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Call Committee update

The Call Committee is just now beginning to receive profiles of possible candidates. No interviews have been conducted yet. Here's how candidates are selected for us:

All candidate names come from the office of the bishop through the call process coordinator (Rebecca Walls). To help understand this process, the following sources can be used to find candidates:

- Names that are nominated from congregational members
- Names recommended by the Call Process Coordinator (Rebecca Walls from Synod)
- Rostered ministers that identify themselves
- Mobility papers
- First call candidates assigned to the Virginia Synod

All names must be channeled through the Call Process Coordinator if they have not come directly from her office. The Call Committee cannot contact any candidate until they have the approval from Synod to do so.

Although this is a confidential process, it is not meant to be secretive. If you know of a possible candidate that you'd like to be considered, please let Donna Shaw, Call Committee Chairman, know and she will inform the Synod office. Please pray

daily for the committee as we search for our next rostered leader!

ELCA Global Barnyard

Christian Formation is proud to announce that Sunday school is supporting ELCA Global Barnyard again this year through weekly offerings. To further the cause though, they are asking all members of Messiah to consider contributing by taking a "piggy bank" to put loose change in throughout the coming months. The piggy banks are on the table in the narthex.

To learn more about this cause go to:
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/animals>.



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Karen Morris **Roger Schroeder**
Daren Williams

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Bill Weaver..... Financial Secretary
Sue Gilnett, RN...Parish Nurse

Trustees: **Leroy Albertson,**
Gordon Gunn, Pat Hubert.



Recently, you have been informed that our roof is in need of repair. The church council has determined that it will take \$60,000 to properly fund this need, as well as to replace multiple areas of wood rot and paint.

The GOOD NEWS is that we are making progress! The figures are not “official” yet, but we know that some members have given us a good start toward our goal. Updates will be available soon.

Please consider how **you** may contribute. Every little bit helps. Checks should include “Roof” in the note section. Thank you, if you have already helped move us UP-ward.

Office hours

Davina ‘s office hours at Messiah are 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, she will be in the office from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.



Messiah on Pinterest

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

Pastoral letter **“For All the Saints”**

I love October, especially seeing the beauty of the leaves as they change color. I have never really understood the science of how that happens and why, although I know it has something to do with losing chlorophyll. Basically, I guess, the leaves are dying because they are not getting enough chlorophyll - but in their dying, they provide us with something wonderful to look at and enjoy. Dying, it seems, rarely provides such beauty. To be sure, there are some people we have known who seem to die very gracefully and peacefully. And that becomes a real gift to those around them. They help us see that there can be real beauty even in those very difficult times. They help us believe that death, as unwanted and sad as it is, is not just an ending. There is something more that can transform our ‘mourning into dancing’, our sadness into joy!

The end of this month will bring with it Halloween. I know there are some Christian groups that believe Halloween is a terrible, evil kind of observance that should be avoided at all costs. And it is true that some of it is rooted in some pagan kind of stuff. But that was a long time ago. In my mind, Halloween has evolved into just a fun time of costumes and, most importantly, giving and getting candy. As a Lutheran, there is also another connection to be noted. Halloween is observed on Reformation Day, October 31st. This was the day Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. That door was really the bulletin board for the community, and Luther wanted people to read and discuss what he had to say. Doing it on October 31st meant that there would be a lot of people in town because what we call Halloween was actually All Hallow’s Eve, the day before All Saint’s Day, and this was a major observance for worshippers. To remember the saints was impor-

tant - just as we remember ‘all the saints who from their labors rest’. We remember those who have served the church in significant ways, as well as those who have been a part of our journey and who have entered into God’s eternal grace. These are the beautiful leaves that have fallen from our tree of life. Luther knew the importance of All Hallow’s Eve and All Saint’s Day for Christians - and it is important to us as well. It helps us remember that when loved ones leave us and we remember the beauty of their life, we also remember that though life changes here on earth, God brings about a change that is more beautiful and more joyful than anything can possibly know or imagine. So enjoy the beauty around you, but know that we are on the Eve of a day that is “For All the Saints”!

- Pastor Carbaugh

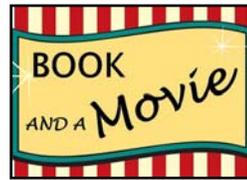


Come join us for our weekly Bible study on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Led by **Pastor Carbaugh**, we will be exploring the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday’s worship.

