

*I will forgive
their iniquity,
and remember their sin
no more.*

Jeremiah 31:34, NRSV



February 2026 Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Messiah,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we get into the heart of our new year and approach the Lenten season, I've been thinking about both resolutions and Lenten goals. This year, I'd like to approach my Lenten season by diving deeper into my Bible and also leaning more into what Martin Luther teaches us about it.

As many of you know, I teach the Confirmands of Messiah. At this time, we finished learning about the Apostles Creed and how Martin Luther explained each part of it. We will be learning about the Lord's Prayer in February. I know that all of you are familiar with the Lord's Prayer and can probably say it without thinking about it, but I'm inviting you to actually think about it. Martin Luther teaches us the meanings of things that we assume that we understand, but do we actually? Think about the most basic petition in this prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

I was going to summarize, but Martin Luther explains things so much better than I do. Think about how profound the term "Daily bread" is. It's EVERYTHING that we need to meet our daily needs. Now let's think about this; all these things belong to God and he bestows them upon us because he loves us. How much do we love him? If he gives us all of this out of love, how much are we willing to give to him in faith and love for all that he does for us?

How can we share the gifts God has given us? Going into Lent, I would invite you to look deeper into yourself and consider what blessings and gifts God has given you. What are you able to give to him?

Fill out a ***"Times, Talents, and Treasures form"***. Consider ways that you could take part in something, rather than giving something up. Or even deeper still, share your time. Share your talents. Even still, share your treasures.

Fill out an ***"Offering Pledge Card"***. If you've never considered tithing before, think about what that would look like for you. Pray over it and consider how you can return some of what God has given you to help sharing in his Word and the life of the church.

Come to midweek Lenten devotions. Come to services. Listen to God's word and take this season, so often associated with giving up and consider it a season of giving ourselves to God.

We look forward to seeing more of you more often.

Love in Christ,

Liann Dennis and the Messiah Lutheran Council.



*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!



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Offering Envelopes



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available for pick up.

They are 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 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!

Upcoming Events:

Lenten Dinner and Devotions – On Wednesdays during Lent, Feb 24, Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25, starting at 6:00 pm, we will have dinner and devotions. Please join in the fellowship and bring a friend!

Pancake Breakfast – Easter Sunday is April 5th. Instead of our usual Easter Breakfast, we will have a Pancake Breakfast with an Easter Egg Hunt. Keep an eye out for more information.

College and 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 Packages

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. You can either donate a basket filled with items or you can buy individual items for us to put in a basket. Baskets and items need to be back to the church by March 22nd. A bin will be in the Narthex labeled "Easter Baskets".

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!	

Save the Date!



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The LCMS Atlantic District Festival of Workshops will be held on

Saturday, March 7, 2026

9AM to 3PM

at

SUNY Maritime College

6 Pennyfield Avenue

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

Registration information is forthcoming.

Preparing for Lent and Easter

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Evening Service – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays during Lent

February 24 and March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:00 pm



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



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 ~ February, 2026

The Lighthouse Mission Food Bank collects food and other essentials for those in the community that may be experiencing food insecurity. Donations could include: non-perishable foods (canned goods, pastas, cereal, bottled water), shelf stable dairy products (boxed milk), and clothing. Of course, monetary donations are also accepted.

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

To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write LIGHTHOUSE MISSION in the memo line, or for cash donation, write LIGHTHOUSE MISSION on your envelope.



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 (6-24 mo.),
receiving blankets, tooth brushes with covers,
and dark bath towels.

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

**Please join us on February 28th at 12:00 pm for the
LWML Suffolk Zone prayer gathering and Lunch at Messiah!**

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.

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 held on
Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

If you would like to join us,
please contact the church office.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.
If you have questions, please call the church office
at (631) 751-1775.



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.



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



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We may be able to arrange a ride for you!

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