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The monthly newsletter of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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Don't be late for our Workshop of Wonders



Applications are coming in, and we have limited space. So, please register soon for our wondrous vacation bible school adventure!

Forms are available in our narthex or can be emailed to you from our office upon your request. Please also consider sharing forms with your friends and neighbors.

The event is held Monday – Thursday, August 11-14, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (includes dinner), and it is all FREE!

It is intended for ages 3+ through fifth grade. (An adult Bible group is also offered each night as you can make it.

No registration or commitment for the week is required to attend the adult offering.)

If interested in volunteering as an adult leader, help with food service or other tasks even if only for one night, please contact our VBS Coordinator, **Kristine Florio**. Hanover Habitat for Humanity will be our special guests.

Go Nutz for Lutheran Family Services

This year, let's go out to the ball game AND also do some good. Lutheran Family Services' foster care and adoption program is scheduling a baseball outing to the Diamond on August 23, 2014. The Flying Squirrels will face off against the Bowie Baysox starting at 6:00 pm. Fireworks are also on the schedule.

Joining LFS staff, families and other area Lutheran congregations, we hope to sell over 100 tickets. This will allow one lucky foster care youth to throw in the first

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- 7/6 Make a Joyful Noise: Taizé worship service; Episcopal communion liturgy with **Pastor Lou** of Messiah presiding at the Lord's Supper; a July 4th celebration follows the service.
- 7/13 Lutheran liturgy with communion (**Pastor Lou** presiding); fellowship follows.
- 7/20 Make a Joyful Noise: professional singer-songwriter and member of Messiah, **Steve Gilnett**, sings and witnesses to his faith; Lutheran communion liturgy with **Vicar Amelie** of All Souls presiding at the Lord's Supper; fellowship follows.
- 7/27 Episcopal liturgy with communion (**Vicar Amelie** presiding); fellowship follows.

**Your 2014 Church Council
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Dick Wright and Pat Hubert.

Go Nutz
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pitch. If 200 tickets are sold, LFS will have the opportunity to set up a booth to publicize its services at the game (a benefit worth \$750 to corporate sponsors).

No matter how many tickets are sold, Messiah members will be sitting together having the fun we always do at these games, and friends and family are always invited.

Details regarding sign-up and ticket purchases will be announced in July. In the meantime, please save the date.

Pastor's letter:

Celebrating Full Communion

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:7)

Following upon last year's success, Messiah Lutheran and All Souls Episcopal plan to hold unified services during July, each Sunday at 9:30 am. These events help us live into and celebrate our denominations' full communion.

In 1999, the Episcopal Church USA and ELCA published their agreement, "Called to Common Mission." Full communion isn't a merger of the denominations, but it encourages shared ministry, pulpit exchanges, and cooperation wherever deemed beneficial. In addition, pastors of both bodies can be called to any congregation of the Episcopal Church USA or ELCA regardless of denomination. Putting aside past differences, the document states, "Our churches have discovered afresh our unity in the gospel and our commitment to the mission to which God calls the church of Jesus Christ in every generation. ... Our search for a fuller expression of visible unity is for the sake of living and sharing the gospel. Unity and mission are at the heart of the church's life, reflecting an obedient response to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Along with temporarily sharing our worship space, Messiah Lutheran and All Souls Episcopal have already joined forces for several noteworthy ministry efforts, including the successful Sack Hunger Program, vacation Bible school, and Christian formation programs for Lent. In July, we'll also share in our liturgies to help us learn more about the universal nature of our faith - even amidst some recognizable differences. Remembering the psalms, we'll make a joyful noise together with special musical offerings. To help build our relationship as brothers and sisters, a time of

light refreshments and coffee will be held after each service in our fellowship hall. (All Souls' hospitality team will organize the fellowship piece, but donations of tasty treats to share are always welcome. If you can help, just drop them off prior to the service. If you cannot contribute, that's ok too. You can help by sharing in the feast!)

