

Spirit

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From the Desk of Pastor Orin :

Dear Saints,

Easter Greetings in the name of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord and coming Savior Jesus Christ!

If I did not know better, I would have assumed that Easter people are kids only. One could easily assume that they had no candy during the Lenten fast based on the sheer excitement of collecting eggs and candy left by the Easter Bunny. Thank God, Easter is so much more than the excitement the Bunny conjures up.

Looking out the windows from my living room, the thought of millions dying from inadequate fresh water or catastrophic flooding and pollution or lack of peace and security or hunger or war is remote. The above causes displacement of people, immense suffering, and death, but can also inspire empathy and enthusiasm for life affirming action.

When we are far removed from such realities, it is difficult even to imagine the need. However, with technology at a click of a button, we see and hear of the horrors people overseas experience. I agree that we are easily discouraged by such news, but we cannot ignore suffering and need.

As Easter people, we remember how the disciples felt when they saw the crowds and Jesus wanted them to feed the people. Instead of focusing on what was lacking, Jesus invited them to trust God. Granted that too is difficult, but we know God by what God does.

The risen Christ shows us that God is not an object or remote being. When Thomas encountered the risen Christ, he confessed that Jesus is truly man and truly God because of what He did. Thomas' experience of the risen Christ's love for him and his friends, offering of peace, gift of the Holy Spirit, and forgiveness was transformative and he became a faithful witness and servant of the Gospel.

Jesus showed that God is love by His sacrifice for our sins, and when our focus is on God's love, we can find our way through any situation as we did during COVID-19 or as Thomas did through grief.

In our self-sufficiency, we need to be reminded to live in love. Love for the neighbor is no small task. It makes us vulnerable, and our God did precisely that for our salvation. Now, God sends us to put our love in action for the sake of the neighbor.

If Easter means anything to us—kids, youth, adults and seniors, it is that the triumph of God's love in our lives makes us life-giving to a world in need. No longer are we overwhelmed just thinking about the world's problems or preoccupied with our own desires, needs, and interests. Instead, we put our faith in action through acts of loving service to the neighbor.

As we enjoy Easter candy, the suffering of our Ukrainian neighbors leaves a sour taste in our mouths. This we overcome by faith in loving action.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Orin

Springfield Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.
Oasis Inn & Convention Center
2546 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65803

THEME: *Exalt the Lord who has established us*
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Justin Skinner, speaker, author, and entrepreneur*

This event is the local observance of the National Day of Prayer
instituted by Congress in 1952.

It offers a great opportunity to network with the body of believers living and working in
southwest Missouri.

Tickets for the buffet breakfast are **\$15.00**

*(For those who would like to ride the Messiah Church Van, passengers will
board the van at 6:15 a.m. in the church parking lot and will be dropped off at
the front entrance to the Oasis Convention Center. After the event, participants
will be picked up and returned to Messiah Church).*

Please note: Van will leave promptly at 6:30 a.m.
If you would like to ride the van please call the church office to register,
there is a 14 person maximum.

Parish Life

Both Supper and Scripture groups met this past month. If you are interested in joining a group,
contact Ileen Kendall at 417-430-6027.

The Lenten Suppers were a HUGE success! We averaged 50 people at each event.

Coffee hour will continue through the spring and summer. We hope to make some changes to attract
more people.

We are planning a Spring Fling Pot Luck on Sunday, May 22!! More information will be coming!!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

How We Can Help Ukrainians In Our Area

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN OUR AREA

On Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, Messiah's Congregational Care Committee met and one of the items on the Agenda was "Ukrainian Refugees in our Area". A decision was made to investigate how members might fulfill Messiah's Mission Statement to ***offer healing and care to all in need***, especially to Ukrainian refugees.

Ukraine was invaded on February 24, and since then we have witnessed eight weeks of carnage and devastation. Many of us have been asking, "What can we do to help?", as we see people fleeing with only a bag or small suitcase making their way through the rubble and all that's left of their home and city.

On April 16, Pastor Orin wrote to the pastor of a Slavic church in the Seminole/Holland neighborhood, "I believe we (Messiah) could help with displaced persons coming from Ukraine...Perhaps we could support this effort as a small gesture of compassion and love for the neighbor."

