

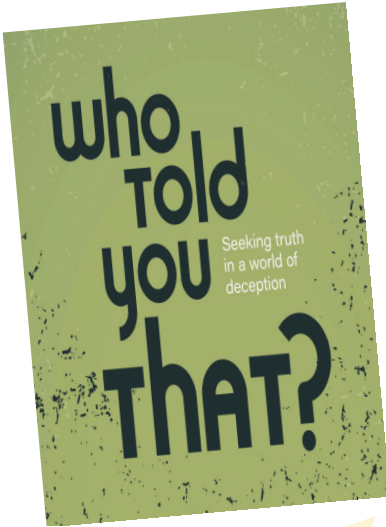


The Messenger

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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

What have we learned so far?



➤ God is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

➤ Satan is the liar, liar, pants on fire.

➤ Who I am and what I struggle with are not the same thing.

➤ More Truth: We are named and claimed children of God. God will always see us as his child, a unique and beloved individual worth of love, honor and respect.

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:13-17 (NLT)

May 2024

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HE IS RISEN
Forgiven
For God so Loved the World

LAMB of God

love

He is Risen Indeed
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

my savior



From Palm to Passion:
Triumphal Entry and
The Cry of the
Whole Congregation

Special Thanks to Steve & Karen Adamek for sponsoring the May Issue of The Messenger. Because of this gift, we are able to share the enclosed information with you, our church family!



Messiah Lutheran Seniors!



Ethan Ibach
Fargo North
Attending NDSU this fall.

Jarrett Steinmetz
Climax MN High School
Attending NDSU this fall, for
Plant Science & Horticulture



Liam Qualey
Fargo North
Attending NDSU this fall.

Justin Sheldon
Moorhead High School
Attending University of Minnesota
(College of Engineering & Science)



CHALLENGE: Learn, Discern, Respond



The Eastern North Dakota Synod 2024 Assembly
June 1-2 at the Holiday Inn Fargo, ND
Registration Deadline: Tues. May 14

This year's theme comes from our Synod Mission Statement: "Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and CHALLENGE God's people." Together, we will explore how we can learn, discern, and respond to challenges.

Special Guests

ELCA Representative: Kristen Opalinski, ELCA Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations Manager
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Native Theologian
Companion Synod Reps: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic (CAR)

Consider attending with Pastor Laurie and Council Member Katelynn Norman. Messiah needs one more person to serve as a delegate. You may also attend as a visitor (\$100 Visitor fee). This is an excellent opportunity to share your voice with the Synod. Call the office for details.

A Message from Pastor Laurie

The whereabouts of the April Messenger were unknown for the first half of April, leaving us with a perplexing mystery. Lost amidst the vastness of space or perhaps within the labyrinthine corridors of the post office, it had vanished with out a trace.

As I was thinking about things that are lost, I remembered an article my sister sent me by columnist Norris Burkes. He recounts a time when his mother in-law was in the ICU and his daughter wanted to hang a sentimental picture of sun flowers on the wall of her room. The only option was a lone nail protruding from the wall above her grandmother's bed. Burkes' wife suggested removing the crucifix that was currently hanging there and replacing it with the sunflower picture.



When the nurse entered the room, she blurted out a surprising question: "Where's my Jesus?" She was referring to crucifix that had been on the wall. She did not take solace in the fact that someone had shelved her Jesus. She launched into a frantic search and recovery effort, shuffling through dresser drawers, and lacing her questions with possessive pronouns. "Where's my Jesus? Where's my Jesus?"

Have you ever "lost your Jesus?" Life's complexities, commitments, and anxieties may leave us feeling adrift and wondering, along with the nurse, where Jesus is.

It may be helpful to remember the old adage, "If something is lost, go back to where you last remembered seeing it." Where was the last time you saw Jesus? Was it in the innocence of a newborn's eyes, the warmth of reconnecting with an old friend, or the act of selfless service to a neighbor? Or was it within the embrace of a faith community?

We may occasionally lose our Jesus, but Jesus never loses us. Fortunately, we can report that he is not missing. He is alive and well and active in your life and mine. If you're having trouble finding your Jesus, perhaps the church is a good place to start your search for him. Of course, Jesus transcends the walls of our building—but we catch a glimpse of his presence when we hear his word, sing his praises, grab a cup of coffee and a donut, and commune with fellow searchers and believers.



