

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, April 2: Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion
10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday

12:00 PM – w/Communion
7:00 PM – w/Communion & Stripping of the Altar (Livestream)

Friday, April 7: Good Friday

12:00 PM
7:00 PM (Livestream)

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion
10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, April 16: Easter 2

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion
10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, April 23: Easter 3

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion
10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, April 30: Easter 4, First Communion Sunday

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion
10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Upcoming Dates

May 14, Mother's Day
May 21, EDGE Recognition to CIA



Pr. Tim's News

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION – AN INVITATION

*** On **Sunday, April 30th**, Messiah will formally recognize all New Communicants at the service of their families' choice.

It is common practice within the ELCA, and other traditions, to offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to younger children according to individual church and family preferences.

At Messiah, we invite any families with young children who feel it's time for their children to receive communion. Every family is different, as is each child. But all are welcome as each family decides what's best for their family.

Also, if your child is receiving communion already but has NOT attended an instruction class, it is highly recommended that they attend at this time.

For those interested in having their child receive communion instruction, we are offering the following classes (45-60 mins) that you (or another adult/guardian) and your child must attend...but you only need to attend one.

- Saturday, April 15th, at 10:30 AM, in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 23rd, at 11:45 AM (after the 10:30 AM worship service), in the Sanctuary
- If these times do not work for your schedules, please let the church office know and I will contact you about alternatives.

To register for Communion Instruction, please contact the church office at 260-485-8716 or karla@messiahlc.com. Also, please be certain to state which of the class times you will be attending. Thanks!

CLERGY RENEWAL PROGRAM

The 2023 Clergy Renewal Application was submitted on March 10th, 2023, five days prior to its March 15th deadline. Whew, what a relief! I can't thank our team enough for their commitment and support in completing the application. Many thanks to Dr. Amy Gilbert, Cindy Riebersal, Steve Van Wyngarden, Kathleen Ormiston, and Cory Dold.

In summary, we submitted a grant request for \$60,000. These grant dollars will support my Renewal Activities, the pastoral care and supply costs for Messiah in my absence, and some of the costs for the congregational activities of renewal.

Here are the highlights of the grant proposal:

- The proposed dates of the Clergy Renewal are Monday, May 6, 2024, through Sunday, September 8, 2024.
- The theme of this Renewal grant is “Rest, Rejuvenate, and Reengage.”
- One of my proposed activities is a month-long tour of the Civil Rights Trail, beginning in Tennessee, winding through Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Washington D.C, and ending in Harlem, New York. There will also be a family trip with my children and grandchildren as well as an opportunity for Meme and me to have a getaway.
- The congregational renewal offers an array of opportunities for people to partake in including a “Compass” guidebook, an online forum to share insights and resources, some speaker events, and occasional gatherings to meet in small groups.
- The proposed plan also includes pulpit supply and pastoral care plans in anticipation of my leave. Certainly, we remain prayerful that we will still welcome an associate pastor soon. However, we have alternative plans in case that doesn’t happen before then.

As you can gather from this simple update, there was a lot of work put into this application process, and I am deeply grateful for the team that helped to submit this application. So, now we await a notification of decision on or before August 31, 2023. We will inform you as soon as we know anything.

CALLING AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The good news is that there has been some response to our existing paperwork. However, IK Synod leadership has suggested we make some adjustments to clarify questions that have been raised by previously interested candidates. Again, the good news is that the interest is there. So, please remain prayerful for the Holy Spirit to continue aligning Messiah with the proper candidate soon!

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Pastor Tim, continued

UPCOMING EVENTS

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship returns on Sunday, June 4, at the Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel.

VBS “Twists and Turns” is scheduled for the week of June 5-9, from 6 PM to 8 PM.
See page 9 for more info!

Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherwald is scheduled for the week of June 11-16.

May God’s Spirit guide us as we look to share the love of Christ with our community and the world.

