Remember and Rejoice
Messiah Lutheran Church
150th Anniversary
2009

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2009 - Tentative Calendar of Events

February 20
Augustana College Choir
- 7:00 p.m.
- @ Bethany Lutheran
- 2515 Madison Ave.

April 26
Afternoon of Music

June 27-28 - Reunion Weekend
Saturday Evening
- Evening meal
- Program
- Greetings from former pastors and staff

Sunday Worship
- Pastor Kindschuh preaching
- Confirmation classes remembered

Sunday Noon
- Picnic in shelter house

August 2009
Ice Cream Social

November 22
Worship with Pastor Hoornstra preaching

February Events

The five area ELCA congregations are co-sponsoring the **Augustana Choir Concert** on Friday evening, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2515 Madison Ave. We are thrilled that this nationally-renowned choir from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, will be performing here in Burlington.

As Messiah celebrates its 150th anniversary, Trinity Lutheran will celebrate its 125th anniversary, and Peace Lutheran celebrates its 40th. We're looking forward to hearing the choir concert. A free-will offering will be received to defray the choir's expenses. We will co-host a reception for them afterwards. Friday night they will be guests in members' homes and will depart from Bethany Saturday morning. How exciting it is that we all can celebrate together with this outstanding choir!

We are looking for . . .

We're looking for stories that connect us to our past. At the Sunday luncheon, Bob Engberg told us he was a fourth generation confirmand. Five generations of Engbergs, starting with Bob's great-grandfather have been confirmed at Messiah. Is your family a four or five generation family? Send your unique stories to Brent Ruther: brruther@mchsi.com.

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As this issue of the Messenger is completed, we are left with wonderful memories of our first 150th anniversary event on Sunday, January 25. Bishop Michael Burk and Pastor Peg Casper, the Southeast Iowa Brass Quintet, special banners by Tina Jones, special organ music performed by Roger Hatteberg, the choir under the direction of Gloria De Vilbiss enlivened our worship. After worship we stopped in the lounge to see an amazing display of

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We welcome and appreciate donations to offset expenses for special events.

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Messiah's history provided by Donna Duke (50-year volunteer historian), Ruth Ann Hanger Griggs, and Joanne Mohr. From there we went to a beautifully decorated social hall where a light informal lunch was provided by Messiah Church Women. Many worked to make this day special from the worship service to the lunch. We are grateful for all the ways people gave with their own special gifts, and we are grateful for all who attended. Each contribution made it indeed an outstanding beginning to a remarkable anniversary.

A Piece of History

In 1903, Sigfried and Frederika Jacobson and their 18 month old daughter, Clara Marie (Poggemiller), arrived at Ellis Island, N.Y., from Elmhult, Sweden. They traveled to Burlington, Iowa, to join Great Grandfather Jacobson and other family members already living here. All their homes were located close to a small, white Lutheran church on the corner of Smith & Adams Streets. Their lives revolved around church and family. Grandpa Jacobson pumped the old pipe organ on Sunday mornings for several years until his health failed. Grandma Jacobson and mom worked tirelessly baking for meetings and sales and attending Ladies Aid, Mustard Seed, missionary, circles, quilting, rummage sales, luncheons, and dinners.

Today, Helen and I are the third generation, our children the fourth generation, and my grandchildren, Madison and Alex Furnald, the fifth generation to worship at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Judy Furnald & Family
Helen Bargman & Family

New Banners

Have you notice the beautiful banner in the narthex that displays Messiah's church buildings? Designed by Tina Jones, the four panels were embroidered by Tina Jones, Luetta Peterson, Barb Powell, and Jane Richter. A big thank you to these women for their lovely work!