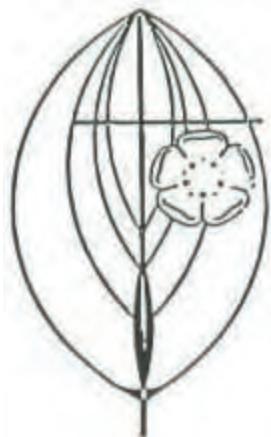


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Peach Season

One of my favorite things about summer is eating peaches by the bushel. Because I don't pick my peaches ripe in an orchard every day, I tend to buy them a little underripe so they'll ripen over the course of a week while in storage at home. To get the peaches to ripen over time, I put them together in a large paper bag and fold down the top.



Peaches and other fruit emit ethylene gas naturally. Ethylene induces ripening, and the bag keeps it concentrated around the peaches.

When I read the Epistle Lesson for the eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (this year, August 24), ripening peaches came to mind. The Lesson includes these words from Romans 12:

“¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” ... “⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)

As we meet regularly and together practice the disciplines of the body of Christ, God transforms us, renews our minds, and reveals his will, even when we're not conscious of it.

In a 1977 interview with Susan Braudy of the New York Times, Woody Allen reportedly said, "Showing up is 80 percent of life."¹ If that's an exaggeration, it's not much of one. To grow as a body, we need to be together, worship together, serve together, and discuss our faith and share our lives with one another. We don't need to fret over each activity, e.g. "Was that faith-building?" "Did that improve me spiritually?" "Did I extract maximum benefit or produce as much as possible?" We can be confident that God is ripening us, and that as we ripen, from us will waft the delectable aroma of Christ – an evocative description of our corporate Christian witness in 2 Corinthians 2:15.

As summer vacations come to an end, school resumes, and new neighbors move in, we have plenty of opportunities at Messiah to ripen and to grow as a body – as a congregation and as members of the larger body of Christ. See page 3 for a list of upcoming ones. Join us for Adult Forum on Sunday mornings, try singing in the choir, consider how you can contribute your gifts to the ripening of our Christian community on Pledge Sunday. Together, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can keep peach season going all year.

Pastor Erhardt

¹ Susan Braudy. "He's Woody Allen's Not-so-Silent Partner." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*, Aug 21, 1977. 83, <http://search.proquest.com/docview/123136096>

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

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 7

10:30am Worship service time resumes

Tuesday, Sept. 30

7:30pm Taize services resume
(Princeton Univ. Chapel)

Please join us for a ~30 minute service of contemplative prayer, scripture, and song. All are welcome. Sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry. For more information about the Taize Community, see www.taize.fr

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, Sept. 21

9:00am Sunday School and Adult Forum resume. *Speaking Responsibly about Science* will be our first Adult Forum (aka Bible class) series of the academic year, beginning Sept. 21. If you would like to participate, please notify Pastor Erhardt by noon on Sunday, Sept. 7, so he can order materials (at no cost to you).

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, Sept. 24

7:15pm Confirmation class resumes

CHOIR

Wednesday, Sept. 3

8:00pm Choir rehearsal resumes

All are welcome! Please see Janice Hofreiter if you have questions.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, Sept. 4

7:00pm Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 2

7:00pm Executive Board Meeting

PRAYER SHAWL

Thursday, Sept. 25

7:00pm

Thursday, Oct. TBA

Volunteers needed; please see page 9

POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, Oct. 4

6:00pm Octoberfest potluck and slideshow at Messiah

WALKING TOUR

Sunday, Oct. 5, 1:30pm

Victorian architecture of the Princeton University Campus, led by Jon Hлаfter

CHORAL CONCERT

Sun., Oct. 18, 3:00pm; PU Chapel (see p. 15)

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct. 19

An opportunity to offer your gifts for the growth of the body of Christ

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK



Please join us for an afternoon at:
Island Beach State Park
Saturday, September 6

We will meet right outside the park entrance in South Seaside Park between 2:00 and 2:15pm.

