



# The Messenger

Volume 28, Issue 10

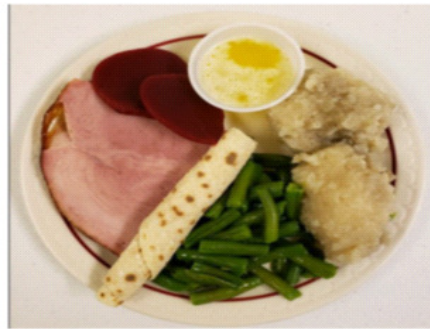
## Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2024

### Messiah's Klub Dinner Sat. Nov. 9 ♦ 4 - 7 PM

Cooler weather is coming and who doesn't love some comfort food?! Volunteers are needed for hosting, ticket table, serving, dessert room, and clean up. If you are able to help or have any questions, contact Melody Holen at 701-793-0400. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets: \$18 Adults ♦ \$8 Kids (Age 2-12)



#### Inside this Issue:

Pastor's Page	3
Christian Ed	4
WELCA Women's Ministry	5
Church Council	6
Stewardship	7
History	11
Birthdays	12
Calendar	13
Messiah Youth	14



### Worship at MESSIAH

9 AM Hour of Worship & Communion

11 AM Elm@11 Worship & Communion

10 AM Kids' Sun. School and Club 56

10 AM - Coffee Hour; Men's Choir; Coffee Hour

Adult Bible Study: *Dig Deeper into The Story*

6 PM W.O.W. - Worship On Wednesday

Messiah Fargo



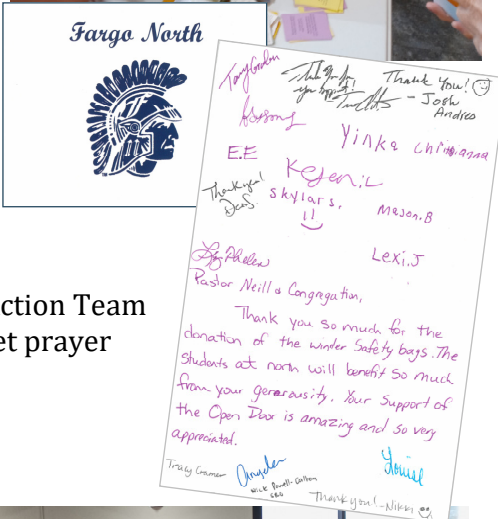
Special Thanks to Tom & Trudy Eide for sponsoring the October issue of The Messenger. Because of this gift, we are able to share the enclosed information with you, our church family!



# Rally Sunday—a great day on September 8!

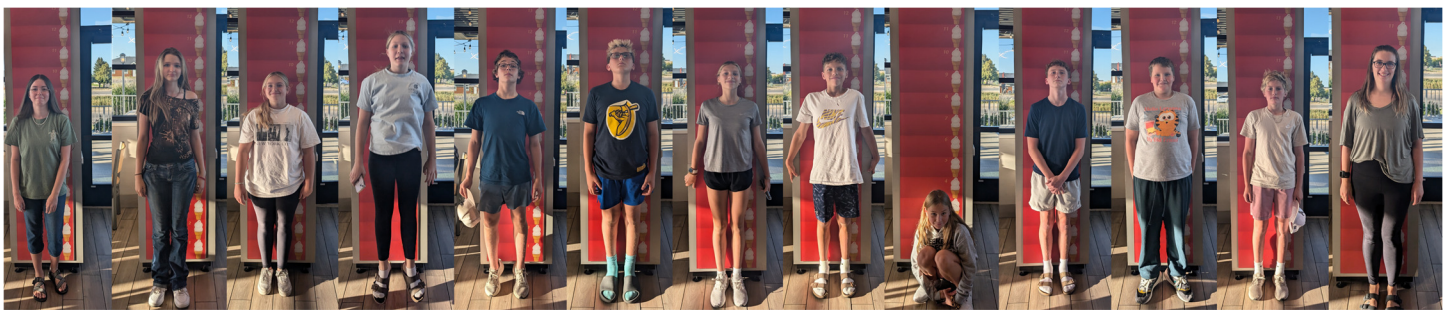
Rally Sunday began with Worship in the sanctuary, and continued with a brunch, served by Council Members, and fellowship in Messiah's Connection Center. We had an opportunity to register our kids for Sunday School, pickup a copy of THE STORY, and check our listings in the new digital directory. And—A BIG THANK YOU TO: Y-O-U!!

