

Let us hold fast the confession
of our **HOPE**
without wavering, for He who promised is
FAITHFUL.
Hebrews 10:23, NKJV



March 2026

Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Greeting Messiah Family,

As we head into March and the heart of the Lenten season, let's ponder on the following:

"Where does my help come from?"

It's a question we all ask during busy seasons or times of trial.

Psalm 121:1-2 provides the answer:

"My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

This is a call to shift our focus from our limitations to God's unlimited power. Whether you are walking through a valley or standing on a mountaintop, we invite you to look up this week and trust in the One who never slumbers nor sleeps.

Although we often feel like we're alone, please remember that God is always with us and where two or more of us are gathered, He is present. Please consider joining us, not just on Sundays, but as we fellowship and share devotions each Wednesday evening throughout the month of March. We look forward to seeing you.

Love in Christ,

Liann Dennis and the Messiah Lutheran Council.



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4 ~ Kaitlyn Malcomson,
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed Saturday evening, **March 7**, so you arrive at church on time Sunday morning!



*Thank you to all who donated towards our
Angel Giving Tree for families in need.*

Our congregation is such a blessing and always so generous!

**Offering
Envelopes**



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for pick up on the table in the Narthex.
If you have not been issued envelopes but would like a set,
please contact the church office.

ALSO, please prayerfully consider filling out a **MY GIVING GOAL PLEDGE CARD for 2026**. Your pledges help us with budgeting and help support the ministries we provide her at Messiah, but they also help you in your own giving. Your support helps us do all the great things we do at Messiah, and can help us do even more!

UPCOMING EVENTS HERE AT MESSIAH:

Pancake Breakfast – Easter Sunday, April 5th. Easter Breakfast fellowship along with an Easter egg hunt. Join us for a cozy morning! Hot off the griddle: pancakes, sausages, coffee and tea. All are welcome! Festivities start at 8:30am. Please sign up so we may properly gauge how much food is required. Additionally, please bring a beverage and/or pastry to share.



Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser

For Messiah Lutheran Church

Join us for a delicious, home-cooked spaghetti dinner & Bingo!

Enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, and family.

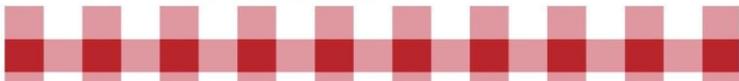
Saturday, April 11th starting at 6pm.

Cost is \$10 pp, \$5 for children 10 & under and college students.

Sign up at church or online. Pay at the door.

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College & Military Care Packages

Help us to stay connected to our college kids and military family.

We are asking the congregation's help in donating the items listed below for our College/Military Care Package

All items should be individually wrapped.

There will be a bin in the narthex to put them in.

We will need them by **March 1st**.



Here is the list of items:

Goldfish Crackers	Cheez-its	Chips	Cheetos
Dunkin Donut K Cups	Tea	Mac and Cheese Cups	
Ramen Noodle Cups - Chicken or Beef			
Cookies - Oreo's, Chocolate Chip		Granola Bars	
Popcorn			

Easter Baskets



This year, we would like to donate Easter Baskets to Lighthouse Mission for the families in need. Please donate a full, wrapped basket filled with items, such as those listed below. Easter Baskets are due by **March 22nd**.

Use the bin in the Narthex labeled "**Easter Baskets**".

Here is a list of ideas of what to put in a basket: Here is a list of ideas of what to put in a basket:

Toys	Games	Crayons	Coloring Books
Children's Bible	Candy		anything else you can think of!

Lent and Easter at Messiah

Wednesdays during Lent

Join us for Dinner and Devotions March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:00 pm

Please join in the fellowship and bring a friend!



March 29th

Palm Sunday 10:00 am

April 2nd

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

April 3rd

Good Friday – Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

April 5th

Easter Sunday 10:00 am

Upcoming District Events:

The LCMS Atlantic District Festival of Workshops

will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026

9AM to 3PM

SUNY Maritime College

6 Pennyfield Avenue

The Bronx, NY 10465

Workshops will be offered in many aspects of parish life to refresh and energize you in your work.

For Registration, please go to ad-lcms.org

LWML:

LWML Spring Event, Emmanuel Lutheran, Patchogue March 21

**Women's Life Day at Grace Lutheran Church,
Mastic Beach; A day of prayer, praise and worship Saturday, March 28**

Doors Open at 8:30 a.m

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

LWML Convention, Suffern, NY May 1-2, 2026

**ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML SUFFOK ZONE WOMEN'S RETREAT
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington**

Friday, May 15 – Saturday, May 16

Title: Pressing On

Speaker: Debbie Elliott

***Please call the church office (631) 751-1775 for more info
Forms are available in the Narthex***

Altar Flowers

If you wish to provide flowers at the altar,
we ask for a donation of **\$35 (or more)**
for two bouquets.

