

The fear
of the LORD
is the beginning
of wisdom;



all those
who practice it
have a good
understanding.

Psalm 111:10, ESV

September 2025 Messiah Messenger

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR
CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Dear Messiah Family,

***Yet the strength of those who wait with hope in the Lord will be renewed.
They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and won't become weary.
They will walk and won't grow tired.
Isaiah 40:31***

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As our summer comes to a close and we start the next season, we should be reminded that we are in a time of renewal. In our Vacation Bible School, we all learned about the many ways that we can and should trust in Jesus. As we begin our new season, we can trust that Jesus has a plan for us. Although we are tired and there are times when we feel uncertain, we know that Jesus will always provide for us, if we ask him.

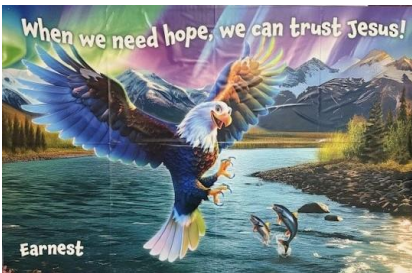
As we begin our new Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study (etc.) season, we ask that God continues to bless us and that you all keep our church home and leaders in your prayers.

Come to our Bible studies, volunteer at some of our events. We are a family and we are stronger when we work together. We look forward to seeing ALL of you in this new season.

Love in Christ,
Liann Dennis
Messiah Council President



Vacation Bible School 2025
Thank you to all who attended and helped out!
We had 23 children in attendance!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Birthdays

3 ~ Janet Carey, Connor Mackey,
4 ~ Claudia Retzlaff, 6 ~ Debra Woolley,
9 ~ Meghan Bell, 11 ~ Bonnis Baynon,
12 ~ Nancy Noakes, 13 ~ Lillian Wilson,
Courtney Quinn, David Emig,
14 ~ Madison Yoos, Jayden Setek,
15 ~ Collin McCabe,
16 ~ Brynn McFarland,
17 ~ Kenneth Hass, Aiden Larsen,
Audrey Brazier. 19 ~ Jean Caminske,
21 ~ Wendy Mendriski, Nevaeh DeFilipo, 23 ~ Rev. Charles Bell, 26 ~
Debbie Blasco, 27 ~ Charles A. Bell, Megan Perfetti,
28 ~ Ella Walsh, Linda McGrady, 29 ~ Hailey Buttaro,
30 ~ Laura Bell, Mackenzie Gazura



Octoberfest Picnic!

Join us on Sunday, September 14th after the
worship service for an Octoberfest themed picnic!

Get your dirndls and Lederhosen ready!

The church will supply bratwurst, hot dogs and drinks.

We ask those attending to sign up and bring salads (potato, macaroni,
sauerkraut, coleslaw), baked beans and desserts.

This is the kick off for Sunday School but NOT just for families.
It is also to celebrate the end of summer and beginning of fall blessings.

ALL are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

Register your family for Sunday School and Bible study classes.
Please sign up so we will have enough food for everyone attending.
Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Church Council Members:

Circuit Visitor	Rev. Peter Debernay
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Stewardship	Tracey Donohue
Parish Education	Steve Smith
Youth	Luke Van Dyke

Messiah Events:

Annual Church BBQ – Sunday, September 14th after the service.
We had so much fun with our Octoberfest Theme, that we've decided to do it again! So get your lederhosen ready and join in the fun! Remember to sign up!

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 pm.
Bring your pets for a blessing and enjoy some light refreshments. We would like to thank Pastor Debernay who will administer the blessing at this event! SCPD will be there with their canines as well!

Trunk or Treat Vendor Fair – Sat., Oct. 25th 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Join us for a safe alternative to Trick or Treating. Games, fun, and lots of candy! ***We need church members to volunteer to decorate their trunks and hand out candy.*** Looking for Food Trucks and Vendors. If you know of anyone or are attending a vendor fair, hand out our vendor form. They can be found on the table in the narthex or on our website.
Join in the fun!

