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Since our update last month, the Call Committee has begun to receive profiles of candidates to interview from the Synod office. We have had 3 candidates thus far. We chose not to interview the first candidate but have conducted an initial interview with a second candidate and soon to be a second interview with this same person. We also have another initial interview scheduled with a third candidate. As some of you have asked about the possibility of interviewing Vicar Ginny Banister, the Synod office was contacted to see if that was possible. Becky Walls, Call Process Coordinator, replied that Vicar Ginny still has steps to complete including an internship next summer. So, for the moment, she is not a viable candidate. It is unknown if other candidates will be available for us to interview as Becky cannot promise another candidate that might be a good fit for us.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we search for our next rostered leader. We know God has a plan. We just need to be patient and enjoy the blessings we've been given thus far.

- Donna Shaw

Thanksgiving luncheon

This year, 1st Sunday Fellowship will coincide with our annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Put November 3rd on your calendar. We will provide the turkey and ham; and if able, you may bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Messiah Lutheran will join with a number of other churches to celebrate Thanksgiving in a community service to be held Tuesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at Shady Grove United Methodist Church. **Pastor Carbaugh** will be preaching at this service. All are invited!

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A Big Thank You to my Messiah Family

For months my brother Dieter was on the prayer list and you all prayed with me and wanted to hear about him.

Now he has reached his final stage and I could not be there for his funeral and being together with my family.

But you were here, my Messiah Family, and I cannot thank you enough for all the love I received, flowers, cards, calls and the visit of Pastor Carbaugh and his prayers.

May God bless you for all the good you are doing.

- **Erna Jung**

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
Thankfulness



The Apostle Paul talks a lot about thankfulness. To all kinds of people and in all kinds of circumstances, Paul is thankful - thankful to God and thankful for the people of God. When he says he is 'thankful in all circumstances', we may wonder how it is possible to be thankful when things are not going well, when life gets difficult and overwhelming. It seems kind of 'pollyannish'. We might be tempted to say: "Let's get real". And yet, we know we can find something worthwhile and good in everything if we look for it through eyes of faith. Even our diseases and struggles can teach us something about ourselves and about our God.

I remember a lady who was a member of my first parish. She was confined to her bed, so she lived a fairly limited existence. She lived out in the country and her house had a large picture window in front. Her bed had been placed in front of that window so she could look out and see the fields and trees and the occasional animal. In the summer, she couldn't see very far or see very much because the leaves blocked out a lot of her view. That's why she said that winter was the best time of the year for her. In winter, the leaves had fallen off the trees and she could see things she couldn't see at other times of the year. What to many of us seems a barren and empty time of the year, she saw as beautiful. She was thankful for that time. That image has always meant something to me.

Often it is those times when everything seems to be stripped away, when life seems empty and cold and barren, that we have the opportunity to see things we can't see in the 'good' times of our lives. I hope you have a lot of 'good things' to be thank-

ful for in your life, but I also hope you are able to find a way to be thankful in all things. Be assured, there is something to be thankful for there - because God is there.

Happy Thanksgiving!

- **Pastor Carbaugh**



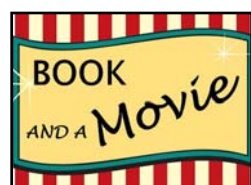
On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, we will be remembering those who have died in the faith during this past year. If there is someone you would like to remember in prayer on that day, please write their name on a sheet provided in the narthex.

To remember any loved ones, you may also bring a cut flower to place in a Memory Wreath during worship. Additional flowers will be available to those unable to bring one.



Christ the King Sunday, November 24th





B.A.M.

The next BAM gathering will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30pm with dinner, book discussion and watching a movie. The title for the next book is "Breakthrough" by Joyce Smith. Several books are available in the Book Lending Box on the table in the Narthex. Please be sure to return books once you have completed reading them so others can enjoy. More details about the meal to follow.

Any questions please contact **Valerie** (240-638-6162; vswilliams2005@gmail.com) or **Daren Williams** (703-856-4262; dmaxw@hotmail.com).

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study continues to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed to join. We have just started out new study "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs.

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- 2 **Linda Krupa**
- 2 **Anita Philp**
- 3 **Lynn Deere**
- 6 **Sharon Griffin**
- 6 **Emily Gunn**
- 8 **Jenn Drazenovich**
- 10 **Taylor Collie**
- 17 **Roger Schroeder**
- 24 **Ella Anderson**
- 24 **John Cline**
- 25 **Cris Pfohl**
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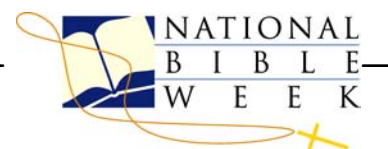


- 18 **Gary & Linda Krupa**
- 24 **Leroy & Lynn Deere**

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

A much-needed message

National Bible Week, now observed every Thanksgiving week, got its start on a turbulent day. Founders of the National Bible Association were reading Scripture over the NBC radio network on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Because of the traumatic events, the network asked that the Bible-reading continue all day, in between news updates. Radio stations throughout America picked up the programming, allowing countless listeners to receive words from God — "who comforts you" (Isaiah 51:12) — when they needed it most.