Thank You fellow Messiah members, for your generous financial donations to the Blessing Bag Project: \$496.71 from Noisy Change; \$390 in additional donations; and bags donated valued at \$137; as well as physical donations of socks, gloves, hot hand warmers, hygiene items, and snacks for this project. And thank you for assembling the blessing bags on Rally Sunday! You gave true meaning to "God's Work - Our Hands". Two hundred backpacks were assembled by you - 100 for students in need at Fargo North High School and 100 for the Veteran's Administration to distribute to veterans in need. Additional donations of shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. were given to the V.A. to distribute to the general population at the hospital. Both FNHS and the V.A. were very appreciative of receiving the blessing bags!



An additional thank you to Crystal Dahl for acquiring the \$250 Thrivent Action Team funds for this project. And thank you to Linda Monge for sewing the pocket prayer 'quilts' for the backpacks.

We appreciate you helping our neighbors  
From the Mission Matters and Rally Sunday Teams



Everyone needs to stop for a D.Q. on the way to Castaway Retreat!



## A Message From Pastor Laurie

Greetings to the people of Messiah Lutheran Church!

It's been a year now since I took the call to be your senior pastor, and I have no doubt the calling was of God. I have been blessed in many ways by the people who call Messiah their faith community and am excited about the work God has laid out before us. Let's begin and continue to DREAM BIG!

I also want to express how incredibly grateful I am for the amazing volunteer work that has been happening at Messiah. Over the past year, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand the dedication, energy, and love you that has been poured into our various ministries and events. From preparing meals, teaching our children, organizing events, to the behind-the-scenes work that often goes unnoticed—  
volunteers are the heartbeat of this community.



What impresses me most is not just the quality of the work being done, but the spirit in which it is carried out. There's a sense of joy, generosity, and teamwork in everything you do. The impact of your service reaches far beyond the tasks themselves. It is seen in the smiles of those who walk through our doors, in the connections made over a cup of coffee, and in the lives touched by your kindness and care. You are making a difference, and I am deeply inspired by each of you and I am honored to serve alongside such an incredible community of faithful volunteers.

I read once that volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. Volunteering is essential for Messiah for several reasons. First, it fulfills the church's mission to give of ourselves for the sake of others. We are called to serve our neighbor. It also builds community and gives us a way to live out our faith, not to mention the practical needs that are met.

The next time you see someone volunteering in any capacity, please make sure and thank them. Sometimes we take people for granted, but it is always an act of self-sacrifice to put your needs aside and tend to the needs of others and the ministries of the church.

I am especially thankful to the Mission Matters team for their work to make the Blessing Bags on Rally Sunday come about. Also, the Rally Sunday planning committee and the people who put in a ton of work for the Bag Sale. Our Sunday School is growing and in the capable hands of volunteer teachers and organizers. Then, there are ushers, communion servers, altar guild, coffee servers, and more. What a blessing!

I can't possibly name all of the people who have given of their time and talent, but if you are one of them, please know that your hard work reflects the true spirit of service that Jesus modeled for us.



As we move into the busyness of the church year, I hope more and more people will consider saying "yes" when asked to partake in a volunteer capacity.

Remember, YOU are priceless!  
And we cannot do it without you.

See you Sunday,  
Pr. Laurie Neill

# Christian Education ♦ Sunday October 29 is Reformation Sunday

The Protestant Reformation holds a significant place in Christian history, and reflecting on its impact reveals how pivotal it was for shaping modern faith and practice. Personally, the Reformation resonates as a movement that redefined the nature of faith, church authority, and the individual believer’s relationship with God. Spearheaded by Martin Luther and other reformers, it called for a return to the foundations of scripture and emphasized salvation by grace through faith alone—a radical departure from the prevailing Catholic doctrines of the time.

One striking aspect of the Reformation was its challenge to the institutional power of the Church. Luther’s 95 Theses, for example, attacked the sale of indulgences and raised questions about the role of clergy as mediators between God and humanity. Reflecting on this, I’m reminded of how this shift empowered the people to engage directly with scripture and nurtured the idea of a “priesthood of all believers.” The Bible was translated into vernacular languages, breaking down the barriers that kept ordinary people from accessing God’s word. This personal access to scripture, still so vital today, opened up an era of individual faith exploration that resonates deeply with me.



Moreover, the Reformation was not without its challenges. It led to divisions, doctrinal disputes, and even violent conflicts. While it birthed Protestantism, it also fragmented the Church into various denominations. Reflecting on this, I see both the strength and fragility of the Christian community. The courage to stand up for truth can sometimes result in separation, but it also reminds me of the ongoing need for dialogue, unity, and humility within the Church.

