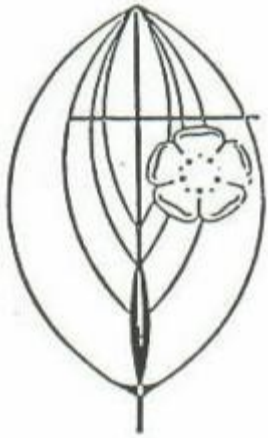


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Good Stewardship Lasts More Than A Lifetime

Dodging traffic on my way across Nassau Street reminds me daily of my mortality – some days more than others. None of us knows on which day our earthly journey will end. Part of being a good steward of the gifts God has entrusted to us – whatever our age or state of health – is preparing for that day, and for passing on our resources to new stewards. We don't like to think about death, so preparing for death is an easy thing to neglect. Christians, however, rest in the assurance that death cannot separate us from the love of God, and that baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, we too will be raised bodily from the dead.



It's important for adults to have a will directing how our property is to be distributed upon our death. If you don't have a will and don't know where to begin, here is a place to start: www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/new-jersey-make-will-31805.html. It's usually a good idea to have an attorney in your home state draft and/or review your will to ensure it will effect what you intend.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)

Planning for our funeral or memorial service is another thing we can do to help our loved ones in the event of our death. We need not specify every detail or feel like we can't leave anything up to them. But taking the time now to consider how we'd like our bodies treated and services conducted can be a helpful guide for our loved ones and the congregation, and an important Christian witness to those who attend the services.

We don't have to start from scratch – we have the help of many saints who have prepared for death before us. Based on some of their work, I've created a funeral planning worksheet for our use at Messiah. You can find it at the end of this newsletter, on the back pew in the nave, and on the church website at princetonlutheranchurch.org/PDF/funeralplan.pdf.

It's there to help us, with our loved ones, prepare a funeral or memorial service that will be a Christian witness to those who attend, and to reduce the anxiety many people feel when making funeral arrangements hurriedly after someone dies. It's a resource, not a requirement or a control tool, and you may wish to prepare for your funeral another way. The important thing is to prepare *some way*, and to make an appointment to talk about it with your loved ones and with me (together or separately). I'd be glad to help you and to offer suggestions.

In all this, keep in mind that God has defeated death. We need not fear it. Jesus Christ took on our mortality and gave us his immortality. Since in Holy Baptism we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (Romans 6:5).

Thankful and confident that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guards our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7),

Pastor Erhardt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30am Summer worship June 1st - August 31 (inclusive)

CHOIR PRACTICE, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, and PRAYER SHAWL GROUP
will all resume in September.

ORGAN REPAIR DEBRIEF

Thank you to John Fischer II for bringing the organ back to life in time for the Sunday following the Ascension (June 1)! For the benefit of those interested, John has written this detailed description of the problem and the solution:

The electric motor that powers the blower that supplies air to the organ pipes failed the week of May 11-17. An autopsy indicated that the run capacitor in the motor had degraded, causing the motor to draw increased current over several weeks or months and eventually, to overheat. This ultimately caused potting compound in the capacitor to melt into the workings of the motor, which, when the motor cooled, hardened and seized up the motor. Jon Buchanan, a professional organ technician who works with our organ tuner Pete Gerger and who has experience with our type of blower, inspected the motor and recommended that we increase the size of the motor from the current 1 horsepower size to 1.5 hp, as well as do some repairs to the blower to reduce the load on the motor.

John Fischer spoke with Jon on May 22, and Jon specifically mentioned that he would prefer to see us repair rather than replace the blower. He also recommended changing the existing single phase motor to a 3 phase design, along with a variable frequency drive (VFD). John has experience with these systems and purchased a motor and VFD and installed these during the week of May 25. The new design is more efficient, has more power, eliminates motor capacitors, monitors and provides for automatic shut down if the motor becomes overloaded, and allows us to start and stop the blower gradually.

Jon Buchanan and Pete Gerger stopped in on May 31 to inspect John's work and to perform the leak repairs to the blower. These repairs resulted in about a 10% reduction in power needed by the blower and a significant noise reduction. Before the repair, the blower noise could be clearly heard in the chancel; now, the sound is barely detectable. During use, the motor is operating well below its maximum capability, so we feel we have a very good margin of safety. If you have additional questions about the repair, please contact John Fischer II.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES



On Mother's Day, the women of Messiah received a rose of their choice as they entered church.



The roses, purchased from Monday Morning Florist in Forrestal Village, seemed to last forever. **Gail Sabatura** sent this photo of her rose still looking beautiful two weeks later!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to Messiah's new members, **Lynda Dillman, Bill Oelrich, Trish Oelrich, Mariane Ilsoe and Mariane's daughters Francesca Ilsoe Verge and Isabella Ilsoe Verge**, received into our congregation on May 5.

