

Announcements

October 1, 2017

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes from the church council meeting are available in the narthex.

GRAND VALLEY LIFE CHAIN - TODAY, October 1st, participants will meet at Messiah on the west side at 1:30pm - 2:00pm (devotional time) and the Life Chain will be along North Avenue and 12th Street from 2:00pm - 3:00pm for an hour of silent prayer. Afterward we will have ice cream in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is Welcome to join us.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION - Messiah will have **ONE** service on Sunday, October 29th at 9:00am. We will worship altogether in celebration of the truth of the Gospel, that we are saved by grace through faith.

100 TICKETS NEED TO BE RESERVED -

St. Paul Lutheran Church is organizing a screening of a new film about Martin Luther, "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" on Monday, October 23 at 7:30pm in Grand Junction at the Regal Canyon View Stadium 14. This screening will only happen if 100 tickets are reserved by October 15. You can find more information and purchase your tickets at www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-dgd_.

GREETERS URGENTLY NEEDED - for the month of October, November and December at the 8:00am and 10:30am service. Families, couples, women and men are encouraged to volunteer. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. A huge thank you to all who have greeted this year. If you have any questions, please call me at 243-1604. In His Service, Betty Crinklaw

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - "*But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd. . .*" (Matthew 21:26). Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God. (from the LCMS Stewardship website). -The Board of Stewardship.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

At the end of August, we were only able to pay payroll and payroll liabilities and a minimum payment of \$227.00 to the Line of Credit. Our General Fund Contributions for August were \$18,324.89 less than budgeted and School Tuition was \$11,015.41 more than budgeted (this tuition overage is due to some yearly payments and some semester payments as well as monthly payments). As has been noted, we resorted to the use of the Line of Credit in June and now have a \$27,000 balance to repay. Please pray for guidance for us in this and all aspects of our church finances as we continue to struggle financially. Respectfully Submitted, Jack Messenger

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY-*Planning Today For the Future*: A few years ago, Messiah was blessed to have the foresight and means to establish an endowment. This endowment can play an important role in the future ministry needs to reach the lost and build up the Body of Christ today and for the next generation after you and I have been called home to glory. Information regarding this is included in October's newsletter. Please look for the letter in the newsletter and prayerful consider this opportunity. God Bless. Pastor Redeker

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!!! Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to our Lord, and His flock here at Messiah, by volunteering to be a member of one of the Boards that comprise the Church/School Council. No experience is required. Three-year terms are preferable, to allow for smooth transitions and board continuity. Each Board meets once per month, and the Council meetings are also once per month, on the second Tuesday. We are in need of the following positions this year: **4** members for Board of Parochial Education (including Chairman), **6** members for Board of Elders, **2** members for Board of Finance, **1** member for Board of Christian Education, **1 (or more)** members for Board of Stewardship (including Chairman), **1 (or more)** members for Board of Evangelism, **3** members for Board of Trustees, and **1** Chairman of the Congregation. Please contact Matt Powell (current Chairman) to volunteer to serve, or with any questions that you may have. Call 270-3637 or email mattpowell720@yahoo.com. Thank you and may God richly bless your service.

Your help is also needed to find a delegate to accompany Pastor Redeker at the Circuit Forum and District Conventions. Each congregation gets 2 delegates, with one being Pastor, and the other a lay representative from general membership. Please call or email Matt Powell at the above contact information, if you are interested. Thank You.

Bible Studies and Spiritual Growth Activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL - A big Thank You to Mr. Agajanian for volunteering his time to teach the 7th/8th Grade Class of Sunday School. Due to lack of participation, that class is no longer available. Sunday School classes currently are for children Nursery-6th Grade. We will be learning about Martin Luther and The Reformation during the October Sundays in Opening Sessions.

Sunday, October 29th, Reformation Sunday, there will be no Sunday School . Please join us at the one Divine Service at 9:00am.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Redeker will teach a 5-week study of Martin Luther's decision to abandon the Catholic Church by nailing the 95 Thesis on the church's door.

ORDINARY LUTHERANS - We will meet on Sunday evenings beginning October 1st, 5:00pm at 2920 Elm Avenue #3. We study the confessions and reformation. Please call John Moseman Jr. for more information 970-424-0092.

"A LIFE IN CHRIST" - Pastor teaches "*A Life in Christ: An Introduction to What Christians Believe*" on Mondays, at 6:30pm. This class is for anyone high school aged and above who is interested in learning more about the basics of Christian teaching. Call the office at 245-2838 and let Becky know that you are interested so that we can have enough material ready. If you know anyone who is not Lutheran and would like to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe, please invite them to attend.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - We will meet on Monday mornings at 9:00am. Join us for studying "Proverbs" and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please call Marsha Brodak, 970-243-7647.

MONDAY NIGHT GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We meet on Monday evenings, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, at Bud and Anita Neuberger's home, 2818 ½ Village Park Drive. We will be studying Job. If you need more information call Anita at 263-4251.

WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY - Bring your lunch and join us on Wednesdays at 12:15pm to study God's Word in the book of John.

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY - Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am - 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. This is an outreach to our shut-ins and other listeners.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY WITH US TODAY. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

LUNCH BUNCH will be October 6th, 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The children LOVE getting to know you!!! Bring your own lunch, or order Hot Lunch in the church office, come and sit with your Prayer Partner and chat with them. We thank you for supporting all of us and our students.

