

## **January 2026** **Messiah Messenger**

**Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Messiah,

As we enter into the New Year, I can't help but take a look back at everything that we've all done together this past year. We did have a year of challenges, with Pastor Niemeier accepting a divine call very early in the year. So many of you have stepped up and reminded us of how strong we are as a family.

Our Deacon, Thom Brownworth, has taken on such a strong role in leading our congregation in times when we did not have anyone to serve. He's shared the Gospel with us and taught the children. He's become such a strong supporter of our Leadership. I personally, am so grateful for him and all that he has done to keep Messiah strong.

Our Fellowship team has risen up to the challenge that I put out in February. I asked them to do more, not less. They have helped to coordinate activities on at least on monthly basis, ensuring that our family comes together as frequently as possible.

Our worship team (Music, Altar Circle, lectors, etc,) have provided beautiful and consistent services, even when we were week to week on Pastoral coverage.

Our Trustees have kept the church running, even in with a failed heating system, through new windows, etc.

We have shown such strength as a family, and I could not be any prouder of that.

I would like to invite EVERYONE to be part of the inner workings of our congregation. Join a board. Join the choir. Teach a class. Each and every one of you is a gift from God, with God given gifts. I thank God for all of you and look forward to all of the ways that we can work together in the next year.

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Liann M. Dennis

And the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Council



*Thank you to all who participated in our  
Advent Mid-week Services!*





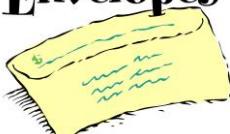
*Thank you to all who donated towards  
our Angel Giving Tree  
for families in need, with distribution  
through Infant Jesus RC Church.*

*Our congregation is such a blessing and  
always so generous!*



**1** ~ Lynn Greener, Kirsten Hassel,  
Chi Chi Ochei, **3** ~ Tom Robertson,  
**4** ~ Jacob Carey, Jacquelyn Gorman,  
**5** ~ Henrik Ezelius, James Dennis,  
**8** ~ Odin Noakes, **10** ~ James Maciaszek,  
**11** ~ Katrina Blasco, **12** ~ Vincent Maggio,  
**16** ~ Rebekka Mendriski, James Gruenfelder, **17** ~ Bob Gorse,  
Abby Emig, Adam Noakes, **18** ~ Vincent Fournier,  
**21** ~ Matthew Baum, **23** ~ Kyle Donohue, Chase Saul,  
**24** ~ Madyline Nicotra, **24** ~ Michael Cirrone,  
**24** ~ Kaylie Gazura, **30** ~ Ian Smith.

## 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:



### **Join us on Epiphany Tuesday, January 6th**

for burning of the wreaths, light refreshments  
and devotions, starting at 6pm.

Please see the Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex or call the  
Church Office at  
(631) 751-1775 to attend.



### **Join us on Saturday, January 31st**

for a Spaghetti Dinner!

Watch Announcements and Emails for more info!

### **Mitten Tree**



This January, we are collecting new or gently used mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. These items can go under the Angel Tree in the Narthex.

Let's keep families in need warm this winter!  
Thank you, as always for your kind generosity!

## Mission of the Month ~ January, 2026

### **The Stony Brook University Food Pantry**

The University provides food for those individuals experiencing food insecurity on campus.



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

To give a donation, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write SBU FOOD PANTRY in the memo line, or for cash donation, write SBU FOOD PANTRY on your envelope.



### 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.



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](mailto:info@messiahny.org) to provide your contact information. 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*

Please look over the following volunteer opportunities, and consider how you might be able to serve.

**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 throughout the year

**Board of Youth** - plan youth events

**Altar Guild** - handles the setup of the altar for communion, along with providing flowers and special holiday memorials

**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, etc.

**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!*



## 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!



## The Lutheran Women's Mission League needs your help!

Please join us on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief!

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

Thank you!



## Altar Guild

Please consider joining the Altar Guild!

Please contact the church office for more details.

*+ Soli Deo Gloria +*

Christine Eriksen for the Altar Guild

## 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 Wednesdays 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)

*Please watch Announcements and Emails for  
start dates for all classes.  
Thank you!*

## 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.

### 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).



### 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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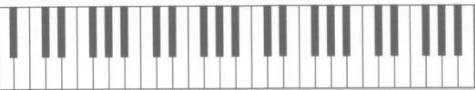
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