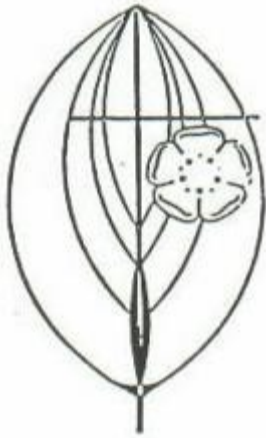


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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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### FREE FROM FEAR

"I hate to say it, but I think a default posture of human beings is fear," said author Marilynne Robinson to Wyatt Mason in a recent interview for the New York Times Magazine. <sup>1</sup> Their conversation continued:

Robinson: "What it comes down to – and I think this has become prominent in our culture recently — is that fear is an excuse: 'I would like to have done something, but of course I couldn't.' Fear is so opportunistic that people can call on it under the slightest provocations: 'He looked at me funny.'"

Mason: " 'So I shot him,' "

Robinson: "Exactly."

Mason: " 'Can you blame me?' "

Robinson: "*Exactly*. Fear has, in this moment, a respectability I've never seen in my life."

One of God's signature phrases in the Bible is, "Fear not." It's easier said than done, of course. It's not wrong to feel afraid. But without God's external word, without God's direction not to indulge our natural inclination to fear, it's easy to cave to cowardice and grant fear a respectability it doesn't deserve. Fear feeds on insecurity, but God promises us in baptism that we are his – that we are secure in him. Knowing that we belong to God, in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, deprives fear of its fuel. Belonging to God, being justified by God's own word, makes fear but a flash in the pan. We don't have to let it control us.

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<sup>1</sup> Wyatt Mason. "The Revelations of Marilynne Robinson." *New York Times Magazine*, Oct 1, 2014. [www.nytimes.com/2014/10/05/magazine/the-revelations-of-marilynne-robinson.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/05/magazine/the-revelations-of-marilynne-robinson.html)

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*The symbol in the upper left corner expresses by means of candle and messianic rose the worship of the Messiah and the Truth of Christ. The cross signifies His central deed and the five crosses in the rose the sacred wounds.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

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Freedom from fear is freedom to be honest about ourselves and about others. We don't need to worry. We don't need to make things up to get our way. We don't need to hurt others so we stay on top. Instead, we're freed up for humility and civility – to listen, to be vulnerable to others and open to their points of view, and to put the best construction on the words and actions of others. Being afraid ceases to be an excuse for destructive, defensive behavior.

Fortunately, as we heard this past Sunday, with God there is forgiveness (Psalm 130:4). Baptized into God's family, we are not only freed from fear, but forgiven for our fear-induced behavior and for our lack of trust in God. As the apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (ESV):

“<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

Freed from fear, forgiven in Christ, reconciled to God, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can be reconciled to one another. Reconciled to God and to one another, let us free and cheer our neighbors in God's deeply divided world with the message of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Pastor Erhardt

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

#### **Wednesday November 26**

8:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Service of  
Evening Prayer

#### **Wednesday, December 24**

8:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service of Holy Communion

#### **Thursday, December 25**

10:30AM Christmas Day Service of  
Holy Communion



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School students are excited to be back for another fun, Christ-filled year. We began our first series of lessons with three different 'themes': food in ancient Israel, sheep in the Bible, and lions in the Bible. As you can imagine, the students were busy with several craft projects and enjoyed lots of great snacks! This upcoming month, we will be focusing on the life and times of Moses... you may remember seeing a small 'Nile River' and tin-foil boats before worship!

More Sunday School news on p. 12!

### FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AT MESSIAH

Friendship Sunday at Messiah: November 23rd  
Share it with your friends, your pen-pals, and your neighbors! Our regular service on Sunday, November 23rd will be an opportunity to invite friends and community members to worship at Messiah. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend with them to church that day, whether they're an occasional church-goer or a first-time visitor! There will be welcome gifts for all guests, and a special treat after worship. Come and bring a friend!

