

The Messenger

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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

Sunday, Sept. 4: 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Labor Day Weekend

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel w/Communion

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

Sunday, Sept. 11: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

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

Sunday, Sept. 18: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

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

Sunday, Sept. 25: 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Confirmation

9:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – Confirmation Sunday, In-person & Live Stream w/Communion

*****Saturday, October 1st: Pet Blessings**

10:00 AM – Tony Hickman Chapel

**** Worship Returns Indoors to Satre Hall Gymnasium Sunday, October 2****

(This will likely happen by mid-September for 10:30 service)

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, Oct. 16th, 6:00 PM: Remembrance Service for Pregnancy, Infant, and Child Loss

Sunday, Nov. 20th, One Service, 10:00 AM: Building Project Dedication with Bishop Gafjken, followed by Luncheon and Congregational Meeting



Pr Tim Updates

CHILDREN & YOUTH CELEBRATIONS

Journey at Messiah (Sunday School) and Teacher Installation – Sunday school classes ramp up on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:30 AM. Meet the teachers and help us bless them and the students as they begin a new season of learning.

Bible Presentation Sunday, September 18, both services – We give and bless Bibles to children in our congregation and the Preschool/Childcare ministry.

Confirmation Sunday, September 25, at 10:30 AM – Join us as we celebrate our youth and this milestone in their faith journey when they affirm their baptismal vows.

Pittsburgh Mission Trip, Sunday, October 2 – Come and hear about how youth experienced transformation through serving others in their first mission trip.

Mexico Mission Trip, Sunday, October 16 – Join as we hear about this international experience and how it shapes the future in faith for our young adults.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Blessing of Pets – Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM, Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel – Bring your cat, your dog, your toad, or your frog...whatever the species (I think...!), bring your pet to the outdoor chapel for a blessing as we bless the animals and the special relationships that we share with them.

Service of Remembrance for Pregnancy, Infant, & Child Loss – Sunday, October 16, 6:00 PM, in the Satre Hall Gymnasium – October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month. One in four pregnancies end in loss. Many families suffer in silence and long to know they are not walking this path alone. The loss of a child stays with parents, friends, and family members forever. We include those who have lost adult children as well. Families face these deeply painful experiences daily but receive little attention.

If you have experienced a loss or would like to show care or support to someone who has, please consider joining us at Messiah for this candle lighting vigil.

BUILDING NEWS

Phase 4, the Satre Hall Gymnasium and main bathrooms, is under renovation now and will be completed in the next couple weeks. This means Phase 5 will begin — the sanctuary renovations. The main vestibule entryway, Door #1, will be closed as work begins there and moves through the narthex into the sanctuary. Please get used to using Door #2 (by the kitchen and library) for the next several weeks.

What does the renovation of the sanctuary include?

A new chancel platform that will extend from wall to wall, south to north. On the northside, an accessible ramp will be installed.

New carpeting and seating will be installed.

New wood trim features will expand across the chancel wall (below the stained glass). This wood will also cover the pillars on the side walls. Openings on each side of the pillars will be created to allow for daylight from the windows.

New house lighting and controls, as well as special lighting that surrounds the hanging cross.

In addition, new landscaping will surround the entire building. This was postponed until the fall in order to get grass planted. Parking lot repairs will be the last project to happen as we wait for the use of all big equipment to cease. It's possible that timing-wise the parking lot could happen in the spring of 2023.

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

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



Hard Hat Worship

Changes are coming! Beginning in September (probably after Labor Day) our 10:30 praise service will be held in the recently-renovated Satre Hall (our gymnasium). This will continue through October while construction is completed in the sanctuary. There will be chairs to sit on, and of course there will be great music, great preaching, and lots of praise. Same service, different venue.

During September our 9:00 a.m. service will continue to be held in the Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel on the west side of the church. If inclement weather threatens, we will move into Satre Hall. In October we will be in Satre Hall as well.

All these changes are a bit unsettling but also exciting. We know that God will use our refurbished building to help people find renewed life in Christ. Praise be to God!

And about the hard hats: they really aren't required. Just come as you are.

Soli Deo gloria—All glory be to God!

For Messiah's Worship and Music Ministry,

Stan Engle

GROWTH & LEARNING

Journey At Messiah (JAM)

The Journey is Messiah's children's ministry and JAM Time is our Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade, which meets Sunday mornings during the 10:30 worship service in the Childcare rooms 6 and 7.

Join us on Sunday, September 11, as we begin to meet again! Please bring your students to the Childcare hallway and we'll be there to help you find the right room for your child! And you can pick your child up from their room after the service.

In September we will be starting our rotation curriculum where we study one lesson over the span of 2-3 Sundays in various forms such as crafts, games, videos, and sometimes food!

This year we are also requesting an online registration. This just assures we have each student's most up to date contact information as well as any allergy and emergency information. The link to this registration will be on our website and Facebook page.

Messiah Youth Ministry

Watch emails and Messenger for student ministry information. If you know a student that would like to participate in EDGE, CIA, or PULSE please let Heidi know, heidijokissner@gmail.com. Weekly correspondence throughout the year is done through emails also.

