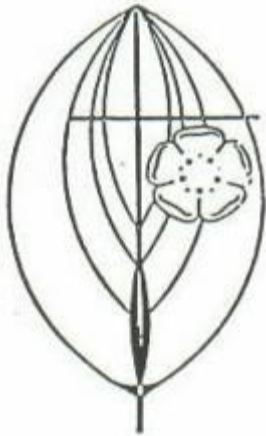

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reformation is (still) in the air!

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It was 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses disputing the power of indulgences, an event that in the ensuing years snowballed into that we now call the Lutheran Reformation. 500 years later, we commemorate what the Reformation is (still) about. That “(still)” I took from Kyle Sorkness, who will serve as a field education student at Messiah in the 2017-18 academic year. You can learn more about Kyle on pp. 7-8 of the February 2017 *Messenger*. Kyle will lead our first Lutheran Campus Ministry Table Talk on September 19, entitled *Reformation at 500: What It's (Still) About*. More information about Fall 2017 Table Talks is available on p. 6. On the five Sundays in October, Kyle will expand on the Reformation theme in an Adult Forum series at Messiah.

Other upcoming Reformation-related events in the area include:

- Saturday, Oct. 21, 1-5pm: Dr. Phillip Cary will speak on Martin Luther and the Reformation at Old Zion Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Dr. Cary and his wife, Nancy, attended Messiah when they lived in Princeton during the 2011-12 academic year.

- Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29), 4pm: Congregations in our circuit will gather for a Festival Service of Holy Communion at 4:00pm at Martin Luther Chapel in Pennsauken. More details are available on p. 9.

All are welcome to these events – please join us! Remember that the Reformation took time to unfold in the 16th century, and that God (still) isn't finished with us! So we'll continue to have occasion to commemorate 500th anniversaries of Reformation events for many years to come.

Pastor Erhardt

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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

Bricks and Mortar

It's exciting to be part of Messiah as we undertake major improvements to the church property:



1. Patio repair
2. Concrete repair
3. Door replacement

The patio repair has been considered for years but not done for lack of rental income. Other projects, like replacing the front doors, were initiated and made possible more recently by designated gifts from generous parishioners. This summer, the plans, the funds, the bids, and the approvals came together, culminating in Messiah's Executive Board approving proposals for the projects listed above.

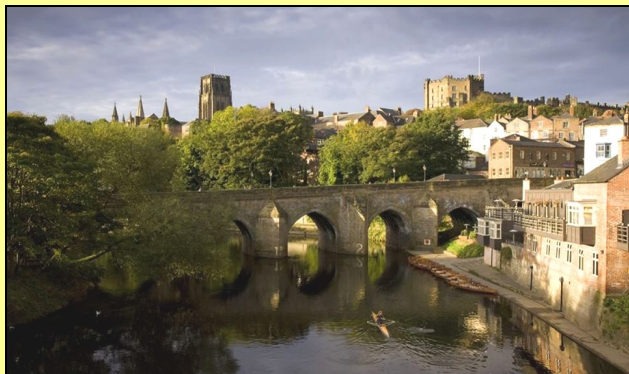
I am grateful to the many people who have worked to bring these projects to fruition -- trustees, donors, and planning committee members -- many of whom have spent countless hours researching options, soliciting input, considering differing views, selecting products, receiving criticism, weighing pros and cons, meeting contractors, and making fiscally responsible recommendations, realizing that no one can please all of the people all of the time.

Pastor Erhardt



Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.
<http://new.princetonlutheranchurch.org/worship/service-and-sermon-audios/>

CHURCH CALENDAR

**EXPLORE CELTIC MISSIONS
IN IRELAND AND BRITAIN!***July 10-18, 2018*

Durham

From Dublin to Whitby, follow in the footsteps of Irish missionaries to Britain after the Romans left in the 5th century. This tour will include the Book of Kells at Trinity College (Dublin), the site of the 6th century monastery of Glendalough, the Boyne Valley, Armagh, Belfast, Whithorn, Hadrian's Wall, Lindisfarne, Bede's monastery at Wearmouth-Jarrow, Durham, Whitby, and York.

More information on p. 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 9, 8 am – 12pm

ISI Garage Give Away (see p. 8)

Saturday, September 9, 4-7pm

Church BBQ

Thursday, September 14, 7pm

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30pm

LCM Table Talk:

Reformation at 500: What It's (Still) About

Thursday, September 21, 7pm

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Friday, September 22, 6pm

ISI Dinner

Saturday, September 30, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

Saturday, October 7, 3-5pm

Napa Valley Wine Tasting Fellowship Event

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm

LCM Table Talk:

What do we mean when we say "orthodox"?