Now we have an opportunity to help by teaming up with local Slavic churches that are sponsoring refugees. These people, mostly families, have nothing when they arrive. Slavic churches are providing transportation to our area and are attempting to locate housing and needed essentials. The needs are truly great! For instance, the cost of housing is \$1200 – \$1500 per month in the Springfield, Ozark, Rogersville area.

Also, Slavic churches are assisting the refugees in becoming legal immigrants, a process which can easily take 3 months or more. In the meantime, refugees are not allowed to work or apply for any services. Things we take for granted like clothing, bedding, mattresses, bed frames, and hygiene essentials—bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, body wash, shampoo, sponge, deodorant, razors and shaving cream are needed. In addition, towels, kitchen appliances, dishes and silverware, pots and pans, furniture, and the list goes on.

In order to simplify and help with the most immediate critical needs like food and housing when refugees arrive, a temporary designated account – **Ukrainian Refugee Fund** – has been set up at Messiah. Members who wish to donate to the local refugee relief can place their check or cash in an envelope labeled **Ukrainian Refugee Fund**. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church and marked **Ukraine** on the memo line. Look for **Ukrainian Refugee Fund** envelopes in the pews. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought or mailed to the church office.

Most of the volunteers from the Slavic churches receiving refugees speak Ukrainian and Russian fluently and are able to offer assistance that others in the community cannot. Since each family's needs for clothing and other items will be specific to that family, having the funds available will simplify meeting needs as quickly as possible. Donating items such as those listed above would mean they would have to be stored at the church, thus the fund for monetary gifts.

How We Can Help Ukrainians In Our Area (continued)

However, if anyone is interested in donating actual items, listed below are persons with the Slavic churches that you might contact for more information: Please give only gently used or new items.

Alina (585) 766- 4177 or Lilly (503) 705-1737 or ukrainianrefugeehelpinghand@gmail.com. There is a Drop-Off Location at US 60 & Farm Rd 205, Rogersville, MO. Text/Call for exact address and to coordinate the drop-off. Please do not bring furniture to drop-off location without prior approval.

OR

Inna Gladkov (417) 684-0203. Drop-off location is 927 Indian Grove, Rogersville, MO, 65742. The Gladkov family is sponsoring four families, two of which have already arrived and two more arriving soon. Any donations these families don't use will be donated to the Bread of Life Slavic Church, located at 2852 E County Line Road, Rogersville, MO 65742.

OR

Olga Vedernikov (417) 459-5252 is the contact person for the Bread of Life Slavic Church, located at 2852 E. County Line Road, Rogersville, MO 65742. They are collecting and distributing donations to Ukrainian Refugees. Note: Your donations are tax deductible. Bread of Life Slavic Church is a 501 (c) public charity organization under the Internal Revenue Code and is tax-exempt and eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions such as clothing and furniture, etc.

OR

If you would like to volunteer...contact: Alina (585) 766-4177 or Lilly (503) 705-1737 or ukrainianrefugeehelpinghand@gmail.com.



Home Safety

Home Safety Part 2 — Special Populations

**Children

Children, especially young children, will put just about anything they can find into their mouths. Water poses increased risks to young children. They are also in danger of accidents.

Ingestion:

All batteries, especially button batteries, can cause choking or other serious injuries. Keep them out of reach of children.

Laundry/dishwasher pods often look like candy with bright colors. Store these where they can't be seen.

Household cleaners/insect repellent/bug sprays are poisonous even in small amounts. All medications should be in child proof containers and out of reach.

Some plants can be poisonous. Check with Poison control (1(800)222-1222) for a complete list.

Drowning:

Small children can drown in just a few inches of water. Never leave a young child alone in a bath—even for a short time. Gather supplies before child is in the bath tub.

All children should be supervised by an adult at all times while in or around a pool. A drowning child may not call out or flail arms if in trouble.

All children should be taught pool safety/ swimming lessons as early as possible.

Accidents:

Any unstable furniture and flat screen TVs should be properly anchored to the wall to prevent them from tipping over and falling on a child.