Ultimately, the Reformation has left a lasting legacy in how we approach faith today — emphasizing the authority of scripture, the centrality of grace, and the importance of personal conviction. For me, it serves as a reminder to never take the gift of faith and scripture for granted, to always seek deeper understanding, and to remain steadfast in the pursuit of truth, just as the reformers did centuries ago.

Written by Pastor Laurie Neill

## THE STORY

**God made Everything. God made you, too!**

Each week in “The Story” Students learn about the Upper Story (God’s Story) with the rest of the church but students also explore a Lower Story where we focus in on a specific part of the week’s chapter and dive into how it affects their lives.



For example the first week we talked about Genesis, but also discussed what it means to have “dominion” over the earth. Students imagined what the world would look like if we took care of it and each other the way we are called to.



After creating an image of the world as it “should be” students discussed what concrete steps they would take when accepting God’s call to care for the earth.





Messiah Women's Ministries



# APPLE PIE SEASON IS HERE!!! Be a Messiah Pie Maker

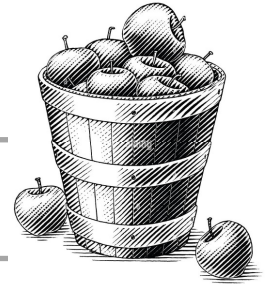


Join the Pie Crew on Mondays & Thursdays through October (9 to noon). Pick-up between Noon & 1 pm. We provide on-the-job-training for peeling apples, making and rolling pie crusts, etc. Add these dates on your calendars. We also need help picking apples. Proceeds from pie sales will be split 50/50 between Messiah's Youth and The Neighborhood Church.

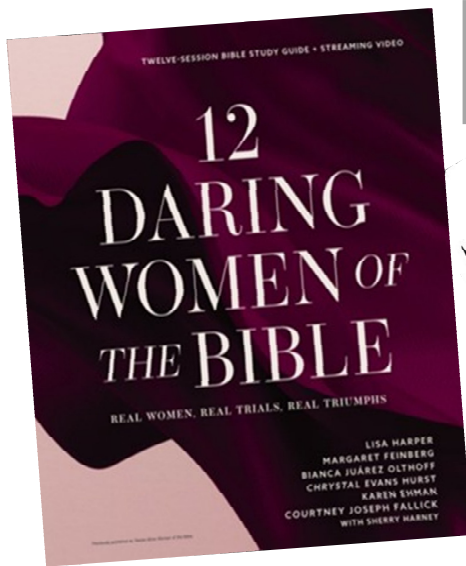
**Donations Welcome: Crisco, Butter & Apples.**

Prices: \$15 for unbaked, \$18 for baked.

Questions: contact Linda Monge



**We need Apples for Pies! Contact Linda (701-261-9861) if you have any or know of a source.**



**Messiah Women's Ministries**

Next Meeting: Mon. Oct. 21 6:30 pm



## Women's Circle Bible Studies

Tuesday, October 8 (Every 2nd Tuesday)

• Rachel Circle 9:30 AM • Anna Circle 6:30 PM

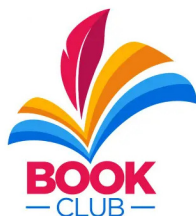
Join us this fall as we begin a new Bible Study called "12 Daring Women of the Bible." This Bible study helps participants learn to live through life's failures and successes, draw near to God in a world of trials, and find contentment in all circumstances.

## Messiah Women's Book Club

For October, we will attend the One Book One Community author presentation. The book is "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger.

**Tuesday, October 29 at 7 pm**

In the Centrum at Concordia College. We will car-pool from Messiah.



**Tues. Nov. 26**

7 pm Linda James, Host

Book: "Just for the Summer"

By Abby Jimenez

*Save the Date*

*Messiah's Annual  
Table Top  
Christmas Brunch  
Sat. December 7*





## A Note from your Council President

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October has arrived. Fall Activities are in full swing for worship, youth, Bible studies, Sunday School and fellowship. Along with the activities, the need for volunteers continues. I would encourage everyone to find a place where your time, talents and gifts can best be used to serve and glorify Our Lord.

As Pastor Laurie guides Messiah Lutheran through God’s Word in THE STORY, we are knit together as a congregation rich in history, vision, purpose and mission.

