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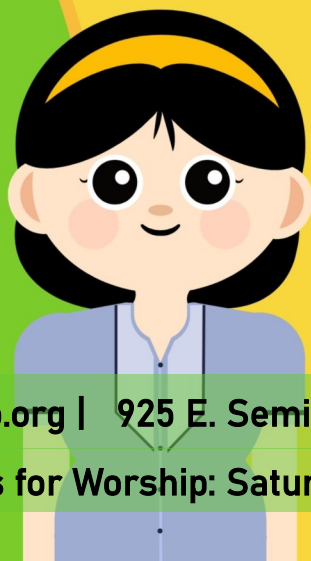
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## *From the Desk of Pastor Orin :*

Dear Saints,

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

As the story goes, a beggar by the roadside asked Alexander the Great for alms as he passed by. The poor and wretched man had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet, the Emperor threw him several gold coins.

Like the poor and wretched man, I feel incredibly blessed to be among you. If you had asked me two years ago, during the outbreak of COVID-19, when there wasn't a vaccine and social distancing, wearing masks, and lockdown were the norm, I would have hesitated and perhaps been philosophical. Thankfully, we do not rely for everything on our sight but on God who is trustworthy.

Notwithstanding challenges over the past two years, I have seen blessings in how we are with each other, how we care for the neighbor, invite others into worship and fellowship, and how we engage in ministry and mission to the glory of God. While we wait for the time when we can once again completely fill the sanctuary and offer more worship opportunities, we are being church by gathering around Word and Sacrament and seeking to expand our reach with the gospel to the neighbor beyond the walls of our church home.

Now, I humbly ask that you would continue to pray for our church and that we will **steward** the gospel to have a powerful shaping influence on our community. We know that God is there for us and want our neighbors to know that God is there for them, too, because of who we are and what we do as children of God—called to be **stewards** of relationships with God and neighbors, financial and material resources, and our time.

On account of the call to be **stewards**, we trust God instead of only relying on ourselves, our hard work, our knowledge, and our stuff. For that reason, good things are happening here amidst challenging circumstances.

You know that **stewardship** is both sacramental and sacrificial. Sacramental because our giving is a visible sign of our inner and spiritual disposition. Sacrificial because we give from the heart after prayerful and thoughtful self-examination.

So, as October draws near and renewed emphasis is placed on **stewardship**, please take a moment to consider how your giving might grow. Keep in mind that your pledge is not a contract, but planned giving that helps the neighbors to know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and become his disciples. Also, it helps to sustain us in discipleship through worship, Christian education, ministry, and mission.

So, do not react like the courtier who said, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Instead, like Alexander, be generous. He responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

My life depends on God's promises and one such is: "**You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity...**" (2 Cor. 9:11-12). However, sin wants me to be penny-pinching, hoard, and not share my blessings. Just then I am reminded of God's generosity—life, health, country complete with good governance, liberty, family and neighbor, home, vocation, and so much more that is life enriching—and I am truly humbled.

Therefore, since the Lord has been generous to me, I do not look at my sister or brother to see what they are giving before I give. I give generously because the Lord has been generous to me, giving makes me feel good about myself, and how the recipient is blessed by my giving.

Be on the lookout for a 2023 **stewardship** commitment card and spiritual gifts inventory to be filled out and returned in worship or the mail. When filling these out, keep in mind another promise: "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

In Christ's service,

Pastor Orin

# *Lutheran World Relief*

OUR NEIGHBORS AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUE TO NEED ASSISTANCE.  
THROUGH LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF  
MESSIAH HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE.

**The shipping date is November 5th this year. Because it takes a lot of hours to cut, assemble, and sew the quilts, baby diapers, and baby blankets for packing and shipping, September and October are so important to do the work described below!**

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

**Check out "diapers in a bag"**-located in the church office-You can check out a bag with t-shirts already cut and assembled to complete by zig-zagging or serging around the four sides. That's it! Then return the completed twelve diapers to the office and make a note in the check-out book you returned them. (LWR Baby Care Kits contain four diapers per kit. Therefore, in order to send 100 kits, for example, we need 400 diapers.)