Sharing our resources during the summer helps both congregations provide a more meaningful, welcoming worship experience for our faith communities and summer visitors. It also strengthens our bonds as one body in Christ. Third, it helps myself and **Vicar Amelie** be better prepared if either of us need to preside at the other's worship service due to an emergency. Yet recognizing each congregation's unique needs, special "stations" will be set up to allow for each congregation to receive Sunday offerings for ministry as usual. (If traveling, please remember to try to support our ministry in your absence. Offerings may be dropped off at our office or mailed.)

Remembering that the Lord is God and that we are the sheep of God's pasture, we hope you'll join us with a joyful heart ready to give thanks and praise.

Christ's peace be with you,
Pastor Lou



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@MessiahMech

Recycle & Help Build Homes

Messiah has a new collection station for aluminum cans and aluminum foil near our shed. Every donation of your trash becomes cash supporting Hanover Habitat for Humanity's efforts to provide affordable housing to our neighbors. Habitat volunteers will come weekly to collect any donations. Habitat is also looking for anyone interested in joining their happy band of "junk guys" and "strippers." They help process all valuable metal donations made through the can and foil program or (for larger items) at their ReStore. They meet every Tuesday, 8:00 am – 9:00 am weather permitting. If interested, contact **Laura Oliveria** at 804-569-6108.

"Take the Plunge"

Volunteer Opportunities
from your Social Ministry team

- Administrative Office Support for Animal Control: Volunteer will provide clerical support which may include filing, helping with other office needs, and answering the telephone. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: <http://www.co.hanover.va.us>
- Senior Connections TeleBridges Program: Telephone Reassurance Volunteers: Individuals 18 years of age or older are needed to provide a source of connection and socialization to isolated older adults. Since 2005 the Telebridges program has trained and managed volunteers who provide friendly telephone support to older adults throughout the greater Richmond area. Volunteers agree to call one or more seniors at a routine time on a schedule of 2 to 5 times per week. Volunteers conduct the calls from their own homes and are carefully matched with seniors who have applied to the program. For more information

contact **Shana Beverly** at 804-343-3024. Seniors in need of this service are also encouraged to call for enrollment.

- Put Your Mark on a Book: The Ginter Park Library is in the process of re-coding and re-labeling all the books in their collection. Volunteers will be locating old bar code labels, scanning them in, printing new labels and affixing them into books. Many of the older books in our collection are sorely in need of new bar code labels. For more information contact **Natalie Draper** at the following address: http://www.richmondpubliclibrary.org/branch_detail.asp?branchid=4
- Community Kitchen Gardening: Be a Farmer for the day! Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden grows vegetables for Feed-More's Community Kitchen. The project occurs on Saturdays and Mondays from 9am-12noon, through mid-November (weather permitting), volunteers are needed to assist with: Planting, mulching, weeding, harvesting, and prepping beds. The Community Kitchen Garden covers one third of an acre with a goal of collecting more than 10,000 pounds of fresh produce by the end of the growing season. Contact **Karen Clowers** at <http://www.lewisginter.org/>
- Quickbooks Marvel: Are you a numbers person? Do you use Quickbooks? REAP needs some short-term help with Quickbooks data entry to organize our finances so that we can focus on our programming. This short-term time commitment includes 3-4 times of 2 hour shifts, hours to be chosen based on volunteer availability. Richmond Entrepreneur's Assistance Program (REAP) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that gives vocational and job training to individuals with disabilities using our two businesses, New 2 U Sports and Heart to Heart Gift Baskets and Packaging. Contact **Karen Hannon** at <http://www.reapva.org/>