In Christ’s love,

Pr. Tim Graham



Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

As I write this, our Lenten journey is almost over. Through the past forty days we have hopefully grown into a deeper comprehension of God's love for us and have found a richer relationship with God. Now all that lies before us is encompassed within one week, the eight days we call Holy Week. Please join us in our worship as we experience once again these significant steps on our journey. (Note that there will be no Wednesday services during this week.)

Palm Sunday, April 2. Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. On this day we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. We also hear the ominous words he spoke to his disciples on the night he was betrayed.

Maundy Thursday, April 6. Services at noon and 7:00 p.m. On this, the first of the Three Days, we hear how the Lord of glory humbled himself to be a servant to his followers, and we join him at the table as we take part in Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 7. Services at noon and 7:00 p.m. The indescribable agony that Jesus suffered for us is brought vividly before us on this most solemn day of the church year. Readings, hymns, and message bring us nearer to the cross, and we have the opportunity to reverence the cross as our worship draws to a close.

Easter Sunday, April 9. Services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Join our highest celebration as we proclaim the good news that Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Soli Deo gloria—All glory be to God!

For Messiah's Worship and Music Ministry,

Stan Engle

GROWTH & LEARNING

Sunday School in April

In March the Journey learned about The Lord's Prayer and the events of Holy Week and Easter. In April we will learn about Pentecost and start our series The Great Commission. Reminder: There will be no Sunday School/Journey on Easter Sunday, April 9.

EDGE

EDGE Bible Study will meet on Sundays, April 2, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 AM in the Library. There will be no EDGE Bible Study on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Hangout with CIA at Youth House Sunday, April 23, 12-2 PM.

CIA

Confirmation Class on Sundays, April 16 and 30, after the 10:30 AM service to 3 PM.

PULSE

PULSE meets Sundays, April 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Besides good food, fun, games, relationships, and building our faith foundation, our goal for our PULSE students is to help prepare them for life after high school.

On Friday, April 21, at 7:20 PM, we will be meeting at the Jewish Temple. If anyone needs a ride, please let Heidi know. Watch emails for more information after Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt and Beard's Burgers & Dogs Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone to volunteered, donated supplies, and came to spend the evening with us at our Easter Egg Hunt and Beard's Burgers & Dogs fundraiser. There were 95 kids and their families who gathered a whole bunch of eggs and ate a bunch of burgers, dogs, and treats! Special thanks to Dave & Jaci Beard, Joyce Black and Amy Gilbert, and Portia and crew at the Childcare for making the evening a fun success!

Soccer Gear Fundraiser

Thanks to all who donated supplies and money for the Soccer Gear Fundraiser. There was over \$175 donated along with a lot of soccer balls and supplies. Kasey and Beck thank Messiah very much.

Registration Open for Twists & Turns VBS 2023



Join us Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9, for Messiah's Twists & Turns VBS, for children 3 years – 5th grade (Fall 2023).

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

You will register as a family, but make sure to include each child individually so we can make sure that each child participating will have their own supplies and packet at registration!

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There is a registration fee of \$10 per child. Registration includes a VBS T-shirt and music CD, snacks, and all activities for the week. If the cost is difficult for your family, please email Heidi at heidi@messiahlc.com to inquire about VBS scholarships for families. Register by May 21 to guarantee a T-shirt.

Interested in you or your youth volunteering? Please email Heidi at heidi@messiahlc.com.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/AbsSTUWHZ1qsRvvT8>, or you can use the QR code below:



GROWTH & LEARNING (cont)

Messiah Youth Ministry at a glance

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. Weekly correspondence throughout the year is done through emails. If you are not receiving EDGE, CIA, or PULSE emails and would like to, please email Heidi, heidi@messiahlc.com, so we can get you on the mailing list!