Messiah Lutheran has, from our inception, been blessed with visionary members and pastors. We follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther who over 500 years ago began the first steps of The Reformation on October 31, 1517 when he posted the 95 Theses on the doors of Wittenberg. Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Catholic church and lived in exile at Wartburg Castle where he translated the New Testament in German in eleven weeks. One year later, Luther’s German translation of the New Testament was published: making it possible to read the Bible for yourself. Martin Luther also gave us The Small Catechism that many of us memorized from cover to cover. We learned the Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, & The Lord’s Prayer—and how they help us simply communicate the faith we share from generation to generation. In the words of Eric Metaxas:

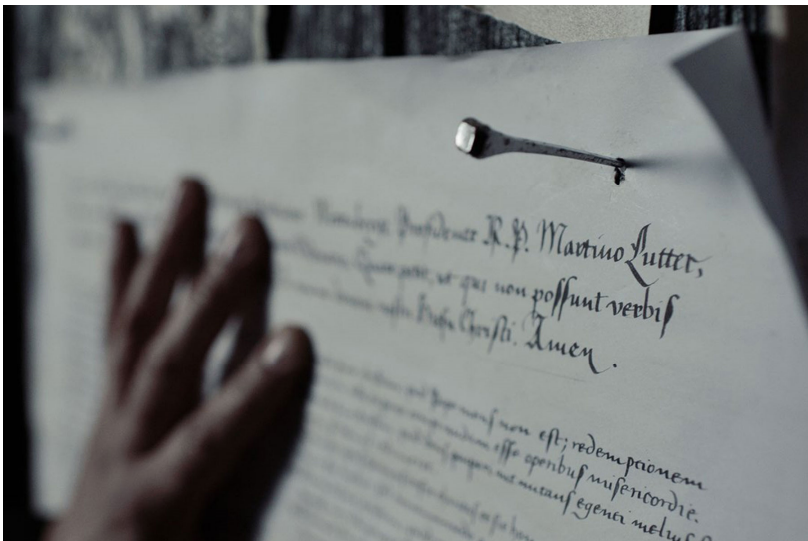
“Luther’s first hand courage gave birth to the ideas of liberty, equality, and individualism that totally lie at the heart of all modern life.” (*Martin Luther: The Man who Rediscovered God and Changed the World by Eric Metaxas*)

As we read through THE STORY together, I am looking forward to watching our congregation experience The Word, while creating a closer relationship with God. This is most certainly true.

Some quotes from Martin Luther:

*“To be Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”*

*“You are not responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.”*



*“God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers, and clouds and stars.”*

*“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.”*

Your Brother in Christ,  
Doug Nasset  
Council President





# The 2024 Messiah Bag Sale

The 2024 \$5 Bag Sale was another success story!!! What was started 39 years ago by Messiah WELCA women continues to flourish and seems to be an anticipated event for our community as well. We were blessed to receive \$1974.66 for our worthy recipients: Prevent Child Abuse—ND and Patriot Assistant Dogs for Veterans. Both agencies will receive their monies at the December 2024 Christmas brunch.



Over the 4 days from set-up to take-down, we were blessed to have 41 volunteers donate over 270 hours for this event. That is 11+ days of work in our short time frame!! Amazing!! We had new signage for indoors/outdoors, and on the clothing racks, which received lots of positive comments and made “shopping” easier.

We also donated items to 11 charitable destinations, including: office supplies for our own Messiah Church; vases for Hornbachers; shoes for the Good Feet Store (for their SOLE to SOUL program); worn towels for Homeward Animal Shelter; items for Open Door 65; purses and personal hygiene items for the YWCA Shelter; medical equipment for HERO; and furniture for Furniture Mission.

All the books were taken to a Used Book Store so we now have \$42 credit for our church to be used as seen fit. At the very end of the event, several pieces of cold weather clothing are ready for Messiah’s Winter Clothing Drive that will be held in January 2025. The rest of the items were boxed up and picked up by Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Thrift the following Monday.

Thank you a thousand times over for all the fantastic volunteers who worked hard and so well together!!! Thank you Lord Jesus for wonderful weather and a favorable outcome. Please know we appreciate each and every one of you for your donations, support, volunteerism and prayers. It “DOES take a village,” and “many hands make light work.”

God bless you all and thanks again!!



The Bag Sale Committee Chairs  
Nila Halverson  
Andrea Tweten-Steinmetz  
Denise VanderBush



## Bethany Retirement Living

### Did You Know...

...that Bethany Retirement Living offers a broad range of senior care services to meet just about any need a senior may have? At Bethany on University, Skilled Nursing Care, Memory Care, Rehab Suites, Basic Care, short stays and Assisted Living are available. Bethany on 42nd features Skilled Nursing Care, Assisted Living, Senior Living with Services, and Senior Apartments. Ethos Home Care offers services in your own home. Are you looking for living opportunities for someone you love? Visit our web site at > [bethanynd.org](http://bethanynd.org) or call Bethany on University at 701.239.3000 or Bethany on 42nd at 701.478.8900.