~ Ryan Spaude

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 AM—3 PM**

### Fall Work Day at Messiah

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

**Sunday, Nov. 2**

9:00AM Christian Education

10:30AM Matins (LBW p.131) celebrating All Saints Day

4:00PM Reformation Chorale Service of Holy Communion, with participation from other area congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

5:30PM Potluck— if you're able, bring a dish to share.

### Nov. 2 HiTOPS Half Marathon—Parking and Road Closure Notice

Between 6:30 and 10:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 2, ~1250 athletes will run 13.1 miles through Princeton. During that time, there will be traffic

delays and intermittent road closures in and around Princeton, including Washington Road, Snowden Lane, Hamilton Ave, and Mt. Lucas Rd. US Route 206, Nassau St, and Harrison St will be open, but expect traffic delays on Nassau St due to the closures of Library Place and Washington Rd. For a course map, see <http://bit.ly/PHM-Churches>. Most of the delays should be over by the time people normally arrive for worship, but please allow yourself a little extra time to get to church and more to get to Christian Education classes & choir rehearsal the morning of Nov. 2.

**Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8**

*Sexuality, Integrity, and the University* conference, Princeton University

An annual conference sponsored by the Love & Fidelity Network, and its local affiliate, the Anscombe Society. Registration information is available at [www.loveandfidelity.org/2014-national-conference](http://www.loveandfidelity.org/2014-national-conference)

**Sunday, Dec. 7 Voters Meeting**

## POT LUCK AND SLIDE SHOW



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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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WE COMMEMORATE ALL THE SAINTS – those whose names light up the pages of the history of the faithful, and those whose faith is known to God alone. On this day we give thanks to God for all His saints and their witness to us. We remember the faithful departed who continue with us in the communion of saints, especially those who have died in the past year:

Anne Schubert	Jayne Stohs
Earl Whitcraft	Reuben Stohs
Edna Hartmeister	Ruth Carlough
Erna Bettum	Ruth Harding
Horace S. Sassman Jr.	Virginia Huber
Irene Wilson	

## FAREWELL TO RUTH CARLOUGH

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Ruth A. Carlough, age 91, of Bloomsburg, PA died at her home on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 9:45 a. m. while under the care of Columbia Montour Home Hospice.

Born in Main Township on September 10, 1923, she was a daughter of the late Warren Robert and Ida (Young) Mauser.

Ruth graduated from the former Mifflin Township High School in 1942 and attended the former Bloomsburg State Teachers College, where she met her future husband, Harry A. Carlough, of Paterson, New Jersey. They were married in 1944 and he preceded her in death in June, 1999.

She was a longtime resident of Princeton, N.J., moving to Bloomsburg in 2007.

Ruth was employed for many by years as a cashier at the Irving Trust Co., New York City, and in later years, she was employed by her church as the supervisor of buildings and grounds.

She was a longtime member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Princeton, N.J.

Ruth was an avid gardener and always had beautiful flower gardens where ever she lived. She was well know for her flower arrangements at her church. She also designed and sewed many banners and paraments for the church.

Surviving is a sister, Miriam (Mauser) Rhody, of Catawissa. PA.



## UPCOMING READINGS

<a href="#"><u>All Saints</u></a> (10:30am Matins) November 2, 2014  Reformation (4:00pm) Chorale Service of Holy Communion	<a href="#"><u>Revelation 7:9-17</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Psalm 34:1-10, 22</u></a>  Revelation 14: 6-7 Psalm 46	<a href="#"><u>1 John 3:1-3</u></a>  Romans 3:19-28	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 5:1-12</u></a>  Matthew 11: 12-19
<a href="#"><u>Proper 27 (32)</u></a> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Psalm 78:1-7</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Thess. 4:13-18</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 25:1-13</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Proper 28 (33)</u></a> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Judges 4:1-7</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Psalm 123</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 25:14-30</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Christ the King - Proper 29</u></a> 24th Sunday after Pentecost November 23, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Psalm 100</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Ephesians 1:15-23</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 25:31-46</u></a>
Thanksgiving Eve November 26, 2014	Deut. 8:7-18 Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15	Luke 17: 11-19