The song, *Amazing Grace*, says, "I once was lost but now I'm found." Jesus extends an invitation to return home and discover the boundless grace that embraces us upon our arrival.

See you in church,
Pr. Laurie



Christian Education

Messiah's Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 10 AM in the Conference Room

We are closing the school year with a study of "The Apostles' Creed" using Martin Luther's Small Catechism as our resource.

If it has been awhile since you have taken a deeper look into this basic statement of our Christian faith (since confirmation?), now is your chance for a refresher!

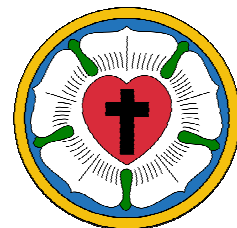
Come join us for this time of study and discussion, and coffee!
Pastor Jeff Johnson is the facilitator for our Sunday Morning Bible Study.



Messiah Confirmation Classes • Wednesdays at 7 PM For Grades 6+ • Youth Room

Messiah Youth and Friends (grades 6 & up) are welcome to join us.

♦ Parents & Adults: Contact Bud to set your date as a Guest Confirmation Helper



DIG IN at Messiah Sunday School

→ Sundays • 10 AM • Grades 1-5 • Room 201

10:15 AM Pre-K and Kindergarten We always welcome helpers and teachers.

Come "DIG-In" with our Messiah Kids—
even one Sunday per month would be awesome.
Check with our teachers on Sunday mornings and
find your spot on the calendar.



NOTE: Messiah Kids Sing on Music Sunday!
Sunday May 12 at 9 AM Worship
(Also last day of Sunday School)

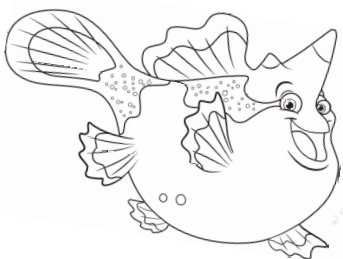


2024 VBS at Messiah Fargo Sun. July 28 thru Wed. July 31

→ Annual Family Picnic on Wed.!! Yay!

SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God!

**Mark your calendars! Get ready to
bring your friends to SCUBA!!!
See you there!!!**



Teachers, Leaders & Wranglers needed! Contact the office for details!

Messiah CIRCLE



Tues. May 14
Rachel 9:30 AM
Church Conf. Room

Tues. May 14
Anna 6:30 PM
Messiah Fireside



Bible Study

Messiah Women's Ministry
Next Meeting:
Mon. May 20 • 6:30 pm
Join us as we plan Women's Ministry for the rest of 2024!



May Book Club
Tues. May 28 • 7 PM
Host: Carla Wehler
In Messiah Conf. Room



Spring Ahead with Truth
Women's Spring Brunch
Sat. May 4 at Hope North
10—11:30 AM • Tickets \$15

Pr. Laurie Neill, Speaker
Register at FARGOHOPE.ORG/WOMEN



The Spring Vendor Show & Bake Sale

The Spring Vendor Show & Bake Sale was a success with a great turnout the entire time. We had 17 vendors and lots of shoppers! The event raised over \$1000.

"The chair would like to thank all the vendors who participated; the faithful bakers for the fruitful bake sale; the Friday set up crew: Sharon Syrdal, Linda Monge, Lori Martindale, Mary Hartje, Anakeya Steinmetz and Zayden Steinmetz. AND the clean up party crew: Linda Monge, Mary Hallquist, Javana Steinmetz, Anakeya Steinmetz and Zayden Steinmetz. AND OF COURSE, THE SHOPPERS! The third annual event couldn't have been successful without all of you! Thank you to everyone!!" *Andrea Tweten-Steinmetz*





A Note from your Council President

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

On behalf of the Messiah Council, I wish to extend our gratitude for your continued prayers, support and encouragement. Your Council is diligently working to address the needs, mental health and well-being of Messiah Lutheran.

I would like to share a story that made me think of our congregation.

Why?

On the street I saw a small girl cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God, "why did you permit this? Why don't you do something about it?"

For a while, God said nothing. That night He replied, quite suddenly: "I certainly did something about it. I made you."