PULSE

- Sunday, April 2 – No Youth House (Spring Break)
- Sunday, April 9 – Happy Easter!! No Youth House
- Sunday, April 16 – Youth House, 6-8 PM
- Friday, April 21 – Visit to Jewish Temple
- Sunday, April 23 – Youth House, 6-8 PM
- Sunday, April 30 – Youth House, 6-8 PM
- Sunday, May 7 – All Youth Movie – Guardians of the Galaxy 3. Time TBD
- Sunday, May 21 – End of Year Cookout at Youth House, TBD

CIA

- Sunday, April 2 – No Youth House (Spring Break)
- Sunday, April 9 – Happy Easter!! No Youth House
- Sunday, April 16 – Confirmation Class, after the 10:30 service through 3:00 PM, Youth House
- Sunday, April 23 – EDGE/CIA Youth House 12-2 PM
- Sunday, April 30 – Confirmation Class, after the 10:30 service through 3:00 PM, Youth House

- Sunday, May 7 – All Youth Movie – Guardians of the Galaxy 3. Time TBD
- Sunday, May 14 – Happy Mother’s Day - No Youth House
- Sunday, May 21 – End of Year Cookout at Youth House, 12-2 PM

EDGE

- Sunday, April 2 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library - Lent
No Youth House (Spring Break)
- Sunday, April 9 – Happy Easter!! No Bible Study or Youth House
- Sunday, April 16 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Esther Saves the Jewish People
No Youth House
- Sunday, April 23 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Job
EDGE/CIA Youth House 12-2 PM
- Sunday, April 30 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Jonah and the Whale
No Youth House
- Sunday, May 7 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Psalms for Kids & 23rd Psalm
All Youth Movie – Guardians of the Galaxy 3. Time TBD
- Sunday, May 14 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Mother’s Day/Proverbs for Kids
No Youth House
- Sunday, May 21 – Bible Study 10:30 AM, Library – Fun Day
6th Grade Recognition, 10:30 service
End of Year Cookout at Youth House, 12-2 PM

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries – Lake Luther, Lutheran Hills, and Lutherwald

If you are looking for a fun and faith-filled summer camp for your kids, check out Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at www.lomik.org, or contact Heidi at heidi@messiahlc.com for a camp brochure. LOMIK is also hiring for summer camp counselors, 18 or older!

GROWTH & LEARNING (cont)

Messiah Adult Bible Studies

Our Bible studies have been on hiatus during the Lenten season so participants can join the Lent Experience. They will resume their normal schedules after Easter.

Tuesday Quest, at 9 AM: Resumes April 18th. We will return to our study of “Growing Older and Wiser” with chapter 4.

Wednesday at 10 AM: Resumes April 19th. We will begin a new study of the Easter season sermon series “Closer and Closer.”

Thursday at 10 AM: Resumes April 20th. We will return to our study of “Growing Older and Wiser” with chapter 4.

Thursday Good News Study Group at 6:30 PM: Resumes April 20th. We will begin a new six-week study of the Minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

NO EXPERIENCE OR PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY! If you have an interest in deepening your faith and understanding with the others seeking the same, please prayerfully consider joining us. Please send an email to pastortim@messiahlc.com.

Messiah Metro — Childcare News

Portia Howard, Director

April 2023

March has gone and April is here, and we appreciate you all for participating in Dr. Seuss Week! Some of you got very creative! Spring is here which means Spring Break is coming up and we are wrapping up the school year! Well, April already and from time to time we are feeling the sunshine of spring. Kids are happy to be outside. Please note that we will be closed April 3-7. We will re-open Monday, April 10.

Details about the in-person graduation ceremony for our 5-year-olds will be included in May's newsletter, as well as detailed handouts.

This month, we are working on ways we can be kind to the Earth. April 22nd is Earth Day; in what ways can you show the Earth love? We are also exploring outer space and planets! Be prepared to see some pretty cool projects and artwork coming home!

Teacher Feature

Our teacher feature this month is Miss Faythe! Faythe is new to Messiah and is a floater. She primarily works in the East Wing; mostly with the infants. She is currently attending college at Indiana Tech and is striving to get her bachelor's in child development. Faythe can light up a room with her infectious smile and warm personality. In her spare time Faythe likes to spend time with her family and travel. If you see Faythe in the hallway, be sure to give her a wave!

