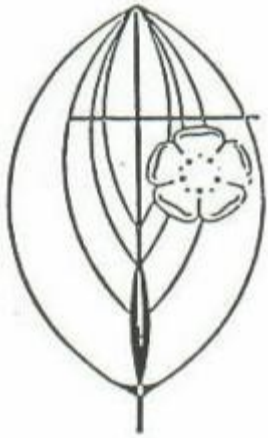


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

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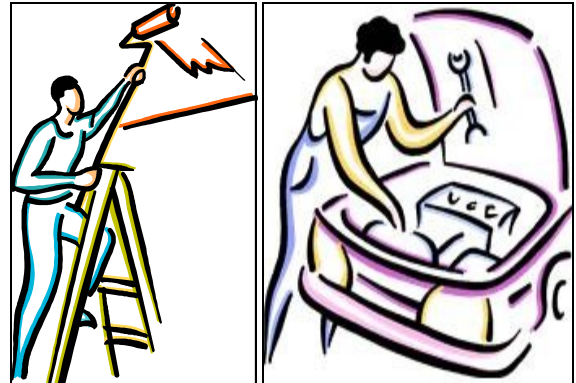
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September already?!

The summer is flying by! Lots of us go on vacation during the summer to rest, reflect, and refresh ourselves after a busy year at work or school. Taking a break is an important way in



which we prepare for what's ahead. Stepping out of our routine helps us to see things from other perspectives, to look back on what's past and consider our priorities for the future, and to recoup some of the energy we've lost meeting the demands of day-to-day life. Rest is a kind of preventive maintenance to set us up for new challenges and opportunities.

Preventive maintenance is part of our stewardship of God's creation and our role as ambassadors of God's kingdom. By practicing preventive maintenance, we model life in the kingdom of God for each other and for others. Things as seemingly mundane as keeping up with car maintenance and taking care of our property have spiritual, kingdom significance. They are a form of witness. You may remember from the sermon on August 26 that the cosmic powers and spiritual forces of evil of which Paul speaks in Ephesians 6 are not necessarily immaterial – they often manifest themselves in very mundane, down-to-earth ways.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)



That's not to say that as long as we get our oil changed on schedule, maintain a healthy diet and exercise regimen, and periodically rebalance our retirement investment portfolio, that we're doing our bit for God. Of all people, Lutheran Christians should know that life in the kingdom of God is not about our obligation to help God out. God does not require our help, and has freely given us salvation in Jesus Christ. So too are we free to bless one another by giving generously and receiving gratefully the variety of gifts God has given us.

Most of us have heard that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, but sometimes we need encouragement to put that into practice. One of the reasons Christians form witnessing communities called congregations rather than acting as Lone Rangers is to encourage one another by modeling good stewardship. In that spirit, we've been doing quite a bit of preventive maintenance lately in and around the church building and grounds. For example, the Gardening and Grounds group has beautified our property and is moving ahead with long-term plans to make our congregation both welcoming and a good steward of resources. Preparing for the Newgrange Independent School's weekday use of the fellowship hall has spurred us to do needed maintenance. We are now in an energy audit process with PSE&G to improve our stewardship of electricity and natural resources. If you have preventive maintenance or stewardship ideas, please share them with me and with others. It's one way our Christian community can be a witness to the world.

Pastor Erhardt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWGRANGE SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10TH

School will begin in the church fellowship hall on September 10th. Please check with Pastor Erhardt if you need weekday access to the fellowship hall (5pm Sundays to 5pm Fridays).

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 2nd
is the LAST 9:30am service.

September 9th
we return to 10:30am
worship service.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 9AM**

**BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 9AM**

STUDY TOPIC: 2 CORINTHIANS

**CHOIR WILL MEET FOR
REHEARSALS BEGINNING ON
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 8PM. JOIN US!**

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 22ND

**Welcome Potluck
Dinner** at church

6:00pm .



TBD Progressive Dinner Appetizers, Main Course, Dessert

**TBD Princeton University
Architectural Tour** led by Jon Hlafter.

Please speak with Martha Peck if you would like more information.