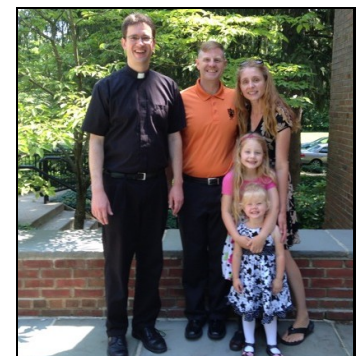
FAREWELL

Eeyan Tan, our Sunday School teacher who has returned to Malaysia after graduating from the Princeton Seminary in May.

Bob and Elizabeth Roberts who will return to Texas after welcoming new granddaughter Adelaide Margaret Beyer on May 28th. Bob and Elizabeth worshiped with us this past academic year during Bob's fellowship at the Center of Theological Inquiry. See the note from the Roberts on page 11.

Samuel Rausch, who, having graduated from the American Boychoir School, has returned to his family's home in Renton, Washington.

The Knight family, who have relocated to Fort Gordon, Georgia. If you'd like to stay in touch, please see Eva for their forwarding address.



Peter, Christine, Katarina and Alexandra Knight with Pastor Erhardt

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED

The following church officers were elected at the May congregational meeting.

President: Miranda Hempel

Secretary and Vice President: Laura Bennett

Financial Secretary: Mark Yunque

Treasurer: Nancy Amidon

Board of Social Ministry and Fellowship: Doris Gerwers, Debbie Baer, Lottie Coffin

Board of Trustees: Carolyn Gishlick, Herbert Gishlick, Paul Majsztrik, John Fischer II.

Please thank them for their willingness to serve!

BABY SHOWER



Thank you to Gail Sabatura who hosted a congregational baby shower for Paul and Laura! Elizabeth now has the beginnings of a library and a wardrobe extraordinaire.



UPCOMING READINGS

<u>Proper 9 (14)</u> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67</u> <u>Psalms 45:10-17</u>	<u>Romans 7:15-25a</u>	<u>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</u>
<u>Proper 10 (15)</u> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 25:19-34</u> <u>Psalms 119:105-112</u>	<u>Romans 8:1-11</u>	<u>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</u>
<u>Proper 11 (16)</u> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 28:10-19a</u> <u>Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24</u>	<u>Romans 8:12-25</u>	<u>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</u>
<u>Proper 12 (17)</u> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 29:15-28</u> <u>Psalms 105:1-11</u>	<u>Romans 8:26-39</u>	<u>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</u>
<u>Proper 13 (18)</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 32:22-31</u> <u>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</u>	<u>Romans 9:1-5</u>	<u>Matthew 14:13-21</u>
<u>Proper 14 (19)</u> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</u> <u>Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22</u>	<u>Romans 10:5-15</u>	<u>Matthew 14:22-33</u>
<u>Proper 15 (20)</u> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Genesis 45:1-15</u> <u>Psalms 133</u>	<u>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</u>	<u>Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28</u>
<u>Proper 16 (21)</u> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Exodus 1:8-2:10</u> <u>Psalms 124</u>	<u>Romans 12:1-8</u>	<u>Matthew 16:13-20</u>
<u>Proper 17 (22)</u> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2014 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Exodus 3:1-15</u> <u>Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26</u>	<u>Romans 12:9-21</u>	<u>Matthew 16:21-28</u>

BAPTISM



Elizabeth Marie Majsztrik receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Choral Benediction

Aaronic Blessing

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Amen

Numbers 6:24,26,25



Thank you to Takuya (Taki) Horiuchi violinist and Janice Hofreiter for the special music that enriched our worship service on Trinity Sunday (June 15).

Adagio ma non tanto from *Violin Sonata No. 3, BWV 1016*

J.S. Bach

FOSSIL HUNTING EXPEDITION

Messiah fossil-hunting adventure led by Alan and Alana Gishlick

On Saturday, June 28, a hardy band of 10 ½ Messiah members, relatives, and friends explored Big Brook in Colt's Neck, panning for fossils. (The ½ is someone who got quite confused while driving to the site and finally arrived as the last of us were trudging back to land. She was treated to a consolation lunch at a Chinese restaurant nearby, and subjected to a show & tell of finds.)

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SUMMER GARDENING AT MESSIAH

Messiah's grounds are still bright with blossoms and showy foliage, although Spring's daffodils, tulips, and azaleas have faded. The hydrangea blossoms are bluing up, daylilies should flower on and off all summer, the Easter lilies planted last fall are sporting large flower buds, and the roses are blooming. The gladiolus foliage is growing energetically.

In addition, the geraniums from the church's lovely Pentecost display have been planted outside for splashes of color, along with showy geraniums in the pots at the front doors. Red begonias dot the area around the sign, and Eva has planted sunflowers near the back entrance which should be quite dramatic when fully grown.

Although Spring and Summer will always put on the most exciting display, Messiah's gardens will be sporting blooms for all seasons by the Fall, when we will plant winter and early flowering bulbs like winter aconite (a.k.a. *eranthis*), snowdrops, and crocus, along with some perennials known for their winter bloom like *helbores*.



A number of shrubs will be added for more Spring and Fall color.