We pray for each other:

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

We pray for our extended family and neighbors:

Danny Allen, brother-in-law of the Whirleys; **Debra Anton**, sister of Ruth Schroeder; **Ginny Bannister; Barbara**, friend of the Whirleys; **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 coworker of Becky Collie; **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; **Family and Friends of Dieter Niklas**, brother of Erna Jung; **Family and Friends of Jack Ordazzo; Family and Friends of Evelyn Poulsen**, mother of Roger Schroeder; **Tim Schroeder**, Roger's nephew; **Sandy Street**, sister of Donna Shaw; **Susan**, friend of the Whirleys; **T.J.**, grandson 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 Schw erdtfeger;; Law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; The peo-**

ple and pastor, Rev. Katherine of All Souls Episcopal & our shared ministry; All those persecuted in any way for their faith in Christ, especially in Tunisia, Qatar, Mexico, and Kenya.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.

A BIG thank you!

To **Jake Addair** for his professional cleaning of the tile flooring at Messiah. The floors had become progressively dirty, and Jake has given them that good-as-new look!



MCEF News

It is a time of giving thanks for all of God's blessings. MCEF is asking for food items that will be given out at Thanksgiving as an extra bag.

Located in our narthex are bags with a list of needed items. Donations of **socks and underwear** for all ages are needed for the clothing closet. The linen closet is in need of **gently used towel sets, individual towels and washcloths** are accepted. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

- Gladys Hubert

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Calendar of events

- 1 All Saints Day
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- 3 Local Remembrance: Dedication of
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran
Church
9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 4
- 5 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
7:30 PM Taizé Prayer (Richmond Hill)
- 6
- 7 6:00 PM CoolWell Townhouse
Annual Homeowner's Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 8
- 9
- 10 Happy Birthday, Martin Luther!
9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 11 2:00 PM Hanover County
Veteran's Day Observance
- 12 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 13 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #557 Meeting
- 14 7:00 PM Choir Practice
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- 17 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
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- 19 10:00 AM Terrific Tuesday Club
(Hanover Parks & Rec.)

- 19 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
6:15 PM Council Meeting
- 20
- 21 7:00 PM Choir Practice
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- 23
- 24 9:15 AM All Souls Episcopal: Worship
9:15 AM Messiah Christian Formation
10:45 AM Messiah Lutheran: Worship
- 25
- 26 1:00 PM Bible Study
with Pastor Carbaugh
7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving
Worship Service (Shady Grove UMC)
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
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- 28 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 29 Office Closed
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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 by Wednesday for inclusion.

New directories are available!

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



CFFY Corner

(Christian Formation for You)

Book for Adults - The story of Lutherans in America is one of mutual influence. From the first small groups of Lutherans to arrive in the colonies, to the large immigrations to the rich heartland of a growing nation, Lutherans have influenced, and been influenced by, America. In this lively and engaging new history, ***Lutherans in America: A New History***, Mark Granquist brings to light not only the varied and fascinating institutions that Lutherans founded and sustained but the people that lived within them. The result is a generous, human history that tells a complete story—not only about politics and policies but also the piety and the practical experiences of the Lutheran men and women who lived and worked in the American context. Bringing the story all the way to the present day and complemented with new charts, maps, images, and sidebars, Granquist ably covers the full range of Lutheran expressions, bringing order and clarity to a complex and vibrant tradition.

Book for Youth - Is there a story behind the daily drama of your life? Being a teenager isn't always easy. From homework to after-school jobs to having to think about the future, life can feel chaotic. But did you know that the chaos and confusion, as well as the joys and excitements you experience, are part of God's ordered plan? In this teen adaptation of ***God's Story, Your Story***, bestselling author Max Lucado explores the divine narrative in the New Testament, as well as several contemporary examples, to show how your everyday life is part of God's bigger redemption story, and that God is there, no matter what you may face in your life. Real teen responses and real-life application questions are also included to help you further connect God's narrative to your own. Because God's story is your story—and he is adding to your chapter every day.

Movie - A father's journey to help his blind and wheelchair-bound son overcome impossible odds and allow the world to see his God-given potential. **"I Am Potential"** is based on the inspiring true story of Patrick Henry Hughes. Patrick Henry was born without eyes and his joints didn't form properly, keeping him from ever walking. This is the story of how a father learned to sacrifice all of his own dreams and plans for the sake of his son. Patrick Henry had to fight all the odds to become an accomplished pianist, trumpet player and singer. The Hugh's family story reminds us all to look at the things we have rather than the things we don't, as we all try to reach our God-given potential. This movie will inspire families everywhere! Its themes of sacrifice, family devotion, and overcoming great odds are commendable. Dove awarded this film the "Faith-Friendly" Seal for all ages with five Doves, the best rating.

Devotional/Study - This is a translation of the collection of lectionary-based devotions for the entire church taken from C.F.W. Walther's sermons and published by CPH in 1894. The translation aims to retain particular relevance for modern readers. Beginning with the first week of Advent, ***God Grant It*** provides a daily devotion for each day in the year, placing particular significance on the church year. Through these classic sermons of Walther, the modern reader will be reminded that God's mercies are new every day, that His mercies are ours by the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Translated into modern English, these readings are intended to encourage the laity, as well as pastors, and affirm them in their daily lives as redeemed children of God. Each devotion is accompanied by a Scripture reference and a hymn verse. The daily devotion will take less than ten minutes to read.

- **Donna Shaw**

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“Thanks to God”

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
Thanks for what thou dost deny.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

—August Storm, 1891

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