Thursday, October 19

7pm Prayer Shawl Meeting

7pm Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 10am-12:30pm

*Visit the new American Revolution Museum
with Pastor Erhardt*

101 S. 3rd St. Philadelphia, PA 19106

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

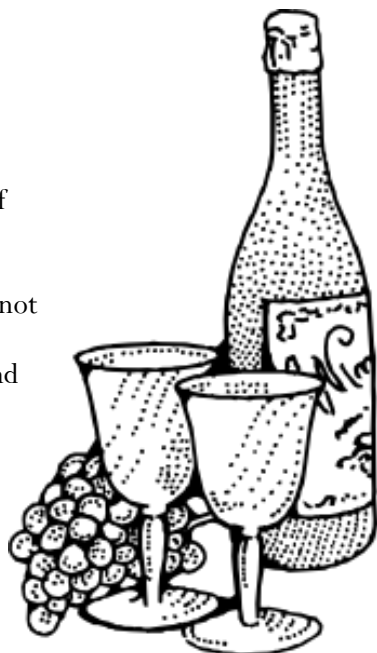
Saturday, October 7

3:00—5:00 p.m.

Napa Valley Wine Tasting

Home of Trish Oelrich and Bill Oelrich

Come taste the wines of Napa Valley - Rosé Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and others. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will also be available so come to socialize even if you are not a wine drinker. Come one, come all.



Questions? Contact Trish Oelrich

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Saturday, October 21, 1-5pm

*Reformation Anniversary Lectures
with Phillip Cary*

Old Zion Lutheran Church

628 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19130

Friday, October 27, 6pm

ISI Dinner

Saturday, October 28, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

Saturday, October 28, 7:30-9:30pm

La Fiocco Concert

Sunday, October 29, 4-5:30pm

*Reformation Service of Holy Communion
Martin Luther Chapel
4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08109*

Saturday, November 4, 3-5pm

*Model Railroad Open House
Gishlick Residence*

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Do you have flowers in your garden you'd like to share with Messiah? If so, call Carolyn Gishlick to arrange for their use at Messiah.



CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Please consider serving the church through music by joining the choir this fall!

**Rehearsals begin at
7:30 pm, Sept. 6.**

Questions?

**Contact
Janice Hofreiter.**



GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE AUGUST FELLOWSHIP EVENT



Which ones are alive?



UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

Christian Education classes meet Sundays at 9:00am



Adult Forum meets in the parish building lounge.

Sunday School for children of all ages meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Adult Forum Topics:

Sept. 10, 17, 24 : The Apostle Paul's First and Second Missionary Journeys (Acts 13:1 - 18:22) -- Pastor Erhardt

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 : Reformation at 500: What It's (Still) About -- Kyle Sorkness

TABLE TALKS RESUME

All are welcome. Please join us beginning Sept. 10!

Fall 2017 Lutheran Campus Ministry Monthly Dinner Discussions

Tuesday, September 19: Reformation at 500: What It's (Still) About

Tuesday, October 17: What do we mean when we say "orthodox"?

Tuesday, November 14: What the Gospel Is (and Isn't)

Tuesday, December 12: Learning from St. Patrick, evangelist in a violent culture

All discussions are scheduled for
6:30 – 8:00 PM in 210 Murray-Dodge Hall,
 Princeton University. After 5:00 PM on
 weekdays, free parking is available in the
 university lot on William St., between
 Washington Rd. and Charlton St.

All are welcome! Please join us and invite friends.



MEN'S FORUM TO ENTER THIRD YEAR



It is hard to believe but in October 2015, some men of Messiah met for breakfast to discuss the possibility of starting a men's group. We called it a Men's Forum since we would meet in a public place (Wegmans in Princeton) and discuss matters of interest. We agreed to meet monthly (last Saturday of the month) and use Pastor Martin's sermons to guide our discussions.

We also agreed on the following:

To be good stewards of each other's time and start promptly at 9:00 AM and formally end at 10:00 AM but anyone could linger longer.

Our discussions would be nonjudgmental, confidential and appropriate for Christian men.

To use Pastor Martin's sermons to set the theme but have a few discussion starter questions ready if needed. The meeting would not be allowed to become a general bull session.

All would be encouraged to share with no one monopolizing the discussion or "preaching".

The group would be open to all men and not restricted to Messiah members.

The sermon and discussion starters would be emailed by Wednesday prior to the meeting.

So, here we are – about to start our third year together! Group size varies from four to eleven and we've gotten to know each other better, have learned from each other and I believe have grown as Christian men. The format opens with prayer and a "check in" time for each to share how their month has gone, then a brief introduction to the topic followed by an open discussion for about 45 minutes. We close in prayer with thanksgiving for our time together. Although Pastor Martin attends as regularly as his schedule allows, this is a lay-led group and he is one among peers - although we occasionally do hit him with the tough questions!

Again, we are an open group and invite new members. I have been personally blessed by this group and others have also shared that feeling. Based on these results, the Men's Forum just might serve as a model for other small groups to form within the congregation – I'm just saying!