GREETINGS FROM THE KAARIAINEN'S

The Kaariainen's are learning Chinese and are doing well in Taiwan. Check the church bulletin board for the complete newsletter from Pastor Jukka, Laura and children .



BLAST FROM THE PAST



Last chance to guess last month's challenge, name the Sunday School kids... hint... the girl on the left is Chelsea Groves, do you know the other children?

This month's challenge:

Do you recognize this family? A well-known Messiah member is in the photo below. Do you know who it is? Send in your answer (guess?) There is a prize for the first person who contacts Eva Groves.



Email or phone the church office with your answer
eva.m.groves@gmail.com or (609) 924-3642

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 schedule updates and more information on the Taize Community, see <http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/lcm/>

BE A DOER OF THE WORD: TEMPLE SERVANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many thanks to all who serve as Temple Servants and spare a bit of their time to help in the efficient operation of our worship services at Messiah.

The transient nature of our community requires that we periodically update our Temple Servant roster, so that all who are willing to serve may be offered the chance to do so. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know and work with fellow members. The more volunteers we have, the lighter each person's load.

Please give prayerful consideration to sharing your talents with us by checking the various areas in which you would be able to assist and return the bottom half of this sheet to Martha Peck, Pastor Erhardt, or Eva Groves.

Email:					
I can help in the following ways:					
Acolyte	Reader	Usher	Host/ Hostess	Chancel	Campus Driver

UPCOMING READINGS

<u>Proper 17 (22)</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 2, 2012 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Song of Solomon 2:8-13</u> <u>Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9</u>	<u>James 1:17-27</u>	<u>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</u>
<u>Proper 18 (23)</u> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2012 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</u> <u>Psalms 125</u>	<u>James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</u>	<u>Mark 7:24-37</u>
<u>Proper 19 (24)</u> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2012 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Proverbs 1:20-33</u> <u>Psalms 116:1-9</u>	<u>James 3:1-12</u>	<u>Mark 8:27-38</u>
<u>Proper 20 (25)</u> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2012 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Proverbs 31:10-31</u> <u>Psalms 1</u>	<u>James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a</u>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>
<u>Proper 21 (26)</u> Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 30, 2012 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</u> <u>Psalms 124</u>	<u>James 5:13-20</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-5</u>

WE CELEBRATE MILDRED COYNER'S 90TH!

Mark your calendars.

Coffee hour on September 23rd will be given in honor of Mildred Coyner's **90th** Birthday. Come help us celebrate!



CONGRATULATIONS TO DORIS GERWERS

Our newest (AS OF SEPT. 6)
U.S. citizen!

DO YOU HAVE CHRIST'S HEART FOR INTERNATIONALS?

International Students need to practice their English skills. If you are willing to help, please contact John and Aruna Desai, Campus Directors (609) 924-0763. jdesai45@verizon.net.



This year International Students, Inc. (ISI) expects about 25 requests for Personal English Practice from internationals in our area. It only takes one hour a week at your convenience.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH
THE NATIONS.

NEEDLEPOINT KNEELERS



Interested in helping to stitch some kneelers for the church?

Miranda Hempel found this website which has complete kits for sale.

[https://churchkneelersusa.com/
churchkneelersusa.com/index.php](https://churchkneelersusa.com/churchkneelersusa.com/index.php)

There will be a short meeting on September 9th after worship service to discuss next steps. If you would like to make a kneeler or would like one made for you, please see Eva Groves.



GARDENING COMMITTEE UPDATE

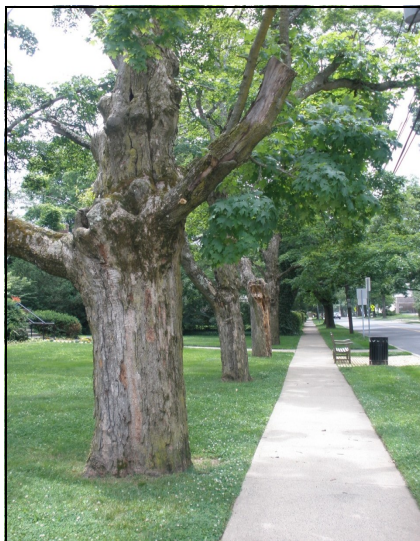


The brightly colored floral borders along the walk in front of Messiah are flourishing, despite the heat waves this summer, which is more than can be said of many of us.

