



July/August 2026 Messiah Messenger

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Jeremiah 29:11 - “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Messiah,

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from

God our Father and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and for your constant prayers for our church home and family. Following our recent Congregational Meeting, I know that many of you have shared thoughts and questions. I'm really pleased to say that many of you have also taken the opportunity to step up and offer support. Not just with thoughts and prayers, but with actions. Over the past two years, we've encouraged people to step out of their comfort zone and to take on some leadership opportunities in the church. I was very encouraged by how many of you asked to be part of the solutions for Messiah as we make plans to continue the ministry of our church. As a family, we are so much stronger when we work together. While we are taking some very important steps right now, do not be discouraged. God has a plan for us. He's setting us up to be stronger when he executes that plan. Continue to pray. Continue to attend our services and activities and continue to have faith that our God knows everything and he loves all of us. His will be done.

Love, Liann and the Messiah Council.



Messiah Reaching Out

The Stewardship Board would like to send greetings to those who are home bound, fighting illness, baptism families, those in the military, etc. If you know of someone who would like to receive an uplifting card from us, please contact the church office or talk to Tracey Donohue.



An Important Update from our Strategic Planning Committee:

Over the past several months, our congregation has had many thoughtful discussions about Messiah's future. Those conversations have made one thing clear: God has blessed our congregation in many ways, and we have an opportunity to build a strong and sustainable future for generations to come. To help guide that effort, the Church Council has established the **Strategic Planning Committee**.

Our committee has been asked to focus on three primary goals:

1. **Strengthen Messiah's spiritual and financial health.**
2. **Increase participation through our members' time, talents, and treasures.**
3. **Create a sustainable future that supports the calling of a pastor and expands Christ's ministry through Messiah.**

Our Mission

The Strategic Planning Committee exists to prayerfully develop and recommend both a short-term and long-term vision for Messiah Lutheran Church—one that strengthens our spiritual vitality, encourages greater participation in worship and ministry, ensures financial sustainability, and supports the calling of a pastor.

Together, through God's grace, we can build a vibrant and sustainable future for Messiah Lutheran Church.



God Bless our Confirmands



***Olivia Brazier
Emma McCabe
Dylan McCabe
Mia Susinno
Jacob Susinno***

***Special thanks to
Pastor David Wackenhuth
for officiating!***

Thank You!

*Thank you to all who helped with and attended our Annual Church Picnic.
It was a wonderful day! Delicious food and fellowship!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



1 ~ John Tanzi, 2 ~ Dorothy Baum,
Barbara Brownworth, Elizabeth Sackett,
5 ~ Melanie Mackey, 6 ~ Megan Connolly, 10 ~ Rachel Anderson,
11 ~ Teddy Record, 12 ~ Ernie Dinda, 14 ~ Phyllis Grebe,
15 ~ Olivia Moravick, 16 ~ Jillian Mackey, Elizabeth Smith,
17 ~ Libby Star, 18 ~ Barbara Robertson, Rebekah Detwiler,
21 ~ Thom Brownworth, Donnalee Morris, 22 ~ Patricia Collins,
25 ~ Thatcher Bell, Jillian Bell, Chris Cuvier, 26 ~ Steven Jones,
27 ~ Michael Schneider, 28 ~ Jessica Musano, 29 ~ Hayden Donohue,
Olivia Tantillo, 30 ~ Paul TeNyenhuis, 31 ~ Ethan Young, Jake Gazura

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



1 ~ Paul Shin, 4 ~ Guy Gourlay,
Christopher Retzlaff, Jacqlyn Melita,
5 ~ Zachary Furrer, 6 Michael Bayles,
Linda Unger, 7 ~ Rachel Dennis,
8 ~ Anna Noakes, 9 ~ Heather Schmidke, Amberly Smith,
10 ~ Patricia TeNyenhuys, 11 ~ Tonja Detwiler, 12 ~ Justin McGrady,
Nicholas Gross, 13 ~ Joshua Carey, 14 ~ Alexander Gross, Jacob Baum,
15 ~ Christina Gross, Caiden Hassell, Sophie Galasso,
16 ~ Anne Marie Jones, Mary Sackett, Deanna Tarquinio,
19 ~ Genevieve Moravick, James Lisanckie IV,
20 ~ Ashlynn McCabe, Eric Scianna, Joseph Anderson, Emma Clontz,
21 ~ Sharon Van Dyke, Astrid Larsen, 22 ~ Rachel Fournier,
Travis Collins, 25 ~ Julia Evans, 26 ~ Esther Shin, 27 ~ Dylan McCabe,
30 ~ Dona Rutowicz, Hannah Bronleben, 31 ~ Marcie Marciniowski,
Derek Andersen, Felicity Hyams, Emma McCabe.



The Lutheran Women's Mission League

Please watch announcements and emails for our next meeting date, when we will 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!

Vacation Bible School

Come with us to Rainforest Falls this year!