Bouquets may be taken home after the late service,
or donated to the homebound
or nursing home patients.



Please write your name on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex and complete a flower donation envelope along with your payment. Please include the sentiment that you would like printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

Mission of the Month ~ March, 2026

Three Village Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals along with an array of benefits keeping their clients happy, healthy, and in their own homes. The daily contact and friendly smile from volunteers is often as important as the meal being delivered. Homebound clients are unable to prepare their own food due to a variety of health and age-related issues.

We are blessed to support them with prayer and financial gifts.

We also ask that you consider becoming a volunteer.

To give a financial gift, make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write

***3V Meals on Wheels in the memo line,
or for cash donation, write***

3V Meals on Wheels on your envelope.



P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please join our **Prayer/Special Needs Chain**
And intercede for those needing prayer throughout
the course of the week.

It is such a wonderful way to support our church family
and those we love.

If you are interested in participating,
please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775 or info@messiahny.org to
provide your contact information.

Thank you!



Altar Guild

Please consider joining the Altar Guild!

Please contact the church office for more details.

+ *Soli Deo Gloria* +

Marilyn Jaeger for the Altar Guild



The Lutheran Women's Mission League

In order to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief,
the following items are needed: baby sweaters and sleepers
(6-24 mo.), receiving blankets, tooth brushes with covers,
dark bath towels, bars of soap (Ivory or Dove), 70 page spiral
notebooks (college ruled), and new ball point pens.

Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated as we work towards
blessing many people who are in need.

Please join us on Friday, March 20th at 2:30 pm to help assemble kits.

Thank you!

How you can Help at Messiah VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you! God has given us all a talent that can be used in the church. Messiah is run by volunteers. Volunteering at church is a joyful responsibility that involves using one's gifts to serve others.

Please prayerfully consider helping out one of our various boards and committees.

Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. 1 Peter 4:10

Board of Elders - works with various boards of the church to ensure that the church holds regular religious and educational services that adhere to the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Through their oversight, all aspects of worship, education, ministry, and church life are handled responsibly.

Finance Board - handles the finances of the church

Trustees - maintains the building and the grounds

Board of Parish Ed - handles the education opportunities in the church, such as Sunday School, bible classes & VBS

Board of Evangelism - handles outreach to the community

Board of Stewardship - encourages members for service to the congregation

Fellowship - falls under Stewardship. This committee plans all the fun events we have here at Messiah.

Board of Youth - plan youth events

Altar Guild - handles the set up of communion along with many other things

LWML - puts together the different kits (personal care, school and baby) to go to those in need through Lutheran World Relief

Service Helpers - lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, ushers, live stream, power point, musicians

Sunday School Teachers - teach Sunday School children and adults

Coffee Fellowship - help set up and/or clean up the coffee fellowship

Where is God leading you to serve? *If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call the church office at (631) 751-1775. Thank you!*

Please complete a "Time, Talents, and Treasures" Form – located on the table in the Narthex, as well as on our website.

At this time, we need volunteers for:

- *Running Power Point and Livestream for Sunday Services*
- *VBS planning, decorating, and helping out during the week of Aug 24-28, from 9 am to 12 pm.*
- *This year's Trunk or Treat/Vendor Fair – planning and advertising.*

***Messiah Lutheran Church
Easter Plants Order Form***

Name: _____

Envelope # _____

Easter Plants

_____ Number of Plants X \$15.00 each = \$ _____

To the Glory of God in loving memory of:

To the Glory of God in honor of:

To the Glory of God in thankfulness for:

Checks should be made payable to:

“Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church”

All orders must be placed by **March 22nd** in order to be included in the Easter Memorial insert.



PARISH EDUCATION:



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered at 9:00 am on Sundays for both Adults and Children.



We are looking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about our faith. If interested, please speak with Liann Dennis.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study is on hiatus until after Easter.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is on hiatus until after Easter.

CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders is held on Sundays at 9:00 am.

Please contact the church office if you have questions.



Find Us on Social Media!

On the Messiah Facebook page, you will find information about church services, health updates, and devotionals and meditations.



And don't forget to subscribe to Messiah **You**Tube page!

Here you'll find archived videos of streamed services, messages from the pastors, devotionals and other video resources.

Follow our pages today! You can find links to our Facebook, YouTube, *and now on Instagram* pages on our website, www.messiahny.com.

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Faithstreet.com to set up your on-line giving account with Messiah.



Would you like to come to church, but are in need of transportation?

Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775.

We may be able to arrange a ride for you!

Your donation helps us keep sending The Messiah Messenger to members and friends of Messiah

Our Messenger is delivered to 400 homes in our area monthly.

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