

Enter his gates  
*with thanksgiving,*  
and his courts with praise!

*Give thanks to him;*  
bless his name!

Psalm 100:4



## **November 2025**

### **Messiah Messenger**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Greetings and Blessings to everyone in our Messiah Family,

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

While heading into the season of the saints, I looked to Saint Paul for some wisdom to greet you with. He reminded me of something very important.

- In Romans 1:7, he said, *“To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints.”*
- In 1 Corinthians 1:2, he said *“To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people.”*
- In Ephesians 1:1, he said, *“To all the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful to Jesus.”*

Saint Paul refers to followers of Christ as saints nearly 40 times in scripture. This is a rich reminder to all of us that we are ALL saints by virtue of the sanctification provided by Jesus’ death and resurrection.

As we come into this season and prepare for the Advent of our Lord, let’s all work to grow our faith seeking God’s word and sacrament and joining with all of our brothers and sisters in worship.

We love you, we pray for you, and we look forward to seeing you in our Father’s House.

Love and peace from your Messiah Family,

Liann M. Dennis

And the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

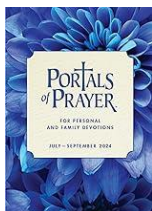


If you need prayer, or know someone who does, please let us know.

Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775, email to [info@messiahny.org](mailto:info@messiahny.org), or fill out a pink prayer card in the pew.

Our prayer team is ready to pray for you!

Thank you!



### Portals of Prayer

A great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format.

It’s great for personal devotions.

Copies can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## Birthdays



1 - Allie Harrison, 2 - Jacob Susinno,  
3 - Jason Flynn, 6 - Lisa Snyder,  
8 - Adam Bell, 9 - Thomas Eriksen,  
10 - Jeff Smith, 11 - Holly Krajewski, Joan Erickson,  
Margaret Haffner, 12 - George Harsch,  
Alexa Calvanese, Vincent Susinno, Derek Clarke,  
Melania Clarke, 13 - Kate Smith,  
14 - Robert Anderson, Allison Crafts, Sydney Crafts,  
17 - James Gruenfelder, 18 - Melanie Buttaro, Ann Ezelius,  
20 - Emma Murphy, 23 - Emilia Retzlaff, 24 - Austin Polly,  
Ellen Edwards, 25 - Kristen Hass, 28 - Hannah Donohue,  
29 - Hannah Detwiler, 30 - Patricia Davidson.

## Sunday Service Schedule



Our Sundays, we begin at 9:00 am with Sunday School for adults and children, as well as Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This is followed by 10:00 am Worship Service. Communion is celebrated if a visiting pastor is available. Otherwise, a Lay Worship Service will take place.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**--don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour!**



Join us for our **Annual Congregational Meeting**  
on **Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**  
following the 10:00 am service.

## **Thanksgiving Feast**

Join us Sunday, **November 16<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:00am  
Service for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast.  
Please sign up and bring an item to share.



**Thanksgiving Worship**  
on **Sunday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM**

# Blessing of the Animals Oct. 4, 2025

*Thank you to all who attended and helped out with the Blessing of the Animals!*

A special thank you to Pastor Debernay.

We had 31 people attend, 8 dogs, a rabbit, a bearded dragon,  
a chinchilla, a tortoise and a ball python snake.

It was a beautiful day for a blessing!





***Spooktacular Trunk or Treat!  
Saturday, October 25, 2025***



***Thank you to all who helped make this event a success!  
We look forward to doing it again next year.  
This will be an annual fundraiser for the church.***



## **Basket Raffle – It's That Time Again!**

Tickets are on sale now for our annual basket fundraiser.

We have many great baskets!

We are also raffling off a bicycle,  
a child's bicycle, and a TV.

Winners will be announced on November 23rd.

## **Preparing for Advent**

### ***Wednesday Advent Soup and Devotional***

Bring your family on **Wed., December 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>**  
for midweek soup and devotions!

**6:00 pm – soup; 7:00 pm family devotions.**

Please sign up each week if you plan to attend for soup.

***On Dec 3rd, we will begin at 5:30 pm, making Advent Wreaths***

(this requires a bit more time) – ***please sign up so that we have enough supplies***

We look forward to seeing you there!

## ***Helping Our Neighbors in Need***

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

We are helping Christ Church PJS Food Pantry this year with our food drive.

Items needed are: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Rolls/Bread, Canned Fruits and Veggies, Pies, Pie Fillings/Crusts, Desserts, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pasta/Pasta Sauce, Bottled Water/Juice/Soda, Coffee/Tea, and Paper Goods. All items are needed at Messiah by **Sun., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Anyone interested in helping to deliver items, please contact the church office.

