



CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Grace Note

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A young boy once approached his father to ask, "Dad, why does the wind blow?" to which the father responded, "I don't know, son." "Dad, where do the clouds come from?" "I'm not sure, son." "Dad, what makes a rainbow?" "No idea, son." "Dad, do you mind me asking you all these questions?" "Not at all, son. How else are you going to learn?"

When I saw that joke, the last line stuck in my brain; *"How else are you going to learn?"* I think that might be an appropriate theme for the Christian Education Ministry of the Church. If you can't learn here, where can you go?

Luckily, you can learn here! Messiah is offering something for everybody this year. We have Sunday School classes for all school age children. We have Catechism classes for 7th and 8th graders. Our adult learning program offers several opportunities such as Sunday school classes on how Lutherans interpret the Bible, and Wednesday evening classes to learn about being a Lutheran Christian. In addition to that our Faith Circle meets monthly and is led by me in Bible study every session. Our new women's group and our Koinonia groups offer a chance to learn together as well.

Christian education doesn't end with Confirmation. We all need to be fed by the Word of God. Many of us attend professional development courses for our careers. Think of Christian Education as professional development for Christians, except it's more fun!

Take a look at the calendar this month. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and grow in the faith. I hope to see some new faces in our classrooms this year. Come ready to ask the hard questions, and to grow in your faith. You may not find out where clouds come from, but your understanding of God's amazing grace will be expanded for sure. See you in class!

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Fox

Our Mission Prayer: *Gracious God, through belief in Christ's teachings and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other and God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch. Amen*

THE LUTHERAN COURSE IS COMING!

On **Wednesday, Oct. 4th** at **6:30 pm**, **Pastor Fox** will lead us in a new study called "*The Lutheran Course*." Based on *The Lutheran Handbook*, the Lutheran Course takes you through the fundamentals of Lutheranism in 14 sessions. There will be large and small group sessions as well as DVD presentations by top-notch Lutheran theologians. If you're a visitor or new Lutheran and would be interested in learning more about what makes us tick . . . if you're an old Lutheran and would like a refresher course on what is "most certainly true" . . . if you have a sense of humor and a desire to learn and share . . . then The Lutheran Course is for you! The 14 Wednesday sessions go from Oct. 4 - Jan. 24 (with some time off around the holidays). We will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. to discuss topics such as: *How to Tell the Difference Between the Law and the Gospel; Five Things You Should Know about the Lutheran Reformation; The Anatomy of a Baptism; How to Receive Communion; The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did; How to Read the Bible; and How to Share Your Faith with Someone* (yes, Lutherans can do this!) If you'd like to join us, please use the sign up sheet outside the library. A \$14.00 charge per participant will provide a copy of "The Lutheran Handbook" and accompanying workbook. If you haven't seen the Lutheran handbook yet, you are missing something really special. It's fun, it's informative, and it's even a bit irreverent!

Come and see why Luther is Winking!

Saints and Sinners welcome.



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

"How do Lutherans Interpret the Bible?"

This question is at the heart of modern controversies among Christians. How we interpret the Bible is key to how we understand our



BIBLE

faith. The new Adult Sunday School class will be dealing with this topic. We will look at questions such as "Do we need to defend the Bible?" - "Where does the Bible come from?" and "How does it shape our morality?" The classes are based on a video series by Dr. Mark Allen Powell, Professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Dr. Powell was **Pastor Fox's** advisor and favorite professor at seminary. He has a clear, common sense way of looking at the Bible that everyone will benefit from hearing.

Pastor Fox leads the discussion in the conference room each Sunday morning at **9:45 am**. All are welcome to attend. If you want to learn more about your faith and your Bible, this is a great way to do it!

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, October 19th** at **noon**. Bring lunch. Dessert will be provided by hostess **Mariana Treu**. **Pastor Fox** will lead a Bible study. We will be working on Christmas gifts for the Sunday School children. All welcome.

RALLY DAY and the Home Days Parade were a huge success. Thank you to all the kids and adults for participating and helping to kick off the new Sunday School Year!

THANK YOU so very much to the following people who contributed the special music this summer to enhance our summer worship services: **Vicki Lester, Anna Fox, Jay Imel, Dick and Linda Bower, Eric and Karen Bower, Nancy Pittard, Elise Hassink, Bonnie Voigt, Penny Rieck, and Kris and Kurt Treu.**

Consecration Sunday is Coming



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 5th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecrations Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Mike Lester

Messiah Council President

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO HOST TWO (YES, 2!) CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS THIS YEAR.

