

The Messenger

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MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

To help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.

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Our Values for Ministry

- To lift high in prayer the name of Jesus Christ in all we say and do;
- to enable all persons to experience a worshipful relationship with Jesus Christ;
- to nurture and empower all persons to be disciples through a small group centered ministry that includes learning, service, fellowship, and spiritual growth;
- to help every Christian discover her/his spiritual gifts for ministry;
- to assist in the care of a hurting world.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule Change

Sunday, July 3: 4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 4th Weekend

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – In-person & Live Stream with Communion

Sunday, July 10: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – In-person & Live Stream with Communion

Sunday, July 17: 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Pittsburgh Mission Trip Sending

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – In-person & Live Stream with Communion

Sunday, July 24: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – In-person & Live Stream with Communion

Sunday, July 31: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – In-person & Live Stream with Communion



Pr Tim Updates

NEW STAFF

Josh Gumbert – Technical Director. While Josh attempts to stay in the background, you'll see him checking mics and leveling the sounds at both the outdoor and 10:30 services. Josh brings a strong professional background from the sound and music industry, and he is an accomplished drummer. We are excited about the gifts he brings, and we look forward to working with him.

Pr. David Williamson – Visitation Pastor. Pastor Dave will assist Pastor Tim with home-bound visitations. Pastor Dave is retired, having served in the congregation as well as a chaplain at Dupont Hospital. He also currently leads a grief class at Messiah on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We welcome the compassion Pr. Dave brings to Messiah.

Portia Howard – Childcare Director. Ms. Portia is a bundle of smiles. We welcome her to her full-time role as Messiah's Childcare Director. She served as our Assistant Director since early 2020. Portia has been busy navigating the Indiana early childhood approval process during our renovation and she is also preparing our ministry to provide care for infants and toddlers under 2 yrs. old. We are extremely thankful for the joy and passion Portia brings to our ministry.

BUILDING NEWS

All rooms in the educational wing of our building have passed all local inspections and early childhood state approvals!!! If you haven't walked down that side of the building, you really should check it out. Our last bit of work in the educational wing is staging the rooms for infants and toddlers under 2. Messiah has received a \$30,580 matching grant from the Lutheran Foundation to purchase new equipment like cribs, changing tables, diaper genies, and appliances like a washer and dryer and new refrigerator. We are extremely thankful for the Lutheran Foundation's generosity and its commitment to the education and well-being of young children!

The office area and main corridor are anticipated to come to completion by July 8th. The work may still be taking place in the kitchen and gym areas, but that is expected to be fin-

ished by the end of July. In August, the work will shift to the complete renovation of the main bathrooms. Then in September, the focus will shift to the Narthex and Sanctuary. We will not have access to the sanctuary space for 8 weeks. The entire project is projected to finish by November 4th!

We need to give a big thank you to Rex Smith for arranging our temporary air conditioning. Because of the delays in our new equipment arriving, Rex was concerned about us having AC in the heat of the summer. However, our new unit has arrived and should be installed and running by the first week of July!!!

The work on the outside continues to move along smoothly. We're still waiting for gutters to arrive. Painting of the green is nearly completed on the north side of the building. The AC condenser and the boilers have arrived and are under installation. We expect the chiller to arrive and be installed during the first week of June, after which new controls will be installed.

Thank you for your continued prayers, your ongoing financial commitments, and most importantly, your response to the crucified and risen Christ for the sake of the world.

CALL PROCESS FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

We're ready to interview candidates!!! Our Call Team (Noah Smith, Chairperson, Jeff Phillips, Sashelle Rose, Steve Ealing, and Stefanie Hamrick) has done the difficult footwork of creating the job description and completing the "Congregational Ministry Profile" for Messiah's ELCA mobility profile.

Now, Messiah's information is available to any current rostered ordained person throughout the entire ELCA. It is also available to all graduating seminary students. And our Indiana-Kentucky Synod will also promote our opening to other synods.

What happens next? The real work begins. The IK Synod will direct candidates, those interested or those they feel qualified, to our call team for interviews. As a result, our call team will begin the very difficult work of interviewing and discerning which candidate might be best for Messiah Lutheran Church.

In the event the call team finds that candidate, they will forward that person to the Board of Directors for an interview process. And finally, if the Board approves of a candidate, it will forward that person to the congregation for consideration.

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CALL PROCESS FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR, continued

Make no mistakes about it. This is a difficult process. There are a number of rules in the process which can complicate it even further. So, we need your prayers. Please continue praying for the following:

Wisdom and Patience for the Call Team in this process

Messiah Lutheran Church to seek and trust God's guidance

All potential candidates that may have interest in this position

Our Synod staff that works diligently to help us during this process.

These are exciting times for Messiah Lutheran Church. We have much to be thankful for and look forward to. Thanks be to God!