Author Unknown

Over almost 75 years, Messiah Lutheran has answered God's call to: "do something!" Messiah first answered the call in our early years when a Sunday School outreach was needed in north Fargo. God's Call was answered with the creation of our country's longest running traditional Lutheran worship telecast. God's Call was answered with the creation of the Messiah Preschool by dedicated Messiah members - then, the Great Giveaway (now, The \$5 Bag Sale). Through the years, numerous Messiah activities, both large and small, have and will continue to support the community and spread God's message of love!

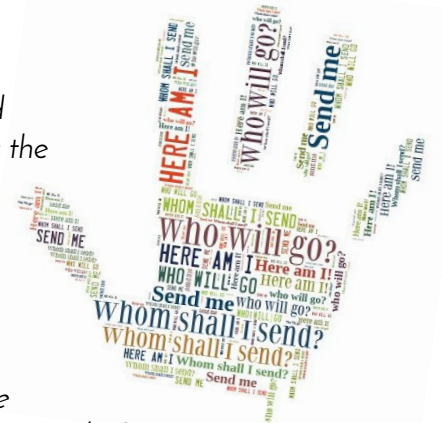
Messiah Lutheran has heard God's voice and divine call. And, we will continue to say, "Here I am, send me." God has blessed Messiah, and we are stronger together.

*Then I heard the Lord asking,
"Whom should I send as a Messenger
to this people? Who will go for us?"*

I said, "Here I am send me."

Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

In Christ,
Doug Nasset
Council President





From Council: Be on the lookout for something new! We are going to be implementing a “Digital Church Directory!” This is an online directory that members or staff can update as needed. You will also be able to print a paper copy. We are working out the details.

Watch for instructions and other information very soon.

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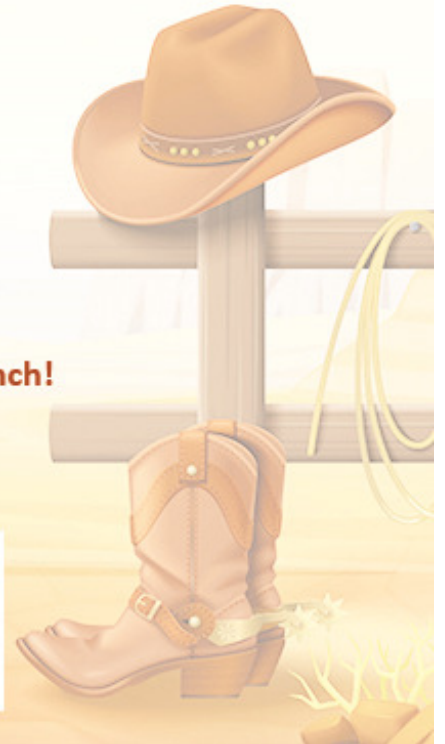
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Hosted by Pr. Laurie Neill. Sign up by July 24 by contacting
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Who Told You That? Book study on Thursdays at Noon or 6:30 PM

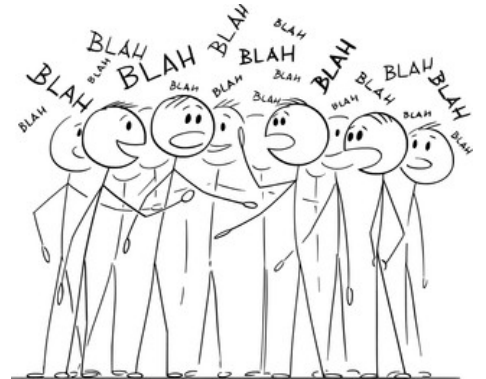
Join Pastor Laurie on **Thursdays at either Noon or 6:30 p.m.** as we dive deeper into her book, *Who Told You That? Seeking Truth in a World of Deception*. Books can be purchased at the front desk for \$15 or ordered on Amazon.com or BarnesAndNoble.com.

Pastor Laurie says: *I am honored to share my book with you! Let’s explore together the lies the world throws at us. Jesus tells us in John 8:32 >*

“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

Let’s get “set free” as we combat the world’s lies with God’s truth.

I know you will be blessed!



**To Register for the Book Study:
Call 701-237-6770 or Email
AdminAssist@MessiahFargo.com**





Bethany Retirement Living Did You Know...

...that Bethany Retirement Living is a recognized leader in providing quality care to the seniors in the region. Among the special services provided is care for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The caring employees on our Memory Care Unit are specially trained to assist the residents and their families through a very challenging phase of their lives. In addition to the Memory Care Unit, our caregivers on other units complete a certified Dementia Care Specialist training program to professionally assist residents in early stages of dementia. For more information about Bethany's care for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, visit the website at > bethanynd.org/services/memory-care/ or contact 701.239.3529.