***If you, or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving meal,  
please call the church office. This will be handled discretely.***

### **Angel Giving Tree**

Our Angel Giving Tree will be going up before the Thanksgiving Feast. For those who do not know, we ask our congregation to take an Angel off the tree, buy the item written on the back, bring it back to Messiah unwrapped, and place it under the tree. These items will go to families in need.

All items due back to Messiah by **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

***Thank you, as always for your kind generosity in serving those in need!***

**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!



## **Mission of the Month ~ November, 2025**

### **Lutheran Braille Workers**

Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print. In over 80 years of ministry, LBW has produced and distributed over 15 million volumes of Christian material, in 40 languages, to people in 164 countries. To donate, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write "Lutheran Braille Workers" in the memo line, or for cash donation, write "Lutheran Braille Workers" on your envelope.

*Thank you, as always for your kind generosity!*

### **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](mailto:info@messiahny.org)

### **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!

### **College and Military Care Packages**

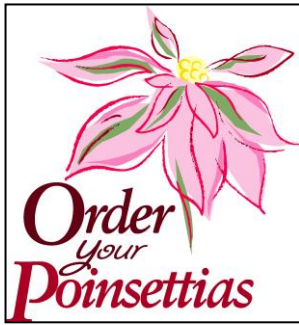
Living away from home can be a lonely experience.

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 call the church office if you would like to add a loved one to our list.





The Altar Guild will once again decorate the Narthex and other areas of the church with poinsettias during the Christmas season. We will obtain the poinsettia plants from the florist so they will be all nearly the same size. Anyone who wishes to purchase a poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event may do so. We will publish the names of the donator and the loved one in an insert during the Christmas Season. Those who purchase a plant may take it home after service on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The price of each plant

will be \$15. **Please place your orders by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Thanks for your participation and help with our Christmas decorating ~ we appreciate your help and your love. In His Service ~ The Altar Guild

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**Order form for Christmas Poinsettia Plants \$15 each**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In joyful celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my plant after church on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to have my plant for distribution to shut-ins and residents of Nursing homes \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please place order form in Offering Plate or in Church office.  
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**Altar Flowers – *please note price decrease***

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.



## How you can Help at Messiah



### Volunteers Needed

There are many ways to serve here at Messiah!

At this time, we ask all who attend our church to consider volunteering to serve.

We have various ministry and service opportunities that need your help.

### The holidays will soon be upon us!

**Would you consider donating some time to help in the church office?**

We will have holiday bulletins, holiday postcards, as well as our usual bulletins and newsletter to sort, fold, and mail.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 631-751-1775 or email [info@messiahny.com](mailto:info@messiahny.com).

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you in advance for any help you can give!*

### 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

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Our next meeting will be on **Fri., Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm**

to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief! Items needed are:

Baby Sweaters, Sleepers, and T shirts (6 – 24 months); Receiving Blankets, Diapers, Baby Socks; Toothbrushes with covers, Nail Clippers, Ivory or Dove Bar Soap, Dark bath towels, spiral notebooks, and new pens.

*Thank you for all the donations and for the time and energy to package these kits for suffering people!*

### **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 **YouTube** 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 both our Facebook and YouTube pages on our website, [www.messiahny.com](http://www.messiahny.com).



### **Parish Education:**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for children and adults  
is held on Sundays at 9:00 am

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study is held on  
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending,  
please call the church office.



#### **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Mid-week Bible Study is held on Wed. at  
5:30 pm. Bring your Bible and a notebook!

If you would like to join the study,  
please call the church office at 631-751-1775.



#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
is held on Sundays at 9:00 am

**Contact the church office for more information.**  
**Info is available on the church website [www.messiahny.org](http://www.messiahny.org)**

#### **SUPPORT MINISTRY AT MESSIAH WITH ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH FAITHSTREET!**

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FaithStreet provides you with the ability to make your pledges/offerings online to support Messiah's various programs and ministries. FaithStreet allows you to give one-time, weekly, monthly or twice per month securely via your bank account, credit card, or debit card (just like you pay your utility bills). You can make your offerings online or via text. This will help the church keep a consistent flow of funds throughout the year. To give via

FaithStreet, scan the QR code above or go to our website, **[www.messiahny.com](http://www.messiahny.com)**. In the upper right-hand corner click on **MORE**, click on **ONLINE GIVING/DONATION** and it will take you to the link for Faithstreet.com to set up your on-line giving account with Messiah.

**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 here at Messiah, but they also help you in your own giving.

Your support helps us with the great things we do at Messiah, and we can 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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