Upcoming Dates:

April 3-7: Spring Break

April 10: Classes resume

*"For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."*

John 3:16-17

Woman to Woman

April 2023

I am thankful, loving Father,

1. for your love, support and guidance in all we do. 10¢
2. for you, Lord, who have conquered death for me. 20¢
3. for the joy that I have that comes from knowing you. 10¢
4. for helping to do your will in quiet ways. 25¢
5. for these two hands with which to serve you. 10¢
6. for remembering us at your table of grace and for forgiveness in eternal life. 50¢
7. for your suffering that makes us certain of your power to bring life from death. 15¢
8. that you are my guide in life. 10¢
9. for this glorious Easter Day and the promise of resurrection. \$1.00
10. for the trees and plants that are beautiful with their blossoms. 5¢
11. for all that I have is a gift from you. 10¢
12. for the gift of strength to get me through the day. 5¢
13. for the patience you offer me to cope with my problems. 10¢
14. for the fullness of joy that you are always near. 5¢
15. for giving us hope in you always. 10¢
16. for the rain you bring to nurture our crops. Thank you for our farmers and the food they provide. 10¢
17. for the grace you give me as a sinner. Do I offer that opportunity to others? 10¢
18. that you died on the cross for my sins that I may have eternal life. 25¢
19. for your commandment, Lord, to love one another. 10¢
20. for Pastor Tim and our church leaders. Thank you for their faith and guidance during this challenging time. 10¢
21. for the many blessings you grant us each day. 5¢
22. for our missionaries around the world. Give them strength. 10¢
23. for the necessary chores I have to do today. Be with me while I do them. 5¢
24. for the Bible writers who wrote your story so that I could know it. 10¢
25. for my family and friends who give me love and support. 5¢
26. for all our health care providers and first responders. God bless them. 20¢
27. for the people who surround my life and help me when I need assistance. 10¢
28. for your love, Loving Father, which makes me strong. 10¢
29. for enabling me to see the beauty of our world. 10¢
30. for giving us the abundant life we live in your name. 10¢

Bring or send offering to church on April 30. Thank you!

CARE & NURTURE

Dementia Care

Dementia can be challenging for those who care for them, whether it be a person who checks on a neighbor, a family member that cares for a loved one, or personnel in a facility. There can be temper flares out of frustration of the inability to express themselves or lack of mobility to do what they would like to do. Most of us would be frustrated if we could no longer come and go as we wished, but had to wait for someone to take us where we wished to go. It is difficult to not to take these flares personally, especially for family members. In addition to mobility issues there can be vision limitations or hearing loss added to the mix.

Persons with dementia may get their days and nights mixed up. They may think it is morning, when in fact it is evening. They may become confused at night (sundowners syndrome), when they may not recognize their surroundings. They may think the items in their home belong to someone else. They may even ask you to take them home when they are already there.

They don't switch subjects quickly in conversations. When they make a statement it may seem inappropriate because they were still dealing with the subject from a few minutes ago. At large gatherings, it may be confusing for them with many conversations going in different directions. Engaging them in a one-on-one conversation can be helpful or going to a room with a little less activity. If a crowd is too overwhelming, 2-3 people at a time could go to visit them. We all need contact with others and the feeling that you are worth someone's time.

There are different levels of dementia that can develop over years. There are medications that can sometimes slow the progression, but there are none that can reverse what has been lost. These can be discussed with their physician. What we all can do is continue to support them with their health (taking them to doctors' appointments, setting up their medications); keep them safe with proper assistance devices (grab bars in showers, canes or walkers, an alert device in the event of a fall); making sure they have food available in the house. Most of all we need to support with love. We can show this love by cooking meals together, keeping them engaged with activities — family, church, kids concerts and ball games, etc., or just being there.

Thank you to all that care for loved ones at home—whatever the circumstances.