Bethany

retirement living

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New Life Thrift Stores

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5556 - 51st Ave S Fargo
Donations always
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Urgent Needs: Men's t-shirts & boxers, allergy meds. Basic Mission needs: twin XL, full or queen sheet sets; full-size bath white towels; laundry pods; alcohol-free mouth wash; melatonin; Q-tips. See full list at their web site: fargonlc.org/currentneeds.

Churches United: "Here for Every Neighbor"

There are 3 areas we serve the community: Housing, Food, and Healing. We are in critical need of blankets, men's pants, small battery alarm clocks and hygiene products. Complete Listing of Current Needs: www.churches-united.org



*Safe Shelter, Stable Housing,
Nutritious Food and
a Path Toward Healing*

Churches United Donations can be dropped off at Micah's Mission • 1901 1st Ave N, Moorhead • 8 am—7 pm Daily



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- ☯ T'ai Chi Chih Flow
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Contact Jan or Barbara at HeartSprings for class details.
heartspringsed@gmail.com ☯ Phone 701-261-3142





Noisy Change: Blessings from Messiah Lutheran 2023-24

Thank you for your generous Noisy Change offerings this year!

- September - Hope Blooms - \$276.44
- October - Salvation Army - \$407.95
- November - Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service - \$471.42
- December - Open Doors 65 - \$492.95 plus food & sleeping bags
- January - Lost and Found Recovery Center - \$220.04
- February - Jail Chaplains - \$358.16
- March - Friends of the Children - \$280.01
- April - ELCA Global Barnyard Animals - \$373.95



Thank you, Messiah Lutheran!!!

A BIG thank you to our Messiah congregation for donating to the Emergency Food Pantry during the MN FoodShare Campaign this year! Financial gifts of \$580 and 305 lbs. of food, baby, and household supplies were donated from Messiah.

Also, thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and worked at the Pantry the last week in March: Mary Bjerke, Jane Cornell, Mark Hartje, Mary Hartje, Jeff Johnson, Marsha Johnson, Roger Knopp, Megan Lass, Linda Monge, Gail Nelson, Jon Nelson, Brady Vick, Julie Vick, and Jeff Weitzel. Randy, Sue, and David Eider also signed up to work but, unfortunately, the Food Pantry closed that afternoon due to the bad weather.



Jeff Peterson from the Food Pantry said, "Despite closing Monday afternoon and being closed Friday for the holiday, we still served 201 households. That is a lot of people that your group impacted. Thank you so much!"

The Emergency Food Pantry is one of the participating food shelves that receives additional funds during the March campaign via the MN FoodShare Food Fund. This fund includes donations secured year-round from corporations, individuals, foundations, and businesses. The average amount of money the Food Pantry receives yearly from the Food Fund during the March Campaign is \$3,200. So, not only does the Pantry have non-perishable food, it receives enough funds to provide another 6400 meals!

We're so blessed to be able to help the Food Pantry again this year and help local families who are in need of a hand up. Please think about picking up some food or household supplies for the Food Pantry as you are shopping for your family. You may put them in the trunk by the north church door. We know the Food Pantry would appreciate receiving donations throughout the year! Thank you again!

Your Health and Social Ministry Committee





Why Is Stewardship for You? (Part 2)

Stewardship is what we as stewards do. It is faith in action. Stewardship is the living out of our faith through our serving, giving, witnessing, and relating to others. It is the faithful use of our time, talents, and money in doing God’s will. It is our faithful response of gratitude for God’s gift of forgiveness and salvation. As God’s stewards, we are called by Him and governed by His Word. God’s Word gives us motivation, direction, and purpose for our stewardship. Prompted by the Holy Spirit through God’s Word, we freely and joyously commit all that we are and have for His purpose.



Simply put, stewardship is good for us, helps others, extends God’s kingdom, and gives God honor and glory. We as Lutherans ask, “What does this mean?”

