovery come from unexpected places. So to find God comes when we are least expecting or looking for Him. He encouraged us to be open to Jesus who stands at the door and knocks. We need to find a knob and open it so He can enter in our hearts.

Oan Jaisaodee (Thailand) gave her beautiful testimony, how the Lord has blessed her and brought her to Princeton Theological Seminary. Especially she and her husband Songsak are blessed through Princeton ISI ministry. Ramon Orostizaga (Chile) and Jimi Oke (Nigeria) led the worship. Westerly Road Church provided extra casse-

roles.

Friends from Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Congo, India, Jamaica, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Romania, Thailand, Trinidad and USA were in attendance.

Please join us and invite your international friends to Last Monthly Friendship Dinner of 2011-2012:

May 18, 2012

Place:

Lutheran Church of the Messiah
407 Nassau Street and Cedar Lane
Princeton, NJ 08540

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

We appreciate those who have brought delicious food to share with international students/scholars and their families.

We pray and encourage friends to bring their best dish to serve in Jesus' Name and for His glory.

John and Aruna Desai

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

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LAST MONTHLY
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OF 2011-2012
MAY 18 AT 6PM**

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Each summer Church Women United of Princeton sponsors local children for summer camp. Summer camps in our area are not only important in enriching a child's life, they are also important to their parents in keeping their children engaged in wholesome activities during the summer months. 9 local

churches help to fund this outreach program along with individual donations.

Camp Fund Contribution
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For more info: See Martha Peck



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Among those celebrating birthdays during
May and June 2012

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry, but it means
it's not on file.

Help to update our data... Call 609-924-3642

May Birthdays

Fischer II, John	05/03
Hlafter, Jon	05/16
Hofreiter, Janice	05/04
Horan, Bianca	05/02
Horan, Jasmine	05/16
Sabatura, Thomas	05/11
Wackerman, Samantha	05/30

June Birthdays

DeVany, Kevin	06/19
Giller, Michelle	06/06
Gishlick, Herbert	06/05
Meyer, Erik	06/02
Meyer, Emmett	06/05
Tria, Scott	06/12
Zak, Daniel	06/23