But the really exciting news this summer is that the Gardening Committee has received the go-ahead for its plans for replacing the old, tired trees that are being removed on Nassau St. The Borough has given its go-ahead, and the Church board has given its blessing to the project. When the dust settles sometime this fall, there will be a new shade tree planted at the corner of Nassau and Cedar, and two flowering cherries, one on either side of the walk. This should greatly improve the appearance of the church from Nassau Street.

Keep your eyes peeled in September - some Sunday this month you will arrive at Messiah and the old trees will be gone! We hope to have the replacements planted soon after.

~ Miranda Hempel



ISI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR

2012-2013 International Students (ISI) Academic Year Calendar

September 8, 2012 International Students (ISI) 29th Annual Garage Give Away

Rain Date; September 15, 2012

The Monthly Friendship Dinners:

September 21, 2012

October 26, 2012

November 16, 2012

December 1, 2012 Christmas Banquet @ MEFC, Belle Mead

January 18, 2013

February 15, 2013

March 15, 201

April 19, 2013

May 17, 2013



WELCOME BACK SAMUEL

Samuel Rausch, boarding student at the American Boychoir School, will need rides to church this fall.

If you are able to assist, please phone or email the church office. (609) 924-3642.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

STEWARDSHIP REPORT as of 8/12

Contributions Last Week	\$ 2,369.00
Weekly Contributions Needed	\$ 1,633.00
Year-to-date needs	\$91,609.00
Year-to-date contributions	\$89,283.00

MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Many thanks to Mildred Coyner for continuing to host our Prayer Shawl meetings in her home once a month. Our summer hiatus has come to an end. Please join us for our first meeting on September 20th at 7pm. Bring your completed shawls to the meeting, and pick out some new fall yarn!

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.

WE THANK GOD:

That Ed Wendel is back home from the hospital and in good spirits.

HEALTH NOTE

Part of following through on being kind to one another (remember Ephesians 4?), is keeping up with immunizations. Current CDC-recommended immunization schedules are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>. Please note that there have been some updates recently, especially concerning adult vaccination for pertussis (whooping cough), given the increasing prevalence of that disease in the United States. Even though a disease may not be serious in most adults, getting vaccinated reduces the risk of transmission to others in whom it might be.

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.

PRAYER OF WELCOME

Lord, our God, source of all life,
you reveal yourself in the depths of our being
drawing us to share in your life and love.

Bless each of us as we respond to your Spirit's
invitation to open wide the doors to Christ.

Make the doors of our hearts,
our homes and communities
wide enough to receive
all who need human love and fellowship,
narrow enough to shut out all envy,
prejudice and pride.

Let us hasten to welcome the stranger,
and so welcome your Son.

We make this prayer in his name,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

<http://www.dow.org.au/connect/meaning-and-spirituality/prayer-for-today/item/welcome->

SEPTEMBER 2012

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OCTOBER 2012

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FROM ISI: SEPTEMBER 8 GARAGE GIVE AWAY



TWENTY-NINTH ISI ANNUAL GARAGE GIVE-AWAY FOR EVERY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR

PLACE: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
407 NASSAU STREET & CEDAR LANE
PRINCETON, NJ 08540

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012 (Rain Date 9/15)

TIME:	8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	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 pick ups are needed for: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER ITEMS:

KITCHEN:	POTS & PANS, DISHES, SILVERWARES
BED & BATH:	SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, TOWELS, COMFORTERS, THROW RUGS
APPLIANCES	BICYCLES, TOASTERS, IRONS,
&	ELECTRIC HEATERS, FANS
FURNITURE:	HEATERS, FANS
	DESKS, DINETTE, LAMPS, CHAIRS, COUCHES, BEDS, BOOKSHELVES