VBS is coming back from August 24-28th.

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 consider loaning Tiki Furniture!

Also, we need: paper towel tubes, brown packaging paper, 10" clear plastic plates, and blue & green tissue paper.

Please contact Nancy Murphy or Liann Dennis as soon as possible.

Register your children to attend – Forms are in the Narthex!



Upcoming Events:



Ice Cream Social – July 11th at 2:00 pm

The church will supply vanilla, chocolate, and cookies & cream ice cream.

Please sign up to attend and bring an item to share.

Ex: toppings (no nuts please) other flavors of ice cream, Italian Ices, Dairy Free, Sugar Free, or Gluten Free items.



3 Village Farmers' Market – Friday, July 31st 3 – 7 pm

Join us to promote Messiah's mission to our community!

Shoe Drive

We are collecting gently used or new shoes in order to raise funds for Messiah.

This is a great time to clean out your closet, help the environment, and help those in developing countries.

Tell your family, friends, neighbors, etc.

We need to collect 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes per bag, so let's spread the word!!



West Meadow Beach Fellowship Friday, August 7th, join us at West Meadow Beach for fellowship.

Bring what you would like to eat, drink and sit on.

If you don't already have one, you will need a virtual town sticker - see www.brookhavenny.gov/223/Parking-Information or use the available pay stations. As you enter, go to the left side of the beach.

Candlelight Concert Saturday, Sept 26th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm or 8:30 – 9:30 pm

Join us here at Messiah for an unforgettable evening of music featuring the music of Fleetwood Mac

Tickets are available at www.lumos-experiences.com – book tickets now!



Mission of the Month ~ July, 2026

Apple of His Eye Mission Society

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society exists to boldly declare Y'shua as the Messiah and urgently equip God's people to do the same.

This ministry is passionate about telling Jewish people and gentiles that Jesus is the promised Messiah and invite them to respond in faith.

To give a financial gift, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write "Apple of His Eye" in the memo line, or for cash donation, write "Apple of His Eye" on your envelope.

Mission of the Month ~ August, 2026

OSNAS (Our Savior New American School)

OSNAS began in 1992 as a mission to Our Savior Lutheran Church. OSNAS is a classical Christian school seeking to honor Jesus Christ in everything they do.

We are blessed to support them with prayer and financial gifts. To donate, please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and write "OSNAS" in the memo line, or for cash donation, write "OSNAS" on your envelope.

Thank you, as always for your kind generosity!



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!



P R A Y E R C H A I N

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, or to request prayer.

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

How You Can Help at Messiah

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The apostle Paul talks about the Church functioning like a body with Christ as the head. And just like a human body has hands and feet, each person in the church - the Body of Christ - has unique gifts. They can contribute to the vibrant life of God's community. Together, we are the hands and feet of Jesus in the world today.

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 & rewarding responsibility that involves using one's gifts to serve others.

All our boards need help!

***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 setup 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

Volunteers - Help Needed!

We are in need of help for many of our events. Please prayerfully consider helping with our events:

- VBS - Monday August 24th to Friday August 28th at 9am to 12pm
- Trunk or Treat/Vendor Fair – Saturday, Oct. 24th at 12pm to 4pm

We also need volunteers for:

- Running & creating the Power Point for Sunday Services
- Parsonage Committee
- Fundraising Committee

please speak with Liann!

PARISH EDUCATION:



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is on hiatus for the summer.
Adult class continues at 9:00 am



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 for the summer.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th graders is on hiatus for the summer.



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, *and now on Instagram* pages on our website, www.messiahny.org.

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Service Helper Schedule for July and Aug 2026						
Week	Svc	Lector	Acolyte	Communion	PowerPoint	Live-stream
July 5	10 AM	Carl Caminske	Olivia Brazier	Carl Caminske Mark Jones	Nancy Murphy	Donnalee Morris
Jul 12	10 AM	Janet Carey	Mia Susinno	Joe Cirrone Ken Mertz	Hannah Donohue	Hayden Donohue
Jul 19	10 AM	Kyle Donohue	Dylan McCabe	Kyle Donohue Bill Bambina	Sharon VanDyke	Luke VanDyke
Jul 26	10 AM	Guy Gourlay	Emma McCabe	Mark Jones Bob Biazzo	Bill Bambina	Bill Bambina
Aug 2	10 AM	Marilyn Jaeger	Jacob Susinno	Ken Mertz Barbara Brownworth	Nancy Murphy	Donnalee Morris
Aug 9	10 AM	Chichi Ochei	Olivia Brazier	Bill Bambina Carl Caminske	Sharon VanDyke	Luke VanDyke

Piano Lessons

All ages, all levels

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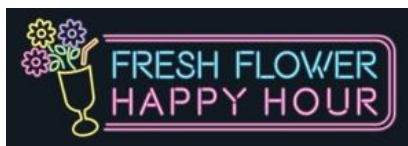


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