Directions: [islandbeachnj.org/
ParkFacts/driving.html](http://islandbeachnj.org/ParkFacts/driving.html)

If you arrive later, look for us at Beach #6 or call Doris Gerwers at 609-558-1815 to find us. If you'd like to carpool from Princeton, meet at Messiah at 12:15pm.

After Labor Day (9/1/2014), the entry fee to the park is \$5 per vehicle with NJ plates, and free if a NJ resident at least 62 years old is in the car (bring ID).

Please bring beach food to share and beach chairs, blankets, umbrellas, shovels and buckets, swimsuits, and whatever else you'll want at the shore.

Bathrooms are accessible from the beach. We'll supply drinks, paper products, tables for food, and beach games.

We plan to eat around 4:00pm.

The park does not have grills or tables.

Alcohol is not permitted.

Shaped by storm and tides, Island Beach State Park is a narrow barrier island stretching for 10 miles between the restless Atlantic Ocean and the historic Barnegat Bay. Island Beach is one of New Jersey's last significant remnants of a barrier island ecosystem that once existed along much of the coast and is also one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier beaches on the north Atlantic coast. Over 3,000 acres and 10 miles of coastal dunes remain almost untouched since Henry Hudson first described New Jersey's coast from the ship, the Half Moon, in 1609.

Miles of sand dunes and white sandy beaches offer habitat to maritime plants and diverse wildlife that is almost the same as it was thousands of years ago. Island Beach contains outstanding examples of plant communities such as primary dunes, thicket, freshwater wetlands, maritime forest and tidal marshes.

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I. S. I. GARAGE GIVE-AWAY

31st ISI Annual Garage Give-Away for Every International Student and Scholar

Place: The Lutheran Church of the Messiah

Date: Saturday, September 6

Time: 8:00am—Noon

8:00—9:00 (Delivery time)

8:00—10:00 (Set-up)

10:00-11:00 (Open to students and scholars)

11:00-12:00 (Clean-up time)

Helpers are needed between 8am and Noon.
Drivers with pick-up trucks are needed for
September 6. Please contact the following
people if you have larger items such as
couches and beds or if you can help.

Dennis Gudz dvgudz@yahoo.com
(908) 534-9408

Jim Johnson mijnosnhoj@aol.com
(908) 369-4821

John & Aruna Desai jdesai45@verizon.net
(609) 924-0763

International Students Inc. , 45 Oakland St,
Princeton, NJ 08540

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER ITEMS:

KITCHEN, BED & BATH, APPLIANCES
AND FURNITURE.

Pots, dishes, silverware

Sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, comforters,
throw rugs

Toasters, irons, heaters, fans

Desks, dinettes, lamps, chairs, couches,
beds, bookshelves

Bicycles (Most popular)



**NOT NEEDED, PLEASE DO NOT
BRING TO THE CHURCH**

Televisions, computers, monitors, toys,
clothes, games, books, curtains, drapes.

All donated items must be clean in good
working condition.

UPCOMING READINGS

<u>Proper 18 (23)</u> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
<u>Proper 19 (24)</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
<u>Proper 20 (25)</u> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
<u>Proper 21 (26)</u> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 28, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
<u>Proper 22 (27)</u> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<u>Proper 23 (28)</u> Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 12, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<u>Proper 24 (29)</u> Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<u>Proper 25 (30)</u> Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 26, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK



<http://www.islandbeachnj.org/>

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6



As you can see from the umbrella, it was quite a breezy day!



We shared great food with good friends.



ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6



And some of us, (Pr. Martin) even went for a swim on this beautiful day!

GARDENING UPDATE AND FALL PLANS



This summer has been a good one for the gardens at Messiah. All the important plants, trees, and shrubs made it through the miserable winter conditions alive, and our new cherry trees and

rhododendron bloomed for the first time, making a beautiful sight, along with the tulips that were planted some time ago. A row of colorful gladioli made a spectacular show in August.