This year we are also requesting an online registration. This just assures we have each student's most up to date contact information as well as any allergy and emergency information. The link to this registration will be in your emails. If you do not currently get these emails and would like to register a student, please contact Heidi and she can get that link to you! We are super excited to get back to our Sunday evenings with the kids!

Pulse

PULSE is our youth group for those entering grades 9-12, Fall 2022. We will be meeting on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Youth House.

GROWTH & LEARNING (*cont*)

PULSE kicks back up again in September, beginning Sunday, September 11, at the Youth House from 6-8 PM.

You all will begin getting Heidi's lovely weekly emails again with calendar updates and reminders.

On Sunday, September 25, we will meet at Putt-Putt on Coliseum from 6-8 PM. Cost is \$10/person and includes a game of Putt-Putt and/or go carts/another game of Putt-Putt (whatever group decides!) and some tokens. Kids are responsible for snack money.

CIA

CIA is our youth group for those middle school students entering grades 7-8, Fall 2022. CIA stands for Confirmation in Action; we call it this because these are the years when the kids go through Confirmation classes to prepare them for Confirmation in the fall of their Freshman year.

After Labor Day, Confirmation classes will start. Watch emails for more information on Confirmation classes. We also will meet at the Youth House various Sundays after the 10:30 service.

On Saturday, September 17, we will meet at Putt-Putt on Coliseum from 4-6 PM. Cost is \$10/person and includes a game of Putt-Putt and/or go carts/another game of Putt-Putt (whatever group decides!) and some tokens. Kids are responsible for snack money.

EDGE

EDGE is our youth group for those students entering grades 5-6, Fall 2022. Why EDGE? Because these students are riding on the edge of being kids and teenagers! EDGE is still part of our Journey (children's Sunday School program) and will have their own Bible study on Sundays after Labor Day during the second service, at 10:30 in the library.

Sunday, September 11, begins our Bible study time during the 10:30 worship in the library.

GROWTH & LEARNING (*cont*)

On Saturday, September 17, we will meet at Putt-Putt on Coliseum from 4-6 PM. Cost is \$10/person and includes a game of Putt-Putt and/or go carts/another game of Putt-Putt (whatever group decides!) and some tokens. Kids are responsible for snack money.

We will be meeting Sundays, September 18 and 25, 12-2 PM at the Youth House for a light lunch and to hang out.

Rally Sunday 2022

Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 11, and starts the official beginning of Messiah's Children's and Student Ministries' regular activities! We've missed all the students over the summer!

Journey (Sunday School) and EDGE Bible Study will be during the 10:30 service. We will also be bringing the children and teachers into the worship service for a special "start-of-the-year blessing" and installation of teachers.

Bible Sunday

The Journey will be handing out Bibles to 3 year olds, kindergarteners, and 3rd graders on Sunday, September 18, at both services. The children and their parents will be invited forward for the Bible blessing and presentation during the Kids' Talk at both services. Questions? Please contact Heidi.

Children and Student Ministry Leaders

We have been blessed, once again, to have folks who have answered the call to be Journey and Edge, CIA, and PULSE leaders. Following are our leaders for your children and youth: Lexi Matthias, Emma Gernhardt, Melody and Jaylen Hall, Abbie and Danica Janes, Sally and Kasey Kissner, Chris and Owen Counterman, Cindy and John Sabo, Craig and Shelly Musolf, Carey and Linda Baker, Sue Miller, Pat and Walt Strasser, Jeff and Kelly Phillips, Sandy Hellwege, and Dave Beard.

GROWTH & LEARNING (*cont*)

Confirmation 2022

Mark your calendars as we will be celebrating our 2022 Confirmands on Sunday, September 25, at the 10:30 service.

Confirmands! Please meet after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 18, for a quick Confirmation practice. Don't forget, all your information is due at this time (favorite hymn & Bible verse and faith statement).

Youth Events in September

EDGE

Sunday, September 11, 10:30 AM Bible Study – Library
Sunday, September 11 – Youth House 12-2 PM
Saturday, September 17 – Putt-Putt 4-6 PM, \$10
Sunday, September 18 – 10:30 AM Bible Study – Library
Sunday, September 18 – Youth House 12-2 PM, \$2
Sunday, September 25 – 10:30 AM Bible Study – Library
Sunday, September 25 – Youth House 12-2 PM, \$2

CIA

Sunday, September 11 – Youth House 12-2 PM
Saturday, September 17 – Putt-Putt 4-6 PM, \$10
Sunday, September 18 – Youth House 12-2 PM, \$2
Sunday, September 25 – Youth House 12-2 PM, \$2
***watch emails for Confirmation Class days/times

PULSE

Sunday, September 11 – Youth House 12-2 PM
Sunday, September 18 – Youth House 12-2 PM, \$2
Sunday, September 25 – Putt-Putt 6-8 PM, \$10

College Care Ministry

The College Care Ministry is kind of an adoption program at Messiah for students going off to college. Adults and families at Messiah “adopt” a student help to maintain correspondence, encouragement, and relationships during the year.