In the meantime, we cannot rest on our laurels. Weeds are shooting up all over, and although several flower beds have been adopted, there are many more waiting for someone's tender care to keep them looking their best. Help with watering the cherry trees, new shrubs, and flowers so they don't keel over from thirst during dry spells would also be greatly appreciated. As much work as it takes digging and planting our floral displays, it takes more keeping them looking kempt. Will you help keep Messiah looking beautiful?

If you can help in any capacity, please let Miranda know at mirandahempel@gmail.com or 609-865-8117. I would also love to hear about any ideas for future landscape projects.

Miranda Hempel

MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thank you to Mildred Coyner for continuing to host our Prayer Shawl meetings in her home once a month. We will begin our meetings again in September. Please continue to check the website for news and announcements.



Thank you to all who knit and all who support the Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you would like to knit over the summer, please see Eva for 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.



Siv Mitt and Mildred Coyner and strawberry cheesecake!

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING



Katie Fisher (John and Esther's granddaughter) joined the knitting group and shared her expertise.

Suzanne Manczuk, Patricia Wolf and Doris Gerwers proudly display their finished, (or almost finished!) needlepoint.

BLESSING OF THE SHAWLS

On Sunday, June 29, twenty shawls completed by **Messiah's Mantles** were blessed during worship. Thank you to all who have been tirelessly knitting all Spring. If you know of someone in need, please see Eva.



P: Let us pray.

God of grace and healing, blessed are the works of your hands. Thank you for the loving care with which You create these shawls, using the hands of your servants. Through the giving and receiving of these prayer shawls, support, comfort, and heal their recipients for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: May God's presence and blessing be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens, places of comfort, directing their recipients in good and difficult times to pray to our Father in heaven. As these shawls bring physical warmth, may the hope, joy, peace, and healing of our loving Lord sustain and encourage their recipients and all of us to trust the promises of our triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen

VACATION

Pastor Erhardt will be on vacation July 7 through August 2. Pastor Goerss will be the liturgist and preacher on July 13, 20, and 27, and will be available to provide emergency pastoral care while Pastor Erhardt is away. Pastor Goerss's contact information is in the church directory. Between July 6 and August 1, please send prayer requests and other correspondence to the church office at Eva.M.Groves@gmail.com.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Church of the Messiah Family,

We thank you for your warm welcome to us during our time in Princeton. We were blessed to be a part of your worshipping community.

We are now summering in Michigan, and will return to Texas in August. We are enjoying our proximity to our new granddaughter, Adelaide, during the first weeks of her life. She is doing well.

We appreciate your special send-off late last month, with the accompanying prayer shawl, which will be a reminder of some fine fellowship over the knitting needles, as well as of the mercy of God that surrounds us all, and binds us one to another.

We treasure our memories of our time with you. May God bless you richly.

Elizabeth and Bob Roberts

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Island Beach State Park picnic. Do you recognize the attendees? Can you guess the year?

Save the date (September 6) and join us for this year's Messiah Beach Party!

JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 9:30am Holy Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30am Holy Communion Guest Preacher: John Mark Goerss	14	15	16	17	18	19
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AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30am Holy Communion	4	5	6	7 7pm Executive Board	8	9
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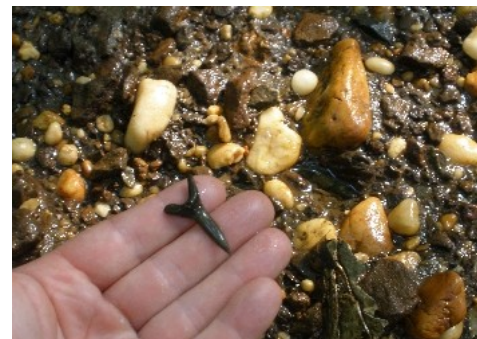
FOSSIL HUNTING EXPEDITION (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8)



New Jersey is a hotbed of fossils, with several locations known nationally for their bounty of ancient finds. Big Brook is one of the best-known, with copious amounts of fossil shark's teeth and other treasures that wash out of the banks where they have been ensconced in the gravel in the stream bed. **Alan and Alana Gishlick**, accomplished and respected paleontologists, were our guides to the area, and helped us detect fossil shark's teeth and other oddments amidst the gravel in our

sifting trays (actually metal document trays from Staples). It took some getting used to, since the shark's teeth are quite small, and one has to develop a knack in order to distinguish them from the gravel bits.

Everyone found fossils, thanks to the Gishlicks' encouragement, expertise, and patience. **Herb and Caroline Gishlick** were also on hand, sharing their experience. Among Saturday's finds were several different varieties of shark's teeth and fossils of shells and coral, along with a tiny fossilized fish vertebra.



Several members of the excursion are already planning their next visit to the site. If you don't mind getting wet and slogging through mud, it's a fun way to spend time in the great outdoors. The thrill of finding a fossil after sorting and sifting through trays of sand and gravel makes the soggy feet and soaked jeans all worthwhile.

FOSSIL HUNTING EXPEDITION