* **THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on *Sunday, December 10 at 10 a.m.* in the Sanctuary, immediately followed by a cookie and punch reception in the Library. There will be no Sunday School. Rehearsal for the program will be on Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a pizza lunch.

* **A NEW, INTERACTIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



will be held on **Sunday, December 17 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** The Christian Education Committee will host this interactive program for all ages at the church in the Fellowship Hall. Come be part of the show as you experience dinner at the Bethlehem Inn, meet fellow travelers, including a young couple expecting their first child, see the amazing night sky awash in light from a huge star, and rub elbows with wise men and shepherds. Stay tuned to learn more about this amazing Christmas experience that is sure to become a Messiah tradition!

THE MONTHLY MESSIAH MEN'S LUNCHEON will be on **Friday, October 27th at noon** at Milano's Restaurant, located at Cuyahoga County Airport on Richmond Road. Please call **Tom Short** (216 291-0769) or the church office to be included in the plans.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES - If you would like your college student to receive the *Grace Note* each month, call the office or leave his or her address in the office on Peg's desk.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Pastor Cline, David Phoenix, Ruth Pittard, Lawson and Phyllis Anderson, Ken Wilt, Barbara Budzinski, Adam, Barbara Robson, Marya Cline, Heather Wood, Jack Ferree, Chrissy, Spike Meredith, Alma Fanto, Arlene Cohen, and Rev. Brad Purdom.*



THE OCTOBER BOOK GROUP selection is *The Fixer*, by Bernard Malamud. We will meet at 7:00, **Tuesday evening, October 10** in the library. Copies of all of the group's selections to date are available on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Lynn Houlis

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE for New Covenant Hunger Center runs between **October 15 and November 19th**. We are looking for any non-perishable food plus canned green beans and gravy for their special Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless.



Mary Lou Bregitzer

HYMN FEST 2006 - A Faith That Sings! returns to Severance Hall on **Monday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m.** This is a musical celebration of faith, hope and mission! General Admission tickets are \$15 and box seats are \$30 (limited availability.) Parking at Severance Hall is \$8 per car. Call Severance Hall to purchase your tickets (216 231-1111) or (800 686-1141). This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, coordinated by Building Hope in the City, and will be a great evening of singing and fellowship.

COOKBOOK CORRECTION: There is a new correction insert sheet on the table outside of the Sunday School office. Thanks,

Joanie McTernan (440 449-4019)

**Join Us For
Worship & Fellowship
At Patterson Fruit Farms**



Sunday, October 15

Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service	(Messiah)
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	(Patterson's)
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Sunday School Activity	(Patterson's)
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	(Patterson's) - Cost \$3 per person
<i>Please sign up to bring a side dish (A-L) or dessert (M-Z) to share; hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks provided.</i>		
1:30-5:00 p.m.	Fall Fest	(Patterson's) - Cost \$5 per person

Tickets for Lunch and the Fall Fest are on sale now!

Call Carrie Skaggs, 216-291-0707, or Nancy Durst, 440-442-4176, with questions.

Directions to Patterson's Fruit Farm from Messiah Lutheran Church:

1. Start out going EAST on MAYFIELD RD./US-322, drive 7.1 miles
2. Turn LEFT onto CAVES RD. - 1.4 miles
3. Turn RIGHT onto WILSON MILLS RD/CR-8 - 1.2 miles
4. Turn LEFT onto CHILLICOTHE RD/OH-306 - 0.8 miles
5. Turn RIGHT onto MULBERRY RD/CR-39 - 0.7 miles
6. End at **8765 Mulberry Rd**

Once at Patterson's, proceed to the parking area. Messiah will meet for Worship and lunch in the barn near the parking area. There is no parking right next to the barn; however, cars may drop people off at the barn as needed.

We will meet at Patterson's RAIN OR SHINE as the barn is fully covered. FALL FEST tickets may be used any day during the Fest (thru October 29) if the weather does not cooperate on October 15. Fall Fest tickets cannot be redeemed on another day once you have been admitted.

A wagon will carry people visiting the Fall Fest from the Apple Barn (different than the barn where Messiah will meet) to the Fall Fest area.

Free activities at the Fall Fest include: Corn Maze, Swinging Bridge, Jump in Straw, Long Slides, Tree House in Woods, Go-Carts & Walking Sticks, etc.

Additional activities at the Fall Fest for a fee include: Pumpkin painting and apple picking

There is no admission fee to the Fall Fest for children under 2 years of age.

