

Blessed be the  
*God and Father*  
of our  
*Lord Jesus Christ!*  
By his great mercy  
he has given us a  
*new birth*  
into a  
*living hope*  
through the  
resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3, NRSV*



## May 2025 Messiah Messenger

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

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As we've had the opportunity to join together often during the Lenten season and even more so during Holy Week, I am joyful in how blessed we are. We've had the opportunity to reflect on the joy of our Savior's resurrection, and in large numbers. We've had the opportunity to see some faces that we haven't seen in the past few months. What a joyful thing that is. In all of our celebrations, I am so thankful for all of the people who came together to make our church home beautiful and to make our celebrations even more joyful. Going into May, this is something that I want to celebrate even more.

Our church family is full of so many who love and desire to serve the Lord. That is something that I am so incredibly appreciative of. This year, Volunteer Appreciation is celebrated nationwide at the end of April. The theme for this celebration is "Celebrate Service"

In the book of 1 Peter Chapter 4 verses 10-11, Peter shares the following thoughts:

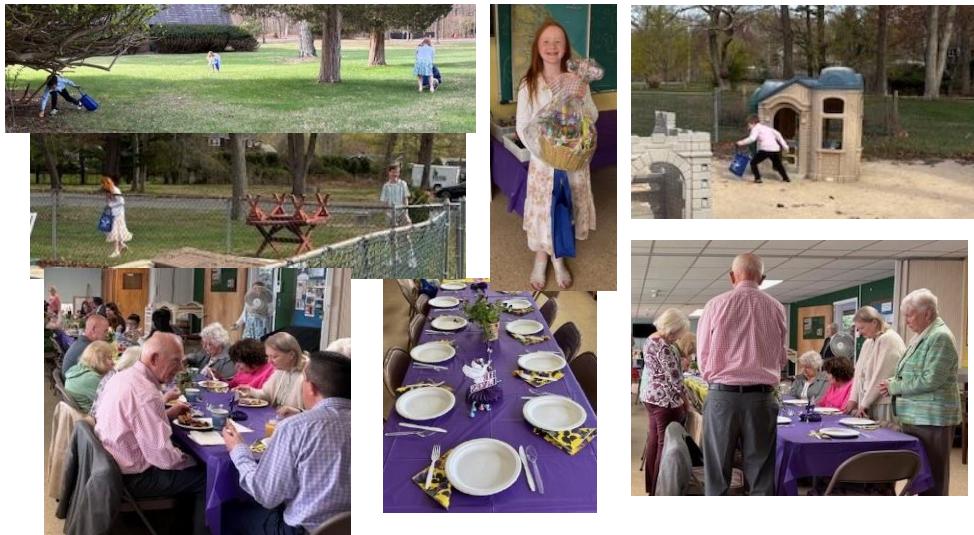
Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others. Whoever speaks must speak God's words. Whoever serves must serve with the strength that God supplies so that in every way God receives glory through Jesus Christ. Glory and power belong to Jesus Christ forever and ever! Amen.

We will be celebrating our volunteers formally in the very beginning of May, but in doing so, we should remember one volunteer, who was called to be with Jesus, just prior to Easter.

We are so thankful for the life and service of Doris Giegerich, who faithfully served Messiah in so many ways. So many of the adults in our congregation were taught by Mrs. Giegerich. In some cases, she acted as a second mother to some of the young people that she worked with. She was always positive and greeted everyone with a smile. Doris Giegerich was such a pillar of our congregation and she impacted the lives of everyone that she had the opportunity to work with. She was also incredibly instrumental in collecting food for the needy and delivering it to local food pantries. Thank you, Lord for allowing Mrs. Giegerich to be part of our flock for so long. We are grateful for her wonderful life and example.

Liann Dennis  
Messiah Council President

## ***Enjoying Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt Together!***



## ***Thank You!***

Thank you to everyone who was involved in preparing for our Easter celebrations here at Messiah.

Special thanks to Pastors Bell, Forbes, Wackenuth, and Unger, who led us throughout the Lenten season into our Lord's resurrection.

Thank you to our Altar Guild, decorators, musicians, lectors, etc.

Without you, none of our services would have come together.

Thank you to the Sussino family for setting up the Easter Egg Hunt.

A special shout out to our Fellowship Team, who helped to organize another wonderful Easter Breakfast.

We are so grateful to all of you for sharing your time and talents with us.



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.



**2 ~ Amy Gruenfelder, 5 ~ Emily Tanzi,  
7 ~ Helene Cassistre, 8 ~ Ruth Hawkins,  
Jennifer Setek, Kyle McGrady,  
10 ~ Savannah Levine, Aidan Clarke,  
11 ~ Daria Withers, 12 ~ Brian Schneider,  
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Natalie Anderson, 16 ~ Kaitlin Murphy,  
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Herb Baynon, 22 ~ Marcus Furrer, 23 ~Nicholas Belmonte,  
27 ~ Andrew Capozzi, 28 ~ Liann Dennis, Jeremy Guise,  
Derek Guise, 31 ~ Caryl Ann Levine, Alexis Bell, Julia 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 join us on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.  
to 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!**

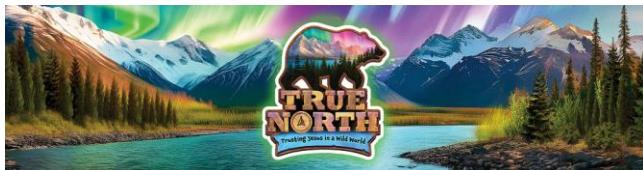
VBS will be held from August 25-29<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:info@messiahny.org)

## Upcoming Events:

### **Volunteer Luncheon - May 3rd at 11:30am**

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34  
He rejoices when we serve others.

If you haven't already, please RSVP to the church office.  
Looking forward to sharing in fellowship, all in the Glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



**Saturday, May 17th – join us for a Spring Tea with Bingo!**

**Cost is \$10 per person**

**Tickets will go on sale Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

### Save the Date

Lynn Greener has graciously offered to have her annual

**Wine & Cheese on Saturday, June 14th.**

Keep an eye out for more information.

**Our annual picnic will be held Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

after the service. More information to come.

### Mission of the Month ~ May, 2025 **Messiah Bible Fund**

Any missions donations made during the month of May will go towards the purchase of bibles -- to be distributed at community events, such as Farmers' Markets, Fairs, etc .

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity.

*To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to  
Messiah Lutheran Church, and write Bible Fund in the memo line, or  
for cash donation, write Bible Fund 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](mailto: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 both Adults and Children.



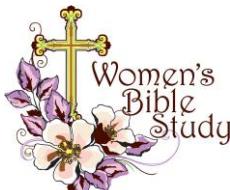
We are looking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about our faith. If interested, please speak with Liann Dennis.



### **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Midweek Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Our current study is on the 40 days between Easter and the Ascension of Our Lord. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

Women's Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

If you have questions, 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 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.

### **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



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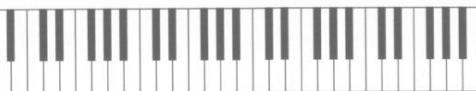
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