In Christ's love,

Pr. Tim Graham

A/V Help Wanted

Help Wanted! Video Producers, and Power Point Presenters Needed!

If you are interested in learning more or are willing to help in the audio/visual booth for Sunday morning worship, please contact Cory Dold.

Lawn Mowing Help Needed

Are you willing to help mow the church lawn? The more volunteers we have the fewer times any one person must mow. Please contact the church office at 260-485-8716 if you are willing to be added to the rotation!



Worship for Summer Days

It has been a hot summer, and if you are like me, you are probably finding every possible reason to not venture out into the sunshine. But there are certain activities that we need to do, and worship is one of them. Our 9:00 a.m. outdoor service is about as pleasant as any other activity, and it doesn't take much work. Bring a lawn chair, join us in the shade at the Tony

Hickman Outdoor Chapel, and relax while you worship. The early morning temperatures are bearable, the fellowship is wonderful, and the uplifting music and message combine to create a great start to your week. (If it happens to be raining, we will meet indoors.)

If the outdoor early service is too early for you, too hard on your allergies, or not to your taste, come and join us at the 10:30 service indoors. Music by Isaiah's Vision or guest musicians will certainly lift your spirits, and the air-conditioning feels mighty good! I hope to see you there!

Soli Deo gloria—All glory be to God!

For Messiah's Worship and Music Ministry,

Stan Engle

GROWTH & LEARNING

Messiah Bible Studies

Below is a schedule of the Bible study groups:

Tuesday Quest at 9 AM – Summer Break until August 2, 2022

Wednesday at 10 AM – Summer Break until August 3rd, 2022

Thursday at 10 AM – Summer Break until August 4th, 2022

Thursday Good News Study Group at 6:30 PM – Summer break until August 11th, 2022

NO EXPERIENCE OR PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY! If you have an interest in deepening your faith and learning more about the Bible, please prayerfully consider joining us. Please send an email to pastortim.messiah@gmail.com.

Childcare and Preschool

We will be hosting our 3rd annual *Whip N Chill* Food Truck Day! It will be Tuesday, July 26th, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. They will have sno-cones and ice cream of all sorts available to purchase during that time. They will be parked in the small parking lot on the North side of the church. See you there!

CARE & NURTURE

Parish Health Team

You're watching a great movie on TV and your phone rings – it is easy to hit the pause button on the movie...wouldn't it be great to hit a pause button on our life when we are stressed with too many activities or anxious about a life situation? If we could just freeze time to catch our breath or think about what to do next – that may be so helpful!

God has given us some built-in pauses in life. We have light separated from dark so that we (most of us) can rest and recharge for our next day of activity. It is up to us to take that pause and give our bodies the needed rest of a good nights' sleep. We also need to pause to give our body and mind a break when we are in the midst of stressful situations and commitments in order to not become overwhelmed. It seems to work best when we take a break before we become completely exhausted. The longer we put that off – the longer we need to recharge and recover. Knowing what kind of pause works best for each of us is also key.

We all need a spiritual pause as well – recharging through worship and Bible study and fellowship with others. This gives us strength for the day and hope for the future.

Discover the “pause” that works to help you catch your breath!

Here is a little food for thought – Did you know that 1 cup of cantaloupe provides 6% of your daily fiber with zero fat or cholesterol and 100% of your daily Vitamin C recommendation? It also supplies all you need for a day of Vitamin A which helps to keep your eyes, skin, bones, and immune system healthy as well as 12% of your daily Potassium which is important for your heart, muscles, and blood pressure.

Sounds like we all need to head to the farmers market for cantaloupe!!!!

~~Your Parish Nurses

Woman to Woman

July 2022

I am thankful, loving Father,

1. for the gift of hope in troubling times. 20¢
2. for the beauty of summer and the glorious world around us. 5¢
3. for peace in the world today. 10¢
4. for our freedom as a nation and those who fight to preserve it. 25¢
5. for the strength you give me when I need it. 10¢
6. for the gift of contentment. 5¢
7. for the comfort and challenge of your word. 10¢
8. for the faithful ministry of Pastor Tim and all of our church staff. Bless them always. 5¢
9. for creating me and all that exists. 10¢
10. for hearing us every time we talk to you. Help us to be more faithful in prayer. 25¢
11. for the powerful message and harmony of music to inspire us and bring us joy. 5¢
12. for the gift of my car that takes me where I want to go. 10¢
13. for the praises we sing to your holy name. 25¢
14. for the blessings you have bestowed on me; may I be eternally grateful. 10¢
15. for giving me the faith I need to do God's will, through Christ. 5¢
16. for the washing machine which makes laundry so much easier. 10¢
17. for the stars and their endless light, reminding me of your endless love. 25¢
18. for your faithful presence in times of stress. 10¢
19. for the Bible and the power of God's written word. 25¢
20. for creating within each person her own unique gift to share. 15¢
21. for the many gifts and joys of summer given to us through God's bountiful blessings.
10¢
22. for the opportunity to share your love through Christ. 20¢
23. Lord, give me patience to understand what you need of me. 5¢
24. for the gift of prayer. Lead me to continue praying always. 15¢
25. for the gifts of community and fellowship. 10¢
26. for the gift of forgiveness. Is there someone I need to forgive? 5¢
27. for providing strength and courage in times of trial and suffering. 10¢
28. for our sick and shut-ins; may we minister to them in their times of need. 10¢
29. for the gift of humor to see in life's many light moments. 10¢
30. Help me, Lord, to be a problem solver and not just a problem. 5¢
31. Help me to remember you answer prayers in your time, not mine. 20¢

