

The Messenger

May 2023



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

Sunday, May 7: Easter 5

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion

10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, May 14: Easter 6, Mother's Day

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion

10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, May 21: Easter 7, Graduation Recognition

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion

10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion,
6th Grade Recognition to CIA

Sunday, May 28: Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM – Traditional w/Communion

10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion

Sunday, June 4: Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM – Outdoor at Hickman Chapel w/Communion

10:30 AM – Contemporary w/Communion



Pr. Tim's News

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Outdoor Worship begins Sunday, June 4th, 2023. Here is our worship schedule:

9:00 AM, Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel (Outside), with Communion. Bring your own lawn chair. Obviously, should weather cause a nuisance, we will move indoors.

10:30 AM, In-person & Livestream with Communion

So, get those lawn chairs ready! Looking forward to worshipping in the beautiful outdoor space God has given Messiah Lutheran Church.

BUILDING NEWS

In case you haven't noticed, the kitchen received a major upgrade with new cabinetry and countertops. The island was replaced with one that almost doubles the width of the previous one. It's quite an improvement, so you should stop in and check it out.

In addition, the gym has also received some cabinetry in between the doors. One side of the gym is used for the preschool storage. The other side is primarily for our Journey Ministry. In the renovation process, Journey lost its former closet that held all its supplies. So, this was much needed for Heidi and the Journey team.

Also, the Library will be receiving some additional makeover with new seating. The seating will be more café style, with benches around the walls and tables and chairs in the middle. Once this is complete, we hope this will serve as a place for people to gather after the services for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

Some have asked why fellowship will not return to the gym. The answer is that we are moving to secure our Sunday School like Messiah's Childcare during the week. In other words, the only access to drop-off or pick-up children is through the childcare side, either walking through the Narthex or entering door #9 (opposite door #1). This was raised as a concern a few years back by the hospitality consultant.

Furthermore, we highly anticipate the parking lot being repaired and relined with concrete being fixed in certain areas. This part was delayed initially because the water issues needed to be addressed. All our drainage system has been rerouted so that water doesn't build up. Now the parking lot repairs should last longer.

Lastly, Cory has been working hard on securing grants to improve the safety of the campus. He has achieved some success with a new grant for some new entry doors, new electronic locks that will eliminate keys and monitor entry into the building, security cameras, and additional lighting. These improvements are much needed, and we are extremely thankful for the extra hard work Cory has performed on behalf of Messiah!

CALLING AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Call Team is currently in contact with a potential candidate. The team shared a Zoom call with the candidate a couple of weeks ago and now is looking forward to meeting the candidate in person very soon.

The process is as follows (more could be said, but this is a rough draft):

1. **(WE ARE HERE)** The Call Team does an in-person interview with the candidate.
 - If the Call Team feels the candidate is a good match for Messiah, then they forward the name to Messiah's Board of Directors.
 - If the Call Team feels otherwise, the process stops with the candidate and the Call Team starts over and awaits new candidates.
 - The candidate may withdraw at any point of this process, too.
2. If the Call Team does forward the candidate to the Board of Directors, then the Board conducts an in-person interview with the candidate. Likewise, I (Pr. Tim) would meet with the candidate at this time as well.
 - If the Board of Directors feels the candidate is a good match for Messiah, then it will forward the name to our Congregation.
 - And if the Board feels otherwise, the process stops with the candidate and the Call Team will start over.

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Pastor Tim's News, continued

3. Finally, if the Board forwards the candidate to the Congregation, there will be another in-person meeting scheduled. Sometimes the candidate preaches and an in-person gathering with a Q&A is scheduled later in the day.
 - The congregation will then vote. If the vote is affirmative, and the congregation offers a call, then the candidate must accept or decline. If the candidate accepts, then there will be a vote on the compensation package.
 - If the congregational vote is not affirmative, the process stops with the candidate and the Call Team starts over.

That's a lot, isn't it? Again, please remain prayerful for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide the discernment of our call team!

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

In Christ's love,

Pr. Tim Graham



And the celebration continues!

Easter Sunday was a great time for celebration. Great preaching, great music, and great fellowship combined to create a festive occasion to be remembered. And Easter continues through this month, with the seven Sundays of Easter culminating in the feast of Pentecost. Come and join the continuing celebration!

Here are several special Sundays this month:

Mother's Day, May 14, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Both services will recognize mothers and all women for their contributions to family and society.