**Check out "receiving blankets in a bag"**-located in the church office. Each bag contains twelve blankets (may be of varying sizes) that need to have the edges serged or hemmed. That's it. Return to the office and make a note that you've returned the bag.

**Check out "quilts in a bag"**-Our quilts are urgently needed to offer healing and care to our neighbors in need. IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TIE A LWR QUILT IN YOUR HOME, please check out a QUILT IN A BAG from the church office. The quilt is completely done, except for needing to be tied. Everything you will need along with instructions is in the bag.

If you have questions, please contact Messiah's LWR Coordinator, Rose Hohbein. Cell 417-300-9652.

## *Blood Pressure Screenings*

We resumed blood pressure readings last month and will continue taking readings each month! We will use the cry room. On Saturdays the readings will be done from 4:45 to 5:30 **PRIOR** to the service.

On Sundays the readings will be done from 10:30 to 11:30 **AFTER** the service. If you are not fully vaccinated and boosted, please wear a mask. (Masks will be provided for anyone who needs one.)

Dates for blood pressure readings:

October 1 & 2

November 5 & 6

December 3 & 4

January 7 & 8

February 4 & 5

Mark your calendars—see you there!

# *Christian Education*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will resume on Sunday, September 18.

Kids age 2-grade 6 will meet outside, weather permitting, and explore a camping theme "JESUS LOVES YOU S'MORE THAN YOU KNOW! There will be games, singing, and s'more surprises. So plan to meet at the campfire at 10:45-11:00 on Sunday, September 18!

If anyone would like to help out with Sunday School, we can always use s'more volunteers. If not to teach, help in a classroom, decorate bulletin boards, collect offering, or take attendance. Contact Tara Melgren or Katie Dogwiler for details.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult class will meet with Pastor Orin on Sundays following worship in the Sanctuary.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Junior Confirmation Class will meet upstairs in Room 204 with Mr. Chuck and Mr. Dennis from 10:45-11:30. They will focus on the Old and New Testament.

Senior Confirmation Class will meet with Pastor Orin on Wednesday nights beginning on September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

## **BIBLE PRESENTATIONS**

On Sunday, September 25, 2nd graders will be presented with their own Bible, a gift from Messiah's congregation. Those second graders include Waylon Atchison, Alexis Bergin, and Henry Ojeifo. If you have a 2nd grader and they are not listed, please let the church office know so that they can be included. This is an exciting milestone in a child's growing faith and the fulfillment of a promise made at Baptism.

# *Technology Ministry*

The Congregational Care Committee is interested in establishing a Technology Ministry. We want to ensure that everyone who is homebound, or 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 Bluetooth 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.

# Congregational Care

Who doesn't like to receive a greeting on his/her birthday....especially when it is from one of your Messiah family? You've probably noticed that each month, in the Spirit, there are some members who have submitted their birthdates to the church office, and they are published with their permission. Raising awareness of these days of celebration provide the opportunity for others to send a message, text, or make a phone call with wishes for a good day and healthy year ahead.

If the office is not aware of your birthdate, this is a good time to notify the office with that information. We have a new online tool, **Tithe.ly**, which is providing opportunities to improve communication and engagement of our members. Don't miss out on even one birthday wish! Contact Sydney at [officemanager@messiahmo.org](mailto:officemanager@messiahmo.org).

One other topic that has surfaced recently is the value of the church office having an emergency contact number for our members. Many of our members do have the contact information of next-of-kin in our database. As we are in the process of fully implementing **Tithe.ly**, if you are interested in this opportunity, it's a good time to submit this information. Again, Sydney will be glad to take your information at the above e-mail address or you can just call the office at 417-881-2192.

