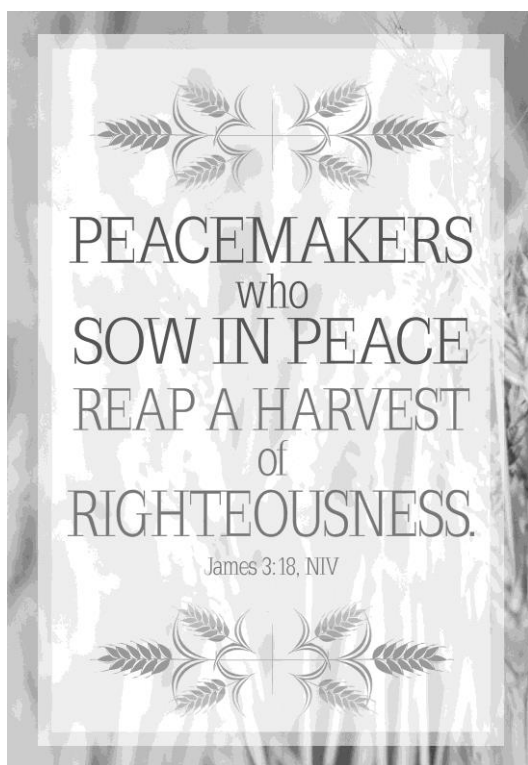




October 2025 Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a time for everything, and a season for every purpose under the heavens.

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Brothers and sisters of Messiah,

As the awesome colors of autumn begin to make an appearance and the new season begins to unfold, we are reminded that we are coming into a season of reflection, gratitude, and gathering. It's a time to pause and take in the fruits of the year so far. Whether you're harvesting blessings or sowing new seeds of hope, this month offers us a fresh opportunity to walk in faith, remain grounded in purpose, and embrace the beauty of God's timing. It is a time for us to open our hearts and spirits and to prepare ourselves for renewal.

I ask you to continue to keep our church home in your prayers and pray that God brings us the perfect Pastor to shepherd our flock.

Blessing to all of you. You are so loved.

Love in Christ,
Liann Dennis
Messiah Council President




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!



A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL AT OUR OCTOBERFEST PICNIC!

Our Picnic was held on Sunday, September 14th
Thank you to everyone who came out for our picnic kicking off
the 2025-2026 Sunday School year!

We enjoyed all kinds of good food and fellowship with one
another, as well as fun games!
Sincere thanks to all who helped!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Birthdays

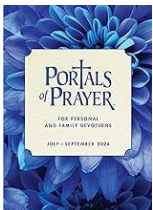


1 Jeffrey Noakes, **2** Megan Wood, **3** Michael Rutowicz, **6** Bryce Wooley, Clayton Hofler, Derek Setek, **7** Robert Anderson, Christian Bell, Pat Klunder, **8** Daniel Ochei, Matthew Genow, Colin Hassell, Ann Gorse, **10** Addison Depinto, **11** Robert Underwood, Judy Dragotta, **12** Heidi Gross, Robin Ochei, Maxwell Furrer, **14** Joseph Cirrone, **15** Madison Mendriski, **17** Kenneth Hass, Walker Bell, **18** Kristin Mertz, **20** Elizabeth Blasco, Nicholas Castellano, **21** Bill Bambina, **22** Jocelyn Riley, **23** Michael Rotella, **24** Brynn Smith, **26** Ryan Connolly, Noah Carey, **27** Kirsten Hassell, Lisa Anderson

Church Council Members:

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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.

Mark Your Calendars!



Live It! – Bring Your Bible to School/Work Day –
Thurs., Oct 2nd is a national day when people
can share God's Word with others.

Go to www.focusonthefamily.com for more info.



Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, Oct. 4th at 2:00 pm.
Bring your pets for a blessing and enjoy some light
refreshments. We would like to thank Pastor Debernay
who will administer the blessing at this event! SCPD will
be there with their canines as well!



Spooktacular Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 25th 2:00 – 4:00 pm - Join us for a safe
alternative to Trick or Treating. Games, fun, and lots of
candy! ***We need church members to volunteer to
decorate their trunks and hand out candy.*** Looking for
Food Trucks and Vendors. If you know of anyone or are
attending a vendor fair, hand out our vendor form. They
can be found on the table in the narthex or on our website.

Join in the fun!

Basket Raffle – It's That Time Again!

We need people to make themed gift baskets
For our annual fundraiser.

Some examples of basket themes: Movie Night, Family
Game Night, Pasta Night, Craft Day for the Kids,
Tea Party and whatever else you can think of.

Please be sure to attach a list of the items in the basket.

Please have all baskets in no later than **Oct. 18th** so we can start selling tickets.

Baskets will be raffled off in November.

Any questions, please speak to Nancy McCabe.



All Saints Day is November 1st.

If you have lost a loved one in the faith during this
past year, and would like their name included in the
Messiah Commemoration, please call the church
office at (631) 751-1775.

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are collecting Thanksgiving food items for families in the local community. Please help us feed local families who are struggling.

Here are the items we are collecting: cans of cranberry sauce, cans of vegetables, mashed potatoes, cans of yams/sweet potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cans of fruit, desserts (check dates), Bottled Water/Juice/Soda, Coffee/Tea, Paper Goods, and gift cards for food store (for turkeys).

All items are needed at Messiah by **Sun., Nov. 16th**.

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!



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



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.



Mission of the Month ~ October, 2025

Mill Neck School for the Deaf

Mill Neck Family of Organizations is an organization made up of a group of nonprofits, including Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck Deaf Services, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and Mill Neck Foundation. Their vision is to create a world in which Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are included, empowered, celebrated and embraced as equals through quality education, sign language, spiritual development, employment, and habilitation programs and services.

To donate, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write "Mill Neck" in the memo line, or for cash donation, write "Mill Neck" on your envelope.

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, Oct 17th at 10:00 am** 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. ***Thank you for all the donations and for the time and energy to package these kits for suffering people!***



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!



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



**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2nd --
don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour!**



**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!



The Call Committee has completed the first stage of the process,
the Congregational Self Study.

The study was submitted to the Bishop, and he later met with us to get to know us better, and to determine the best situation for us going forward. 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.

PARISH EDUCATION:

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School for children and adults
is held on Sundays at 9:00 am

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-week Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at
5:30 pm. Bring your Bible and a notebook!
All are welcome!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible Study resumes on
Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm.

We will be using the book,
"Chosen - a Study of Esther" by Donna Snow.
Copies are available for purchase from Amazon
and Concordia Publishing House (cph.com)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders
is held on Sundays at 9:00 am
Contact the church office for more info.
Info is available on the church website
www.messiahny.org



**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!

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!

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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