Toys should be age appropriate and inspected for sharp points or broken areas before use by children.

Firearms should be secured in a gun safe with ammunition securely stored elsewhere. Don't trust children not to touch a gun if they find one.

Place pots with boiling water or grease for frying on back burners of the stove where children can't reach.

Home Safety (Continued)

**PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA

Depending on the severity or stage of the dementia, persons with Dementia present various levels of concern in the home . The following suggestions are in addition to the recommendations for elderly safety at home that were included in the Spirit last month.

Install alarms that notify the caretaker when a door or window is opened.

Hide a spare key outside the house in case the person with dementia locks the doors while caretaker is outside.

Keep all medications, both prescription and over the counter, in a locked box.

Keep all cigarettes, matches, lighters, and other fire hazards out of reach and sight.

Avoid clutter which can cause anxiety and confusion.

Lock all guns or remove the firing pins. Keep weapons and ammunition out of reach and out of sight.

Install child-proof latches on drawers or storage cabinets where items such as knives, cleaning products or other dangerous items can be found.

Consider removing the lock from bathroom doors to avoid person with dementia from getting locked in the bathroom.

Set the water heater at 120 degrees to avoid scalding with hot water.

Keep toxic materials (paint, fertilizer, gasoline, etc.) or dangerous items (tools, lawnmowers, sports equipment, etc.) locked in an outdoor shed or garage.

If possible, keep laundry room door locked or keep laundry products in locked box.

Keep autos, motorcycles and bicycles locked and ensure that the keys are secured.

Heating pads, electric blankets, electric mattress pads should be avoided if possible to avoid the risk of burns.

Consider using a monitoring device (like those used to hear infants) to alert caretaker to any sounds of distress or falls, especially during the night.

www.rebuildingtogether.org www.safekids.org www.safewise.com www.alzheimers.gov
www.caregiver.org www.nationalinstituteonaging.gov

Technology Ministry

The Congregational Care Committee is interested in establishing a Technology Ministry. We want to ensure that everyone who is homebound or is otherwise unable to attend church in person can seamlessly access Messiah church services and communicate with the church office on TV, smartphone, and other internet devices.

We would also hope to assist anyone who might have questions about using the full potential of his/her phone or computer or help with the set-up of a new internet or blue-tooth enabled device such as a TV, remote control, phone, computer, router, or even a new car infotainment system, doorbell, or coffeemaker.

We need to pair experts with those who would like help. If you are the parent of an expert or love playing with all the new technology yourself, please get in touch with the Messiah church office.

Also, if you need help with viewing online church services or would like to set up a new phone or device or better understand the devices you have, please get in touch with the office so that we can pair you with an expert.

May Readings

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
First Reading: Acts 9:1-6[7-20]	First Reading Acts 9:36-43	First Reading Acts 11:1-18	First Reading Acts 16:9-15	First Reading Acts 16:16-34
Psalm Psalm 30	Psalm Psalm 23	Psalm Psalm 148	Psalm Psalm 67	Psalm Psalm 97
Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14	Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17	Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6	Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Gospel John 21:1-9	Gospel John 10:22-30	Gospel John 13:31-35	Gospel John 5:1-9	Gospel John 17:20-26

Congregational Care

ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM CELEBRATION

On Mother's Day, May 8, we will resume the Celebration of the Anniversary of Baptism for children/youth, from the first anniversary of their baptism through the year they are confirmed. When these children/youth were baptized, the congregation, along with parents and sponsors, promised, "To faithfully teach the child the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; and, as they grow in years, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of their baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ." Along with parents and family, Messiah Church family remembers and celebrates members' baptisms much as families remember and celebrate their birthdays.

If you have, or know of, a child/youth—with a baptismal anniversary date of January through June—and they do not receive a letter inviting them to celebrate their baptismal anniversary, please call the church office right away so a letter can be sent.

SERVICE OF HEALING

On Saturday May 28, and Sunday May, Messiah will conduct Healing Services. Healing was central to Jesus's ministry and is a sign of God's kingdom. It brings renewal and wholeness to those who turn to God for help. During the Saturday and Sunday regular church services, all ages are invited to the altar for a laying on of hands and a short prayer of healing.