God's blessing to you all.

Steve Bauman, Coordinator

THE 34TH ISI ANNUAL GARAGE GIVE-AWAY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

PLACE: LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

DATE: **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 (Rain Date 9/16)**

TIME: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. DONATION 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 pickups, vans, and bigger vehicles are needed for Sept. 9.

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER ITEMS:

KITCHEN: POTS, DISHES, SILVERWARE

BED & BATH: SHEETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS, TOWELS,
COMFORTERS, THROW RUGS

APPLIANCES: TOASTERS, IRONS, HEATERS, FANS

FURNITURE: DESKS, DINETTE, LAMPS, CHAIRS, COUCHES, BEDS, BOOKSHELVES, BICYCLES
(most popular)

NOT NEEDED: TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, TOYS, CLOTHES, GAMES, BOOKS,
CURTAINS

* DONATED ITEMS MUST BE **CLEAN** AND IN **GOOD WORKING CONDITION**.

** PLEASE INFORM US IN ADVANCE OF **LARGER** ITEMS SUCH AS COUCHES, BEDS

*** FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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SUNDAY, THE 29TH OF OCTOBER
**CELEBRATING
THE REFORMATION
AFTER 500 YEARS**

**JOINT EASTERN REGION
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

— 4PM —

CELEBRANT: REV. ROBERT BRUGGEMAN



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STAND...
I CAN DO
NO OTHER,
SO HELP
ME GOD!"**

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"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE SERVICE

UPCOMING READINGS IN SEPTEMBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 3, 2017</i>	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 10, 2017</i>	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalms 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 17, 2017</i>	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalms 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 24, 2017</i>	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



UPCOMING READINGS IN OCTOBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>October 1, 2017</i>	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>October 8, 2017</i>	Exodus 20:1-20	Psalms 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>October 15, 2017</i>	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost <i>October 22, 2017</i>	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalms 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost <i>October 29, 2017</i>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Do you
recognize
these faces
from the past?



What are they acting out?

*Photos courtesy of Doris Schubert-Gerwers
Photo from c. 1992 or 1993*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY SUMMER BBQ



Pictured: Sandra, Miranda, Lottie, Patty, Doris, Gail, Renate, Esther, and Karen.
Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Group for their ministry! And thank you to Hank for serving as grill master.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY — SUMMER 2018

Celtic Missions to Anglo-Saxon Britain: July 10 - 18, 2018

From Dublin to Whitby, follow in the footsteps of Irish missionaries to Britain after the Romans left in the 5th century. This tour will include the Book of Kells at Trinity College (Dublin), the site of the 6th century monastery of Glendalough, the Boyne Valley, Armagh, Belfast, Whitthorn, Hadrian's Wall, Lindisfarne, Bede's monastery at Wearmouth-Jarrow, Durham, Whitby, and York. We will stay in a total of four hotels, so won't need to pack and move every day.

For a detailed itinerary and registration information, visit:

<https://www.tours-international.com/tours-for-individuals/celtic-missions-to-anglo-saxon-britain> and use the password **Hilda-664**. For registration by January 31, the cost is £1504 (roughly \$1970 at current exchange rates), and includes local transportation, accommodation, and most meals.

The tour company is located in the UK, so be aware of foreign transaction fees assessed by your credit card issuer. Pastor Erhardt plans to accompany the trip, but to make it happen the tour company needs to see sufficient interest by January 31, 2018. The trip will be publicized in other congregations, so it won't just be people from Mes-siah. All are welcome - feel free to publicize the trip and to invite other cheerful, flexible, and interested travelers. Questions? Ask Pastor Erhardt.



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30am Holy Communion	4	5	6 7:30pm Choir	7	8	9 8am ISI Garage Give Away 4pm Church BBQ
10 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	11	12	13 7:30pm Choir	14 7pm Executive Board Meeting	15	16
17 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	18	19 6:30pm LCM Table Talk	20 7:30pm Choir	21 7pm Prayer Shawl	22 6pm ISI Dinner	23
24 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	25	26	27 7:30pm Choir	28	29	30 9am Men's Forum

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	2	3	4 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	5	6	7 <i>3pm Wine Tasting Fellowship Event</i>
8 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	9	10	11 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	16	17 <i>6:30pm LCM Table Talk</i>	18 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	19 <i>7pm Executive Board Meeting</i> <i>7pm Prayer Shawl</i>	20	21 <i>10am American Revolution Museum</i> <i>1pm Reformation Lectures</i>
22 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	23	24	25 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	26	27 <i>6pm ISI Dinner</i>	28 <i>9am Men's Forum</i> <i>7:30pm La Fiocco Concert</i>
29 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i> <i>4pm Reformation Service at MLC</i>	30	31				



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