Recognition of Graduates, May 21, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. High school and college grads will be honored on this day. If you are a graduate, please contact Heidi Kissner so she can include you in the recognition ceremonies.

Pentecost, May 28, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. On this day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on the fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection. This is sometimes called the birthday of the Church, for it was on that day that the Spirit distributed gifts of service to the believers.

Soli Deo gloria—All glory be to God!

For Messiah's Worship and Music Ministry,

Stan Engle

GROWTH & LEARNING

Sunday School (Journey) in May

In April we celebrated Easter and Pentecost, and started our series The Great Commission. In May we will continue our lesson on The Great Commission and celebrate Mother's Day! Our last day of Journey (Sunday School) for this season will be Sunday, May 21. We will have our end of the year Journey celebration during the Sunday School hour. Journey will start back up in the fall the Sunday after Labor Day. Happy Summer!!

EDGE

EDGE Bible Study will meet on Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21, at 10:30 AM in the Library.

There will be no EDGE Bible Study on Memorial Day weekend.

Hangout with CIA at Youth House Sunday, May 7, 12-2 PM.

End of Year cookout, with CIA, will be Sunday, May 21, 12 -2 PM.

EDGE Bible Study classes will pick back up again the Sunday after Labor Day.

CIA

Hangout with EDGE at Youth House Sunday, May 7, 12-2 PM.

Confirmation Classes are finished for this season! Our end of year celebration and cookout will be Sunday, May 21, 12-2 PM at the Youth House.

PULSE

PULSE meets Sundays, May 7 and May 21. No PULSE on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day).

End of year celebration will be Sunday, May 21, 6 PM. More info to come.



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, 2023, to guarantee a t-shirt.

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

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/AbsSTUWHZ1qsRvwT8>

Or you can use the QR code below:



VBS Workdays

Sunday, April 30, 4-6 PM

Monday, May 1, 5:30-7:30 (food provided)

Sunday, May 7, time TBD

Saturday, May 20, 2-4 PM

Monday, May 22, 6-9 PM

Thursday, May 25, 6-9 PM

Saturday, May 27, 9 AM-noon

Tuesday, May 30, 6-9 PM

Wednesday, May 31, 6-9

Thursday, June 1, TBD

Friday, June 2, TBD

Saturday, June 3, TBD

Sunday, June 4, noon -3 PM

GROWTH & LEARNING (*cont*)

VBS Volunteers

If you're going to be in 6th Grade Fall of 2023 or older, we'd love to have you as a volunteer for this summer's VBS! There are many ways to volunteer – you can help with registration, lead an activity or a group of children. If you and/or your student is interested in helping, please contact Heidi, heidi@messiahlc.com.

Mail Carriers Food Drive – Saturday, May 13

Mail Carriers Food Drive for Associated Churches will be Saturday, May 13. Please remember to fill your grocery bags and leave them by your mailbox!! Associated Churches is looking for volunteers to help unload the Mail Trucks and sort food. This is done behind the post office on Stellhorn Road (behind the Subway). If you're available to help please contact Garry Pook at mailto:garry@associatedchurches.org.

6th Grade Recognition Sunday, May 21

The Journey at Messiah has been honored to have had the privilege to partner with you in building a foundation for your students' faith. The time has gone quickly and it is time for your students to transition from Journey to CIA (Confirmands in Action).

Please join us on Sunday, May 21, as we honor and recognize our 6th grade students and their "graduation" from Journey. If you are a parent of a 6th grade student, we request your presence with your child at this service as we will reaffirm the vows given at baptism and celebrate them! Please send Heidi, heidi@messiahlc.com, a couple photos of your student.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 21

We would like to honor and recognize those graduating this year from high school, college, graduate school, or vocational school, on Sunday, May 21, at both services. If you

could please email me 3 pictures of your student, where they are graduating from, any honors and acknowledgements, and future plans by May 14. Also please let me know if they will be at the service on May 21. Please send to heidi@messiahlc.com.

Let's celebrate our graduates!!

Donut Fundraiser for ELCA Youth Gathering, May 21

There will be a fundraiser for The ELCA Youth Gathering trip on Sunday, May 21. We will be selling donuts! Meet us in the Narthex to grab some coffee and some breakfast, before or after service. And stay and visit with us! Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team, 100% of all donations will go towards off-setting student travel costs.

SAVE THE DATE!! ELCA Youth Gathering 2024

We will be taking a group to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024!! The ELCA Youth Gathering is a week-long experience where ELCA youth from all over the United States gather for worship, workshops and community service. More details to come!