WATERMARKS (theme of our 2022 Lenten Worship Services)

Lenten offerings, including donations to the Lenten Suppers, totaled \$3,333.55! These funds were designated for the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks. Thanks for your generosity!

Book Club

This month Book Club will be discussing "Safe to Sleep, It's a God Thing" by Ramona Baker. We will have a new list of books for discussion in next month's Spirit. Join us in the library at 2:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month.



Messiah Prayer Team

Messiah's Prayer Ministry Mission offers healing and care for those in need through prayer ministry.

We invite you to participate in a variety of ways. Submit a prayer request, join the Prayer Support Team, or join the I-Prayer Ministry Volunteers. We are grateful to include you.

Prayer requests are activated by:

- Contact Messiah's Office or Pastor
- Submit on-line at MLC website: www.Messiahmo.org; click on Prayer Request

Prayers requests are referred to the appropriate group.

- **Read Aloud Prayers** are requests to be "Read Aloud" during worship services.
- Messiah's **Prayer Support Team** receives both "read aloud" and "confidential / private" prayer concerns. Prayer Support Team prays for congregation members and all current prayer requests.
 - + Meets on the **second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.**
 - + **Prayers for Healing & Wholeness** are listed for one month unless someone calls to update the information or stipulates otherwise.
 - + **Prayers of Continued Healing & Strength for Chronic Health Issues** as well as **Prayers for those Serving Our Country** will be left longer until improvement and/or change in status occurs.
 - + **Prayers for New & Expectant Parents & Newborns** remain on the prayer list through age two years.
- **Immediate-Prayer Email Ministry** volunteers pray individually on their own. Volunteers receive an email from the Messiah's Office Administrator. They begin praying immediately for the person referred to them. After the immediate request for prayer, the request is added to the "Read Aloud" Prayers and Prayers for Healing and Wholeness, unless privacy is requested.

**** It is the responsibility of the person requesting prayer to update Prayer Ministry monthly about the condition of the individual on the Prayer List. ****

Messiah is continually blessed through our prayer ministry.

To become part of this prayer ministry, contact Messiah's office.



Worship and Music Ministries

Dear Worship Assistants,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that was involved in serving during Holy Week. Without your commitment to serving our church in this capacity these special services would not have run as smoothly as they did. Many Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones!

With Gratitude,
Dawn Gutierrez

HUGE THANK YOU TO...

- Shepherding Teams
- Music Ministries
- Altar Guild
- Flower Ministry
- AV Tech Team

For ALL their hard work and dedication throughout Holy Week!!!

Dear Alleluia Singers,

What a journey we have been on together in preparing for Holy Week!

I feel so blessed to have worked with all of you these past two months. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the music of our Easter Cantata. You each sang beautifully every day of this Holy Week.

A special thank you to Marilyn Boston and Karen Bowman for accompanying us so wonderfully at the piano. A huge thank you to Tom McConnell for his narration on the Cantata. Please know my heart is full of gratitude to have been a part of these wonderful musical offerings!

With Eternal Gratitude,
Dawn Gutierrez

Have you missed singing communion hymns during service???

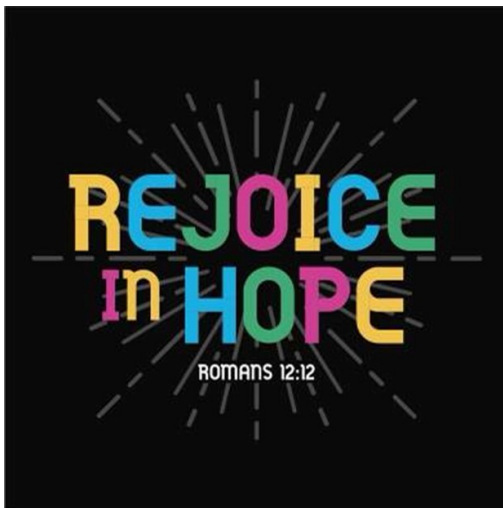
We have some great news for you... The Worship and Music Committee has decided it's time for the congregation to start back with singing communion hymns beginning May 1st!