**Bethany**  
*retirement living*



## Baked Potato Bar and Apple Crisp Fundraiser for Bethany Retirement Living

Hosted by Bethany Auxiliary from 11 AM to 1 PM

- ❖ Wed. October 16 at Bethany on 42nd
- ❖ Thurs. October 17 at Bethany on University



**New Life Center: In-Kind Donations are Lifesavers**  
**1902—3rd Ave. N. Fargo, ND (701) 235-4453**

### New Life Thrift Stores

221 - 19th St N Fargo  
5556 - 51st Ave S Fargo  
Donations always  
Welcome!



Current Needs: cold weather hats/gloves, 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/current needs](http://fargonlc.org/current needs)

## Churches United for the Homeless

Churches United: "Here for Every Neighbor."

**Current Needs:** Hygiene items, medical supplies, towels, bedding (twin & queen size), quilts, sleeping bags, new pillows. Soaps & Shampoo, New Underwear, plain white T-shirts. Baby Supplies, diapers, wipes, formula, teething gels & diaper rash creams. Food items. Please make sure products are new and unopened.

Complete Listing of Current Needs: [www.churches-united.org](http://www.churches-united.org)



Mail Financial Donations to:  
Churches United (218) 656-7495  
1901—1st Ave. N. Moorhead, MN 56560

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



**Boy Scout Troop 244**

*will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths.*

*Troop representatives will collect orders in the Gathering Place between Sunday Worship Services. \$25 each  
Thank you for supporting our Scouts.*



**Thanksgiving Lefse!!  
Home-made  
by our Scouts!**

Troop 244 will be selling Lefse **only** in November this year.

Please order enough for your needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Orders will be collected on Sundays in October

**Fall Classes with HeartSprings  
Fit & Strong and Tai Ji Quan classes.**

- Fit & Strong: an exercise program for older adults - especially those with osteoarthritis.*
- Tai Ji Quan: a movement practice for anyone wishing for better balance & mobility.*



*HeartSprings Community Healing Center's mission is to provide complementary therapies that enhance health, hope, healing, and vibrancy for those with chronic and life altering conditions.*



**Contact Jan or Barbara at HeartSprings for details.**

**heartspringsed@gmail.com ☞  
Phone 701-261-3142**

**UNLOCK HOPE**

 **The Untold Story**  
Dessert Social Fundraiser

Presented by  **New Life Center**

**October 8, 2024**  
Delta Hotels by Marriott Fargo  
6 PM • Doors Open & Social | 7 PM • Program



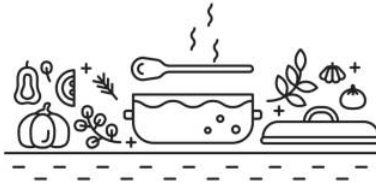
Order tickets at  
The New Life  
Center web  
site:

fargonlc.org

## Noisy Change Offering: Sunday, October 13

Noisy Change for October will be collected for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Basket program. This worthy program has been providing meals for a multitude of years. Over 400 families in need received a food basket in 2023!!

The baskets are filled with such items as a turkey, dressing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, bread and a pumpkin pie. The food supplies are provided to encourage families to cook together to experience the meal as they are being prepared. They can immerse themselves in the preparation, the smell, the anticipation of the meal, and the satisfaction of making their own meal. Please prayerfully support this worthy October Noisy Change to help our community neighbors that can use a little assistance to ensure a fun, and THANKFUL Thanksgiving holiday meal.



### Living as Dedicated Stewards

By God's grace, we are enabled to live lives dedicated to God through faith in Christ Jesus. Martin Luther said, *"If anyone would rap at the door of my heart and ask, 'Who lives here?' I would answer 'Martin Luther once lived here. But Martin Luther has moved out, and Jesus Christ has moved in!'"*

After the Apostle Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, Jesus changed and controlled his heart, and Paul now gave his whole life to Jesus. The sainted missionary David Livingstone expressed the complete dedication of his life to the Lord in these words: *"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything, I have will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given away or kept only as by giving or keeping it, I may promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hope and faith in time and eternity."*

Through faith, we live lives in love and gratitude to Jesus Who gave His life for us. By God's grace, we can give ourselves in complete service to the Savior to build His everlasting kingdom. God works in and through us to fulfill His purpose for our lives.