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!

Youth House Outdoor Cleanup Sunday, May 20, 9-11 AM

We'll get a bite to eat and work in the flower beds and picking up sticks, and weather permitting, burning them! We've got some pavers and landscape bricks and can use all the help we can get. When we finish at the Youth House we'll move on and join in the work-day on the church grounds!

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

PULSE

- Sunday, May 7 – 6-8 PM, Youth House
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day - NO YOUTH HOUSE
- Saturday, May 20 – Clean Up Day, 9-11 AM
- Saturday, May 20 – VBS Workday 2-4 PM
- Sunday, May 21 – End of Year Celebration. Details to come

CIA

- Sunday, May 7 – Youth House or Movie – TBD
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day - NO YOUTH HOUSE
- Sunday, May 21 – EDGE/CIA End of Year Cookout noon-2 PM

EDGE

- Sunday, May 7 – Bible Study 10:30 AM Library – Psalms for Kids & 23rd Psalm
- Sunday, May 7 – Youth House or Movie – TBD
- Sunday, May 14 – Bible Study 10:30 AM Library – Mother's Day/Proverbs for Kids
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day - NO YOUTH HOUSE
- Sunday, May 21 – 6th Grade Recognition 10:30 AM service
- Sunday, May 21 – Bible Study 10:30, Library – Fun Day
- Sunday, May 21 – EDGE/CIA End of Year Cookout noon-2 PM

Our last day of EDGE Bible Study before summer break will be Sunday, May 21. EDGE will not meet on Memorial Day weekend or in June, July, or August for Bible Study. We meet back up on Sundays beginning the Sunday after Labor Day.

Messiah Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Quest, at 9 AM: We continue our study of “Growing Older and Wiser.”

Wednesday at 10 AM: We continue study of the Easter season sermon series “Closer and Closer.”

Thursday at 10 AM: We continue our study of “Growing Older and Wiser.”

Thursday Good News Study Group at 6:30 PM: We continue our 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.

BOOK OF LIFE

Baptism

Easton Edward Phillips, April 23

First Communion Celebration, April 30

Avrianna Elizabeth Hope Bergan

Harrison William Conrad

Ella Mae Curry

Hunter Scott Easterday

Noah Lee Easterday

Quinn Grace Kilby

Charlotte Jane Knapke

Cayden Liam Kunkel

Amelia Rose Omo

Anthony Scott Omo

Dominic Ray Santiago

Maxwell Douglas Snider

Camden Malik Stewart

Messiah Metro — Childcare News

Portia Howard, Director

May 2023

April showers bring May flowers.. and many other things! We are continuing to learn, as we explore the octogen, the color purple and learning about people around the world! Keep an eye out for some beautiful Mother's Day crafts as well!

Also in May, we will be wrapping up our academic session. We will be taking pictures of our 5 year-olds and non-returning 4 year-olds for graduation. This will be on Wednesday May 10th at 9:30 AM. Please be sure to dress your child picture-ready if they are graduating. Pictures will be free of charge and emailed to the address that is on file. The graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 25th at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary; juice and cookies will follow in the gym after the ceremony.

Teacher Feature

Our teacher feature this month is Miss Whitnie! She started off as a temporary teacher in the 2's and prospered from there! Miss Whitnie now teaches in the 2½ room as well as the infants! She has been with us here at Messiah for almost a year and half. Her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is seafood and in her spare time she likes to act, do improv, and perform! If you happen to see Miss Whitnie in the hallway, be sure to give her a wave!

Upcoming Dates

- May 25th: Graduation Ceremony for 5-year-olds and non-returning 4 year-olds at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
- May 26th: Last day of academic session
- May 29th: Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30th: Reopen and first day of Summer Session

