

Messiah Messenger

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COUNCIL COMPASS

Guiding the Direction of Messiah

Connie DiMarco – Church Council President

Greetings Messiah Family,

We're into June already; time does indeed rush by! We're coping with the heat, rain and bugs, and giving no thought to the winter. But it's just a short six months away.

At the end of 2026, we'll have another election for Council seats. The Chair offices nearing the end of their term limits are Worship, Treasurer, Stewardship and Vice President. The Council needs church members to fill those offices.

Some of you say to yourselves that you have too much to do in your life, to serve on the Council. Maybe others think they lack the 'skill' or 'experience' to be a Council Chair. Those skills are bonuses, to be sure, but not necessary. Most folks who've held Council office didn't have 'special' abilities for their office. *1 Corinthians 7 'And so you don't lack any gift'. God provides!*

What they have had is a willingness to serve—the Council, the Church, the congregation, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Some prospective members may believe they lack leadership qualities and wouldn't be capable of leading others. Would it be a surprise to know that often those who serve don't believe they can? Would it also be a surprise to know they have become leaders? Most of us don't know what we're capable of until given the opportunity! *Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good..."*

Anyone seeking these positions is fortunate to have assistance and insight from those individuals currently in office. You wouldn't be reinventing the wheel. As a Council Chair, you'd be building on what's

already established in the respective offices. You'd also have Committee members whose role is to assist the Chair in the course of their duties. This helps the new Council Chair learn their position over time.

To be part of the Council means you're part of the oversight of Messiah Lutheran. You're ensuring the church is managed in a responsible manner, you're a conduit for the sharing of feedback from the congregation, you share in the exchange of ideas, and you're part of the execution of plans. The end goal is maintaining Messiah Lutheran Church's ability to reach out to our community, share the Word, and welcome new believers, all of which is to glorify God. Ephesians 4:11-12, Christ gave leaders "to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ".

This is your Call. Talk with a current Council member about their positions. If you want to be part of Worship or stewardship, to understand more about the Treasurer's role or to be a Vice President, get the information you need to help you make your decision. Discuss it with your family. Most importantly, pray about it. Romans 12:6, "We have different gifts. If your gift is serving, then serve."

**In His Service,
Connie DiMarco**



NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Ken Eldridge – Treasurer

TREASURER NEEDED!

I've not heard from anyone who wishes to succeed me as treasurer as I depart on December 31st! Those of you who know me know that I am leaving the position. If necessary, I will leave the treasurer's laptop, checkbook, and all related records on the conference room table in front of the office on January 1st!

I will gladly help train someone to replace me. But after the 1st of January, I will no longer be signing checks or paying bills as my 2nd term will have expired.

And very soon (August 31st), our fiscal year ends! So, budget time is almost here again with budget preparation at the end of July, Council approval in August, and congregation approval at the end of August!

It would really be helpful if an interested person were to get involved now, work on the budget in a manner that suits them, and slide into the treasurer's position as I return to retirement at the end of December!

I have most things automated now, so the bulk of the job is correctly categorizing receipts and expenses, and making sure bills are accrued and paid when due.

Payroll taxes are handled by our CPA, and we simply write the checks to forward the taxes owed to the U.S. Treasury and State of Georgia.


Time is short. Please prayerfully consider running for this important office.


I will be happy to answer any questions anyone may have about the job!

JOYFUL BITES & HARMONY

Food, Fun, & Fellowship EVERY month!

Joyful Noise will be gathering for food, fun, and fellowship! If you'd like to join, please notify Kathy Andrew by June 12th, so that enough seats can be reserved. See you there! 😊

 **Tuesday, June 16th**

 **11:45 AM**

 **306 North (306 N. Patterson)**

SURROUNDED BY GOD'S GRACE

Carol Walters – Worship Chair



As we gather in worship this month, our congregation carries both grief and gratitude. We have said earthly goodbyes to dear sisters in Christ, faithful women whose presence, kindness, and service have touched this church family in ways seen and unseen.

On Holy Trinity Sunday, we are reminded of the fullness of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father who created us and holds all life in His hands. The Son who redeemed us through His death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit who comforts, sustains, and keeps us in true faith. In seasons of loss, this promise is not distant. It is the very hope we cling to.

Please take a moment this week to pray for the families who are grieving, for our congregation as we mourn together, and for your own heart as we are reminded of the precious gift of life, faith, and fellowship in Christ.

“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Romans 14:8

May we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, and may we continue forward with hope, comforted and strengthened by the grace of our Triune God.

In Christ's peace,

Messiah Lutheran Worship Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Nathaniel Kraushaar	4
Rev. Earl Steffens	6
Beth Bush	18
Kathy Andrew	21
Mike DiMarco	24
Cathy Sowa	29
Barbara Fahsholz	30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3: LWML Meeting 6: NO Ladies Bible Study	3		4	5
7 9:15 Sun. School 9:45 Messiah Singers Practice 10:30 Worship with Rev. Boyd	8 6:00 Church Council Meeting	9 6: Ladies & Gents Separate Bible Study	10 11 - 2: Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry		11	12
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