The two roses in front flower on and off, our new lemon yellow day lilies near the church sign are repeat bloomers, and the small garden by the back door is flourishing as well, tended by Eva Groves. Doris Gerwers has adopted two flower beds at the front of the church, Esther Fischer tends the new side garden, and Miranda Hempel tries to keep the boxwood and perennial borders along the front path from getting overrun by weeds. Even the Pastor chips in from time to time, ripping out weeds that have grown too bold near the bicycle stand and elsewhere.

At Messiah, it's "waste not, want not" in the garden as well as elsewhere. Geraniums from the Pentecost service decorations are planted outside afterwards, and any bulbs and flowers

unaccounted for after the glorious floral Easter display in the church are planted as well. Several hydrangeas and azaleas now grace our grounds as a result. Wax begonias remaining from table decorations for a fellowship event are now blooming in front of the church's sign. The front border sports magnificent white Easter lilies that were planted when another church discarded the spent bulbs. We have a few hardy chrysanthemums that were also saved from the garbage heap and planted in front and in back, where they



flourish and bloom.

Autumn will be here soon, and flowering will gradually cease. Messiah's Fall Work Day is

ahead, and there will be a lot of weeding and planting to take care of. We hope you will be able to join us then and help keep Messiah's grounds beautiful. If you have ideas for new plants or shrubs, please e-mail your suggestions tomirandahempel@gmail.com. If you want to contribute any plant material, please let us know. We always need volunteers to "adopt" a bed, which involves weeding and occasional watering. There are several areas in dire need of culling.



Miranda Hempel

MESSIAH'S MANTLES: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



I initiated Messiah's Prayer Shawl Ministry in 2006 after being invited by a friend to St. Paul's Prayer Shawl ministry here in Princeton. I was impressed by the service provided to the needy by the Catholic Church. So, I invited some of the ladies from Messiah to join me at St. Paul's to knit and learn to make prayer shawls. After attending a few of the meetings at St. Paul's, one of the ladies, Mildred Coyner, suggested that if St. Paul's could do it, so could Messiah!

Why couldn't we have our own Lutheran group? Mildred offered her home as a meeting place and "Messiah's Mantles" was born!

Once a month, under my leadership, the ladies of Messiah meet at Mildred's home to knit. It is a great night of fellowship and prayer. Every meeting begins with a prayer and the lighting of a candle. We knit sometimes for a specific person, and sometimes for a chosen charity.

Messiah's Mantles has been productive these past 8 years. Since 2006, we have knit and given away hundreds of prayer shawls. This is even more impressive if you take into account the fact that each shawl takes at the minimum 3 months to complete.

What better way to bring comfort to those in distress? The shawl is a literal hug from people who pray for you and surround you with stitches knit with love.

The pattern is always the same, knit 3, purl 3, representing the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Each shawl has a sewn on label identifying The Lutheran Church of the Messiah as the maker and giver of the shawl. A small cross is added and the gift is complete.

Finished shawls are blessed during church worship service by the Pastor. Then the shawls are folded, and wrapped. A card with care instructions and a prayer is included. This ministry is rewarding both for the maker of the shawls and the recipients.

I have led this group since 2006 and will be stepping down as leader of Messiah's Mantles. We are looking for someone to take over.

Please email the church office or speak to me if you are interested in leading this rewarding fellowship group.

Eva Groves

Many thanks to our knitters: Doris Gerwers, Mildred Coyner, Siv Mitt, Elizabeth Roberts, Eva Groves, Esther Fischer, Renate Giller, Lottie Coffin, Patricia Hlafter, Miranda Hempel, Karen Hartl, Patricia Wolf, Kersti Alabert, Eleanora Spainhour.