This hour-long gathering will focus on fellowship, conversation and sharing around the Word. All are invited!

B.A.M.



First, we'd like to thank everyone who came to our kick-off BAM event for the fall. Almost 40 people shared fellowship, pizza, salad, and dessert along with watching the movie, "Run the Race". It was a fun evening with a great movie.

Next up is the book/movie "Breakthrough". The books for the next quarterly BAM have started to arrive in the narthex book box. Be sure to read and return for others to enjoy! Be on the lookout for the exact meeting date!



With sadness, we share the news that **Jack Ordazzo** died on Monday, September 16th, after a time of hospitalization.

At the time of this reporting, a memorial service is planned for Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 PM at Messiah, followed by a reception.

Please continue to pray for Jack's family during this difficult time of mourning. Jack had a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which he shared frequently with people he encountered along his path. Though we will miss him, we trust that he now rests in the arms of the Savior.

His obituary can be viewed through this link:
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/richmond-va/obituary.aspx?n=john-peter-ordazzo&pid=193929378&fhid=11939>



- 1 **Dean Anderson**
- 5 **Steve Shaw**
- 6 **Daren Williams**
- 9 **Becky Collie**
- 9 **Helen Pfohl**
- 14 **Christine Starret**
- 15 **Tracey Anderson**
- 16 **Debbie Walker**
- 18 **Mike Knepper**
- 23 **Donna Combs**
- 23 **Teresa Gigante**
- 28 **Allen Anderson**



- 7 **Charlie & Judy Schwedtfeger**
- 12 **Dean Gustafson & Beth Carpenter**
- 22 **John & Jenn Drazenovich**
- 25 **Jeff (& Susen) Weaver**
- 28 **James & Tracey Anderson**

If you would like **YOUR** birthdays & anniversary included in the newsletter, please send an email to messiahmech@gmail.com or call **Davina** (746-7134).

Thank you!

"Kudos to **Daren Williams** for removing the old sound equipment from the pulpit area. It looks SO much better!"



We pray for each other:

Kenneth Deere; Adam Dworak, Sr.; JoAn Firebaugh; Bill Fulop; Elisabeth Gardner; Werner Gardner; Steve Gilnett; "Doc" Kondaki; Linda Krupa; Mac McAllister; Pat Motley; Ruth Schroeder; Judy Schwerdtfeger.

We pray for our extended family and neighbors:

Danny Allen, brother-in-law of the Whirleys; **Debra Anton**, sister of Ruth Schroeder; **Family and Friends of Cyndi Bauer**, sister of Lois Schroeder; **Chuck Dupuy**, son-in-law of Joan Barnes; **David and Sandi Elliott**, friends of the Whirleys; **Dylan and Family**, friends of the Whirleys; **Connie Gambini**, friend and co-worker of Becky Collie; **Family & Friends of Mel Gray**, former member; **Tammy Hood**, sister-in-law of Marilyn Gunn; **Jim Jones**, friend of the Whirleys; **Nancy McKinney; Bob Moyer**, brother of Judy Schwerdtfeger; **Mary Moyer**, sister-in-law of Schwerdtfegers; **Mullen Family**, friends of the Whirleys; **Dieter Niklas**, brother of Erna Jung; **Family and Friends of Jack Ordazzo; Evelyn Poulsen**, mother of Roger Schroeder; **Tim Schroeder**, Roger's nephew; **Sandy Street**, sister of Donna Shaw; **Susan**, friend of the Whirleys; **Pastor Carbaugh** as he leads us while we seek a Permanent Pastor; **Our veterans, their fellow soldiers & their waiting families, especially Ian Schwerdtfeger;; Law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; The people and pastor, Rev. Katherine of All Souls Episcopal & our shared ministry; All those persecuted in any way for their faith in Christ, espe-**

cially in Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Morocco, and Brunei.¹

¹ Open Doors World WatchList 2019

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office, **746-7134**. If leaving a message, include your contact information for follow-up. Unless we hear otherwise, individuals will be removed quarterly. Memorial prayers will run a minimum of two weeks and then be included in our All Saints Sunday activities.