Adam Dworak, Sr.; Bob Griffin; Mary Key; Pat Motley; Lisa Ravizza; Charlie Schw erdtfeger; Dick Wright; Evelyn Wright; The Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church; Adelaide, Brandi Hendrickson's great aunt; **Lisa Allen,** daughter-in-law of the Whirleys; **Debra Anton,** sister of Ruth Schroeder; **Family & Friends of Ernest Andrews,** relatives of the Addairs; **Carol Bratton,** friend of Marilyn Gunn; **Sabre Carroll,** stepmother of Brandi Hendrickson; **Carolyn Cromwell,** friend of Judy Schw erdtfeger; **Catherine Drazenovich,** John's mother; **Ethan Hamilton,** Lisa & Bruce Meyer's grandson; **Nicole Harmann,** friend of Jenn Drazenovich; **Heather James,** friend of Judy Schw erdtfeger; **John R. Jones,** in-law of the Schw erdtfegers; **SooNae McDaniel,** grandmother of Brandi Hendrickson; **DeAnn Miller,** Jenn Drazenovich's cousin; **Rev. Samuel Mozolak,** father of Karen & Michael Morris; **Wolfgang & Christa Niklas,** brother- and sister-in-law of Erna Jung; **Sue Onesty,** cousin of Barbara Gaskill; **The Ott Family,** friends of the Delphs; **Annette Pfohl,** friend of Messiah; **Nancy Proud,** mother of Brian Glusing; **Chauncey Radke,** cousin of Jenn Drazenovich; **Richard Radke,** father of Jenn Drazenovich; **Betty Schmick,** wife of Rev. Vic Schmick; **Jason Smiddy & Family,** friends of Anne Mason; **Gene Sparks,** friend of Barbara Gaskill; **David Spraw,** father of Jessica Glusing; **Ruth Stone,** Jason Harris' grandmother; **Stephen Trexler,** friend of Mac McAlister; **Family & Friends of Jack Vandenburg,** friend of Barbara Gaskill; **Wayne,** friend of Amy Delph; **Dorothy Whitton,** aunt of Judy Schw erdtfeger; **Jordan, Canten and families,** friends and family of the Whirleys;

The People & Pastor of All Souls, and our shared ministry; All those persecuted in any way for their faith in Christ. And for those serving in the armed forces: **Kyle Carag, Chris Cholet, Michael Knepper, Joshua Norrell, LJ Spray, and Bill Weaver.**

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office, 746-7134. If leaving a message, please include your contact information for follow-up. Unless we hear otherwise, names will be removed quarterly



- July 1 Liane DiGrazia
2 Pat Motley
3 Jackson Koeppen
6 Paul Nicholson
10 Olivia Dillard
17 Dawn Martin
17 Jack Ordazzo
22 Bob Griffin
23 Johnnie Collie



- July 2 Steve & Donna Shaw
9 Jack & Nancy Ordazzo
25 Kevin & Brandi Hendrickson

If you would like **YOUR** birthdays & anniversary included in the newsletter, please send an email to susiew51@comcast.net OR to office@mlcas.org or call **Davina** (746-7134).

July 2014						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Calendar of events

