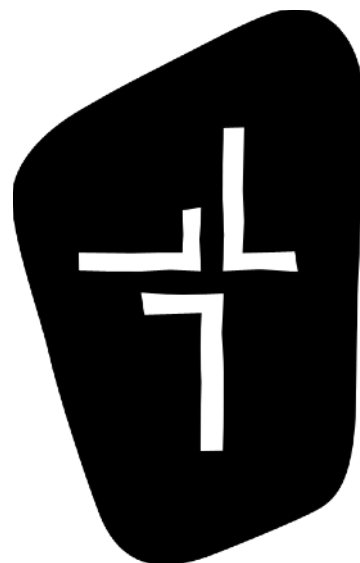


Messiah Lutheran Church

Board of Lay Ministry - Quarterly Report

November 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017



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Senior Pastor Report

Senior Pastor Chuck Schlie

As you can see from the ministry and operations reports, it has been a busy ministry year at Messiah. As I reflect on the first six months of the ministry year, I want to highlight a few items.

QT Property

We closed on the QT property in November - it's ours! It is exciting to dream of ways that God could use that land to help us connect people to Jesus in the future. The mortgage for this property is being paid for through funds received from our Field of Dreams campaign. If we receive all funds that were pledged, the property will be paid in full in three years!

Nakabongo School Dedicated

As part of our Field of Dreams campaign, we raised funds to construct a school in Nakabongo, Uganda. That school was dedicated on February 5th and opened for use the next day. What a blessing this building will be to our brothers and sisters in Uganda!

Christmas at Messiah

We had 2,102 people attend a Christmas worship service at Messiah. We received positive feedback on the new service on the 23rd as well as adjusted times for services on the 24th. Planning and executing these services is a huge undertaking for our ministry and operations staff. Our staff continues to contribute over and above to our ministry this year.

Giving

As you can see from the financial reports included at the end of this document, offering giving for our ministry year is down compared to the amount that the congregation budgeted for this year. As we approach Jubilee Sunday and the time of year when our church asks its members to consider their giving for the next year, I ask that you pray and consider your giving. How has God blessed you? How are you going to bless His church with your generosity? It starts with us!

Blessings,

Pastor Chuck

Official Acts/Membership

New Members - 24

Name	Joined How
Robert G. Callahan	Adult confirmation
Barbara Callahan	Adult confirmation
Timothy Dale	Adult confirmation
Karlynn Dale	Adult confirmation
Kaden Dale	Other
Kaleah Dale	Other
Talon Dale	Other
Adam Hamilton	Adult confirmation
Lisa Hamilton	Adult confirmation
Kyle Hillman	Transfer
Lindsay Hillman	Transfer
Penelope Hillman	Other
Sophie Hillman	Other
Paul McNamara	Adult confirmation
Michelle McNamara	Adult confirmation
Lily McNamara	Other
Gianna McNamara	Other
Jill Meyer	Transfer
Dane Robbins	Adult confirmation
Lynn Robbins	Adult confirmation
Jake Robbins	Other
Nathan Robbins	Other
Chris Wagener	Adult confirmation
Chrysa Wagener	Adult confirmation

Released/Transferred Out - 8

Name	Member Status
Karen James	Transfer
Denis Hermanas	Transfer
Claire Hermanas	Transfer
Christian Hermanas	Transfer
Jonah Hermanas	Transfer
Ieva Hermanas	Transfer
Deivy Hermanas	Transfer
Andrew Hermanas	Transfer

Baptisms - 10

Name
Colton Andrew Meyerpeter
Dylan James Guenzler
Jeremiah Thomas Halcomb
Evelyn Jane Gammon
Kyndall Hodge
Weston Luis Guilliams
Nathaniel Jacob Silbey
Ruby Amelia Silbey
Finley Jo Holst
August Joseph Comparato

Weddings - 1

Name	Wedding Date
Joe Newman	11/12/16
Cheryl Newman (Sickinger)	11/12/16

Funerals/Deaths - 4

Name
Donald (Don) Wehmeyer
David Peterson (non member)
Darleen Peterson (non member)
Phillip Engle (non member)

Spiritual Care Visits - 96

Active Bible Studies - 14 groups

Ministry Program Report

Bryan Blackford

Worship/Music

Christmas at Messiah

A major focus for our worship team during the second quarter of the ministry year is our Christmas at Messiah services. With over 2,000 worshippers, our Christmas services are the most attended services of the year. Many months of planning and hours of volunteer work went into the execution of our services this year and what a blessed experience it was! Due to past attendance demands for our contemporary services, we added a new service on December 23rd....200 people attended this service! What a great new opportunity to reach people in our community.

Bells of Joy

Our handbell group currently consists of 12 members and 6 substitutes. They had a busy ministry quarter playing for Sunday worship services, Thanksgiving worship, the Christmas Eve 6:00pm service, and their annual December concert at Breeze Park. They were also featured during the morning programming on Fox 2 News in December!

Worship Attendance Average August - January

*Sanctuary Worship Only - Does Not Include Children's Ministry

** No Christmas Musical in 2016

2013	813
2014	843
2015	872
2016	792

School

Current Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 118 early childhood students and 247 K-8 students for a total of 365. This is an increase of 21 students in the past calendar year.

2017-2018 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start with 265 students already enrolled! The school will be using a new management system (RenWeb) for the 2017-2018 school year. This new system is currently being introduced to families during the enrollment process.

SLT Transitions to MSAT

The Messiah School Leadership Team (SLT) has officially changed their name to Messiah School Advisory Team (MSAT). They are currently updating their roles and objectives.