**Messiah's QR Code  
for Electronic Giving**  
Scan this QR Code to give  
with the Simply Giving App



When it opens, choose the fund to which you wish to give and follow the prompts. Messiah will be charged processing fee when you give by card. *Please consider giving a little extra to cover these fees.*

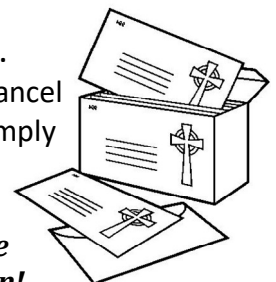
And what a life it is! It is an abundant life. Our lives are fulfilling and profitable because now we are enjoying the blessings of this life and the promise of life eternal which is to come. Jesus said, *"And whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it"* (Mathew 10:39).

If we live for ourselves, our lives will find little value and purpose, but living for Jesus will allow us to live lives of purpose which bring honor and glory to God.

### A Note from Trudy:

Time to order weekly offering envelopes. Contact Trudy if you need envelopes, wish to cancel offering envelopes, or would like to enroll in Simply Giving. *(You may also use the QR code to the left of this note!)*

**Thank You for your faithful giving to the  
Mission and ministry of Messiah Lutheran!**



## Messiah's 25th Anniversary in 1975

Our 25th Anniversary in April 1975 was marked with special events including festive worship services and an afternoon program filled with music and memories. The theme was "Rejoice in Faith, Love, and Hope". Dr. Anton Nelson, who led the Board of American Missions at Messiah's founding, delivered the sermon. Celebrants included Rev. Hugo Anderson, who had served as the mission intern before the congregation's establishment, as well as former pastors Vernon Johnson, Drell Bernhardson, and Lorance Schoenberg.

Our 50th Anniversary in October 2000 coincided with a major building remodel and addition project with the theme, "On Our Way Rejoicing". The celebration featured worship services and an anniversary luncheon, drawing together the Messiah community. Former pastors Drell Bernhardson, Leslie Wassberg, Harry Olson, and Lorance Schoenberg—who traveled nearly 1,500 miles from Washington state—joined the festivities. Pastors Glenn Schoonover, Matt Valan, and Paul Campbell also contributed messages in the weeks following the celebration.

As we look ahead to our 75th Year of Ministry in 2025, stay tuned for details about this significant milestone in our faith community!



Above: 25th Anniversary theme, 1975

*Save the Date*  
YOU'RE INVITED

Services of Rededication:  
*Wed. Jan. 8 and Sun. Jan. 12, 2025*

Throwback Service: *Sun. May 25, 2025*

Anniversary Celebration:  
*Sun. Sept. 21, 2025*



*Watch for more details  
in the coming weeks...*

*Erik Eide and  
Melissa Mocol  
Co-Chairs*



### Elliott George Stone

Parents: Matt & Danielle Stone

Big Brother: Jacob

Proud Grandpa: Mike Stone

### Cru Froseth

Parents: Leah & Adam Froseth

Big Brothers: Bentley & Cash

Grandparents: Dan & Julie Martinson

Great-Grandpa: Dean Bennefeld



# October Birthdays

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>1</b><br>Cami Borah<br>Walker Griffin<br>Taryn Thorstad                    | <b>9</b><br>Davilyn Johnson<br>Larry Jones | <b>17</b><br>Austin Carriere<br>Jeff Johnson | <b>27</b><br>Abby Chesser   |
| <b>2</b><br>Loralyn Benson<br>Colin Helfenstein                               | <b>11</b><br>Ed Ahonen                     | <b>21</b><br>Jonny Stevenson                 | <b>29</b><br>Carol Brandt   |
| <b>3</b><br>Randy Peterson  | <b>12</b><br>Ayla Halverson                | <b>22</b><br>Marlee Oelke<br>Lekha Shankar   | <b>30</b><br>Linda Lou Colquhoun<br>Annika Hanson<br>Lillian Waagen |
| <b>5</b><br>Nathalie Kriegler<br>Kirsten Reile<br>Casey Smith<br>Kathy Tweten | <b>13</b><br>Marie Stevens                 | <b>23</b><br>Steven Sauer                    |   |
| <b>6</b><br>Mavis Hedin   | <b>14</b><br>Judy Gehrke<br>Luka Parmer    | <b>25</b><br>Carl Hendershott<br>Ethan Ibach |   |
| <b>8</b><br>Amy LaBounty  | <b>15</b><br>Amanda Leichtenberg           | <b>26</b><br>Eleanor Dockendorf              |   |