Stewardship is good for us because it helps us understand the responsibility and privilege we have been given as God’s people to be God’s stewards. By God’s grace, He calls us to be His stewards. He trusts us to be faithful stewards of His gifts to us. He elevates our status and importance. In His divine plan, He works through us to seek the lost and help those in need. Here on earth, we are Jesus’ hands, feet, and mouth. What a joy it is to be used by our Heavenly Father, Who with the power of His Word created all things! We are given the joyful privilege of being the instruments through which God works.

Stewardship is good for us because it helps us develop an attitude of gratitude for who God is and what He has done for us. Through faith, we know life is a gift, and we see God’s grace, goodness, love, and mercy at work. Our eyes are opened to see the beauty and majesty of God’s creation and the mighty works of His hands. Acknowledging God as the author and creator of all good things (James 1:17), we acknowledge His ownership and our role as stewards. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we live with an attitude of gratitude giving Him thanks and praise for His gifts to us. We give Him our thanks and trust in Him rather than the things of this world which give us no lasting hope and security.

Stewardship is good for us because it helps us to live abundantly (John 10:10). God promises to bless us spiritually and, at times, materially for our faithful serving and giving. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6). When we give much, we will receive much. In Proverbs we read, “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25 NIV). God has ordained that, when we give generously, we will receive generously. We cannot live the full life that God wants us to have unless we experience the joy that comes from generous giving and serving.

You are amazing and we appreciate you. Together, we are Messengers of God’s Grace.

Capital Campaign Update

Pledges \$187,930 ♦ Pledges Paid = \$113,525

Reminder: Giving electronically is efficient and safe. Call Trudy for details.

Coming Soon > Giving via QR Code!

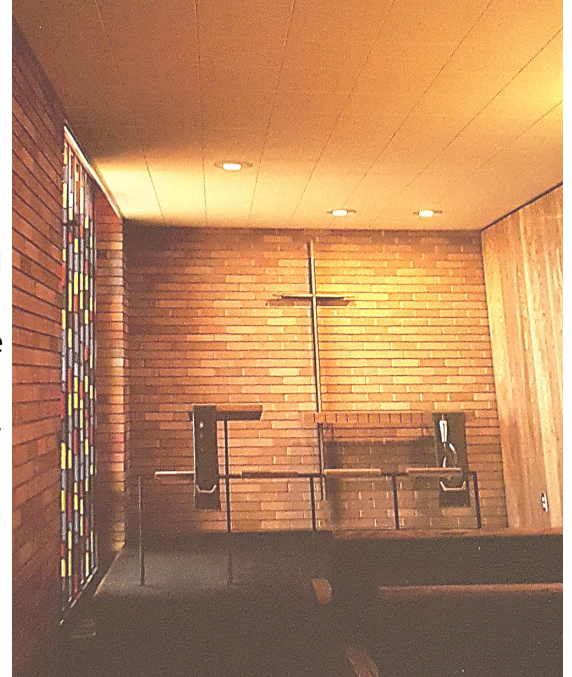


Messiah's Original Chapel, circa 1963

The sanctuary of Messiah holds a special place in many of our hearts. It is a place where we have worshiped, celebrated, mourned, and gathered in His name countless times over the many years we've called Messiah our church home. Walking into the sanctuary alone, with the only light shining through the geometric mid-century stained glass, brings a feeling of awestruck wonder and the presence of the Lord is evident. It is a wonderful place to take a moment and sit in silent prayer or reflection. However, it used to be just one of two places one could find such solace.

With altar furniture and a cross echoing that of the sanctuary, a few shortened pews, and, of course, some stained glass, Messiah's chapel provided a smaller and more intimate worship space. It was part of the church's original construction in 1963 until the building project of 2000. It served the church well, offering a space of peace and tranquility. It later served as a meeting space as the church membership expanded and space became a precious commodity!

A side door led into the senior pastor's office. The chapel space still exists in the building footprint, and serves as our Sunday School office.



(Compiled by Erik Eide)



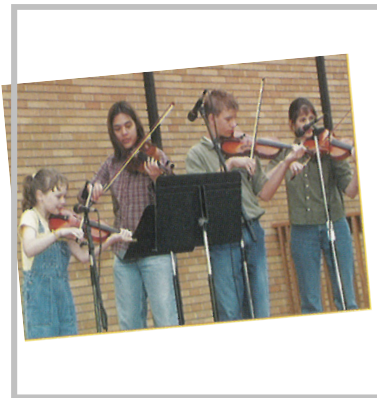
Open House • Sat. May 4
New Perspectives Sr. Living
West Fargo
1 PM to 3:30 PM
(Please No Gifts)

Church Notes for Messiah Fargo

The Messiah Semi-Annual Meeting is postponed pending the final Synod review of our constitutional update.