Parish Health Nurses

BOOK OF LIFE

Baptisms

August Matthew Schroeder, March 19

Michael Angelo Porras, March 29

New Members, March 26

Annie Holt

Ken & Jan Modesitt

Stephen Styles

Chris & Stephanie Waldron

OUTREACH & IN TOUCH

Food Bank Outreach

Thank you for your continued support of Maplewood Mennonite, Purdue Fort Wayne, and Faith & Light Food Pantries. Items needed for March are peanut butter, jelly, rice, oatmeal, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, and toothpaste.

No Spring Rummage Sale this year.

OPERATIONS

Outdoor Work Day

Join us on Saturday, April 1 (no fooling!) at 9:00 AM for our first outdoor work day of 2023. In case of rain, we'll meet on Saturday, April 8. Bring gloves, rakes, and any yard tools you can think of. We'll also be replacing the basketball hoop outside. We'll be weeding and cleaning up around the property. Contact Denise (260-485-8716 or denise@messiahlc.com) for more info or if you can help.



Have you considered planned giving?

If you would like to make a lasting impact on the ministries here at Messiah Lutheran Church, and the future generations of disciples, a gift made in your estate plan could be the perfect option for you. This type of charitable gift arrangement allows you to make a gift now or after your lifetime while providing financial benefits for yourself and your loved ones.

Kroger Rewards

Please support Messiah Lutheran Childcare & Preschool while you shop at Kroger. Whether you're picking up a gallon of milk or need a whole week's worth of groceries, you can take advantage of the Kroger Community Rewards program and help our preschool and childcare ministry while you shop. Kroger rewards our Preschool and Childcare with a quarterly donation when our supporters select us as their charity of choice and use their Kroger Plus Card to shop.

Here's how to get started: Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Click on Create an Account (If you already have a Kroger Plus card but are not an online customer) or click on Sign in (if you are an online customer already and want to designate Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Childcare as your charity of choice). Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Childcare's organization number is VU077. Thank you for your support! Please pass this information along and encourage your family and friends to enroll as well!

OPERATIONS *(cont)*

Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Financial Group allows benefit members to lead two Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year. Thrivent provides promotional resources and \$250 worth of seed money to jump-start fundraisers, educational events, or service projects. If you have an Action Team available and are interested in helping out, Messiah is constantly seeking these resources to support the many ministries we offer. If you are willing to share an Action Team, please call the church office.

If you are not familiar with the Thrivent Action Team program, it is a fantastic benefit that can help offset the cost of many special ministry projects at Messiah. Thrivent Financial Group's generosity programs make it easy to give of yourself and live generously! This is FREE money that can be used to directly support the ministries of our congregation. These funds do not come from your personal Thrivent accounts; this is money designated by Thrivent to be used as seed money to jump-start fundraisers, educational events, or service projects of your choosing. Please consider directing your Action Teams to support Messiah. If you have any questions about Action Teams, please contact your Thrivent representative or the church office. We are more than willing to work with you throughout the application and reporting process.

Online Giving and 2023 Pledges

Online Giving is AVAILABLE at www.messiahlc.com! This link allows you to indicate your annual pledge, and then either set up a onetime payment or recurring payments: annually, quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2023 and would like to, we encourage you to contact us and we can help you through the process. A pledge is a commitment of financial support for the year, which runs from January through December. Typically, pledges are paid in increments—weekly, monthly or quarterly. You can give to the church without pledging, of course. Some people put money in the offering plate at worship each week or once a month. Others give in a lump sum at the beginning or end of the year. We encourage annual pledging because making and keeping promises is an important spiritual discipline that fosters faithfulness and mutual responsibility. Pledges also help the congregation to plan more wisely.

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MARY

Messiah Lutheran Church Vision Statement

Our Vision: To forever change lives through the Gospel of Jesus by becoming an equipping, empowering, and mobilizing church in our community that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through worship, communion, service, fellowship, and compassion, led by the Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Commission (Mt 28.18-20).

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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10:30 AM

In person and online