## Why wear red on Reformation Sunday?

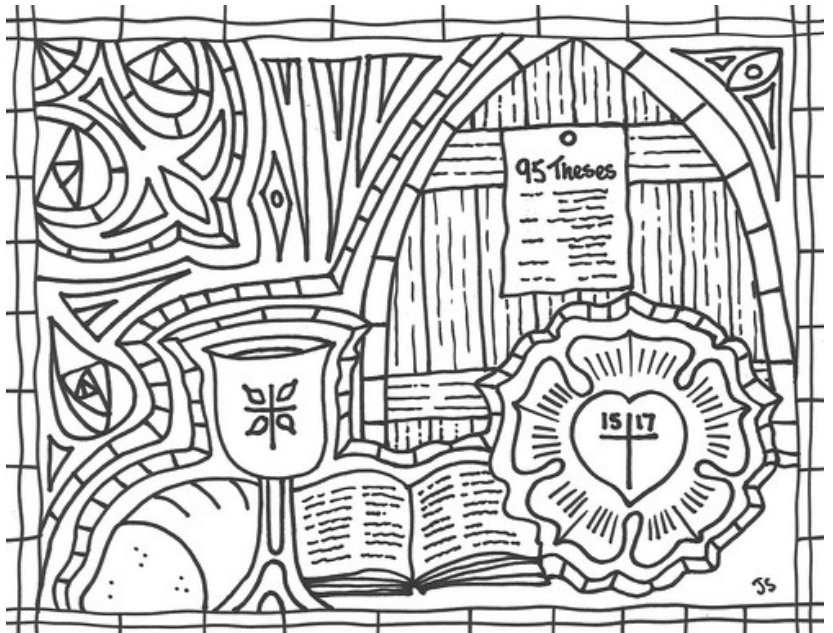
People wear red on Reformation Sunday to commemorate the Holy Spirit and the martyrs of the Christian church.

Red is the liturgical color for the day, and it symbolizes:

The Holy Spirit ✧ Red is a reminder of the Holy Spirit's work and the fire of the Spirit that continues to reform people.

Martyrs ✧ Red is a tribute to those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus.

Strength ✧ Red symbolizes the strength and power that the Holy Spirit gives to God's people.





# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am Coffee Hour Men's Choir  2 pm Girl Scouts 3:30 pm Just for Kix	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		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1   6 pm Exec.	2  5:15 Meal 6 pm W.O.W. 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Youth Group	3 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  The Story Bible Study w/Pr. Laurie 12:30pm & 6:30 pm 1 pm Game Time	4	5
6 9 am Worship 10 am Sun. School & Club 56 Adult Bible Study 11 am > Elm @ 11	7 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  1 pm The Story Study Group	8 Circles: 9:30 am Rachel 6:30 pm Anna	9  5:15 Meal 6 pm W.O.W. 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Youth Group	10 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  The Story Bible Study w/Pr. Laurie 12:30pm & 6:30 pm 1 pm Game Time	11	12
13 9 am Worship <b>Noisy Change</b> 10 am Sun. School & Club 56 Adult Bible Study 11am > Elm @ 11	14 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  1 pm The Story Study Group	15 <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>	16  5:15 Meal 6 pm W.O.W. 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Youth Group	17 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  The Story Bible Study w/Pr. Laurie 12:30pm & 6:30 pm 1 pm Game Time	18	19
20 9 am Worship 10 am Sun. School & Club 56 Adult Bible Study 11am > Elm @ 11	21 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  1 pm The Story Study Group  7 pm Messiah Women's Ministry	22   7 pm Council	23  5:15 Meal 6 pm W.O.W. 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Youth Group	24 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  The Story Bible Study w/Pr. Laurie 12:30pm & 6:30 pm 1 pm Game Time	25	26
27 9 am Worship 10 am Sun. School & Club 56 Adult Bible Study 11am > Elm @ 11 <b>Reformation Sunday</b>	28 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  1 pm The Story Study Group	29  7 pm Women's Book Club at The Centrum, Concordia	30  5:15 Meal 6 pm W.O.W. 7 pm Confirmation 8 pm Youth Group	31 Apple Pie Making 9 am-Noon  The Story Bible Study w/Pr. Laurie 12:30pm & 6:30 pm 1 pm Game Time	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0e0;"> <p><b>Special Guests</b>  <b>Wed. Oct. 2 ❖ 6 pm</b>                      Michael &amp; Carmen Zoughbi                      (from the Holy Land)                      The Olivewood Project</p> </div>	

# Messiah Youth News



**From Bud:**

Confirmation is diving deep into “The Story”! Each week students work with Pastor Laurie to explore the chapters of “The Story” alongside the rest of the church. Then during the second half of confirmation we explore what it means to live a good Christian life. Students are learning valuable lessons and skills that will assist them in living a life dedicated to God and their neighbors. Do you have a life skill or lesson you would like to share with our students?