MCEF News

- **Adult fall and winter clothing** is now being accepted for the clothing closets. Please hold your spring and summer clothing until April 2020 as there is not sufficient storage space for these items. It is requested that clothing be clean, folded and in good repair (no broken zippers or missing buttons).
- Your **nonperishable food** donations are appreciated. Current needs include pancake mix and syrup, soups of any kind, pasta sauce and stuffing mix. **Please, no extra large containers of any foods.**

Thank you for all you do for your Mechanicsville neighbors.

P.S. Please save your 12 count egg cartons, place them in the grocery cart in the narthex.

- Gladys Hubert

October 2019						
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Calendar of events

- 1 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
7:30 PM Taizé Prayer (Richmond Hill)
- 2
- 3 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 4
- 5
- 6 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 7
- 8 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 9 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #557 Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 11
- 12
- 13 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
12:00 PM Confirmation Meeting
- 14
- 15 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
6:15 PM Council Meeting
- 16
- 17 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 18
- 19
- 20 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 21
- 22 10:00 AM Terrific Tuesday Club
(Hanover Parks & Rec.)
1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh

- 22 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 23 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #557 Meeting
- 24 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 25
- 26
- 27 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 28
- 29 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
- 30
- 31 Reformation Day
7:00 PM Choir Practice

New directories are available!

Your new church directory is ready for you to pick up! Copies are available on a table in the narthex.

Bulletin announcements

Those who would like to place announcements in the Sunday bulletin or have a midweek announcement, please send them to **Donna Shaw** at dmslaw70@gmail.com for inclusion. Please understand that if they are too long, you may be asked to edit them. Please send your bulletin information by Wednesday morning so that **Davina** can be ready to print the bulletin Thursday morning.



CFFY Corner

(Christian Formation for You)

Book for Adults - It's so easy to forget what the Christian faith is all about. We struggle so much, work so hard, and fail so often that we frequently sense something in the equation of life must be missing. Tullian Tchividjian argues in ***Jesus + Nothing = Everything*** that what we are missing is the gospel—a fuller, more powerful understanding of Jesus and what his finished work means for everyday life. During a year of great turmoil, Pastor Tchividjian discovered the power of the gospel in his own life. Sharing his story of how Jesus became more real to him, Tchividjian delves deeply into the fundamentals of the faith, explaining the implications of Christ's sufficiency—a revelation that sets us free and keeps us anchored through life's storms. Ultimately, Tchividjian reminds us that Jesus is the whole of the equation as he boldly proclaims that Jesus plus nothing really is everything. This book received a 4.1 on Goodreads.

Book for Youth - *You Were Made to Make a Difference* was written by Max Lucado and his daughter Jenna. This adaptation of 'Outlive Your Life' for teens offers practical tips youth can take out into their community to make a difference, plus real-life stories about those who have done just that. Teens learn that God can use them to make a difference right now. He wants to use them today, without waiting for them to be older, stronger, richer, or even more "together." God can use their minds, their spirits, and their hands and feet to make permanent change for His kingdom. Also included are valu-

able resources, interesting facts about the needy in the world and how little it takes to make a big difference, and other interactive elements such as journaling opportunities for writing personal ideas and service goals. Teens will learn that their role in life is bigger than themselves, and that they're not too young to make a difference for God.

Movie - *Footprints* (2011) is based on the true story of a man who finds the healing power of love only after he lost everything he had valued and given up. It is a true story of a dog who learned to trust and serve only after she'd been abused and then discarded as worthless. It is the true story of a journey the two of them took that neither knew would bring them together. But God did. Through His guidance, a man and a dog experience the transformation of being unwanted to becoming cherished. And in the process, they impact lives around them in ways only God could have imagined. It is Dove approved for ages 12 and above for the themes of forgiveness, loyalty, second chances, and love.

Devotional/Study – What happened on this date in church history? From ancient Rome to the twenty-first century, from peasants to presidents, from missionaries to martyrs, this book, ***The One Year Christian History*** by Michael and Sharon Rusten shows how God does extraordinary things through ordinary people every day of the year. Each story appears on the day and month that it occurred and includes questions for reflection and a related Scripture verse.

- **Donna Shaw**

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In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

World Communion Sunday Oct. 6

The DEADLINE for the
November 2019
edition of *The Messenger* is
Sunday, October 13th

Please call **Susie Weaver** with your
submission, hand me a written
submission OR email
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