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears." *Psalm 34:4*

Woman to Woman

May 2023

I am thankful, loving Father,

1. for this new month in which to serve and worship you. 10¢
2. that I know you and my blessings. I pray for those who don't know you. 5¢
3. for the fact that you are with me always. 10¢
4. for your steadfastness and guidance in our lives. 10¢
5. for guiding our thoughts and decisions so we may honor your name. 25¢
6. for acts of kindness from family and friends. 5¢
7. for guiding me to live according to your word. 20¢
8. for my occupation. Do I do it for your glory? 20¢
9. for the beauty of our earth and we sing of the gifts you have given us. 20¢
10. for sending us Jesus, our Lord and King. 15¢
11. for your faithfulness to us always. 5¢
12. for Pastor Tim and church staff for their leadership and service to Messiah. 10¢
13. for our trust in your steadfast love and praise your holy name. 10¢
14. for our mothers whom we remember or honor today for their love, care, and concern for us. 50¢
15. for calling me to be a part of our church and serving others. 10¢
16. for the peace that passes understanding. 5¢
17. for God's hope and promise through every chance and challenge in life. 15¢
18. for the telephone and all devices making communication easy. 10¢
19. for giving us faith to hold us steady and sure when our lives are troubled. 5¢
20. for Christ's prayers that we may be one in Him. 10¢
21. for you to stir me to do YOUR will, not mine. 10¢
22. for us to know and experience your truth, in Christ our Lord. 25¢
23. for our children, our hope for the future. 10¢
24. for being our guide to God's truths for this world. 25¢
25. for those in need of healing and strength facing life's challenges. 10¢
26. for the Holy Spirit to work through us to minister to others. 20¢
27. for restoring people to good health through your love and healing powers. 10¢
28. for patience in waiting for answers to prayers that God will give in His time. 10¢
29. for this Memorial Day to remember our veterans who died in service to our country so that we may live in freedom to worship you. \$1
30. for the people in our lives who accept us as we are. Do we do that for others? 10¢
31. for the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. 50¢

(Please bring or send offering to church on May 28)

CARE & NURTURE

Tanning

We know that it has been a long winter. We know that it has been a long year. We all are feeling a little pale and droopy. We also know that many of you are thinking about sunshine, warm beaches, summer bike rides to the park for a picnic with family and friends and generally getting back to our lives! We are thinking that we want to look healthy and tan when we meet those friends and family, so maybe we should go to a tanning bed because we feel better and even thinner when we are tan.

Tanning beds, although quicker than the sunlight, are NO safer. They are in fact more dangerous because of the higher intensity and they reach a deeper level of skin. Over exposure to ultraviolet light is the cause of skin cancer, including some forms of melanoma. Indoor tanners are 74% more likely to develop melanoma (a form of skin cancer) than those who have never tanned indoors.

While skin cancer has been associated with severe sunburns, moderate tanning can also produce the same effects. The number of skin cancer cases has been rising steadily over the past several years with way over a million new cases being diagnosed every year in the United States. The incidence of skin cancer increases over a period of years as damage to the skin accumulates. Unfortunately, since the damage is not immediately visible, many are often unaware of the danger and damage being done. The cumulative damage done by UV (ultraviolet) radiation can lead to premature skin aging such as wrinkles and brown spots and...skin cancer. Over exposure to UV light can also damage your immune system and eyes.

The Food and Drug Administration and the CDC encourage us to avoid using tanning beds as well as other artificial tanning methods. Tanning pills contain a color additive – while approved for coloring food – is a much larger amount that may be harmful. Tanning makeup is put on the skin to make it appear tan and may come off with soap and water or may need to wear off. These products do not contain sunscreen and will not protect you from the sun.

Certain medications can also increase the risk of using a tanning bed or being in the sun including antihistamines, some antibiotics, tranquilizers, and others.

There are ways to protect yourself including using sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and higher (they even make SPF 100 now) on all exposed skin (especially eyelids, nose, ears, neck, hands and feet). Reapply often especially if swimming. Wearing a hat and sunglasses that can block 99-100% of the sun's rays are also a necessity—for your babies and children as well.

Play it safe as you get out there and enjoy God's creation.

Your Messiah Parish Nurses

Messiah Quilters

We recently were excited to send 89 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Maybe you saw them draped over all of the pews when they were blessed at both services. What a kaleidoscope of colors and designs! These quilts will be used as bedding, sleeping mats, room dividers, window and door coverings, and more.

We feel so privileged to make these items for the world and our community.

Please come and join us as we continue to sew for Lutheran World Relief and our community every Thursday from 9-12 in Satre Hall. There are jobs for everyone – even non-sewers. Contact jaynereff@gmail.com if you desire more information or would like to make a donation of fabric or batting.

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

OPERATIONS

Outdoor Work Day

Join us on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 AM for an outdoor work day! Bring gloves, rakes, and any yard tools you can think of. Contact Denise (260-485-8716 or denise@messiahlc.com) for more info or if you can help. Many hands make lighter work!



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!

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.

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

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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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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

In person and online

10:30 AM

In person and online