Who: Music Ministries (All Choirs)
What: End of Choir Year BBQ
Where: Messiah Lutheran Church (Outside)
When: May 18th OR 25th (Depending on Weather)
Time: 5:30 PM

The church will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs. Please check to see what your group is being asked to bring. Thank you! :)

Wee Ones- Chips and Dips
God's Kids- Beverages
Cherub Chimes- Chips and Dips
Cherub Bells- Beverages
Joy Ringers- Salad, Dessert OR Side
Alleluia Singers- Salad, Dessert OR Side





SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Central States Synod Women of the ELCA
34th Annual Convention

WHERE: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Overland Park, KS

WHEN: July 22-24, 2022

Pastoral Acts

Received into the Covenant of Grace our Lord makes in Holy Baptism:

Derek Brannon, son of Jessica and Jeffery Brannon, on March 27, 2022

Gwen Bailey Ables, daughter of Alicia and Drew Ables, on March 27, 2022

Affirmation of Faith - Confirmation on April 17, 2022:

Andrew Bartels

Taylor Brannon

Cooper Colwell

Ryan Dillion

Conner Gebken

Makayla Helmke

Funerals:

Gerald Barsness on March 25, 2022

A Thank You Note:

I want to thank everyone for their support and prayers during Don's fall and hospitalization. He will be transferred to the new Premier Rehabilitation Building at Maranatha Village for further therapy. The broken femur is healing nicely. I am overwhelmed by all the kindness shown to us.

Sincerely,
Ileen Kendall

May and June Altar Flowers

May 7/8	Vase 1—The Cummings Family In honor of Nathanael's birthday Vase 2—The Cummings Family In honor of Pastor's Birthday
May 14/15	Vase 1—Vic and Peggy Shelton In memory of Michael Barr Vase 2—Vic and Peggy Shelton In memory of Michael Barr
May 21/22	Vase 1—Vic and Peggy Shelton In honor of their 20th Anniversary Vase 2—Vic and Peggy Shelton In honor of their 20th Anniversary
May 28/29	Vase 1—Wes and Karen Bowman In honor of Marty's birthday Vase 2—Don and Ileen Kendall In memory of Kim Kendall
June 4/5	Vase 1—Michael and Nancy Hoeman In honor of Stephanie's birthday Vase 2—
June 11/12	Vase 1—Rex and Mary Anne Johnson In honor of Rex's dad's birthday Vase 2—
June 18/19	Vase 1—Charles Hill In memory of Mary Bielenberg-Hill Vase 2—Charles Hill In memory of Mary Bielenberg-Hill
June 25/26	Vase 1—Bob and Lynn Starr In honor of fathers everywhere! Vase 2—Bob and Lynn Starr In honor of fathers everywhere!



Notes from the Office

Spirit Deadline: The deadline for turning in articles for the June Spirit is **May 20 by 5:00 p.m.**

Pub Theology, Lutheran Men in Mission, and Wine, Wit, & Wisdom: Pub Theology meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Uncle Bentley's. Lutheran Men in Mission is not currently meeting.

A few reminders:

- Don't forget to come in and fill out the Building Use Form and let the office know the time, date, and location of your events so that we can get them on the church calendar. If there is a conflict of events, the event that is on the calendar will take precedence.
- Please notify the office of any Chairperson/Contact Person changes for committees and groups so we are able to change that information in our records.
- If you need to update your personal contact information, please call the office at (417) 881-2192. This way we can keep our membership records as up-to-date as possible!

Crosslines

At Crosslines April 14, Sandra Carlson, Linda Elliott, Mary Ann Johnson, Mary Keidle, Susan Lane, and Martha Morris filled food orders for 69 families /143 individuals.

In addition to canned and boxed goods (please check the expiration dates!), toothbrushes, hygiene products, and diapers and wipes are always needed.

Don't forget the empty water bottles and Best Choice labels/bar codes.

Altar Guild is Recruiting

The Altar Guild is seeking a new member to join an existing team. Currently each team of two persons prepares the chancel for services, including Communion setup, approximately once every six weeks. In addition, we schedule occasional "work days" as needed to prepare for the Advent and Easter seasons. We will provide training. Please prayerfully consider assisting with this spiritually rewarding ministry. You may contact Nancy Hoeman with any questions!