Please remember to bring or send offering to church on Sunday, July 27

OUTREACH & IN TOUCH

Food Bank Outreach

Thank you for your continued support of Maplewood Mennonite, Faith, and Purdue Fort Wayne Food Pantries. Items needed for this month are canned vegetables, canned beans, egg noodles, shampoo, body soap, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated items, and shopped. We had a successful sale making over \$2,600 to support the youth mission trips! **A special thanks to Fran, Jaci, Erin, and Mary!**

Messiah Quilters

What have the Messiah Quilters been up to?

Perhaps you saw the 40 lap quilts that were blessed a few weeks ago during both services. These lap quilts are now serving senior residents at Glenbrook Rehab facility along with 75 bright and colorful pillowcases. Raquel Jones (Activities Director at Glenbrook) was on hand during one of the services to welcome the quilts to their facility. Pillowcases were also given to these various organizations:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) – 48 pillowcases

Shepherd's House – 29 pillowcases

St. Joe Mission Shelter – 30 pillowcases

Noble Senior Living – 64 pillowcases

Please come and join us as we continue to sew for Lutheran World Relief and our community every Thursday from 9 AM-noon in the Narthex. There are jobs for everyone – even non-sewers. Contact jaynereff@gmail.com if you desire more information.

OUTREACH & IN TOUCH (cont)

Lutheran Night with the Fort Wayne Tincaps!

Lutheran Night is Tuesday, August 2, at 7:05 PM. Go to <https://www.tincapstickets.com/group/event/lutherannight22/> to purchase tickets and for more details. This will be an exciting evening of baseball and is also a family feast night, followed by fireworks! Come on out to the ball game!

Arlington Elementary School Supplies

Messiah continues to help the kids at Arlington Elementary School. In the months of July and August, a designated collection box will be in the vestibule for all donated items. Thank you for supporting our partnership with Arlington! Needed supplies are:

3-ring binders	colored pencils	white school glue
2-pocket folders	erasers	12" rulers
wide-ruled notebook paper	crayons	hand sanitizer
composition books	washable colored markers	disinfectant wipes
pencil boxes/pouches	dry erase markers	kleenex
#2 pencils	glue sticks	backpacks

OPERATIONS

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Our vision includes a 3-5-year focus on...

MEAM – Messiah Emerging Adult Ministry (ages 20-30)

We desire to broaden our scope of ministry to meet the practical spiritual needs of single, young adults.

Messiah Lutheran Church will commit resources to expand hospitality and engagement to emerging adults.

In the next year, we will develop a social media ministry to engage young adults in meaningful issues of faith and life. We will also create a physical space on our premises that will foster hospitable and authentic conversations.

Families with Young Children

Messiah Lutheran Church desires to partner in worship and ministry with families with young children. Through our preschool and childcare ministry (Preschool/Childcare), we can meet the needs of this group, which comprises a large portion of the community surrounding the church. It is of utmost importance to connect with these families because youth are the lifeblood and future of our church.

We will build and strengthen our relationships to families with young children through the Preschool/Childcare ministry.

In the next five years, we dream of growing church membership within the Preschool/Childcare program from 10% to 60%. Furthermore, we desire to increase attendance and inclusion of the congregation at Preschool/Childcare events and Preschool/Childcare families at congregational events.

Forever Young

Messiah Lutheran Church is called by God to reach Empty Nesters, both those nearing retirement and those already retired, with the Good News of abundant life through Jesus Christ. The skills and experiences of these adults are a rich resource for our community.

We will offer them new opportunities for worship, for fellowship among themselves and within our congregation, seminars and personal services to maintain and improve their quality of life, and avenues for them to be of service to the community.

In each of the next 5 years, we will offer 4-6 meaningful outreach activities for personal growth, fellowship, and service.



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The People of Messiah

Senior Pastor

Timothy Graham, M. Div.

Pastor Emeritus

Carl H. Satre, D.D.

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Sunday Services

9:00 AM

outdoor in the

Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel

10:30 AM

In person and online