District-wide Events:

MOST (Men of Spirit and Truth) Retreat – featuring Rev. Neil Mittelstaedt
Retreat to be held Sept. 12 -13 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Lloyd Harbor, NY. For information, call the church office or visit www.htlcnny.org/mensretreat.

“A thriving life in God and with God starts with leaning into His presence.”

“The power of prayer can transform our lives, refresh our spirits,
restore our faith, and revive our communities.”



Messiah Reaching Out

The Stewardship Committee will be collecting blank cards and postcards to send out to members who are homebound or fighting an illness.

We will also send greetings to baptism families, college students, military families, and others to let them know that we are thinking about them and are praying for them.

Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775 or talk to Tracey Donohue if you would like to help.

Join us as we send caring thoughts to our members who might be in need of cheering up!



Tender Loving Care Group

The Bible says, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith"

~ Galatians 6:10

We are seeking volunteers to join this group.

This group would help our Messiah family with anything they need help with. Yard work, doing things around the house, going shopping, etc. If you would like to join (youth are welcome) or if you need help, please contact the church office (631) 751-1775 or info@messiahny.org



College and Military Care Packages



We are asking the congregation's help in donating the below items for our College/Military Care Packages. All items should be individually wrapped. There will be a bin in the narthex to put them in.

We will need them by August 31st.

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			

Mission of the Month ~ September, 2025
911 Fund / Setauket Fire Department

In memory of the great sacrifice given by all service workers on 9/11, we are taking a special offering to help support our local fire department.

Please support them with your prayers and a financial gift.

To donate, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write "Setauket Fire Department" in the memo line, or for cash donation, write "Setauket Fire Department" on your envelope.

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity!



The Lutheran Women's Mission League

LWML will meet on Friday, Sept. 19th at 10:00am.

The LWML collects items all year long for School Kits,
Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits.

Stores are starting to carry school supplies on sale. We need lots of
70 Sheet Spiral Notebooks. Four notebooks go in every pack.

Target has them on sale for 35 cents each.

Items for school kits:

70 Sheet Lined Spiral Notebooks

Centimeter Rulers (can also have inches on it)

Manual Pencil Sharpeners

Unsharpened #2 Pencils

2-1/4 Inch Erasers

Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens

16 to 24 Count Box of Crayons

Drawstring Bag (no logos)

Other kits:

Personal Care Kits: dark bath towels; bars of soap; adult toothbrush w/cover; sturdy combs; and metal nail clippers.

Baby Care Kits: cotton t-shirts (6-24 months); Long or short sleeve gowns or sleepers without feet; swaddling blankets (36-52" squares); cloth diapers; jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts w/cap or hood (9-24 months); socks (9-24 months); bars of gentle soap (ex: ivory); diaper pins; and dark hand towels.

Thank you!



Altar Flowers

If you wish to provide flowers at the altar,
we ask for a donation of **\$40 (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!



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! Watch
announcements and emails for our next meeting.
Please contact the church office for more details.

+ *Soli Deo Gloria* +
the Messiah Lutheran Altar Guild



**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!

PARISH EDUCATION:

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School registration is on Sunday, Sept. 14.
Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 9:00 am

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study resumes on
Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 5:30 pm.

All are welcome.
bring your Bible and a notebook!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will resume in October.
Watch announcements for dates!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders
Resumes on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 9:00 am.
Be sure to register on Sept 14th!



The Call Committee has completed the first stage of the process,
the Congregational Self Study.

The study was submitted to the Bishop, and he later met with us to get to know us better, and to determine the best situation for us going forward. As more information becomes available, we will continue to keep everyone updated. Please feel to speak with Carl Caminske, Call Committee Chair, or any member of the committee if you have any questions.

**Please prayerfully consider filling out a
MY GIVING GOAL PLEDGE CARD for 2025.**

Your pledges help us with budgeting and help support the
ministries we provide here 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!

Cards can be found on the little table in the narthex by the grotto.

Please complete card and place it in the box. Thank you!

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information about church services, health updates,
and devotionals and meditations.



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