Social Ministries

Loving Our Neighbors

Each of the groups involved in Social Ministry encourage Messiah members and friends to join us in reaching out to others and sharing the love of Jesus.

Messiah Music Ministries are presenting a Benefit Concert for Holland Elementary School on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and online. Each of the various music ministries are designing their own presentations. Donations for the school will be accepted at the back of the sanctuary, and a link will also be provided for those watching online. Throughout the school year, Messiah assists in providing shoes for the children, teacher snacks such as fresh fruit and granola bars once a month, and a Teacher Appreciation luncheon in May. Messiah members also serve as reading buddies for children throughout the year. Anyone interested in getting involved with our outreach to Holland School may contact Irene Chaloupecky or Cathy Carleton for more information.

A small group of Messiah members are assisting in re-establishing the Seminole Holland Neighborhood Association. Neighborhood residents and Messiah members are currently finalizing the Association By-Laws, gathering census information about the neighborhood, seeking collaboration with other churches within the neighborhood, working on an informational brochure, and will be planning a neighborhood canvassing approach to spread the word about their new association. Meetings are currently held in Messiah's narthex the **third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.** Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information you may contact David Siewert or Cathy Carleton.

If you have a sewing machine, Lutheran World Relief has kits available in the office for either receiving blankets that need to be hemmed or diaper kits that need to be sewn. Instructions are included in the kits. Just sign the check-out page in the binder when you pick them up and when you return the completed kits. If you have any questions, you may contact Rose Hohbein or Cathy Carleton. If you prefer hand sewing, Piecemakers does material sorting and matching and quilt tying on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, and your work will be very much appreciated.

Our Crosslines volunteers help distribute food to those in need on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Any part of the day you are willing to help will be appreciated. This team could especially use a few members who are strong enough to help with the heavier grocery items.

Messiah House, a residence we provide for women working on becoming independent members of our community, is still in need of some structural repair. The resident women would also benefit a great deal from female members who are willing to establish long term friendships and/or mentoring relationships. If you feel you could help, please contact Colleen Prosser or Cathy Carleton for more information.

Should you need contact information, please refer to the Member Directory or contact the church office. Please come and join your hands with ours to share the love of Jesus.

WELCA Cluster Meeting



Women of the ELCA
Ozark Mountain Cluster Meeting

Messiah Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 4
Gather at 9:00 a.m.—until
1:30/2:00 p.m.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-7
“...for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

~It is so good to be able to safely gather again~

Come and join with women from Prince of Peace, Community
Lutheran in Eagle Rock, St. Paul in West Plains, and others

Food & Fellowship

Bible Study

The Saint John's Bible

Churchwide and Central States Synodical WELCA News

Questions: Contact Mick Friberg
417-693-8204 frebe22@aol.com

Messiah WELCA Event

Have you ever tried to pray, but you just can't find the words? Come to the WELCA event on Saturday, May 14, and learn about Praying In Color based on Sybil MacBeth's book of that title!

We will meet in the Youth Room from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to practice Drawing a New Path to God.

Coffee and snacks will be provided, and you will take home a small prayer journal. **PLEASE BRING A SMALL SET OF MARKERS OR CRAYONS OF YOUR CHOICE TO USE.**

We will also have a short business meeting to elect a voting member for the Central States Convention to be held in Overland Park on July 22-24. A sign-up sheet will be on a poster in the Narthex so we will know how many to prepare for.

We hope to see you there!

Messiah's 2022 High School Seniors

Jacy Carlson, son of Keith Carlson and grandson of Sandra and Nathan Carlson, will graduate from Ash Grove High School May 12, 2022. Jacy is employed by Walmart and previously worked for McDonalds. Jacy enjoys playing softball and likes playing with the Messiah team. Jacy plans to attend Ozark Technical College and Missouri State University for a degree in Marine Biology.



