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Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we head into the summer months, and have now endured several months in our Pastoral vacancy, I know that there are still so many unanswered questions and many of you have grown weary of the uncertainty of what the future holds for Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church. I too have had so many questions and have spent a lot of time in prayer over what our role is as a congregation in this time. It's very funny how God sends us answers sometimes. When I was shopping recently, I was thirsty, so I picked up a Coke. I don't know how many of you drink Coke (it's really not the best thing for any of us), but their summer campaign involves their "Share a Coke with.." theme. Of all of the Coke bottles that I could have picked up, I grabbed Isaiah. I wasn't sure why, but then I figured I'd take a look at Isaiah and see what he had to say to me. On top of a LOT of fantastic prophecy, there was one section that spoke to me, and I'm hoping that it speaks to you as well:

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

I hope that you too, can find the strength in the words of Isaiah that I found. While I can't claim to know the answers, I know that God is our divine master and that he knows what the future holds for all of us. I encourage you to join me in prayer, for whenever two or more of us gather, God will be with us.

Liann Dennis
Messiah Council President

Thank You to All of our Wonderful Volunteers!

Messiah's first annual Volunteer Luncheon was hosted on 5/3/2025.

We recognized members of all of the various boards of the church as well as the Ushers, Lectors, Service Streamers, etc.

A plaque was presented to Nancy Murphy for her extraordinary service to Messiah over the past decades.



Spring Tea and Bingo!



Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Spring Tea. It was a wonderful day! Delicious food, tea, games and fellowship.



CALL COMMITTEE

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

This has been submitted to the Bishop, who has shared that he will be reaching out to other Bishops to help to prepare a list of pastors for our Congregation to pray over and speak with.

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.



1 ~ Megan Varvaro, Georgia Emig,
4 ~ Patrick Ochei, Susan Furrer,
8 ~ Alessandra Liotta, Ethan Depinto,
9 ~ Patrick Gourlay, May Baguio,
10 ~ Artie Withers, 11 ~ Beth Tanzi,
Nancy Hofler, 12 ~ Marc Levine, Anthony Liotta, Justin Clarke,
Jillian Zavesky, 14 ~ Carter Ezelius, Morgan Hofler,
20~ Guy Schneider, 23 ~ Karen Hofler, 25 ~ Isabella Tantillo,
28 ~ Alan Smith, Olivia Harrison, 29~ Hope TeNyenhuis,
James Malcomson, 30 ~ Karyn Bell

Offering Envelopes



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for pick up.

They are in the Conference Room.

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 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!



The Lutheran Women's Mission League needs your help!

Please watch announcements and emails for our next meeting date, when we will assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief!

Items needed are: baby sweaters (6-24 mo.), receiving blankets, tooth brushes with covers, and dark bath towels.

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

Thank you!



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

Vacation Bible School

Come with us to the True North this year!

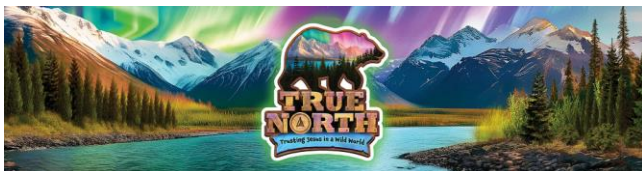
VBS will be held from August 25-29th.

To make this happen, ***we need you.***

We need volunteers for the following areas: Teachers, music, snacks, games. If you have talents in any of these areas, or would like to develop some, we need you!!

Please contact Nancy Murphy or Liann Dennis as soon as possible.

Register your children to attend – Forms are in the Narthex!



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



Upcoming Events:

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting **Sunday, June 1st, after the 9:30 am service**

There is only **1 church service** that day at 9:30 am.
The meeting will immediately follow the service.

Confirmation on Sunday, June 8th

Please join us at 9am in the kitchen area for cake, coffee and to wish our new confirmands God's blessings.

Wine & Cheese on Saturday, June 14th

6:00 pm Lynn Greener will be hosting her annual Wine & Cheese again this year. Please sign up if you would like to attend.

Three Village Farmers' Market on Friday, June 20th

3pm to 7pm. Come visit us at the Farmers Market. Help support the local vendors. If you would like to help out and sit at the table, please let us know.

Church BBQ Sunday, June 22nd

after the 10am service please join us for our
annual summer kickoff BBQ.

Please sign up and bring an item to share. See the sign up sheet.
The church will supply hot dogs, burgers and brats.

Mission of the Month ~ June, 2025

Voice of the Martyrs

Voice of the Martyrs serves persecuted Christians in the world's most difficult and dangerous places to follow Christ. Since 1967, VOM has been dedicated to inspiring all believers to a biblical faith by telling the stories of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring a deeper commitment to Christ and the fulfillment of his Great Commission, no matter the cost.

*To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to
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cash donation, write VOM on your envelope.*



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!

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 Pastor on 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

Board of Youth - plan youth events

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

LWML - put 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

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!*

PARISH EDUCATION:



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered at 9:00 am for Children. Adult Sunday School is on hiatus and will resume in the Fall.



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 and will resume in the Fall.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is on hiatus and will resume in the Fall.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders is held on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.



Do you have a loved one away at School or in the military?

Living away from home can be a lonely experience. Please allow us the opportunity to reach out to your student/service member with words of encouragement, spiritual resources, and care packages. We can even help to find local churches in their community, so that they can continue in fellowship with other believers and maintain a strong foundation in the Christian faith.

Please contact the church office for details.

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

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