FAREWELL TO MESSIAH'S PATRIARCH



Earl B. Whitcraft passed away at his home in Silver Spring, MD, on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. His wife of 75 years, **Judy**, preceded him in death September 1, 2013. They have been reunited once more.

Theirs was a life of deep love, a sweet romance.

He is survived by a son, Gary Whitcraft, and his wife Betsy; a daughter, Pamela Cooper, and her husband James, and their daughter Sarah Cooper Bowers, her husband Brent and a great granddaughter Claire Elise.

Earl was born November 12, 1914, in Mt. Holly, NJ. He graduated from Mt. Holly High School in 1933 where he and Judy were president and vice president respectively of their class for three years. He attained a teaching degree from Glassboro State Teacher's College and a BS from Rutgers University in 1937. He later went on to earn a Masters degree from The University of Virginia. He married his high school sweetheart, Judy, in 1938 and began teaching 7th and 8th grade in Palmyra, NJ.

After principalships in Columbus and Hopewell, NJ, he joined the Socony Vacuum Oil Company (now Exxon-Mobil) in 1950 as principal and supervisor of their Dependent Schools in Venezuela. After five years in this position he accepted a job with Mobil's newly formed Public Relations Department in New York City. In 1963 he was promoted to Executive Director of the newly created Mobil Foundation, a position he kept until he retired in 1979 to his home in Hopewell, NJ. Earl and Judy moved to Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD, in 2006.

During their sojourn here they were devoted and respected members of The Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ 08540, and The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20905, where a memorial service was held on Friday, July 18th.

Interment took place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 910 Marne Highway, Hainesport, NJ, on Saturday, July 19th. Contributions may be made to any of these churches in memory of Earl and Judy.



ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK

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The state's largest osprey colony, as well as peregrine falcons, wading birds, shorebirds, waterfowl and migrating songbirds, is found here. Island Beach is nationally known as a unique resource with over 400 plants identified, including the largest expanses of beach heather in New Jersey.

Please call the park office at 732-793-0506 if you have any questions about access.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

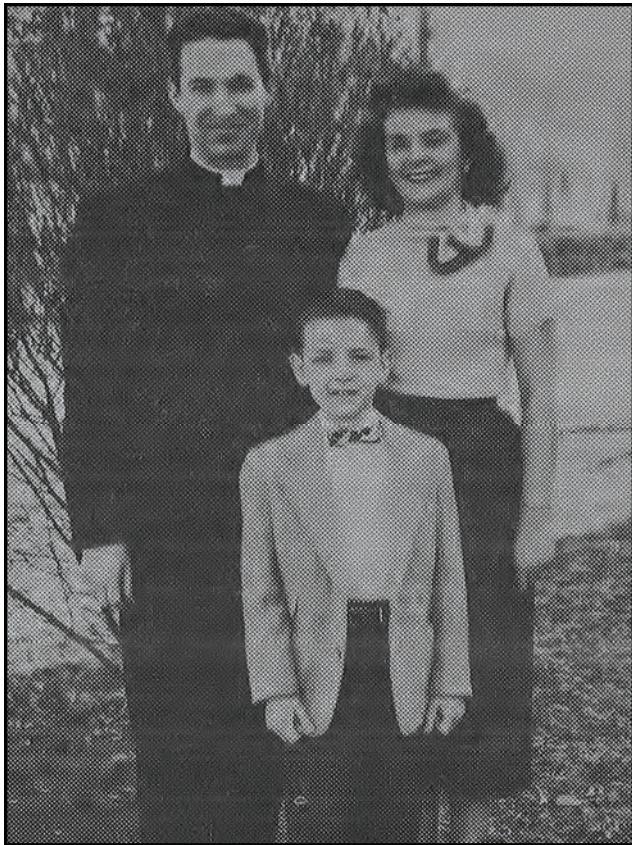


Photo courtesy of Martha Peck

Which Pastor of Messiah is this?