Kelby Carlson will be graduating from Parkview High School, with plans to attend Cosmetology school. You could say her path was shaped by Messiah at an early age, as what began with Wee Ones has turned into thriving with multiple school choirs and happily joining the Alleluia Singers. She has also branched out into the world of Drama, which allowed her to be a Fairy in Parkview's spring production. Kelby thanks her church home for helping start her on this path, and appreciates all of the support and encouragement along the way!



Messiah's 2022 High School Seniors (continued)

Landon Dillion has been attending Messiah Lutheran Church since his birth. He was baptized, received his first communion, and was confirmed here. Landon also completed his Eagle Scout project repairing trash cans, staining wood, adding a picnic table, and installed the first My Free Library at the Church. Subsequently, he became an Eagle Scout. Landon received recognition for the same from the City of Ozark. He was also acknowledged by the Missouri House of Representatives and was presented with a resolution by Lynn Morris at Landon's home. Further, he received a letter from President Donald Trump acknowledging the same. Landon is the elected youth chairman for the National Order of the Arrow Conference through BSA. Landon will be graduating from Ozark High School on May 21st. Landon has received the Kummer Vanguard Scholarship and plans to attend Missouri S&T University in the Fall.



Hunter Helmke, son of Jason and Laura Helmke, will be graduating from Logan Rogersville High School. Hunter has enjoyed being part of student council, chamber choir and the school musical, as well as basketball, tennis, and football. Hunter was baptized and confirmed at Messiah and has many wonderful memories over the years with his Messiah family, including Camp Tomah Shinga and the 2018 national youth gathering in Houston. In the fall of 2022 Hunter will be attending the University of Missouri (Mizzou), and pursuing a degree in engineering.



Maddie Dimmick is graduating with an IB Diploma from Central High School and is valedictorian of her class. She is attending University of California Santa Barbara in the fall to study Marine Biology.



Messiah's 2022 College Seniors

Ben Melgren is graduating from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in General Business.



Messiah's 2022 College Seniors (continued)

Tanner M. Hartman is a senior at the University of Arkansas and is graduating in May 2022 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Tanner's senior design project focused on groundbreaking electronic cooling technology. He played all intramural sports from basketball to cornhole during his time at the U of A. Tanner will be moving back to the Springfield area and working at ESC, Inc. Consulting Engineers. He intends to get his Professional Engineering license to greaten his engineering role and continue to help develop and improve the community. Tanner is the son of Heidi (Carlson) and John Hartman and Grandson of Sandra and Nathan Carlson.



Messiah's First Communicants

Derek Brannon was born in Bowling Green, KY on June 19, 2012. He is a young man who puts his whole heart into anything that he does. He has a very curious mind with an astute attention to detail. He has a personality and a positive outlook that can shine through any and all situations. Derek has a very caring and nurturing heart and will do anything to make sure his friends and family are taken care of and have a smile on their faces. He loves to laugh and make others laugh as well, whether it's by telling awful dad jokes or just being silly. Derek has a deep passion for all things music, and has a new found love for musicals. He is a very bright spot in our big family and we are very proud of the selfless, caring, and hilarious young man he is turning out to be, and cannot wait to see what the future holds for him.



Piper Jones is a 10 year old at Disney elementary. She is active with girl scouts. Piper has 2 older brothers. Her favorite thing is her pet cat, Sitka. Piper likes to read and watch movies.



Messiah's 2022 Confirmands

Andrew Bartels

"Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. "
-Isaiah 41:10



Messiah's 2022 Confirmands (continued)

Taylor Brannon

“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. “
-Romans 10:17



Cooper Colwell

“Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established. “ -Proverbs 16:3



Ryan Dillion

“Those who ignore instruction despise themselves,
but those who heed admonition gain understand-
ing. “ -Proverbs 15:32



Conner Gebken

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me. “ -Psalm 23:4



Makayla Helmke

“Therefore encourage one another and build up
each other, as indeed you are doing. “
-1 Thessalonians 5:11



Messiah Financials-March 2022 & Y.T.D.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH PROFIT AND LOSS MAR 2022 & YEAR TO DATE