A NEW BELL CHOIR IS

FORMING! Please join us as we form a new bell choir. No musical experience is necessary! We will start with the basics and be ringing in no time. To begin we need at least eight people who are in fourth grade or older. Rehearsals start October 1st after the 11:00 worship service so plan to be with us. If you have any questions, please talk with *Alison Griffith*, 440 473-2416.



AMONG OUR MEMBERS

- ♥ Congratulations to *Mike and Carryn Anderson* on the birth of *Austin Michael* on September 9th at Hillcrest Hospital. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19-3/4" long.
- ♥ *Nils and Carol Pearson* are the proud grandparents of their second grandchild, *Veronica Elaine Pearson*, born on September 18th in Largo, Florida. She weighed in at just under 9 pounds. Veronica is the daughter of *Brent and Diana*.
- ♥ Our Christian sympathy is extended to *Vaughn Wingfield* on the death of her mother, *Florence Peterson*, and to *Phyllis Short* on the death of her sister, *Carol Harding Safer*.
- ♥ We have received word from *Penny Rieck* that she has received her wings and will be assigned to Dulles Airport in Washington DC. She is starting her "tag flying" with another flight attendant and as soon as she gets the required hours in, she will be shipped to DC where she will begin flying schedules for United Airlines. She thanks everyone for their prayers and support. There are plenty of flights from DC to Cleveland so she will be popping in now and then.

- ♥ *Pastor Cline* spent several days in Hillcrest Hospital this month due to heart troubles and internal bleeding.
- ♥ *Pastor Dave Phoenix*, former Messiah Director of Christian Education, is recovering from cancer surgery at Hillcrest Hospital.
- ♥ *Ruth Pittard* has spent some time at Hillcrest recently with breathing problems.
Our prayers and best wishes are extended to these folks.

KOINONIA - communion, association, partnership, fellowship. New Koinonia groups will soon be formed at Messiah. What are they you ask? They are groups of people (usually six to ten -- singles and couples) that get together periodically (frequency is up to the individual group). The way they spend their time together is also determined by the group and might include Bible study, devotional time, and/or just relaxed conversation. Whatever the size or format, the end result is usually growth in faith and fellowship! If you didn't get an opportunity to become a part of a group last fall, now is your chance to do just that. Please plan to come to the fellowship hall on Sunday, **Oct. 8th at 6:00 pm** for a time of learning about Koinonia. We'll talk about these small groups, share ideas, and then you can decide if you want to be part of a group for the coming year. Can't make it but don't want to miss the opportunity become part of a group? Please email office@messiahlyndhurst.org or call (440) 442-6941 to let us know! We'll make certain that you are part of the faith, fun and fellowship in the year ahead.



THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE HAS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR MESSIAH YOUNG ADULTS.

The following essays were submitted to the Christian Education Committee as part of our Scholarship Program. Each year, Messiah Lutheran Church provides a \$100 gift to graduating seniors who complete an application with essay.

Kari Jennings, Graduated from Mentor High School, Attending Ohio University

Messiah Lutheran Church has helped me to be a more Christ-like example to those whose lives I've touched. I have been involved in many activities at Messiah. From helping to teach Sunday school to working the Easter Breakfast, it all involved interacting with people. When being around people, you have to treat them how you would want to be treated. When you are nice to people it comes back to you later and something good will happen to you. Accept everyone because no one likes to be left out.

I learned to treat people how I want to be treated. If I was mean to people then they would be mean back and I would not like that. But if I were kind to them then they would be nice to me. If one person were in a bad mood, then that would put other people in an awful mood, too. For example, I helped teach Sunday school and I just had to be nice to the kids and they would be nice and do what I asked of them. So, it is best to be amiable to people and then they will be pleasant to you and others.

I found out that when you are nice to people, you get good things in return. For example, the LYO always volunteers to help out with things. So when the LYO needs something, the church or members of the church will donate what we need. The LYO has helped with things like Sunday school and hosted Easter Breakfasts. It is always an honorable thing to do good for others.

I also learned that no one should be left out. The national gathering in Atlanta was very fun because everyone was involved. I do not like when people sit out of activities. When people do that it makes other people not have as much fun. It is also not a good feeling when someone else is left out on purpose. It is a good idea to ask that person to join. Activities are always more fun with more people.

I have learned many things at Messiah Lutheran Church. And, I will continue to be a Christ-like example with what I have learned. I now know to treat people how I want to be treated, be nice to everyone because it will benefit you later, and never leave anyone out.

