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You are always welcome to stop by for a cup of
Coffee / Tea / Water!



2019 July Birthdays!

Happy Birthday!

If we've missed your birthday OR would like your name removed from the Birthday List, please email or contact the church.

1	Jill Thorpe Courtney Hansen
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6	Nicole Knecht-Keller
7	Crystal Weinberger
8	Elaine Serfas
9	Corrine Amyotte Caitlin Horner Mildred Litzenberger Roger Wilkie
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11	Kai Finnestad Melanie Federenko
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16	Elaine Sorenson
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19	Astrid Soderberg
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21	Alfred Kristensen Donna Meyer
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23	Ron Adams Matthew Mesenchuk Taylor Remus
24	Dick Honch
25	Lynnae Wagner
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28	Seth LaBrash
29	Steve Fenske
30	Darren Sundbo
31	Tammy Kornaga Tom Laxdal

1 John 4: 12 ♥

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

July 2019	
<i>Prayer List</i>	
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*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not be afraid.
John 14: 27*

July 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Canada Day! Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 4 10:00 am Coffee On 10:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	8 Office Closed	9	10	11 2019 ELCIC National Convention University of Regina	12	13
14 Pentecost 5 10:00 am Coffee On 10:30 am Worship Service	15 Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 Pentecost 6 10:00 am Coffee On 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 7 10:00 am Coffee On 10:30 am Worship Service	29 Office Closed	30	31	<p>Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.</p> 		

Transportation Service! This is a Messiah program which provides rides to church for those who are in need of transportation. **This is how it works:** If you wish to attend Sunday worship or another church function, **call Checker Taxi & Family Taxi (306-763-3773 or 306-763-2010). When you call, say that you need a ride to Messiah Lutheran Church. This is important to say before the Taxi arrives at your door. There will be no charge to you for the ride to the church!** The entire fee will be invoiced to the church. Taxi drivers will have a form for you to sign your name. If you require a special vehicle and/or extra assistance, please advise the dispatcher when you call for the pick-up. **That's all there is to it!**



May you have a Fascinating Summer!

by Pastor Dan

In Proverbs 8:30-36 there are some fascinating thoughts for us all to think about as we find time to pause and maybe enjoy some time to relax and think.

Proverbs talks about “wisdom”. We live in an age of mushrooming “knowledge” but we struggle more with knowing what to do with it. “Knowledge” can help us deal with life in “life giving” ways. “Knowledge” can be used to make systemic evil more productive.

Here is one definition of wisdom. “The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement; the quality of being wise. The scriptures say “fear of God” is the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs talks about “wisdom” as existing even before creation. In Proverbs 8:31 it says that wisdom rejoiced every day, “rejoicing in his whole world, and delighting in mankind.”

When you are in your homes, walking the back yard, maybe enjoying our lakes and rivers and forests . . . take time to see the amazing wonder of the created world on which we live. The soils, vegetation, birds and living creatures. There is a wonder in all of it. The amazing variety and designs of nature and how it all comes together and creates a life sustaining environment can be fascinating if we pause to shift our focus. We hear how even science in our time is mystified . . . some concluding fearful and destructive changes within our environment . . . and some concluding that there is no reason to fear. This itself reminds us of the wonder and complexity of God’s creation. Human minds struggle to master it all and it looks like we have some trouble to fully understand its mystery and majesty. Maybe we need to enjoy the majesty of creation itself that reminds us of the wonder of our Creator.

But in Proverbs we hear about “wisdom” also delighting” in humankind. As you spend your summers, hopefully you will encounter many people in family and friends and new encounters. What a wonderful direction to move . . . to “delight” in people. Every person, created in the image of God. Unique lives, different from every other form of life on the face of the created world. Lives that are by design, “set apart” . . . never to be used or abused or in any way degraded. Lives that are instead to be loved, cared for nurtured and protected.

Of course, when we encounter human lives we know that in so many ways life can be treated as anything but holy. It can be more difficult to “delight” in people. But as followers of Jesus we are those who are called to be committed to the care of every human life. We are not there to be judges . . . but to share in the redemption of life . . . which is lived out for the well-being of every human being we meet. It may be lived through quiet endurance while living genuine care. It may call for a word of encouragement, an act of kindness, an invitation to a campfire and fellowship, maybe an encouragement that reveals new directions. This compassionate encounter as followers of Christ is itself a part of that “delight” in the encounter with human life. And in that journey we encounter the adventure of living the life we have in Christ with and for others.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the wonder of God’s world. Enjoy your encounter with holy lives in whatever condition they come. Bring to those lives the gifts you have received and give thanks. And always take time to enjoy that fellowship found in God’s amazing world and to give Him thanks and praise.

Have a great summer.

Pastor Dan



Council Update – July 2019

Council met on June 18, and discussed the following:

- The Call Committee has been in contact with a few rostered leaders regarding their interest in a call to Messiah. This work will continue over the summer.
- It was noted that as of the end of May, regular donations are lower than budget and income to the same time in 2018.
- Options for Sunday School time and delivery were reviewed. There will be follow up with parents in August to determine if an earlier time format would be preferred.
- The property insurance provider has been changed to the ELCIC plan administered through AON Reed Stenhouse Inc., effective July 1. The new providers will also complete an updated building appraisal.
- Brooklynn will be setting up a list of people who are willing to ensure the PowerPoint presentation for our worship services is in place on Sunday mornings after she leaves on August 18 – a 5 minute job each Sunday. If you interested in learning more, please contact Brooklynn.
- Several guideline documents have been / are being updated and revised – Altar Guild, Ushers, Setting up for Potluck, Kitchen Use, and new to Messiah a guideline related to Social Media (website, Facebook).
- Brooklynn provided information about COSA Canada which is a Canadian national program for Circles of Support and Accountability, a restorative community safety program.
- Messiah will be changing its monthly automated (electronic) funds transfer provider as FaithLife Financial will no longer provide this service. Starting in September, this monthly deduction service will be provided through Conexus Credit Union for those congregational members who choose to make their monthly donations through their credit union / bank accounts. Donna will be in touch with those members currently using the service, and please note that your account can be at any bank / credit union.
- Council meets next on Tuesday, August 20, at 5pm.

There was also discussion about changes both inside our Sanctuary and during worship services, and in the parking and fire lanes. These changes have been made:

- for safety reasons: fire lane designation with a drop off location adjacent to the building to remove extended parking so that access is available at all times for emergency vehicles and ambulances
- to designate parking spots for vehicles that have accessible parking designations and rearrangement of pews to accommodate those using mobility assistance (walkers, wheelchairs), and
- to provide for communion distribution without the need to climb stairs.

Council recognizes that change can disrupt our usual patterns, even for parking, and ask for your understanding. It was noted that because staff no longer park in the fire lane adjacent to the building, people aren't sure if anyone is in the office. If it's between 9am – 4pm Tuesday through Friday, the office is generally open so stop in, but you can also phone to check whether the person you want to talk to is available. Messiah not only wants to be a friendly place for people to gather and for worship services, but also a safe and accessible place. If there are any continuing concerns, please talk to me or any of the Council members.

And finally, Brooklynn's farewell potluck will be held after the service on August 11. We hope that your summer plans are such that you are able to join us in celebrating Brooklynn's ministry at Messiah.

**On behalf of Messiah Council,
Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Chair**