- 1 1:30 PM Daily Discipleship Bible Study
6:15 PM Council Meeting
- 2 Martin Luther Swears to Become a
Monk During a Thunderstorm (1505)
6:00 PM Acolyte Training
- 3 Feast of Thomas, Apostle
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study *
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice
- 4 Book of Concord First Published in
English in 1851 (New Market, VA)
Independence Day
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CLOSED
Office Administrator Off
Pastor's Day Off
- 6 Commemoration of Jan Hus
Launch (Youth Retreat) *
9:30 AM Summer Worship - All Souls
Episcopal & Messiah Lutheran
- 7 Launch (Youth Retreat) *
9:30 AM School Chapel
10:30 AM Worship at Hanover Adult
Center
3:30 PM School Chapel
- 8 Launch (Youth Retreat) *
1:30 PM Daily Discipleship Bible Study
- 9 Launch (Youth Retreat) *
- 10 Launch (Youth Retreat) *
Virginia Lutheran Items Due
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study *
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice
- 11 Commemoration of Benedict of Nursia
Office Administrator Off
Pastor's Day Off
- 12 Commemoration of Nathan Söderblom
- 13 9:30 AM Summer Worship - All Souls
Episcopal & Messiah Lutheran
- 14 9:30 AM & 3:30 PM School Chapel
7:00 PM MCEF Mtg. *
- 15 1:30 PM Daily Discipleship Bible Study
- 16 Anniversary of the Great Schism (1054)
3:00 PM Hanover Habitat for Humanity
- Faith Relations Mtg. *
- 17 Martin Luther Enters Monastery (1505)
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study *
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice
- 18 Office Administrator Off
Pastor's Day Off
- 20 Manna Sunday for MCEF
9:30 AM Summer Worship - All Souls
Episcopal & Messiah Lutheran
- 21 9:30 AM & 3:30 PM School Chapel
5:00 PM MCEF Pizza Night *
6:30 PM School Board Meeting
- 22 Feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle
1:30 PM Daily Discipleship Bible Study
7:00 PM Pastor@FLCV Meeting *
- 23 Commemoration of Birgitta of Sweden,
Renewer of the Church
- 24 Women of the ELCA Triennial
Gathering (7/24—7/27) *
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study *
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice
- 25 Feast of James, Apostle
Office Administrator Off
Pastor's Day Off
- 26 Pastor Vacation Day
- 27 Pastor On Vacation
9:30 AM Summer Worship - All Souls
Episcopal & Messiah Lutheran
- 28 Commemoration of Johann Sebastian
Bach, Heinrich Schütz, & George
Frederick Handel, Musicians
Pastor On Vacation
9:30 AM & 3:30 PM School Chapel
- 29 Pastor On Vacation
1:30 PM Daily Discipleship Bible Study
(Cancelled)
- 30 Pastor On Vacation
- 31 Pastor On Vacation
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study *
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice

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Grow in Faith this Summer

No matter your familiarity with scripture, you are welcome to join these friendly, conversation based Bible groups which continue over the summer.

Daily Discipleship Group meets most Tuesdays at 1:30 pm to discuss the upcoming preaching text.

The men's group meets every Thursday at 11:00 am for lunch and some dining on the Word at Cracker Barrel (7367 Bell Creek Rd.).

Our women's group returns in the fall.

If you would like help starting an ongoing group or special study for the summer months, please speak with **Pastor Lou**. The more the merrier! Special pocket-sized Bible meditation guides are also available on our welcome table for you to take and use year round.

Do you have an artist's heart?

Do you enjoy making crafts, painting, drawing, or writing? Are you Interested in directing your God-given gifts toward a greater purpose? I'd like to hear from you about forming a group of men and women who want to do just that.

Contact Susie Weaver (559-3503) with comments & questions.



August Sermon Series: Ruth

The book of Ruth is considered by many to be among the most moving tales in scripture. It is a story of love and loyalty in the face of suffering. It exemplifies how God can use ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

We'll be focusing on the Book of Ruth during our worship together on August 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

On August 24th, we'll have a "Grow & Go!" special unified service and pot luck starting at 11:00 am. As announced, these occasional gatherings are designed to help us grow in stewardship, evangelization and fellowship.

Throughout August, we'll reflect upon God's plan to do amazing things through our lives, much as was done through Ruth's own.



- To **Jennifer Clark**, for faithfully completing her term on Messiah Lutheran School's board
- To **Ted Ford** and **Ray Ash** for removing the tree felled on our playground during a recent storm
- To all those who helped make our annual picnic such a success
- To **Ray Ash** for serving as our Worship Watch coordinator – part of our Health & Safety Team.

960th Anniversary of the Great Schism, 7/16

On July 16, 1054, the so-called "Great Schism" separated the Christian church into East and West for the first time. The leaders of what were known then as the Roman and Greek Catholic Churches excommunicated each other.

The primary cause of the Schism revolved around disputes over papal authority. The Roman Pope claimed he held authority over the four Eastern Patriarchs, while the four Eastern Patriarchs claimed that the primacy of the Patriarch of Rome was only honorary, and thus he had authority only over Western Christians. Bitter arguments also erupted over the West's insertion of the "filioque clause" into the Nicene Creed. (The West unilaterally added "and son" to explain from whom the Holy Spirit proceeded.) There were other, less significant catalysts for the Schism, including variance over liturgical practices, conflicting claims of jurisdiction, and cultural differences.