Watch for a printed mid-year report.

Any committee reports should be submitted by May 15, 2024. Contact Sharon at the church office with any questions.



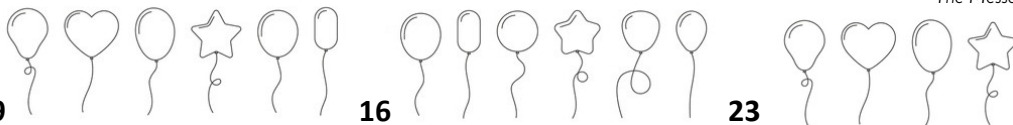
75th Anniversary

Join the planning team for Messiah's 75th Anniversary Celebration... WE need YOU and your ideas! Contact Melissa Mocol or Erik Eide with questions....and ideas!





May Birthdays



2
Carla Wehler

9
Mckenna Dilbeck
Tim Fiechtner

16
Cary Bergene

23
Joy Waagen
Chelsie Wanzek

3
Oliver Glasoe
Anna Melicher
Bailey Solomon

11
Emily Moench
Lori Peterson

18
Finley Oelke
Mary Smith

24
Fran Folstad

4
Eric Anderson
Junielle Olah
Levi Seeger

12
Kathryn Kanwischer

19
Elaina Thorstad

25
Lydia Hasbrouck
Melissa Mocol

5
Jenney Bender

13
Emmet Relie

20
Peder Holte
Merrill Piepkorn

26
Ann Jahnke

6
Denise VanderBush
Millie Wanzek

14
Jean Doty
Remi Moore
Gerald Regstad

21
Kermit Bratholt
Marie Mueller

27
Amanda Glasoe
Petra Parmer

7
Carmen Rogne

15
Jo Anderson
Darren Benson
Cherry Goschen
Christian Nasset

22
Otto Huss
Owen LaBounty
Mike Meyers

29
Carole Huber

8
Erin Labernik
Isaack Omar

23
Gene Hoagland
Emma Oelke
Lewie Ostrom
Justin Sheldon

30
Luke Hammerschmidt



Collecting and Recycling Bibles

Open Doors 65 wishes to give a Bible to each client they see. Place your Bible donations in the box by the office.

Open Doors 65 is a free thrift store and a support to those in need. Contact Suzanne Sheldon with questions.





May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am • Coffee Hour • Men's Choir • Youth Chevra 2 pm Girl Scouts 3:30 Just for Kix	8:30 am Aerobics 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Came to Believe Just for Kix	1 pm Staff Meeting Just for Kix	8:30 am Messiah Quilters 9 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Festival Choir 8 pm Joy Ringers	Just for Kix	8:30 am Aerobics	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	2 Noon & 6:30 pm Who Told You That Book Study	3 Kitchen Deep Clean	4 Swedish Socitety
5 9 & 11 am Worship 11 am Rite of Confirmation	6	7 6 pm Exec	8 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	9 Noon & 6:30 pm Who Told You That Book Study	10 Just for Kix	11 Just for Kix 8-4
12 9 & 11 am Worship Music Sunday 9 am Sr. Recognition 	13	14 Circle Bible Study 9:30 am Rachel 6:30 pm Anna	15 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation Messenger Deadline	16 Preschool Program Noon & 6:30 pm Who Told You That Book Study	17 Private Seminar	18 Private Seminar
19 9 am Worship	20 6:30 pm Women's Ministry Meeting	21 7 pm Council	22 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	23 Noon & 6:30 pm Who Told You That Book Study	24 Summer Office Hours Begin: 9 am to Noon	25
26 9 am Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed 	28 7 pm Women's Book Club Host: Carla Wehler	29	30	31 Summer Office Hours: 9 am to Noon	

Messiah Youth News



Sunday Youth Chevra
10 AM • Youth Room

"Chevra" = "friends" in biblical Hebrew.
See you on Sunday!

Students' Choice:

For one of our last confirmation classes, we are letting the students decide the topic. After careful consideration of their options and a bit of debate, the students have chosen to have their class on *"Unanswered Questions of the Bible."* They will be challenged on theological questions that have no concrete answer and asked to examine all sides.