Need three minutes? Three weeks? Whatever you think is important for these kids, we would love to have you. Examples of lessons/skills could be: incorporating prayerful music into your life, finding your life calling, caring for & appreciating nature. Help these kids enter the world prepared with strong values, good hearts, and the knowledge to overcome challenges they face.



**Messiah Confirmation**

Wednesdays at 7 PM

- ♦ Youth Room, Grades 7+
- ♦ Senior High Fellowship (directly following Confirmation, in the Youth Room)

**Castaway EaND Youth Retreat** is a great place to get away from the normal hustle & bustle of chaotic life to spend time with some friends, meet new people, enjoy being active with the various activities while still having the freedom to make some choices on how they get to spend their time there. It’s a retreat I hold close to my heart as it is what brought me back to church in high school after I had already been confirmed. I hope that the youth that participated in this retreat felt God’s love and spirit in the worship, through the messages presented, and the songs everyone sings together.

*From Katelynn Norman  
Messiah Youth Mentor*

**Bud’s Email > [YouthDtr@MessiahFargo.com](mailto:YouthDtr@MessiahFargo.com)**



**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## Messiah’s Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild has openings to fill.

Altar Guild members help prepare our sanctuary for weekly worship services. Servants commit for a one—month rotation. Substitutes are also needed.

Contact:

Melody Holen  
701-793-0400

Loralyn Benson  
701-238-5484



## New Life Center

Fall is here- which means the dining room at New Life Center is about to get busier! We’re expecting to provide over 17,500 meals this Thanksgiving season. Help us kick off the fall season strong! Your gift of \$20.79 will feed 7 people, and can open the door to other Mission services like faith-based guidance and recovery that change lives. Thank you for helping with meals and life-changing care this season.

Phone (701) 235-4453  
Web Site: [fargonlc.org](http://fargonlc.org)



# Castaway Crew



## THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

*Talk About It: What is a place in creation that really reveals God's glory to you and helps you feel close to him?*

*If you could take a walk with God in the perfect garden of paradise, just like you would with a friend, what would you ask him, and why?*

God will accomplish his plan and will in this world, but he often does it in ways we would not expect and through surprising people.

*Talk About It: As we read THE STORY we discover that God is full of surprises. He rarely does things the way we would expect. Tell about a time God did something in your life that was totally unexpected and surprising.*



# Hope

# Believe!





Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fargo

October 2024

2010 Elm ST N  
Fargo, ND 58102

Phone: 701-237-6770  
www.messiahfargo.com

NON PROFIT ORG.

U.S. Postage

PAID

Fargo, N. Dakota

Permit No. 799

## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

### Mission Statement:

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.



### Staff

**Senior Pastor:**

Rev. Laurie Neill

Email: [SeniorPastor@messiahfargo.com](mailto:SeniorPastor@messiahfargo.com)

**Parish Administrator:**

Sharon Syrdal

Email: [ParishAdmin@messiahfargo.com](mailto:ParishAdmin@messiahfargo.com)

**Youth Director:** Bud Schenk

Email: [YouthDtr@messiahfargo.com](mailto:YouthDtr@messiahfargo.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Karen McCloud

Email: [AdminAssist@messiahfargo.com](mailto:AdminAssist@messiahfargo.com)

**Bookkeeper:** Trudy Eide

Email: [Bookkeeper@messiahfargo.com](mailto:Bookkeeper@messiahfargo.com)

**Organist/Director & Coordinator of Music:**

Jim Gurney

mail: [jimgurney@messiahfargo.com](mailto:jimgurney@messiahfargo.com)

**W.O.W. Worship Leader &**

**Joy Ringers Director:** Trudy Eide

Email: [teide01@aol.com](mailto:teide01@aol.com)

**Children's Music Director:** Lindsey Thorstad

**Media Technician:** Erik Eide

**Custodian:** Kelvin Fisher

**Wedding Coordinators:**

Amanda Leichtenberg & Kimberly Groszhans

### Council

**President:**

Doug Nasset

**Vice President:**

Susan Langerud

**Secretary:**

Katelynn Norman

**Treasurer:**

Jan Lundgren

**Council Members:**

Suzanne Sheldon

Dan Oberholtzer

Melissa Mocol

Jon Steinmetz

Melody Holen

Stan Andrist

### Information

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Hour of Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Elm@11

**W.O.W. - Worship On Wed.**

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 Oct. for the Nov. Edition. No copy for the newsletter will be accepted after this time.

Find us on  and   
as Messiah Lutheran Fargo