Income	MAR 2022	Budget	% of Budget	JAN-MAR		
				2022	Budget	% of Budget
Pledges	\$24,213	\$34,167	71%	\$105,268	\$102,500	103%
Christmas	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Loose Collections	\$366	\$417	88%	\$1,151	\$1,250	92%
Coffee Hour	\$74	\$8	925%	\$90	\$25	360%
Building Use Shared	\$720	\$400	180%	\$1,290	\$1,200	108%
Interest Income	\$22	\$50	44%	\$63	\$150	42%
Special Services Income	\$2,625	\$2,000	131%	\$2,625	\$2,000	131%
Total Income	\$28,020	\$37,042	76%	\$110,487	\$107,125	103%
Expenses						
Outreach Ministry	\$2,729	\$3,637	75%	\$11,133	\$10,910	102%
Ministry Leadership	\$20,957	\$23,933	88%	\$61,193	\$63,909	96%
Resource Ministries	\$5,019	\$6,109	82%	\$26,186	\$28,923	91%
Making Disciples	\$1,008	\$1,204	84%	\$1,173	\$1,637	72%
Welcoming Ministry	\$273	\$517	53%	\$355	\$1,550	23%
Worship Ministry	\$665	\$725	92%	\$1,919	\$2,175	88%
Congregational Care	\$0	\$117	0%	\$0	\$350	0%
Nurturing Youth	\$167	\$400	42%	\$500	\$500	100%
Total Expense	\$30,818	\$36,642	84%	\$102,459	\$109,954	93%
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,798)	\$400		\$8,028	(\$2,829)	

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND MAR 2022 & YEAR TO DATE

UPON THIS ROCK-GROWING IN MISSION	MAR INCOME	MAR PAYMENT	Y-D INCOME	Y-D PAYMENTS
	\$5,879	\$8,687	\$16,462	\$26,061
LOAN BALANCE-THRIVENT	\$641,669			

Lighthouse Financials 2022

MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER P&L MAR 2022

Income	MAR 2022	Budget	% of Budget	JAN-MAR 2022	Budget	% of Budget
Direct Public Support	\$150	\$1,460	10%	\$1,010	\$4,376	23%
Other Types of Income	\$21	\$36	58%	\$48,328	\$482	10037%
Tuition Income	\$24,537	\$25,935	95%	\$65,131	\$77,804	84%
CACFP Food Subsidy	\$1,272	\$1,666	76%	\$3,145	\$4,998	63%
Total Income	\$25,980	\$29,097	89%	\$117,614	\$87,660	134%
Expenses						
Food Expense	\$2,342	\$4,075	57%	\$13,668	\$12,225	112%
Administrative/Operations	\$443	\$804	55%	\$1,783	\$2,412	74%
Building/Facility	\$706	\$645	109%	\$813	\$1,935	42%
Operations	\$68	\$110	62%	\$205	\$330	62%
Accreditation	\$0	\$0	0%	\$475	\$425	0%
Administrative Salary	\$2,667	\$2,667	100%	\$8,000	\$8,000	100%
Family Support Coordinator	\$417	\$417	100%	\$417	\$1,250	33%
Payroll Expenses	\$15,356	\$22,908	67%	\$46,626	\$68,723	68%
Misc Training Expense	\$0	\$5	0%	\$0	\$16	0%
Family Activities	\$0	\$11	0%	\$0	\$32	0%
Total Expense	\$21,999	\$31,642	70%	\$71,987	\$95,348	75%
Other Income		\$1,721			\$20,164	
Net Income (Loss)	\$3,981	-\$824		\$45,627	\$12,475	

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David Meinert

May 2
Morris Helm

May 3
Dennis Morris

May 4
Peggy Shelton

May 5
Janece Hubbard
Nathanael Cummings

May 8
Lindsey Dillion

May 9
Mary Anne Johnson

May 10
Christine Carlson
Nadine Melgren

May 12
Paul Melgren
May 13
Orin Cummings
Sharon Nervig

May 15
Melissa Bowers

May 21
Josh Dimmick
Felix Cass

May 22
Ileen Kendall

May 25
Pauline Moeller

May 26
Cathy Murrell
Mark Krueger

May 28
Eric Melgren
Jeanine Siewert

May 31
Marty Bowman

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