

Death has
been swallowed
up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:54,
NIV

April 2025 Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

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

As we go through our Lenten season, we have so many opportunities. Opportunities for reflection, for observance, for repentance. While many look at Lent as a time to give something up, sometimes we miss the greater purpose. We have such a beautiful opportunity to spend the days leading up to Easter, growing closer to Jesus and to attempt to understand how great his sacrifice really was. To understand how much it means for us, as sinners.

If you've given something up this year, to try to understand the meaning of sacrifice, I also challenge you to pick something up: your Bible. Take the opportunities to read some of the stories. Read about the challenges that our Lord and his disciples had to endure, just to get us all to the point of salvation. While WE sacrifice small things, the vast majority of THEM sacrificed everything to ensure that God's word continued to spread, so that ALL can be saved. This Easter, I challenge you to follow in their footsteps, even a little bit.

Come to the Lord's table. Bring those that you love with you. Remember that Jesus loves you and so do we.

Liann Dennis
And the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Council



Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Personal Hygiene and Clothing Drive for Lighthouse Mission! Your kind generosity helps so many people on Long Island!



Thank you so much to everyone who came out for our Youth Lock-In!

Yes, we're tired, but it was a lot of fun.

If you have an idea for a youth event that you would be interested in leading, please contact Liann Dennis, so we can get everything on the schedule.



Our Call Committee is up and running. Thank you to all those who have volunteered! Be on the lookout for emails from Carl and Liann with meeting schedules and updates



1 ~ Karen Uhl-Smith, **2** ~ Nancy Underwood, Christopher Varvaro, Bill Spitz, Sarah Wood, **5** ~ Julia Cirrone, **6** ~ Luke VanDyke, **7** ~ Scott Eriksen, **8** ~ Rev. Nils Niemeier; **9** ~ Mark Jones, **10** ~ Michele Hass, **11** ~ Ashley Mendriski, Garrett Schneider, **12** ~ Lisa TeNyenhuis, **13** ~ Arthur Morris, Catherine Dennis, **16** ~ Sara Murphy, Jesse Guise, Olivia Brazier, **17** ~ Wayne Mechow, **18** ~ Kenneth Klunder, **24** ~ David Koehler, **25** ~ Matthew Cirrone, Deirdre Milligan, **26** ~ Steven Duignan, **27** ~ Kim Andersen. **28** ~ Thomas Buttaro, **29** ~ Patricia Hansen, Avonlea TeNyenhuis, Hayden Bell, Alec Star, Adrienne Varvaro.



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, April 25th 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 is coming back from August 25-29th.

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.



Upcoming Events:



Decorate the church for Easter

Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 am

Please join us!



Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:30 am Egg Hunt

9:00 am Breakfast

Sign up in the Narthex!

Save the date:



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

ATLANTIC DISTRICT LWML SUFFOK ZONE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington

Friday, May 16 – Saturday, May 17

Title: Where are you going in 2025

***Please call the church office (631) 751-1775 for more info
Forms are available in the Narthex***

Preparing for Lent and Easter

Wednesdays during Lent

April 2 and April 9

Snacks and Devotions, starting at 6:30 pm

Please see the Sign Up sheets in the Narthex for more info.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 13th

Palm Sunday

10:00 am

April 17th

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm

April 18th

Good Friday – Tenebrae Service

7:00 pm

April 20th

Easter Sunday

10:00 am

Messiah Lutheran Church

Easter Plants Order Form

Name: _____

Envelope # _____

Easter Plants

_____ Number of Plants X \$15.00 each = \$ _____

To the Glory of God in loving memory of:

To the Glory of God in honor of:

To the Glory of God in thankfulness for:

Checks should be made payable to:
“Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church”

All orders must be placed by **April 6th** in order to be included in the Easter Memorial insert.





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!

Mission of the Month ~ April, 2025

Easter Living Memorial – Church Discretionary Fund

Any missions donations made during the month of April will go towards our church discretionary fund.

This fund is used to help those in our community who are faced with emergency needs.

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity.

*To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to
Messiah Lutheran Church, and write Easter Memorial in the memo line,
or for cash donation, write Easter Memorial 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!

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.

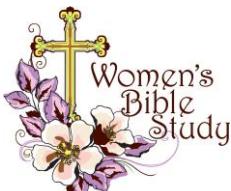


We are looking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about our faith. If interested, please speak with Liann Dennis.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study is on hiatus until after Easter, and will resume on Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 pm.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is on hiatus until after Easter, and will resume on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 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. Beginning April 22, Class will return to Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.

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

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 **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.



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



Would you like to come to church, but are in need of transportation?

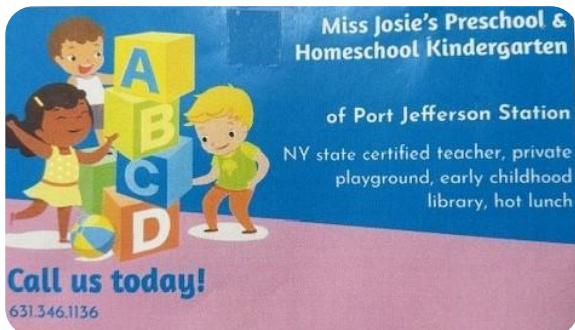
Please contact the church office at (631) 751-1775.

We may be able to arrange a ride for you!

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