'OUR 500 YEAR REFORMATION OCTOBER FALL FESTIVAL' will begin on Saturday, October 28th at 5:30 pm under the canopies on the west playground (weather permitting) where we will be serving dinner of steamed in beer and grilled Johnsonville brats, bierocks, sauerkraut, hot dogs for the kids and ask that attendees bring a German dish to add to the festivities. After supper, we will have a special visit by Martin Luther and the official nailing of the 95 Thesis on the Catholic Church door. **Remember this week only there will be no Sat. night service and only one church service at 9 a.m. on Oct. 29th.**

HOW TO FERMENT VEGETABLES AND THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF FERMENTATION - If you would like to learn how to ferment any vegetable including cabbage feel free to come and join us October 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm as I will be having a presentation on, 'How to Ferment Vegetables and the Health Benefits of Fermentation! Cook books will be available to peruse and all equipment necessary as well as some samples of items recently fermented for tasting. If you are interested in joining us please bring your cheese shredders to shred 12 cabbages to prepare 5 gallons of sauerkraut for the festival.

MUSIC AT MESSIAH:

KINGDOM KIDS CHOIR. Is for ALL CHILDREN in grades 1 through 5, regardless of where they attend school. We meet every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:00 pm in the Music Room.

ADULT CHOIR. This group is open to anyone, high school student and beyond, who love to sing and praise the Lord!! We meet every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:15pm/8:30pm in the Music Room.

JOYFUL PRAISE. Do you enjoy singing contemporary Christian Music? Do you play an instrument and would like to play for fun? We rehearse on Saturdays at 3:00 pm, followed by Joyful Praise service at 5:00 pm.

QUESTIONS??? Please call Lonni Karly, 970-433-1403.

QUILTS FOR MISSION - Help is needed to tie quilts. Tuesday, October 10th at 9:00am to 3:30pm, lunch will be provided. We will be working all day to get the quilts ready to send to the Orphan Grain Train. No experience is necessary, we will teach you. Many hands make light the work. Please come and join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT! Our Fall Festival will begin Saturday, October 28th at 4:30 pm as members and school members present their decorated cars and Treats for our children at 'Our 500 Year Reformation October Fall Festival'. We would like to ask for 10 church members and 10 school parents willing to decorate their cars for a Trunk or Treat giveaway for all children to participate in the East parking lot next to 12th Street. Members and parents would decorate their cars and then open their trunks at 4:30 pm to hand out candy to kids in costume. This year's Fall celebration will give everyone a chance to show off their mad decorating skilz!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO MESSIAH!! The new school year is off and running...which means it's Book Fair season!! This year the Book Fair runs from Sunday, October 8 through Sunday, October 15 and will be open before and after school (7:15-7:50am, 3:00-3:30pm). You can also attend the Book Fair on the two Sundays (8th/15th) after both services (8:00am/10:30am). All Scholastic dollars earned will go towards expanding classroom libraries. **ALSO, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP RUN THE BOOK FAIR!** Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-up information coming home with your student. You can also go online at www.scholastic.com/bf/messiahlutherangj to sign up or you can text/call Sylvia Knight at (714) 360-3811. See you at the Book Fair!!!

CHILI COOKOFF & BASKET AUCTION - Was a huge success! We raised \$4,000.00 from the basket auction and the chili cookoff. These funds will be matched and will go to purchase new curriculum. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets and the participants.

DAD'S NIGHT OUT WITH THE KIDS - 120 dads and kids enjoyed pizza and built amazing roller coasters! Thank you to everyone who participated.

CIRCULAR WINDOW - The window in the balcony has damage and needs to be repaired. An estimate for repairs is \$2,800.00. If you would like to donate to the repair of the window, please mark your check or envelope "circular window." Thank you.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!! We will be hosting our fourth annual Craft Fair Saturday December 9th. The cost of a booth is \$60 and the money will go to our school scholarship program. We will take care of advertising for the event. Youth Group will hold their Annual Cookie walk and will serve lunch during the Fair. If you are interested in having a booth or in helping plan, setup, or clean up please contact Glacia Peck 245-2838. We are asking that this be a true craft fair and that all booths have homemade items. Last year we raised \$2,400 for the school scholarship fund and the youth raised \$645 toward their trip to the National Youth Gathering and over \$600 from their yummy bread bowl lunch!! Thank you for all your support and I hope you can join us for this day of FUN! Registration forms are available in the office.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

5:00pm Joyful Praise Service: 40

8:00am Traditional Service: 82 10:30am Traditional Service: 161

Sunday School: Children 11 Teachers 5

Calendar for the Week

LWML	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
SUNDAY	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	12:15pm	5th - 8th Grade Confirmation
	1:30pm	Grand Valley Life Chain
	5:00pm	Ordinary Lutheran Bible Study/2920 Elm #3/John Moseman
Monday	9:00am	Morning Ladies Bible Study/Proverbs/Fellowship
	5:00pm	Board of Parochial Education
	5:30pm	Making sauerkraut
	6:30pm	"A Life in Christ"/Pastor Redeker/Library
	7:00pm	Good News Evening Bible Study/Bud & Anita Neuberger's Home
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
	3:15pm	Volleyball Practice
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	10:00am	Board of Christian Education
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Matt Powell/John
	3:15pm	Volleyball Practice
	3:15pm	Kingdom Kids Choir (1 st - 5 th grade)
7:00pm	Adult Choir	
Thursday	3:15pm	Volleyball Practice
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	11:30am	Prayer Partner Lunch Bunch
Saturday	5:00pm	Joyful Praise/Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School Kickoff
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	12:15pm	5 th - 8 th Grade Confirmation
	4:00pm	Youth Group/Studts Pumpkin Patch
	5:00pm	Ordinary Lutheran Bible Study/2920 Elm