## September Birthdays

### September 1

Dylan Burnell  
Roy Hurd

### September 2

Corliss Karr

### September 3

Judy Bartlett

### September 4

Alexis Bergin

### September 9

Louann Sherman

### September 10

Linda Bollenbach  
Jana Everett  
Harold Lokensgard

### September 11

Karen Bowman

### September 12

Samuel Cummings  
Susan Spaethe

### September 14

Harlan Schaefer

### September 16

Susan Lane

### September 19

Jean Bardy

### September 20

Christina Carlson

### September 24

Kurt Parker

### September 25

Jessica Brannon

### September 29

Michael Gunion  
Robert Starr

*If you do not see your birthday on the list or would like your birthday to be included on the list for another month (or off!), or if you see anything that needs to be corrected, please call the church office.*

## *September and October Altar Flowers*

Sept. 3/4	<p>Vase 1— Vic and Peggy Shelton In memory of Shelley LaJoie</p> <p>Vase 2—Vic and Peggy Shelton In memory of Donna Necci</p>
Sept. 10/11	<p>Vase 1—Cummings' Family Samuel's Birthday</p> <p>Vase 2—Cummings' Family Samuel's Birthday</p>
Sept. 17/18	<p>Vase 1— Dan Carlson 57th Anniversary!</p> <p>Vase 2—Dan Carlson 57th Anniversary!</p>
Sept. 24/25	<p>Vase 1—Hoeman Family In honor of Melissa's birthday</p> <p>Vase 2—Hoeman Family For the birth of Granddaughter Carlberg</p>
Oct. 1/2	<p>Vase 1—</p> <p>Vase 2—</p>
Oct. 8/9	<p>Vase 1—Rex and Mary Anne Johnson In memory of Mary Anne's mothers birthday</p> <p>Vase 2—</p>
Oct. 15/16	<p>Vase 1—Mary Keidle Another trip around the sun</p> <p>Vase 2—Mary Keidle Another trip around the sun</p>
Oct. 22/23	<p>Vase 1—Hoeman Family Stephanie M. Hoeman's birthday</p> <p>Vase 2—Hoeman Family In memory of Gus &amp; Iva Skoglund</p>
Oct. 29/30	<p>Vase 1—Rex and Mary Anne Johnson In honor of Lori Johnson-Murawksi's birthday</p> <p>Vase 2—Jolynn Szesny In honor of JP's 40th birthday!</p>

# Messiah Book Club 2022-2023

## Messiah Book Club for September will meet via Zoom

Messiah's Book Club will meet on September 8 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be meeting on Zoom this month to allow some to attend who will not be able to meet in-person. The discussion will be on *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkinson ©2010. This is an epic story of America's Great Migration and is a National Book Critics Circle Award Winner. It chronicles the Jim Crow South and the dual nature of life in the North, where segregation was illegal, but still intruded in the lives of many. If holding the discussion on Zoom prevents anyone from participating, please notify Marcie Rosenkoetter ([marcie.gail@att.net](mailto:marcie.gail@att.net))

**Topic: Messiah Book Club**

**Time: Sep 8, 2022 02:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7180570680?pwd=bzNuZE1UWVZlb2tSQ2docFlyVis1QT09>

**Meeting ID: 718 057 0680**

**Passcode: 076608**

Dial by your location if joining via phone  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**Meeting ID: 718 057 0680**

**Passcode: 076608**

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7180570680>

## Service Opportunity

The current memorial/funeral luncheon coordinator will be retiring from this position as of December 31, 2022. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please notify the church office or Irene Chaloupecky 417.883.4188. The only requirements are a willingness to serve and availability during the daytime.

There is a team in place that is experienced and works well together. Time requirement is only the day prior and the day of the service. By volunteering now, there will be adequate time for orientation.

Families are always so appreciative of the meal provided in this time of loss. Thank you for considering this much appreciated activity.



# *Welcome to New Members*

## **Adam, Brandi, & Nora Murr**

Adam grew up in Fair Grove and attended Missouri State University, graduating with a degree in English. In the past he was an English teacher, but currently is a technical writer, specializing in writing proposals. In his leisure time he enjoys going out for breakfast, cooking, camping, and anything that provides him time to be with Brandi and their daughter, Nora. He says that it was the friendliness of folks at Messiah that kept him returning, and that one of the things he likes best about Messiah is hearing Pastor Orin's authentic messages.

Brandi grew up in Kearney, MO, and came to Springfield to attend MSU, where she met Adam. She earned degrees in elementary education, Spanish, and English for speakers of other languages. She is employed with Springfield Public Schools as an elementary English language development specialist. If she finds leisure time, she likes to read, try new recipes, garden, hike and, like Adam, go camping. Brandi says that she enjoys seeing God's love that is reflected in those she meets at Messiah, and it was the friendly people who brought them to membership at Messiah.