If you have a student that will be entering college in the fall or is going back to school and you would like to have them involved, please forward their name and any contact information available to Dave Beard, dbeard2216@gmail.com.

Messiah Bible Studies

Below is the schedule for Bible Studies.

Tuesday Quest at 9 AM – This group studies the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. No Quest on Tuesday, September 27.

Wednesday at 10 AM – This group is studying in the book of Jeremiah.

Thursday at 10 AM – This group resumes on September 8, with a special gathering at Carol Hupp’s. Afterwards, we will return to the Messiah Library. We are still reading through Pr. Brian’s book, “Don’t You Care That We Are Drowning?”

Thursday Good News Study Group at 6:30 PM – This Group is currently studying Genesis, chapters 1-11.

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.

CARE & NURTURE

Blood Pressure

We take our blood pressure at home, on one of the machines at the store, and of course it is taken when we visit our doctor or a medical facility. But what do the numbers mean and why is it so important?

Your blood pressure consists of two numbers: an upper and a lower number. The upper number, or systolic pressure, is the amount of pressure the blood is exerting against the artery walls when your heart beats. The lower number, or diastolic pressure, is the pressure of your blood against the artery walls while the heart is resting between beats. The higher these numbers, the more strain on the heart to circulate blood through your body. High blood pressure can cause heart attack, stroke, vision loss, and heart failure. That is why we need to know our numbers.

According to the American Heart Association, hypertension is when your blood pressure is consistently high.

They list hypertension in three stages:

Stage I – blood pressure 130/80 to 139/89. Your doctor may recommend lifestyle changes at this stage and possibly medication, depending on your risk factors.

Stage II – blood pressure 140/90 or higher. Your doctor would most likely advise medication in addition to lifestyle changes.

Crisis – blood pressure greater than 180/120 and requires medical attention.

If you are having any symptoms of chest pain, shortness of breath, back or arm pain, numbness or weakness, change in vision, or difficulty speaking – CALL 911. DO NOT wait to see if your blood pressure comes down.

Many people do not know they have high blood pressure (hypertension), because most of the time there are no obvious symptoms to tell them something is wrong. Risk factors such as family history, poor diet, and lack of exercise add to the equation. Try out the blood pressure cuff at the store, dad's or grandma's blood pressure cuff or even better – your doctor's blood pressure cuff.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!!

Your Parish Health Nurses

Woman to Woman

September 2022

I am thankful, loving Father,

1. for your forgiveness when I have fallen short of expectations. 20¢
2. for the rising sun that reminds us of your daily presence. 25¢
3. for your care for me. Remind me that you are always there. 10¢
4. that we keep our hope set on you through Jesus Christ. 10¢
5. for this Labor Day to honor those who labor in any capacity. May God grant them strength and protection in their labors. 25¢
6. for this beautiful weather we are having. Thank you God! 20¢
7. for the instruments and music we sing to praise and honor you. 10¢
8. for your compassion to tend to your beloved ones in need. 25¢
9. for your healing power in times of sickness. 50¢
10. for the strength to live each day when the impossible overwhelms us. Help us to keep the faith. 10¢
11. for the gift of forgiveness. Am I using it? Help me. 15¢
12. for all the people who work to make this church yours. Be with them. 10¢
13. for your patience and mercy always. 5¢
14. that I have you to provide me with hope in a time of my despair. 20¢
15. for my friends who brighten my day. 5¢
16. for the blessed gift of children. Help us to nurture them in your ways. 10¢
17. for giving us God's grace so freely! Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. 25¢
18. for my family who show me love and support in so many ways. 15¢
19. for the peace you provide for me in times of need. 10¢
20. for my treasures, but do I put them above you? Help me, Lord. 10¢
21. for the gift of humor. Help me to use it in a pleasing way. 5¢
22. that I live in a land of peace, and I pray for those who don't. 20¢
23. for the blue sky, reminding me that your love is endless. 15¢
24. for your healing power to all those in need. 20¢
25. for our missionaries around the world who spread your love. 25.¢
26. that I can give of my time, my money, and my things. Help me to be grateful. 10¢
27. for all that I have that comes from you. 10¢
28. for this day in which to give you thanks. 5¢
29. for the gift of music to celebrate your goodness to us. 10¢
30. for your Word and the lives and works of others. 25¢

Please bring or send offering to church on September 25. Thank you for your contributions!

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 mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned soup, crackers, tuna, pasta, and feminine products.

OPERATIONS

Church Staff Email Addresses

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BOOK OF LIFE

Baptisms

Adrian Parker Langlois, August 21
Jenesis Jacklyn Arnold, August 21

Deaths

Christine Williamson, August 18
Tiffin (Haut) Dalton, August 25
Linda Towsley, August 26
Georgia Manahan, August 28
Maxine Hively, August 30

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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

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Timothy Graham, M. Div.

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Sunday Services

9:00 AM

outdoor in the

Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel

10:30 AM

In person and online