Nicole Joliat, Graduated from Orange High School, Attending Tiffin University

As I continue on through my journey of my life, I plan on using my experiences from Messiah Lutheran Church of Lyndhurst, and continue being a Christ-like example to those whose lives I touch. Even though Tiffin University is not affiliated with any specific religion, on campus a student's beliefs are very important.

Growing up at Messiah I have learned many key beliefs that I will carry with me wherever I go. The Ten Commandments are an example of those beliefs. I try to live by them, because to me it is a list of morals. Even though I may not be able to abide by the commandments at all times, I am forgiven for my sins by the Lord, and through the forgiveness is when I learn my lesson. Next when I was in fifth grade, we were taught to do selfless acts. We were told to do things that we personally would gain nothing from; such as opening a door for someone, or helping someone pick something up if they had dropped it. Basically, acting out of the goodness of your heart. I continue to put that lesson in good use, like when I am volunteering. I volunteer for the Swim for Diabetes of (continued on next page)

Greater Cleveland. I enjoy doing it because even though it is just like my job, it's nice to be able to help out and lend your services when needed. I am looking forward to doing that at college as well.

When we were confirmed, we were told to pick a verse that we like and had meaning to us. I chose Psalm 119. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path." I chose this verse because whenever I hit rock bottom, I pray to God and he guides me through my hard times. I have been through many trying times, when I was not sure if I would make it. But, because of my faith and my strong connection I felt, I made it through, and am stronger because of it. I know when I go away to college I will be faced with even more difficult situations and I may not have a friend at school to talk to right away. I will always have someone with me wherever I go, and that is what keeps me going. The fact that I have God and I have prayer makes life a little bit easier to get through. I trust in Him, and I will carry Him in my heart, throughout my journey of college, and much further after.

Basically, everything that I have soaked-in while I was attending Messiah Lutheran Church and all of the extra curricular activities that were involved, I will continue to use in expanding my faith. Messiah has definitely set the mold for my faith, and guided me when I needed it the most. So I will be a Christ-like example to those whose lives I touch.

Jennifer McTernan, Graduated from Charles F. Brush High School, Attending Miami University

Through Messiah Lutheran Church, I have had the opportunity to get more involved in the community, young and old. Through the various fundraisers, functions, and other events, I have come to know the members of this Church very well having grown up in its halls since my baptism and introduction into

the family that Messiah represents. I have been actively involved in the Pancake Breakfast for four years, the Spaghetti Dinner for one year, Vacation Bible School for four years, the LYO Group-Trip to Atlanta one year, the LYO Winter Conventions for three years, and help in the Church nursery whenever I can. I will take the lessons I have learned, from the classes and the people, when I venture out into life for collage and a career.

People need something to believe in, a blind faith. It teaches that seeing is not always believing. Messiah Lutheran Church has provided me with my beliefs in God and unconditional love. No matter what happens later in life, these two things will not change, and I like that feeling of someone always watching over me. Because I like this feeling, I will try hard to instill it in others so that they may be enlightened as well and feel faith as I have through Messiah Lutheran Church.

One person that will always have been a major influence on my life is Kristen Bradshaw. I am extremely grateful to have known her through Messiah's youth group program. She is the kind of person that all the kids went to with stories and problems and she would listen without judgment and give advice. She genuinely cares for her students and I have learned so much from her about how to face the problems life has in store for me. Her general optimistic good-natured personality is something that I will try to always aspire to, and try to influence others in the same profound way that she has influenced me.

Matt Wantz, Graduated from Cardinal High School, Attending Ohio Dominican University

I will use my experiences at Messiah Lutheran Church to be Christ-like to those whose lives I touch by always believing in the faith I learned. At Messiah Lutheran Church everyone there was *(continued on next page)*

a family and watched out for everyone else in the congregation. As I begin my travels into the real world, I will watch out for those people who become close to me for it is just second nature in the environment I am used to.

Also as I begin my new journey into the real world, I will do my best to be like the leader Christ was. Christ led his people through thick and thin no matter what the punishment was, which led to the ultimate sacrifice, his life. I feel on the athletic field, I will lead my team to become better baseball players, and always help them to play to their best abilities. On the field I will try and lead them to victory, while also playing with respect to the opposing team and umpires. Off the field, I will lead by example and act with responsibility as it has been taught to me in church and at home. If that means walking away from parties with underage drinking, then I will because it shows responsibility on my part and respect to those people who have raised me.