This bitter schism lasted officially until Dec. 7, 1965, when Pope Paul VI and Eastern Orthodox Patriarch Athenagorus I met to declare an end and express the hope for eventual reunification. Since then some concrete steps toward unity have been taken, but the Roman and Orthodox churches remain separate.

During the Reformation in the 1500s, Lutherans made attempts to unify with the Orthodox of the East while seeking to re-

form the Roman Catholic Church of the West. The divisions and differences remained too deep for meaningful actions at the time, thus Lutheran denominations began. As part of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA takes part in continued, modern discussions for unity with both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

Learn more at:

<http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/lutheran-orthodox-dialogue>



JULY 10-12

Power in the Spirit, sponsored by the Virginia Synod and Roanoke College Office of Church Relations, is designed for anyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through worship, Bible study, keynote addresses and fellowship.

"Changed by the Good News" is the theme for this year's event. The keynote speaker will be the new **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**. The Bible study leader will be the **Rev. Rolf Jacobson**.

The package fee for residents is \$255 and for commuters, \$195. (Applications are available on the Virginia Synod website or contact Messiah's office.)

Messiah on Pinterest



<http://pinterest.com/messiahmech/boards/>



Recycle your newspapers in the container next to the garage and recycle aluminum cans in another container near the garage to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Citizens Police Academy Offered

Registration is underway for the 26th session of the Citizens Police Academy, which will take place from September 9 through November 11. The academy will be held at the Sheriff's Office every Tuesday between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and is free of charge. The deadline to apply is July 15.

The program is available to Hanover residents, business owners, or employees who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must be willing to submit to a background check. Class size is limited and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

Those interested are urged to download an application, which needs to be notarized, at <http://tinyurl.com/CPA-Application>, or contact **Mrs. Lisa Hancock** at (804) 365-6825 for an application or additional information.

The academy is designed to give participants an inside look into the law enforcement operations of the Sheriff's Office in an effort to develop positive and productive relationships with the citizens in our community. The training includes visual presentations, question-and-answer sessions, tours, and a variety of practical exercises.

To date, more than 600 citizens have graduated from the academy since it was first offered in 1995. For additional information about this program, please visit our website at:

<http://www.hanovercounty.gov/Sheriff/Citizens-Police-Academy> .

- Hanover County Sheriff's Office

MCEF News & Needs



- Do you have a truck and would be willing to transport donated items to the various pantries (food and clothing closets) as needed? We would like your name on a list to call when these services are needed. We know that you have other obligations but it is hoped that you could assist us occasionally. Call **Lynn Saunders** to volunteer, 334-6590. Thank you.
- If you have a garden and some extra vegetables and would like to donate them to the pantry, they can be dropped off at the pantry any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning by 9:30. Or leave under the deck out of the sun prior to opening those days.
- New Pantry Volunteer Coordinator: **Melissa Harkness**. She will be coordinating all volunteers who assist at the pantry.
- Senior Connections has fans to give away to Seniors in need. Call **Lynn Saunders** if you know someone who needs one, 334-6590.
- With summer here and the kids are out of school, there is an increased need for food at the Pantry. Please donate what you can when you can for those who are in need.



“There are two freedoms — the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought.”

—Charles Kingsley

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Someone 'with skin on'

My 3-year-old nephew was having a hard time falling asleep at Grandma's house, so my mom lay down beside him for a while. As she started to ease out of the room, his eyes flew open. "You're safe," she reminded him. "Jesus is always with you."

"I know, Grandma," he protested, "but I want someone with skin on!"

That reminded me of a quote by theologian Frederick Buechner: "Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin." God came to us as Jesus — someone "with

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Sunday, July 20th

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written submission, place your written
submission in the "Newsletter" mail slot
OR email susiew51@comcast.net

skin on" — so we would know he understands what it's like to live inside our skin. Now as Jesus' body in the world, we're often called on to be someone "with skin on" to others. Indeed, we're to show them such compassion that we could just as well be wearing their skin.

—Heidi Mann