<a href="#"><u>First Sunday of Advent</u></a> November 30, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Isaiah 64:1-9</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mark 13:24-37</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Second Sunday of Advent</u></a> December 7, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Isaiah 40:1-11</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2 Peter 3:8-15a</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mark 1:1-8</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Third Sunday of Advent</u></a> December 14, 2014	<a href="#"><u>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Psalm 126</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>John 1:6-8, 19-28</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u></a> December 21, 2014	<a href="#"><u>2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Luke 1:46b-55</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Romans 16:25-27</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Luke 1:26-38</u></a>

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## THANK YOU, EVA

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Having been given additional responsibilities at her full time position at Princeton University, Eva Groves resigned her position as church secretary, effective Oct. 23.

Thank you, Eva, for your 15 years of service to Messiah as church secretary.

If you would like to keep in touch with Eva, you can reach her at [egroves@princeton.edu](mailto:egroves@princeton.edu).



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### NOTE FROM EVA

Dear Messiah friends and family, Thank you for the opportunity to serve Messiah these past 15 years. Messiah is a big part of my life and you have always seemed like my second family. I wish you God's blessings.

~Eva

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## THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

The Medicare open enrollment period begins on October 15 and runs through December 7. Any changes made during open enrollment are effective as of January 1, 2015.

During the open enrollment period, you can:

- Join a Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plan
- Switch from one Part D plan to another Part D plan
- Drop your Part D coverage altogether
- Switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare
- Change from one Medicare Advantage Plan to a different Medicare Advantage Plan
- Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers prescription drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer prescription drug coverage
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer prescription drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that does offer prescription drug coverage

Please see Lynda Dillman for more information. [lynda.dillman@thrivent.com](mailto:lynda.dillman@thrivent.com)

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## ADVENT CALENDARS

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Advent Calendars Available! Several designs are available, good for gifts and for use at home. Please submit order forms (on the back pew) with cash or check payment to Miranda Hempel by Sunday, November 9. Checks should be payable to the Lutheran Church of the Messiah. If you can't be at church to order, contact Miranda directly using her contact information in the directory. Calendars can be picked up at church on Sunday, Nov. 30, the first Sunday of Advent.

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## MESSIAH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

We are preparing an update of the Messiah Directory. Please check, update, and initial your directory information on the draft on the clipboard in the back of the nave.

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## DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE NEEDED

### Nominations Sought for English District Convention Delegate

The triennial convention of our English District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod will be held June 17–20, 2015, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Messiah may send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate to the convention. Accommodation and most meals will be provided at no cost to delegates, and airfare to and from the convention will be covered. To nominate yourself or another member of the congregation for the lay delegate position, please submit the name(s) in writing (email is fine) to Pastor Erhardt by Sunday, Nov. 16. If you'd like to nominate a member other than yourself, be sure to obtain their approval before submitting their name(s).

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*Doris Schubert Gerwers*

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## CONGRATS TO DORIS!

Doris Gerwers ran a 5K!

(And received 3rd place in her age group)

at the Parkinson Alliance Annual 5K run on  
September 29th, 2014, at Carnegie Center.

Congratulations, Doris!



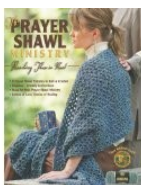
## MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### The Prayer Shawl Group Hostess Schedule 2014-2015

September 25:	Doris Gerwers
October 23:	Esther Fischer
November 20:	Patricia Wolf
December 18:	Renate Giller
January 22:	Patty Hlafter
February 19:	Eva Groves
March 19:	Miranda Hempel
April 16:	Karen Hartl
May 21:	Lottie Coffin

Please check the church website  
<http://princetonlutheranchurch.org/shawl.html>  
for date and time changes.

Contact any one of the knitters if you know of someone in need or if you would like to request that a shawl be knit for a loved one.



Two prayer shawl books have gone missing from the church library.