- Luther Kriefall
 - Richard Luecke
 - John Mark Goerss
 - Jukka Kaariainen
 - Allen A. Gartner
 - Milton Nauss
 - Martin Erhardt
- Can you name the other family members in the photo?
- Match the Pastor's name to the years served.
- (1964-1972) (1955-1964) (1983-2007)
(2008-2011) (1973-1983) (1947-1955)
(2011-?)

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30am Holy Communion	2 10:30am Holy Communion	3 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	4 7pm Executive Board Meeting	5 	6 ISI Garage Give Away Messiah Beach Day
7 10:30am Holy Communion	8 10:30am Holy Communion	9 10:30am Holy Communion	10 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	11 	12 	13 ISI Raindate
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21 9:00am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	22 10:30am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	23 10:30am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	24 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	25 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting	26 	27
28 9:00am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	29 9:00am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	30 7:30pm Taize	1 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	2 7pm Executive Board	3 	4 6:00pm October fest Potluck and Slideshow

OCTOBER 2014

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
See page 12 for Oct. 1-4 events.							
5	6	7 7:30pm Taize	8 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	9		10	11
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19	20	21 7:30pm Taize	22 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	23		24	25
26 Reformation	27	28 No Taize Service	29 7:15pm Confirmation 8pm Choir	30		31	

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MESSIAH

It's back to school time. Parents and children are busy preparing for the return to school, getting new outfits, purchasing binders, notebooks, pencils, and other nifty supplies. Here at Messiah, we are gearing up for the return of Sunday School at 9am on September 21. Ryan Spaude and Miranda Hempel will be back as teachers. Eeyan Tan, having finished her studies at the Princeton Theological Seminary, has returned home to Malaysia. The students and her fellow teachers will miss her!

The coming year should be an exciting one. In addition to learning great Bible stories about Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, Abraham and Sarah, and Joseph and his brothers (among many others), we will be learning more about the Holy Trinity and about prayer. Last year we began to study Hebrew with learning the Shema, which Jesus identifies as "the first of all commandments" in Mark 12: 29 and 30. The words of the Shema, as quoted by Jesus, can be translated as: "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, The Lord is One. And you shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." We will continue to learn a few key Hebrew phrases throughout the year, and of course, work on memorizing important passages from the Old and New Testaments.

Crafts, science experiments, and games help make learning fun - for the teachers as well as the students! Last year, science experiments illustrated the nature of the Trinity and demonstrated some surprising qualities of water when we learned about John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. When we learned about David and Goliath, students got

to practice their aim by trying to hit a poster of Goliath's face right in the middle. The teachers are cooking up some more unusual ways of getting their message across this year. Of course, the Sunday School students will also spend time on special projects to help others, like the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.



A fun way to illustrate the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector who climbed up a tree to be able to see Jesus.



Photo 1: The water and oil are just sitting there. Ho hum.



Photo 2: (After adding the "secret" ingredient, an Alka Seltzer tablet).

All children, not just the children of families who attend Messiah, are welcome to attend, so if friends or neighbors of yours might be interested, by all means encourage them to come by when Sunday School is in session. They can email mirandahempel@gmail.com to check the schedule or for more information. Drop-ins are welcome as well; we are happy to have children come when they can.

The Songs of God's Word

Ein Feste Burg

(A Mighty Fortress)

A Concert of Christian Music

in

Commemoration of the Coming of the
500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

1517 - 2017



Saturday, October 18, 2014

Princeton University Chapel

Princeton, NJ

3:00 p.m.

Featuring

Concordia College-NY Choir

Long Island Lutheran High School Choir

Martin Luther-NYC High School Choir

The Bach Vespers Choir of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Chapel opens at 2:00 p.m., Organ Prelude begins at 2:15 p.m., Concert starts at 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the N.J. District of The Lutheran Church

www.njdistrict.org and www.reverendluther.org

Concert is free but tickets are required for seating and the capacity of the chapel

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