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# The Messiah Messenger

## SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 9:15 AM  
Worship – 8:00 & 10:45 AM

## WEDNESDAYS

RSVP Meal – 5:30 PM  
Worship – 6:15 PM

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## Additional Storage

Last fall, a Thrivent *Care in Congregations* fund-raiser was initiated to purchase a storage building and terminate the leased storage at a local climate storage facility. An application was submitted to the Montgomery City Board of Adjustments for a variance to the city-approved-building-plan which was approved. The 12X24 storage building will be installed on Friday, March 28, 2008. Now you know the rest of the story.

– Submitted by James S. Willoughby 270-9758.

## Thanks for Support of Seminarian Easter Breakfast Fund Raiser

Many thanks to the volunteers that helped put together the Easter Breakfast Fund-Raiser to support seminarian, Michael Rhyne. Additionally, thanks to the great turnout for breakfast. Approximately 109 people participated and \$397.00 was received. After expenses, \$211.86 will be contributed to the Seminarian fund-raiser. If receipts are needed for amounts over the suggested donation, please see Jim Willoughby or call at 270-758. Again, thanks for your participation.

– James S. Willoughby 334-270-9758/334-300-2326.

PS Recipe for the hash brown casserole is provided in this publication at “More Announcements/Reminders”.

## Thanks for Support of Jeff Davis Food Basket Fund Raiser

Many thanks for your contributions that supported the Jeff Davis Food Basket Fund-Raiser. The goal was to raise \$400.00 to be supplemented by \$200.00 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Your generous support of \$505.00 allowed us to purchase 3870 pounds of food for 84 residents and donate \$105 to the Montgomery Area Food Bank to help provide food assistance to others in need. The retail value of the food items was \$6,540.36. Additionally, thanks to the volunteers that came and helped with the distribution at Jeff Davis. This outreach is so appreciated by the residents.

– James S. Willoughby, Central Alabama Chapter Activity Coordinator.

## Christ Lutheran Appeal for Disaster Funds

Many thanks for this congregation's generous contribution to the Christ Lutheran Disaster Response appeal. A total of \$600.00 has been raised and disbursed to them to defray costs for relief for several families and to support the Lutheran Disaster Response Volunteer team and the Lutheran Ministries of Alabama Disaster Response Trailer that had supplies to assist in the Prattville clean-up. Your generosity greatly assisted in this time of need.

– James S. Willoughby, Central Alabama Chapter Director, Care in Communities 334-270-9758.

## Nominating Committee

As the church's fiscal year is nearing its end, it's time to find replacements for the 4 outgoing council members. Please prayerfully consider serving on the church council which meets once a month. We will be searching until we find those 4 replacements. The next fiscal year begins June 1, 2008 and runs through May 31, 2009.

## Messiah Church Picnic on the Grounds

**Saturday, April 26, starting at 4:00 p.m.**

This year, we'll be having an old-fashioned *Pot-Luck* dinner on the church grounds.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend and dish/dishes of food to share.

We will have games, conversation and lots of fun.

If you have horseshoes, volleyball equipment, croquet sets, or tent canopies that we can borrow, please contact Joyce Colburn or Ricky Craig.

Set up will take place that morning, and we will need several volunteers to help.

We are planning events for all, so, besides the food you'll be bringing to share, also bring your own lawn chairs and drinks.

We hope everyone attends.

These are the basics, but Ricky will provide you with more information as it comes.

March 18, 2007

## To all the Saints of Messiah:

My hope is this letter finds you well and that your time together through this season of Lent has been one of growth and discipleship. This season has involved, for me, a great deal of learning as I get to truly see for the first time all that is involved in the church's preparation throughout Lent for Easter. This has been different for me because this is the first time that I have been heavily involved in the planning of services, our midweek worship series, teaching, scheduling, and helping to make sure that everything will be here and in place as we head into Holy Week. The experience has been wonderful and has kept me busy.

My internship is continuing to go well. In addition to the business and busy-ness of Lent I still have the daily and weekly requirements of this job. That includes visiting members who are in the hospital or who can no longer attend church regularly; continuing the process of checking in with and building relationships with the members of the congregation; teaching confirmation and working with our Youth Group; preaching 2-3 times a month; and generally learning (as best I can) what it takes to be a pastor. As I am sure you know it is not a job that might be called easy but the rewards of being able to live a life in which we can give of ourselves to the people of God are beyond measure.

After Easter I will be entering my 9<sup>th</sup> month of my year long internship. Though one would think the last third would be a bit easier we face a long list of summer camps, Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Trips, and Synod Assembly. It will be a busy time but it will be enjoyable. Once we reach August I will be done and then have a couple of weeks off before I enter my last two semesters of classes at the Seminary. It still surprises me that it has been three years since we started this journey together. But the end is very near and it will be time to turn the page to another chapter of our lives together.

As I have mentioned in earlier letters, we regret that we will not be able to join you this Easter. But we do hope to see you once our time at Christus Victor is over. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to see you all and worship with you again in mid-August.

Until then, may the Grace and Peace of our Father in Heaven be with you always. Know that we always pray for you and thank God for the blessing that you have been to us.

In Christ,  
Mike Rhyne  
Christus Victor Lutheran Church  
400 Harbinson Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212

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### More Announcements & Reminders

- ◆ **Loose Ladies Lunch**, this month at Ming's Garden, Tuesday, April 1, 11:30 am: RSVP Jane at 244-2967.
- ◆ **Free Baby-Sitting**, sponsored by Messiah Congregational Care Team, Friday, April 11, 6-9 p.m. RSVP Jane at 244-2967.
- ◆ **Quarterly Devotional Booklets** are available to our congregation at no cost to you. Please call the church office, 277-4213, to reserve a copy. Choices are "The Word in Season", "Christ in Our Home", "Portals of Prayer" in large and regular print, and "Davey & Goliath's Devotions for Families on the Go".
- ◆ **Thank you** (from Ardes Anderson), for all the cards of concern and sympathy, prayers, calls, expressions of kindness, and food received during Bob's illness and funeral. It is so meaningful to be a part of such a caring congregation.
- ◆ **Wonderful Wednesdays** begin with RSVP meal (\$3.00/\$1.50 under 12) at 5:30 pm, followed by worship at 6:15. To RSVP, call the church office, or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Hashbrown Casserole** (recipe was quadrupled for Easter Breakfast): 2 lb. frozen Southern Hashbrowns (or 2 lb. frozen crinkle cut fries, thawed -- as used at the breakfast), 16 oz. sour cream, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 2 cups shredded cheddar, ½ small onion finely chopped, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1 stick butter divided, 2 cups crushed cornflakes. Mix together everything except butter and cornflakes; stir in ½ stick melted butter to mixture; spread into a 9"x12" greased casserole pan; sprinkle top with crushed cornflakes, and drizzle top evenly with other ½ stick melted butter. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hr, 20 minutes uncovered.