As I begin my new journey I will do nothing new other than what I do now. I will continue believing in Jesus Christ, as I always have, and pray every night to say how thankful I am for the things I have in my life. I will always touch my gold cross around my neck when I need a little extra, or ask for Him to bless a certain someone. I will always follow by the verse I have tattooed on my arm, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through He who strengthens me," to achieve the goals I have set for myself. I will always believe in Jesus Christ, and be the best Christian I can possibly be.

Congratulations to each of these four young adults - please keep them in your prayers.

WE ARE STILL GATHERING FAVORITE GRACES AND BEDTIME PRAYERS! To contribute or to ask questions, please contact **Joanie McTernan** (440 449-4019.)

2007 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Please support the Lutheran Chaplaincy Service by purchasing a new Entertainment Discount Coupon Book. They are available now and provide hundreds of dollars in savings on dining, recreation and travel! And they make a great gift! **Rick and Emilie Quellmalz** (440 442-4534) and **Tom and Phyllis Short** (216 291-0769) have books available to purchase at the church. The Cleveland edition costs \$25 through November.

DOES YOUR GRACE NOTE ARRIVE LATE EVERY MONTH? Several people have that problem! If you would like to receive an email copy each month (without financial report and calendar), email tonilaurenson@adelphia.net to be put on the list. You will still get a hard copy in the mail but you'll have other information in a more timely way!

FIBROCISE: Experience a gentle head to toe stretching exercise class that is

- * Ideal for managing chronic pain.
- * Physical therapist approved.
- * Requirements: Ability to sit and stand
- * Comfortable clothing and shoes
- * Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8AM - 9AM
- * Tuesday and Thursday: 11AM - Noon
- * Cost: Walk in \$8 per class; Weekly pre-pay \$5 per class
- * Contact **Sue Joliat** at (216) 464-1768

IF IT HURTS, DON'T DO IT!

CHARLES SEE, Director of Community Re-entry, has been chosen, with 13 other partners of the Cleveland Fugitive Safe Surrender Program, to receive The Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety. This is the top community award in the nation and will be presented in Washington, D.C. Community Re-entry is one of the programs of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. *(Continued on the next page)*

Charles See preached at Messiah earlier this year. Fugitive Safe Surrender, a program that enabled 800 people to voluntarily and safely surrender, was the first of its kind, and was such a success that it is now being implemented nationally by the U. S. Marshals Service. It is also garnering national recognition by the Department of Justice.

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL WORKDAY!

OCTOBER 14TH

9 A.M. UNTIL NOON

RAIN OR SHINE

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE

MEN AND WOMEN

We need to be good stewards of our wonderful church building and the more people who are here to help, the more quickly the work will be done!



**MESSIAH
WORKDAY**

WELLNESS NOTE:

Comparing indoor air cleaners.....

For those with allergies or asthma, clean indoor air is a must. With so many products promising to improve air quality, it can be confusing. Here are some points to consider.

- High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) and ultra-HEPA (ULPA) filters use a fan to pull air through the filtered trap and trap dust and allergens.
- Electronic air filters or precipitators use a static charge to cause airborne particles to "stick" to the filter.
- Ion generators act by putting a small "charge" in a room. The charged particles are then attracted to a charged collector.
- Air exchangers - also known as air-to-air heat exchangers - are units designed to take air from inside your home and exchange it with fresh air from outside your home. They usually service an entire house and are typically more effective than free-standing room air cleaners. These typically have a filter built into them.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests looking at these factors before purchasing an air cleaner:

- The percentage of particles removed from the air. For example, HEPA filters typically remove 99.97 percent of particulates.
- The amount of cubic feet of air it handles. This is called the room exchange. For example, in a 10x10x8-foot bedroom, an air cleaner that cleans 800 cubic feet an hour would filter the air in the room once each hour.
- The amount of noise the device makes
- Maintenance costs, including replacement filters.
- Whether the device releases ozone. Ionizing air cleaners are more likely to generate ozone, compared with filter air cleaners. Inhaling ozone - even in small amounts - can be harmful to lung tissue.

There's a wide range of opinion - and few hard facts - on which type of device cleans the air most efficiently. Before buying anything, do your own research. For more information, go to:

- www.cadr.org. consumer section, which features the "clean air delivery rate" on some products.
- www.epa.gov. for resources on indoor air quality.

Source: Mayo Clinic Health Quest, May, 2006

Submitted by: **Peg Wilt and Kathy Strom**,
Wellness Co-chairpersons,
Nancy Coleman, secretary.