Their sweet daughter, Nora Avery, was born in December 2021. At seven months, she is beginning to crawl and loves watching their dogs. Her favorite foods are sweet potatoes and mangoes, and she loves to 'talk'. We are blest to have the Murr family in our midst.

## **Jeff & Melissa Davis**

Jeff and Melissa have been married for 22 years, after meeting in a shared graduate class at MSU in 1999. Both grew up in the greater Kansas City area, with Jeff coming to the Springfield area in 1984 and Melissa in 1995. Jeff is retired after teaching middle and high school for 31 years and now dreams of 'folding t-shirts in a lighthouse museum gift shop' as a retirement career. Melissa has been with the Springfield-Greene County Library District for 26 years, spending many years as a librarian working with patrons. She now works in accounting as the Finance Director for the District. She will graduate from college (again) in May of 2023 with a degree in accounting from Bemidji State University. If they find leisure time, she enjoys crafting and is a scrapbooker, while Jeff is an international soccer fan.

They have one son, Landon, whom they describe as their greatest blessing and a fabulous human being. Landon graduated from Willard High School and is headed to St. Olaf College this fall. He will be majoring in music and is a talented vocalist. He also plays piano, clarinet, and composes music. Jeff and Melissa have dreams of relocating to a little town north of Duluth, Minnesota, in several years. They are thankful that the Lord placed them at Messiah and say they "feel His loving hand and the moving of the Spirit in their decision to join Messiah and make it their church home." They are thankful for the people of Messiah who have made them feel welcome and loved.

# Welcome to New Members (cont.)

## **Frank Noto**

We are glad that Frank, a former member of Messiah, has returned! He was born in New Jersey, ending up in Kansas City where he attended high school and Kansas State University, earning a degree in business administration. He has been employed by Humana for 17 years, most of that time as a market manager. His favorite leisure time activity is exploring beautiful country on lengthy motorcycle trips.

He is rightfully proud of his daughters, Nicole and Samantha, who are pursuing higher education degrees in Austin, TX, and New York City. The oldest interviewing for entrance to medical school and the younger, an aspiring dancer on Broadway.

Frank says he has always felt at home at Messiah and that Pastor Orin's sermons 'speak to him' and nourish him spiritually. He enjoys Messiah's music, both praise band and the choir.

## *September Readings*

<b>September 3/4</b>	<b>September 10/11</b>	<b>September 17/18</b>	<b>September 24/25</b>
<b>First Reading</b> Deuteronomy 30:15-20	<b>First Reading</b> Exodus 32:7-14	<b>First Reading</b> Amos 8:4-7	<b>First Reading</b> Amos 6:1a, 4-7
<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 1	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 51:1-10	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 113	<b>Psalm</b> Psalm 146
<b>Second Reading</b> Philemon 1-21	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Timothy 1:12-17	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Timothy 2:1-7	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Timothy 6:6-19
<b>Gospel</b> Luke 14:25-33	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 15:1-10	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 16:1-13	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 16:19-31

# Messiah Prayer Team

Prayer Requests are activated by:

- + Contacting Messiah's Office or Pastor
- + **Using the Prayer Wall option on Messiah's Church App**

**To Submit a Prayer on iPhone:** Click on Prayer Wall, go to upper right corner, click on add.

**To Submit a Prayer on Android:** Click on Prayer Wall, go to the lower right corner, click on the plus button.

You will see the words: **Title, Name, and Details**

- + **Title:** type in "Please pray for \_\_\_\_ (full name of person)"
- + **Name:** include the full name of the person making prayer request and their connection to the person needing prayer
- + **Details:** Medical reason for prayer and location of the person needing prayer
- + **Click on** send in the upper right corner (iPhone) or the lower right corner (Android)

**Messiah members may go to the Prayer Wall and add to the submission of personal prayers.**

- + Go to a specific dated prayer request and click on "Commit to Pray."
- + You can add to a specific dated prayer request by putting the information in "Write a comment" and then clicking on "Post"
- + Each click adds one more member who prays for that person.

