



The Evangel

Newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

September-October 2022

our 212th year

Our children returned to school over the past few weeks. This month we begin a new Sunday School year with Rally Day and Confirmation classes resume. The “summer vacation” is over and the yearly cycle starts again. It is interesting how much the school calendar influences and determines our lives. After all, we do not begin a new church year until November 27 (the First Sunday in Advent) nor a new calendar year until January 1. Yet, we are talking of a new year of activities and projects.



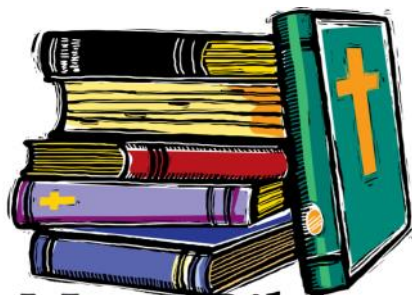
*From the
Pastor's
Desk*

The Psalmists prays, “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). One version translates that last phrase as “that we may gain a wise heart.” Wisdom is the ability to take what we have learned and give it practical and everyday applications. Wisdom is being able to move from theory to practice, to transform “book smarts” into “street smarts.” It is the ability to live a life in accord with what you know and say.

In order to make that move, however, we have to have the knowledge to begin with. This is why we value education so much and the school academic calendar determines so much of our lives. Without the basic building blocks of knowledge, we can neither apply ourselves to wisdom nor gain a wise heart.

Our children are not the only ones who should be going back to school. We all need to return to school to learn and grow in our Christian lives. Sunday School and Bible studies should be a part of our routine just as is worship. Let us all go “back to school” this fall so that we can apply our hearts to wisdom, so that we will have a wise heart.

Pastor Eric



New Bible Study Series

Our Bible study this year will explore the book of Daniel. From Sunday School, we remember the stories of Daniel in the lion’s den, the three men in the fiery furnace, and the hand that wrote on the wall. But we forget (or never read) the other parts with those visions, beasts, and symbols. Yet those parts, as well as the other stories, were written to give the people of God comfort and encouragement in living our lives of faith.

Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. or 7:00 P.M.
beginning September 7.

Deadline for the next issue of *The Evangel* is **Sunday, October 23, 2022.**
Have all items into the church office by that date for inclusion in the next issue.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ben Dum Sr.
3 Boone Stambaugh
6 Sherry Tressler
9 Pat Swab
11 Todd Shelley Sam Wagner
12 Loretta Mullen
16 Erica Parrish Olivia Parrish
20 Debbie Koons
21 Aleah Parrish
24 Adam Bower
27 Andrew Bower
28 Helen Kauffman
29 Bryce Stambaugh
30 Ben Dum III

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Barb Kennedy
4 Linda Vanderhaggen
12 Oliver Eppley
13 Eric Berger
15 Sara Berger
18 Bonnie Meisel
21 Tim Adams
25 Deb Rock
26 Cindy Bower
30 Eva Group

*Please inform the church
office of any corrections or
omissions to the Birthday &
Anniversary Lists.
Thank you!*

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Denny & Bonnie Meisel (1991)
12 Don & Pauline Lyons (1964) Vic & Karen Lis (1981)
17 Adam & Laura Bower (2005)
23 Glenn & Pat Arnold (1967)
26 Brian & Courtney Kolak (2009)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Todd & Julie Shelley (1986)
8 Ron & Kay Shambaugh (1953)
9 Ben & Heather Dum (1993)
12 Kevin & Patty Turner (1996)
16 Andrew & Cindy Bower (1976)
17 Eric & Sara Berger (2015)
18 Robby & Debbie Rohm (1980)
20 Jay & Dottie Smith (1973)
21 Keith & Brenda Kahley (1984)
26 Logan and Danielle Bitting (2019)

Dear Friends at Messiah Church,
Thank you so much for all your kindness
and hard work in serving Aunt Jean's
funeral luncheon. Messiah was always very dear
to her, even after she moved to Carlisle.
She was a very special aunt and will be
missed greatly.
Once again, thanks for your kindness.
David (Doc) and Cathy Weibley

Messiah Church Ladies,

*Thank you so much for the lovely
teacup you sent me. It is so
beautiful and I love it.*

Thank you for remembering me.

I miss seeing you.