**. September 19, 2006
COUNCIL MEETING**

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he made two hospital visits, eight home visits, and had four office visits of an hour or more at Messiah. *(continued on next page)*

He baptized *Vincent Cannata, Lauren Haverstick, and Riley Jones* on three successive Sundays. He took one week's vacation, and used the month of August for planning for the year.

Treasurer's Report: Chris is forecasting a deficit at the end of the year of \$10,000. We need to increase giving and decrease spending. The Courtyard project is currently \$503 in the red due to commitments not yet received.

Property Committee: The water heater in the south boiler room was replaced at a cost of \$1,800. It was moved by *John Swartz*, seconded by *Tom Griffith*, to pay for the hot water heater from the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion was approved. A work day is scheduled for October 14th.

Christian Education: The following four high school seniors were awarded \$100 scholarships each: *Kari Jennings, Nicole Joliat, Jennifer McTernan, and Matt Wantz*. The Pre-K class has 10 children. Parents will need to take turns helping with the class. *Sue Joliat* has requested that the Noisy Offering contribute approximately \$150 for postage to send supplies to children in Iraq.

Youth: *Fred Moser* is planning a barbeque for the youth at his home.

Worship: The worship service at Patterson Farm will be held on October 15th. The Fellowship Committee will be taking care of the lunch.

Evangelism: A brochure about Messiah is almost completed and ready to go to the printer.

Stewardship: Consecration Sunday will be held on November 5, and the Leadership Dinner will be on October 30.

Exercise Class: *Sue Joliat* would like to continue her Fibrocise class. It was moved by *John Swartz*, seconded by *Elise Hassink* to allow her to continue as long as she

wishes at a charge of \$5 per session as of September 1. Motion passed.

Membership Directory: A new membership directory will be compiled soon. A form was distributed which will be sent to all members to be returned with updated information for the new directory. The form was approved.

Informational Coffee Hours: Various committees are being asked to host a once-a-month coffee hour. The purpose is to recruit members for the committee and for fellowship. The committee should serve coffee, bring bakery, and perhaps have a display. Representatives of the committee should be hosts.

Noisy Offering: It was moved by *Elise Hassink*, seconded by *Charlotte Miller*, to use the Noisy Offering (not to exceed \$200) to cover postage to send the final shipment of Kids Helping Kids items to children in Iraq.



**GIVE,
AND
IT
WILL
BE
GIVEN
TO
YOU**

Luke 6:38

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGETARY ACCOUNT

AUGUST 2006

	2006 Budget	This Month	YTD	Forecast	Variance
INCOME:					
Pledges	\$176,096	\$11,386	\$101,663	\$68,029	(\$6,404)
Plate (Non-pledged)	3,100	337	\$1,748	582	(\$770)
Designated Benevolence:					
Synod Ministries	7,500	0	\$2,795	4,705	\$0
Other	0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Interest	110	16	\$102	64	\$56
Co-op/Rental	8,400	340	\$5,296	2,104	(\$1,000)
Christian Ed.: Sunday School	700	0	\$413	287	(\$0)
Miscellaneous	2,750	29	\$661	400	(\$1,689)
TOTAL INCOME	\$198,656	\$12,108	\$112,679	\$76,171	(\$9,806)
EXPENSE:					
Staff Salaries	\$126,158	\$10,489	\$83,409	\$42,459	\$290
Employee Benefits	8,136	262	6,014	3,242	(1,120)
Subtotal Salaries and Benefits	\$134,294	\$10,751	\$89,423	\$45,701	(\$830)
Committees:					
Worship	\$3,483	\$35	\$1,567	\$2,115	(\$199)
Stewardship	2,000	0	0	2,000	0
Evangelism	750	0	30	720	0
Library	100	0	64	36	(0)
Youth Ministry	500	0	0	500	0
Social Ministry	135	0	(111)	240	6
Christian Education:					
Other	1,120	0	69	1,051	0
Sunday School	4,545	786	1,909	2,638	(2)
Physical Plant	30,273	1,805	20,658	9,665	(50)
Benevolence:					
Synodical	5,282	0	2,640	2,642	0
Designated					
Synod Ministries	7,500	0	2,695	4,805	0
Other					
Miscellaneous	8,674	586	3,757	4,707	210
Subtotal Other Expense	\$64,362	\$3,212	\$33,279	\$31,119	(\$36)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$198,656	\$13,963	\$122,701	\$76,820	(\$865)
Net Income (Loss)	\$0	(\$1,855)	(\$10,022)	(\$649)	(\$10,671)