**Timeliness is important**

- + Prayer Wall Submissions will remain on the wall for one month.
- + We request that the person requesting prayer for an individual, regularly updates the Prayer Ministry about the condition of the individual on the Prayer Wall.

**Please be sure to contact Sydney to get Messiah's Church App on your cell phone.** This process will enable you join us to pray for others.

## Parish Life

Dear Church Family,

We will be having an Sunday morning brunch September 11. It will begin after worship. The menu this time will be pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Please come join us.

We are planning for a snack and game night sometime in October. More info next month.

The Christmas program is scheduled for December 18. We are planning for a church wide Christmas dinner following the service. We will provide meat and beverages. There will be a sign-up sheet for potluck contributions in early December.

Sincerely,  
Parish Life Committee

# Music Ministries

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Dear Messiah Members,

The Bible tells us to "break" into song, sing praise!" The Music Ministry encourages full participation by leading prayer and praise. It is a great privilege to help others worship more deeply, not to mention the benefits of "praying twice." All that is required to join is your faithful commitment to rehearsals and a desire to "make a joyful noise." I pray that you will answer yes to this calling.

God Bless,  
Dawn Gutierrez  
Worship and Music Coordinator

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## HAND BELL CHOIRS

### Wee Ones

Join us for a music-based educational praise time for our Messiah children, birth through Pre-K. We will sing Bible songs, play instruments, and listen to stories while enjoying music and play at each child's individual capabilities. Come join us upstairs in the Sunday School hallway, Rm. 204 from 6-6:30 p.m.

Ages: Infant- Pre- K

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### God's Kids

God's Kids is our K-5th grade choir that meets each Wednesday night from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the New Music Office (Old Choir Room E 127). Together we will learn songs to worship God and provide music at Sunday services. Children participate in learning music, understanding our role in worship, and learning God's word through music.

Ages: K-5th Grade

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Alleluia Singers** is a group for college aged through adult voices.

We rehearse at 7:30 pm- 8:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We plan to sing twice a month at the 9:30 a.m. traditional service. The choir serves as cantor for the liturgy and offers a prepared anthem. We offer a good mixture of contemporary and classical sacred music.

Ages: College and up

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Revelations** meets on Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and the first and third Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m. to prepare for the 9:30 a.m. service.

We are always eager to welcome additional musicians-either voice, instrument or both!

Ages: Young adult and up

Rehearsals: Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

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## HAND BELL CHOIRS

### **Cherub Chimes**

Cherub Chimes is a chime choir for children from kindergarten through 2nd grade. The ringers learn music basics as they build ringing skills and learn the joy of coming together as a team to prepare music for worship services. We practice weekly and ring approximately once a month during the choir year.

Ages: K – 2nd Grade

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### **Cherub Bells**

Cherub Bells is a beginning handbell choir for grades 3-6, although older members are welcome for the first semester. Music reading ability is not required for this choir. Notes are color coded, and there are several experienced ringers to help beginners along. We rehearse on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the bell choir room. We aim to make four musical offerings to the congregation each semester and may ring alone or accompanying a vocal or solo instrument. Please consider joining the choir for fun and learning about bell music.

Ages: 3–6th Grade

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

### **Joy Ringers**

Joy Ringers is our adult handbell choir. We practice weekly and ring approximately once a month during the choir year. We enjoy making music together, contributing to our worship services, and sometimes ringing for other special occasions.

Ages: College adults and up

Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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### **Here is a word from the Alleluia Singers Director—**

Dear Messiah Members,

Has anyone told you that you can hold pitch? Are you a frequent “shower” singer? Use your talent to praise God in Messiah Lutheran's Alleluia Singers! For more information, contact Dawn Gutierrez at [dawn.gutierrez@messiahmo.org](mailto:dawn.gutierrez@messiahmo.org) or feel free to catch her on a Sunday after service!

Keep singing,

Dawn Gutierrez

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## **Fall Music Ministry Schedule**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

6:00- 6:30 p.m. Wee Ones-Room 204 (Upstairs)

Cherub Chimes-New Music Office (Old Choir Room)

Cherub Bells-Bell Room

6:30- 7:00 p.m. God's Kids-New Music Office (Old Choir Room)

6:30 -7:30 p.m. Joy Ringers-Bell Room

7:30- 8:45 p.m. Alleluia Singers-Sanctuary

## *Soli Deo Gloria Artist*

Messiah's music ministries has started a new tradition of inviting a professional musician from our community to join us quarterly in worship. Not only has this enriched the musicians within our music ministry, it also has been inspirational and spiritually motivating for our congregation.