Annual Auction

Messiah Masquerade, Messiah Lutheran School's dinner auction, will be held on April 1st. Proceeds for this event help fund school initiatives, including financial aid for families. A special Fund A Need project at this year's auction will focus on S.T.E.M. needs, particularly the acquisition of science equipment for the lab and classrooms.

High School Youth

Mid Week Group Study

Pastor Schlie started a Wednesday evening large group study for high school aged youth during the months of October and November. The group took a break during December and restarted in January. An average of 40 students attend each week!

Sunday Morning @ 9:30

Janie Schlie started teaching our Sunday morning study for high school aged students in August. She has done a great job reinvigorating this study and has brought new dedication and energy. Class attendance has tripled from an average of 5 students to 15!

Confirmation

Ninety-nine 7th and 8th grade students and 23 adult guides gather on Wednesday evenings to study the six chief parts of the faith in preparation for Confirmation. 8th grade students have presented their life verse testimonies and are on track to be confirmed on April 29th.

Children's Ministry

NEW 2 Year Old Sunday Morning Class!

Beginning March 5, we are planning to open up a 2 year old classroom on Sunday mornings to alleviate the crowding in the infants and toddlers room. Currently, we have to turn away families on Sunday mornings in our 0-2 classroom due to facility limitations. Our hope is that we will not have to turn any children away due to a full room.

Vacation Bible School

The theme for this summer is Maker Fun Factory!

Dates will be June 12-16

Registration will open on April 1st

Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is now open! We made some improvements to ensure a smooth enrollment process. These changes include online billing using Square and one-step online registration using Google Forms.

We are in need of camp counselors....we need 20-25 to operate our summer camp program! This is a great opportunity for college students to work and learn during their summer break!

Missions

Summer Mission Trips

Each of Messiah's 2016 Summer Mission trips were featured during worship services in January with a special video showcasing the work done by our mission teams. Informational meeting and sign ups for our Summer Mission Trips to Uganda, Poland, Guatemalala, and South Dakota are now underway.

New Partnership: Days for Girls

Messiah is exploring a new mission opportunity with Days for Girls. Days for Girls provides education and feminine hygiene products to girls in underdeveloped areas. Many opportunities exist for Messiah members to collect items, sew collection bags, and assemble kits for this mission effort.

Christmas Mission Project: Joy Boxes

Messiah's annual Christmas mission offering focused on collecting material and funds to assemble and ship Joy Boxes to college students. Our Joy Boxes were a simple way to let young people know that we care about them. We shipped 140 boxes!

Local Missions Open House

Messiah hosted a local missions open house on Sunday, January 15th. This served as a great opportunity for people to get information about our local mission partners and make a face to face connection with leaders of each of those missions. Our local mission partners include Our Lady's Inn, O.A.S.I.S., and Days for Girls.

Communications

High Priority Church Communication:

- Christmas Services
- Christmas Mission Project: Joy Boxes
- Senior Pastor Call Process
- Worship Series
- First Things First Daily Devotion
- Missions Month Videos & Communication of Summer Mission Trips
- January Bible Study Launch

High Priority School Communication

- School Advent Programs
- Roll-out of 2016-17 Tuition & New Re-Enrollment process.

Social Media

- Church Facebook Page Likes: Increased to 775 people/ School to 475
- Church Facebook Ad Campaign for Christmas Worship Services
- Church Instagram: Increase to 304 followers
- School Instagram: Increased to 474 followers

Projects

- Re-implemented slides between services
- Winter/Spring Ministry Catalog

Weekly:

- Maintain blog & news feed with relevant topics/stories.
- Weekly school email communication.
- Weekly church email communicating Sunday worship topics and relevant ministry news.
- Weekly bulletin & video announcements.
- Staff Connection communication as needed.
- Social Media posts highlighting worship and ministry events.
- Promotional materials for church & school ministry as needed.

Stats

Church email list

- Increased to 855 subscribers
- 44.9% average open rate
- 8.1% average click rate

School email list

- 569 subscribers
- 60.4% average open rate
- 8.5% average click rate

Operations Report

Amy Malterer

Finance

YTD Financial Summary August 1 - January 31

Church			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$747,991	\$775,742	-\$27,751
Expense	\$815,064	\$857,064	-\$42,000
Total	-\$67,073	-\$81,322	
School			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$1,524,525	\$1,545,360	-\$20,835
Expense	\$1,094,020	\$1,105,204	-\$11,184
Total	\$430,505	\$440,156	

The church ended the second quarter with a balance of -\$67,073. This balance is favorable when compared to budgeted deficit of -\$81,322 for the first quarter. While offering giving has been less than projected, expenses are being managed to compensate. Giving will continued to be monitored closely in the next few months. The school ended the first quarter with a balance of \$430,505. This balance is slightly unfavorable to budgeted amount of \$440,157. This is due to collecting slightly lower than anticipated amounts of tuition. Income is picking up as we progress through the school year as families who have fallen behind in their tuition payments catch up.

LCEF Loan Status

Current Loan Balance	\$4,862,062
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Field of Dreams Campaign

The Field of Dreams campaign realized a pledged amount of \$1,681,106. To date, we are on pace to collect the pledged amount and have collected \$621,071 or 37% of the 3 year total. The table below is an accounting of campaign funds expended so far.

	Budgeted	Expensed
Uganda Support	\$100,000	\$90,000
Sanctuary Upgrades	\$220,000	\$220,000
Land Purchase	\$1,000,000	\$77,650
Next Generation Minister	\$250,000	\$0
Campaign Expenses	\$30,000	\$24,115
Total	\$1,600,000	\$411,765

Q2 FY 16/17 Detailed Financial Reports

Full detailed reports for BOLM reporting begin on next page.