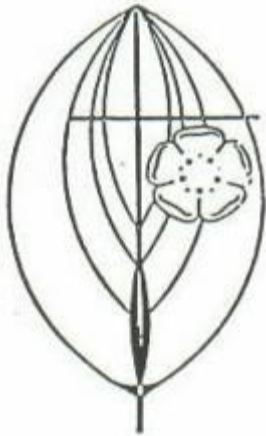


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Anxiety and Thanksgiving

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I love Thanksgiving. One of the things I cherish most about American culture is our tradition of giving thanks, even before we had a national holiday for it. Gratitude is and has long been an essential part of Christian culture too. The Bible not only encourages us to give thanks, but it gives us reason for thanks, opening our eyes to the ways God has blessed us. Even books like Judges that recount grim, gory, and chaotic times make us grateful for the goods we often take for granted, even when they are imperfect – things like peace, food, shelter, potable water, soap, a functioning legal system, anesthetics, people caring for one another, and widely shared belief in human dignity.

Of all the people who have ever lived, it would seem that we have the least to worry about. Why is it then that we're often anxious? For one thing, as standards rise, our expectations tend to rise with them. The possibility of not meeting expectations can be nerve-racking. For another, man does not live by bread alone. Even in the midst of material abundance, we may be anxious about our



spiritual, social, or emotional needs going unmet, or about not meeting those of others. There are always more needs than we can fulfill, and that may make us anxious. Abundance itself can induce anxiety when it presents us with more decisions to make – anxiety often increases with increasing levels of choice and responsibility.

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Giving thanks is a wonderful antidote to anxiety, and hearing God's Word makes us grateful. On this 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 *Theses*, I'm especially grateful that Luther's *Theses* paved the way for reforms like a) Bible translation and accessibility, b) preaching the good news that God loves us unconditionally and makes us lovable, and c) realizing that through Holy Baptism, God tethers us and our destiny to that of his crucified and resurrected Son, Jesus Christ.

We belong to God. Our life and future have not been ruined by our sin. Each day is a new opportunity to thank God instead of worrying about ourselves. These refreshing biblical truths free us from much of the worry that infests our world. Things in our fallen world are far from perfect, but that doesn't need to make us anxious or afraid. "The earth is the LORD's and everything in it," says Psalm 24:1. We can cast our cares on him (1 Peter 5:7a) and throw ourselves into caring for one another.

Our world needs that good news in the 21st century as badly as it ever has, and we get to be the ones to spread it. Thanks be to God!

Christian Education classes meet Sundays at 9:00am

Upcoming Adult Forum Topics:

Sundays in November: *Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude* – Pastor Erhardt

Sundays in December (no class on Dec. 24): *Repentance and Conversion* – Kyle Sorkness

All are welcome. Please join us at 9am in the parish building lounge.



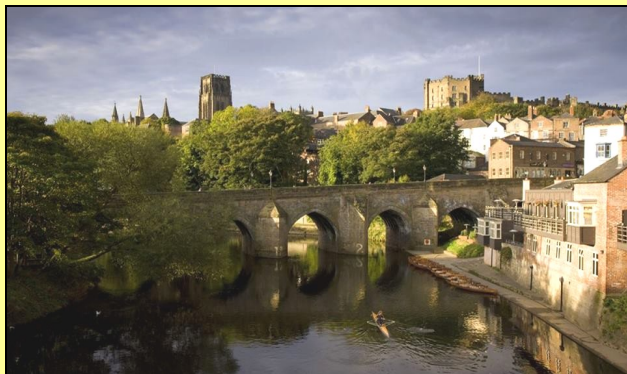
Thank you for your generous giving! Oct. 8 was Pledge Sunday.

If you haven't yet submitted a 2018 pledge form, please consider doing so today. Extra forms are available on the back pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church, to the Financial Secretary's attention.

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, November 4, 3 – 5pm

*Model Railroad Open House Fellowship Event
Gishlick Residence*

Thursday, November 9, 7 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, November 11, 9am – 12:30 pm

Fall Work Day

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30pm

LCM Table Talk:

What the Gospel Is (and Isn't)

Thursday, November 16, 7pm

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Saturday, November 18, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

Sunday, December 3, 12:15pm

Voters Meeting

Sunday, December 10

Sunday School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 12 6:30pm

LCM Table Talk:

*Learning from St. Patrick,
evangelist in a violent culture*

Thursday, December 14

7pm Prayer Shawl Meeting

7pm Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 9am

Men's Forum at Wegmans

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

**On Sunday, Nov. 5, we will commemorate
All Saints Day (Nov. 1).**

We will remember with thanksgiving the faithful departed of this congregation, or known to us, who have died since last All Saints Day. Please submit names of those you would like to have remembered to Katherine at LCMherald@gmail.com by 9 AM on Thursday, Nov. 2.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Sunday, December 17, 12pm - 1:30pm

Christmas Decorating

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30pm

LCM Table Talk

Thursday, January 18, 7pm

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Friday, January 19, 6pm

ISI Dinner

Nominations Sought for English District Convention Delegate

The triennial convention of our English District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod will be held June 19–21, 2018, 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 Wednesday, Nov. 15. If you'd like to nominate a member other than yourself, be sure to obtain their approval before submitting their name(s). Messiah's lay delegate will be elected at the congregational voters meeting on Sunday, Dec. 3.