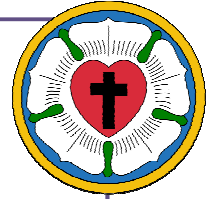
Stop in & Join the discussion!!!

Messiah Confirmation

Wednesdays at 7 PM, Youth Room

♦ Confirmation Hosts > Contact Bud to your date during the month of May!!

April was a blast for Messiah Youth! We are headed toward the finish line for this school year. Be sure to stay in touch with Bud for summer fun and service events. (Send an email to him w/your schedule.)



May Confirmation Discussions > Bible Basics w/ Pr. Laurie!

Students are learning about how the books of the Bible are categorized and why they were written. They have also started picking some favorite Bible verses with one energetic student even deciding on their favorite book of the Bible!

Bud's Email > YouthDtr@MessiahFargo.com



Movie After Dark: *The Breakfast Club* ☞ May 17 at 8 PM

Free screening at Essentia Health Plaza, West Fargo
All members of Messiah are invited! After the movie, we will hold a Bible study based on the film. We hope that this film's focus on looking at past differences will turn into a great intergenerational event.

So, if you're 8 or 80 come and join us!

**This movie is PG-13: ages fifth grade & under must be accompanied by parent or guardian.*



A Welcome Surprise: On April 10th, there was a short power outage that interrupted our normal confirmation class plans. But I don't think you'll hear any students complain as we spent our time focused on fun and community building. We started out as we always do by having the students share about their week's highs & lows. Then, we took advantage of the darkness by transitioning into a heated game of body in the dark. It was an amazing night of fun for our often far too busy students. With 4 minutes left of class and parents visibly waiting - the class demanded in one voice: "One more round!" And, who was I to say no?! (Sorry parents.)



April 6 > Holi Fvent in Moorhead

On the 6th of April, Messiah students attended a Holi and Easter Celebration. Holi is the Hindu festival of colors where the Indian culture welcomes spring. The students had the opportunity to try types of Indian food. (They mostly survived the event on ice cream and nachos.) They loved the throwing of the colors and getting a peek into Indian culture through dance, song, trivia, & new friends.



Holy Week at Messiah Fargo!



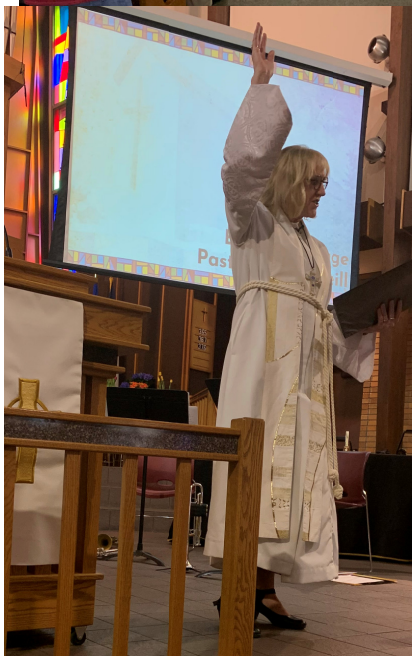
REJOICE!



1st Communion



Christ
THE LORD
is Risen



Faith rests in **truth**. And faith rests in **grace**.

...All other religions say, "Act this way, do these things, and you'll be accepted. Christ says, "by grace, you are accepted. Now, act this way, do these things."

Ta-dahhh! It's true. Jesus is the one who, John tells us, **came—full of grace and truth**. So my prayer for you this Easter (and always) is that you, like Mary, may meet your Risen Christ.

He has risen! He has risen indeed!

Glory Hallelujah!

Pastor Laurie Neill





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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
is a Messenger of God's Grace.

Vision Statement:

...to nurture a deep spiritual relationship with Jesus
Christ inspiring all people to Christ-like maturity,
equipping them to do His work, and to celebrate and
experience His love.



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Information

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wed. Contemporary Worship

5:15 p.m. Meal

6:00 p.m. Worship

Office Hours

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

**The Hour of Worship TV Schedule
& Online Options**

Messiah's The Hour of Worship can be
seen on WDAY-TV, Channel 6 at 11 a.m.
on Sundays. It will also be available on
Vimeo® and by links on Facebook®.

The Messenger Deadline

5 p.m. on the 15th of May for the
June Edition. No copy for the newsletter
will be accepted after this time.

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