If you have borrowed a book, please return it to the church office, or bring your borrowed book to one of the meetings so others can also get some new knitting ideas.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING

*"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing,  
symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.  
They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,  
mother, hug, shelter and beautify.  
Those who have received these shawls have been  
uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to  
fly above their troubles..."*

*Written in 1998 by Janet Severi Bristow Copyright ©2014*

**When:** November 8, 2014

**Where:** St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau St, Princeton

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Bring:** your lunch, ideas, patterns, examples of your work and a willingness to learn and share

**RSVP:** Teresa Knipper 609-558-0582 [teresa.knipper82@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.knipper82@gmail.com)

## OCT. 5 WALKING TOUR LED BY JON HLAFTER: VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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*Photos by Doris Gerwers*



**OCT. 4 POTLUCK PHOTOS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)****UPCOMING READINGS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)**

<b>Christmas Eve</b> December 24, 2014	Isaiah 9:2-7	No Psalm	Titus 3: 4-7	Luke 2:1-20
<b>Christmas Day</b> December 25, 2014	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
<b>First Sunday after Christmas Day</b> December 28, 2014	<a href="#">Isaiah 61:10-62:3</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 148</a>	<a href="#">Galatians 4:4-7</a>	<a href="#">Luke 2:22-40</a>
<b>Second Sunday after Christmas Day</b> January 4, 2015	<a href="#">Jeremiah 31:7-14</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 147:12-20</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 1:3-14</a>	<a href="#">John 1:1-18</a>
<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> January 11, 2015 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<a href="#">Genesis 1:1-5</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 29</a>	<a href="#">Acts 19:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:4-11</a>
<b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> January 18, 2015	<a href="#">1 Samuel 3:1-20</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 6:12-20</a>	<a href="#">John 1:43-51</a>
<b>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> January 25, 2015	<a href="#">Jonah 3:1-5, 10</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 62:5-12</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 7:29-31</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:14-20</a>



## SUNDAY SCHOOL : FOOD IN THE BIBLE!

Think of food in the Bible, and there are a few standouts - loaves and fishes, wine, and manna spring to mind immediately. But as Messiah's Sunday School found out recently, the Bible mentions a surprising number of different foods. Some, admittedly, are rather high in the "ick" factor, like John the Baptist and his locusts, and Ezekiel and his paper scroll. Others sound pretty good, like melons, grapes, cheeses, nuts, butter, and honey. The teachers brought in a variety of these foods for the students to taste, including figs, dates, pomegranates, olive oil, different grain products, grapes and grape juice, melon, milk, honey, apples, almonds, cucumbers, raisins, lentil soup, eggs, and fish.

First came learning: a Bible source was cited for each food on the list, and some longer passages describing Bible meals were read. Although the foods available sounded pretty good, a few of the students' top favorites were notable by their absence: no pizza, hamburgers, or ice cream here!

Later came the hands-on part of the lesson: the teachers set up a table to look like a restaurant, complete with a placard saying "The Bible Bistro," and students got to order Bible foods from the "waiters" (teachers with white towels folded over their arms and a properly subservient air.) Nobody ordered locusts or paper, oddly enough! Figs, nuts, and fruits were favorites, and one parent requested and received a pomegranate to take home and try. A mouth-watering time was had by all. Not every lesson can be as tasty, but they are all fun. The Sunday School has looked at learning about sheep in the Bible and checked out lions and their lessons in another class. Next up: more about Moses and the Children of Israel.

# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9-3 Work Day
2 9:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Matins 4:00 pm Chorale Service 5:30 pm Potluck	3	4 7:30pm Taize	5 7:15 Confirmation 7:30pm Choir	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion	10	11 7:30pm Taize	12 7:15 Confirmation 7:30pm Choir	13 7:00pm Executive Board	14	15
16 9:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion	17	18 7:30pm Taize	19 7:15 Confirmation 7:30pm Choir	20	21	22
23 Friendship Sunday 9:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion	24	25 No Taize	26 8pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion					Pastor Away	

# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30pm Taize	3 7:15 Confirmation 7:30pm Choir	4	5	6
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21 9:00am Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion	22	23	24 8:00pm Christmas Eve	25 10:30am Christmas Day	26	27
28 No Christian Education 10:30 am Holy Communion	29	30	31			
			Pastor Away			