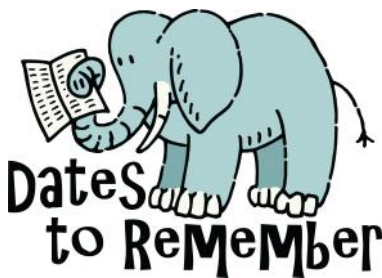
Rosalie Woomer

Worship Assistants

	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
Reader	Barb Woods	Karen Lis	Linda V	Deb Rock
Offering Counter	Patty Turner	Amy Leshar	Lexie Eppley	Eric Berger
Ushers	Carolyn Reeder & Patty Turner	Helen & Kim Stitzel	Peg Kingsborough Cindy Bower	Jane & Woody Simonton
Projector	Linda Vanderheggen	n/a	Deb Rock	Denny Meisel
Communion Assistants	Cindy Bower Patty Turner Becky Reisinger Amy Leshar	TBA		
Communion Setup	NEED	NEED		



	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Reader	Eric Berger	Logan Bitting	Patty Turner	Cindy Bower	Denny Meisel
Offering Counter	Barb Woods	Pat Kolak	Vic Lis	Jane Stambaugh	Lyle Bitting
Ushers	Jim & Jane Stambaugh	Logan Bitting Eric Berger	Denny & Bonnie Meisel	Deb Rock Amy Leshar	Cindy Bower Eric Berger
Projector	Vic Lis	Bonnie Meisel	Barb Woods	Logan Bitting	Linda Vandergeggen
Communion Assistants	Deb Rock Zain Martin Rhona Chaposky Carolyn Reeder				Lisa Kennedy Amy Leshar Rhona Chaposky Barb Woods
Communion Setup	Betty Reisinger				Betty Reisinger



Wednesday, September 7
Bible Study Resumes

Sunday, September 11
KinderMass and Rally Day
"Meet -N-Greet" Picnic after service
Special Offering for Property
Confirmation Class resumes

Sunday, October 2
LWR InGathering
Secret Sisters

Tuesday, October 11
Council Meeting

Saturday, October 22
Trunk or Treat (rain date October 23)

Sunday, October 23
Congregational Meeting before Worship
Deadline for *The Evangel*

Sunday, October 30
Confirmation Sunday

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Council President

We are blessed at Messiah to have children bouncing in the pews, participating with our Pastor in the Children's' Sermon, and learning about Jesus in our Children's Church!

In fact, we are double blessed because we also nurture children in our Day Care. Children can learn and play in a Christian environment. We are fulfilling God's call to reach out and serve the community.

Let us graciously and generously support these endeavors and the adults who are making this happen! Life can be difficult, with God's help, let us provide a safe, loving, Christian learning experience for all the children and remember they will model our actions.

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Thanks to everyone involved in working with our children, and if you would like to help, please let us know — you too are a blessing!

Barb Woods, Council President

Worship & Music

The Gift of Days

*I wonder why we often spend
Our gift of days complaining when
We should be thankful to our God
For little things like rain and sun,
The birds and trees, the air we breathe,
The carpet of the grass He lays ...
If only we would realize
How precious is God's gifts of days.*

*From "Life is Good" by Marion Schoeberien (copyright by
Salesign Missions of St John Bosco)*

The first day of autumn is September 22. There are 85 days from September 1st until Thanksgiving; there are 88 days from September 1st until the First Sunday in Advent, and 116 days until Christmas.

September 11th the worship service will be a KinderMass, which is a service geared toward the children but all will enjoy. It will also be a communion Sunday.

We will have Derek Donaldson as our organist the last Sunday in September.

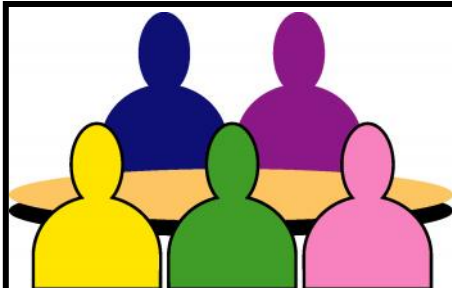
Volunteers are needed to set up Communion on September 4th and September 11th. If you can help, please contact Carolyn.

InGathering will be Sunday, October 2nd. Any kits or mission quilts should be completed by this date. The shipment will go out the middle of October.

Instead of placing a poinsettia in the church in memory or honor of a loved one, we are planning that members will donate to Join Hands or the Perry County Food Bank. Forms will be made available and envelopes to sign up. All funds collected would go to the designated group with the information in the bulletin. No dollar amount would be printed, just in memory or honor of information and the giver's name. Look for red envelopes and help families this Christmas season.

