



*Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

**December 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.

A friend recently sent me the following scripture:

Exodus 14:14: ***"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still".***

This scripture is so relevant as we head into the holidays when things are so busy. It's even more relevant for us as a congregation when things are starting to get frustrating. With the lack of pastoral coverage, we've been scrambling to put together lay leadership, find sermons, and just run the church in general. At times like this, it seems so disheartening and it's so easy to just give up and to not trust in the process.

This verse speaks so clearly to us, but the most important thing for us to understand about it, is how chaotic the situation was when it was given. This verse appears at an incredibly critical time in Bible history. It is a part of the story where the Israelites are trapped between the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptian army. They are reminded to just be still and trust in God.

While it is incredibly hard to trust in God when things are so uncertain, we can remember that God is always faithful to us if we just trust in Him. He parted the Red Sea and delivered the Israelites. He will deliver us just as surely if we just have faith and let Him do his work.

Please pray for us and for our future as a congregation:

Heavenly Father,

We know that things are tough for us right now, but we know that you have a divine plan for us. We know that you have our Pastor chosen and that we just need to trust you to deliver him to us. Lord, we ask you for patience and for faith, because sometimes it's so hard. Bless our church family at Messiah. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Love and peace from your Messiah Family,

Liann M. Dennis

And the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Council



Birthdays



1 ~ Angela Maggio, 3 ~ Ken Benes, Tess Young,
Spencer Woolley, 4 ~ Sue Benes, Lee Ann Sickler,
Austin Wissing, 5 ~ Jessica Bell, Jaden Rotella,
6 ~ Brian McGinley, Charlie Koehler,
Rich Marcinowski, Connor McGinley,
7 ~ Jerome Varvaro, 13 ~ Chase Wolanski,
Anjali Sickler, 14 ~ Abigail Frank 17 ~ John Blasco,
Evelyn Setek, 18 ~ Karen Spitz, Nancy McCabe,
Christopher Noakes, 19 ~ Robbie Baguio 21 ~ Karen Underwood, Ashley
Lyman, 22 ~ Christine Liguori 26 ~ Susan Edelman,
27 ~ Joseph Mackey, Madison Calvanese, Ryan Gudelinis,
29 ~ Kylie Smith 30 ~ Kristina Evans, John Iaccino,
31 ~ Sophia Florio, Delaney Florio

Sunday Service Schedule



On Sundays, we begin at 9:00 am with Sunday School for adults and children, as well as Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th 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.



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

THE ANGEL GIVING TREE IS UP!

Please take an Angel, buy the item listed on the back, and bring it back to the church. Please leave the **unwrapped** gift under the tree by **Sunday, December 7th**.

These items will go to families in the local community.

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



Save the Date:

Epiphany – Monday, Jan 5

Join us at 6:00 pm for refreshments, burning of the Advent Wreaths, and chalking of the door.

Thanksgiving Feast

Thank you to all who attended and helped out with our annual feast!



Thank You!!



Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected almost 200 food items! Our congregation is such a blessing. We have helped feed many families who are struggling in our community this Thanksgiving & Christmas season.

Thank you to all who attended the baby shower for the Smith family.
We love our Messiah families! May God bless them.





Come and See

Wednesdays during Advent

Evening Soup Supper/Devotions

Bring your family! All are welcome.

Dec 3rd – 5:30 pm Family Advent Wreath Making

Dec 10th – 6:00 pm Soup Supper/Devotions

Dec 17th – 6:00 pm Soup Supper/Devotions

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

Sundays during Advent

Sunday, Nov 30th ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

Sunday, Dec 7th ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Congregation Meeting

Sunday, Dec 14th ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

Sunday, Dec 21st ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Worship

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec 24th ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 pm - Family Candlelight Service

8:00 pm – Candlelight Service

Thursday, Dec 25th ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Worship



Helping Our Neighbors 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 ~ December, 2025

Local Congregational Relief

This month, we will be supporting our own church with missions donations.

This will certainly help in meeting our budget needs,
preparing for a new pastor, and covering any unexpected expenses.

To donate, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church,
and write "Congregation Relief" in the memo line,
or for cash donation, write "Congregation Relief" 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

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

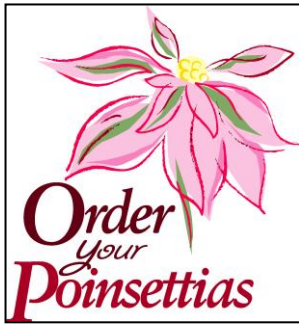
Living away from home can be
a lonely experience.

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 25th. The price of each plant

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

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

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 25th _____

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.



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.

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 Friday, Dec. 19th 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!



P R A Y E R C H A I N

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, or fill out a pink prayer card in the pew.

Our prayer team is ready to pray for you!

Thank you!

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 on

Hiatus until January.

Please watch emails and announcements
for class dates and times



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-week Bible Study is on

Hiatus until January.

Please watch emails and announcements
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CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th 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

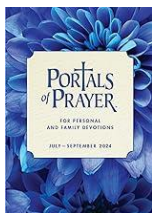


Portals of Prayer

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.



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website, 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 table in the narthex.

Please complete card and place it in the box. Thank you!



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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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