SEPTEMBER 9 FELLOWSHIP EVENT: CHURCH BBQ



WINE TASTING FELLOWSHIP EVENT—OCTOBER 7, 2017



Happy 75th birthday to Marty Sulla!



Thank you to Trish Oelrich and Bill Oelrich for their generous hospitality!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictured above: Matthew Zak, brother and best man, bride and groom, Christine and Daniel Zak, and parents Debbie and Michael Zak.

Congratulations to Daniel and Christine Zak on their wedding on July 20, 2017.



Nov. 5 HiTOPS Half Marathon – Traffic Delay Notice

Between 6:30 and 10:00 AM on Sunday, Nov. 5, there will be traffic delays and intermittent road closures in and around Princeton, including Washington Road, Snowden Lane, Hamilton Ave, Mercer St, 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 www.princetonhalfmarathon.com/the-course/.

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 or choir rehearsal the morning of Nov. 5.



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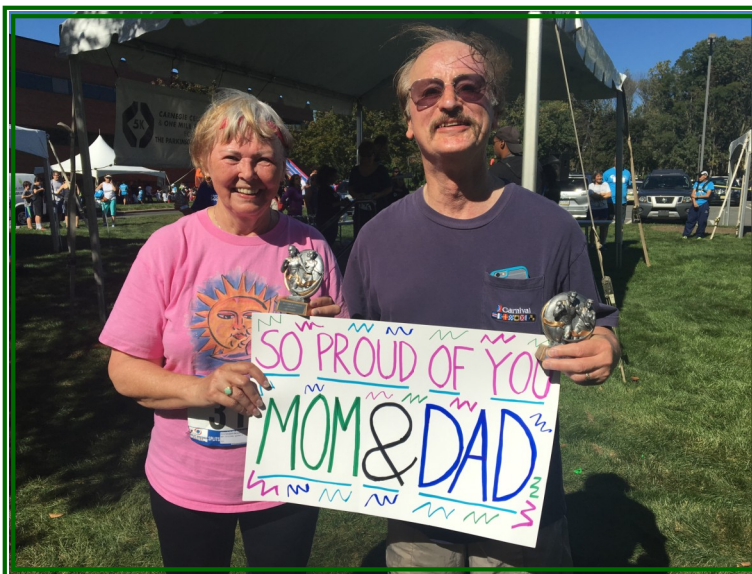
John Metzger, Hank Gerwers and Doris Schubert-Gerwers participated in the Parkinson Alliance 18th Annual 5K run on September 23, 2017.



Right: John Metzger, Hank Gerwers and Doris Schubert-Gerwers exhausted after the run.



Below: Proud winners, Hank 3rd place & Doris 2nd place in their age groups.



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
All Saints Sunday <i>November 5, 2017</i>	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalms 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>November 12, 2017</i>	Joshua 21:1-3, 14-25	Psalms 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost <i>November 19, 2017</i>	Judges 4:1-7	Psalms 90	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Christ the King Sunday <i>November 26, 2017</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalms 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

ADVENT YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
First Sunday of Advent <i>December 3, 2017</i>	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Second Sunday of Advent <i>December 10, 2017</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Third Sunday of Advent <i>December 17, 2017</i>	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalms 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>December 24, 2017</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve <i>December 24, 2017</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7		Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
Christmas Day <i>December 25, 2017</i>	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 98	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day <i>December 31, 2017</i>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY

EPIPHANY YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READ- ING	GOSPEL READING
Baptism of Our Lord <i>January 7, 2018</i>	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalms 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Second Sunday after Epiphany <i>January 14, 2018</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Third Sunday after Epiphany <i>January 21, 2018</i>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalms 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany <i>January 28, 2018</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalms 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



LET US WALK IN THE
LIGHT OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 2:5

BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Do you
recognize
these faces
from the
past?**



**Look
familiar?**

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, Whithorn, 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 \$2000 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 Messiah. All are welcome - feel free to publicize the trip and to invite other cheerful, flexible, and interested travelers. Questions? Ask Pastor Erhardt.






November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>3pm Model Railroad Open House</i>
5 <i>DST Ends</i> <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	6	7	8 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	9 <i>7pm Executive Board Meeting</i>	10	11 <i>9am Fall Work Day</i>
12 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	13	14 <i>6:30pm LCM Table Talk</i>	15 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	16 <i>7pm Prayer Shawl</i>	17	18 <i>9am Men's Forum</i>
19 <i>9am Christian Education</i> <i>10:30am Holy Communion</i>	20	21	22 <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25
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December 2017

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January 2018



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