The ladies group will purchase the wreaths to decorate the windows.

Carolyn Reeder, Worship and Music Chair



COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday,
October 11
6:00 PM**



Evangelism

The Evangelism Board is currently working on updating the Church Roster. This has been a work in progress and because of COVID attendance was not regularly kept, so we are starting fresh as of 2022.

We finished the brochure for the new members of the community. If there are houses being sold in your neighborhood, please take a brochure and a cross to give to your new neighbor. They are located in the Narthex.

Special THANKS to the following people for making the crosses: Bonnie Meisel, Alyssa Meisel, Carolyn Reeder, Jeannie Takach, Teresa Beam, Jane Stambaugh, and Brenda Kahley.

If any member of the congregation has any suggestions for the Evangelism Committee, please see Patty Turner.

Patty Turner, Evangelism Chair

Social Ministry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Heartbeat Baby Bottle fund raiser. Together we donated \$300.00 to help pregnant women and babies in need. Susan Spriggle, the director, wrote us a thank you note which I placed in the narthex.

We provided hamburgers and hotdogs for the Knoebles picnic. It was a fun-filled day enjoying good food, fun rides, and great fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE for September 11th. There will be a "Meet and Greet" to welcome our new members followed by a picnic on the church grounds hosted by Social Ministry and the Youth group. Please join us for great food, fellowship games and crafts for the kids. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Matthew 18:20: For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.

Amy Lesher, Social Ministry Chair

Stewardship

In the fall of 2021, Stewardship was given charge of distributing Memorial Funds. We came up with a Policy & Procedure document which was approved by Council. Here are the basic details: As money comes into the church, the Financial Secretary will send the family information about who donated money. Notes will be sent to the donors acknowledging their gift if they are non-members. If a member, it will show up on their end-of-year church financial statement. At the one-year anniversary of a loved one's death, the church treasurer will inform the Stewardship chairperson of the amount in that person's account. The Stewardship chair will mail a letter to the loved one's family with the amount and how to proceed with their input. The Stewardship chairperson will bring the family's wishes to the Council for approval or advise family of a need for revision. Communication will continue until the funds can be distributed to their approved destination.

Benevolences that need money to get matching funds (at the time of printing) *Remember, you do not have to give the entire amount listed: Perry Human Services \$175; Join Hands \$200; Bethesda Mission \$25; Gettysburg Seminary \$100; PA Sunday School Association \$25; LWR & LWM \$395. Envelopes on table in Narthex can be used and placed in Offering plate.

There is a Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex to let us know in what ways you will volunteer your time and talents to help with the various tasks. Please sign up by end of September so we can have a master list ready to go for Fall.

Fundraisers: 1) All the time-Karns & Giant cards; 2) Possible for Fall-Rada Cutlery; 3) January/February-Zook's Meat Pies

For those interested: Messiah Women's Group-over \$3,000. Cemetery Association (used for burial costs, mowing, upkeep of 2 cemeteries)-\$16,000.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR sharing your time, talents, and possessions!

Jane Stambaugh, Stewardship Chair

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Christian Education

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

We had 19 children attend our VBS and were thankful for all the parent helpers and youth volunteers that helped to make this a fun week. The donations from the congregation enabled us to provide a meal each evening for the children and their families and have materials for crafts and decorations.

On August 7 we honored two of our recent college graduates: Alyssa Meisel and Jake Dum. Alyssa graduated from Messiah University with a major in Nutrition and Dietetics. She is now doing an internship at Geisinger.

Jake graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a B.S. in Civil engineering with a math minor. He is working for Dewberry engineering in Mechanicsburg as a graduate engineer doing structural engineering, bridge design, and hydraulic design.

On August 14 we had our Backpack Blessing for all students going back to school. There were 12 backpacks blessed. Each child was given a tag to attach to their backpack and a treat bag to help them start the new school year.

Other upcoming dates to remember are September 11, Rally Day to begin our new Sunday School season. There will be a special church service and other fun activities. October 22 from 4-6 PM will be our Trunk or Treat with a rain date of October 23. We would appreciate any church member decorating a trunk or having a game for the children. Sunday, December 18 will be the children's Christmas Program.

Jane Simonton, Christian Education Chair



Saturday, October 22

4:00 to 6:00 PM

(rain date October 23)



**Congregational
MEETING
October 23
8:30 AM**



October 30, 2022

Property

no update available

Lay Ministry

no update available

Youth

no update available