Our Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone) musician for this quarter (July/August/September) will be oboist Andrew Baker. Andrew will collaborate with our music ministries on September 25 at our 9:30 a.m. traditional service.

Andrew Baker is a native of Old Joe, Arkansas, who has made Northwest Arkansas his home. He holds a degree in Oboe Performance from the University of Arkansas. His teachers include the late Mr. Jim Flowers of Hot Springs, Dr. Lorraine Duso Kitts at the University of Central Arkansas, Dr. Anne Leek at the University of Houston, and Dr. Theresa Delapalain at the University of Arkansas.

Andrew actively performs with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Ozarks Lyric Opera, Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra, Symphony of Northwest Arkansas (SoNA), and Fort Smith Symphony Orchestra, as well as numerous universities, colleges, churches, and other music groups within the Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma region. In addition to performing, he maintains a private studio and is an Oboe Specialist at Edmund Nielsen Woodwinds, a national double-reed specialty shop based out of Fayetteville.

Dawn Gutierrez will have the pleasure of interviewing Andrew Baker in early September. This interview will then be posted to all our social media platforms, Facebook, and Instagram, so we, as a congregation, can better get to know this Soli Deo Gloria musician.

## *Eagle Scout Project*

During the month of July, with expert assistance from Tom McConnell, I completed my Eagle Project. This project involved constructing new custom bookshelves for the Messiah Music Office. Upon hearing the news of the office transition and the need for additional storage, I decided to build additional bookshelves that would accommodate larger music books, binders, and scores. After consulting with Marilyn Boston, I drafted a model of the existing bookshelves, but with some necessary improvements. This required deeper shelves and shorter height. Then, I worked with Tom McConnell on material quantities before purchasing material and supplies. Throughout the month of July, I worked daily on building the shelves with Tom McConnell in his workshop. Some tools were borrowed from Michael Gunion, and Nathanael Cummings and my father assisted with the project. On July 28, the shelves were completed, transported to Messiah, and installed in the Music Office. Tom McConnell, Nathanael Cummings, and Charles Hill assisted with installation. I would like to thank the church for approval and contribution to the project. Also, I am very grateful to Tom McConnell, Michael Gunion, Charles Hill, my family, and friends for their donations to the success of the project. It was nice to hear Marilyn Boston say, "Great job!"  
-Samuel Cummings



Learn about all the ministries Messiah has!

**Who:** ALL of Messiah's Ministries

**What:** Messiah's Ministries Fair

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, Library, Narthex

**When:** September 11, 2022 Time: 10:45 AM

## *A thank you note*

Thank you for the anniversary cards that were sent to us recently!

-Pat Brown

# Messiah Financials—June 2022 & Y.T.D.

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH PROFIT AND LOSS JULY 2022 & YEAR TO DATE

Income	JULY 2022	Budget	% of	JAN-JUL	Budget	% of
<b>Pledges</b>	\$52,228	\$34,167	153%	\$235,179	\$239,167	98%
Christmas	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Loose	\$615	\$417	147%	\$3,208	\$2,917	110%
Coffee Hour	\$56	\$8	700%	\$265	\$58	457%
Building Use	\$570	\$400	143%	\$2,905	\$2,800	104%
Interest	\$22	\$50	44%	\$148	\$350	42%
Special Services	\$0	\$2,000	0%	\$2,373	\$4,000	59%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$53,491</b>	<b>\$37,042</b>	<b>144%</b>	<b>\$244,078</b>	<b>\$249,292</b>	<b>98%</b>
Expenses						
<b>Outreach Ministry</b>	\$5,237	\$3,637	144%	\$25,417	\$25,556	99%
<b>Ministry Leadership</b>	\$19,882	\$23,290	85%	\$143,910	\$156,328	92%
<b>Resource Ministries</b>	\$4,144	\$6,109	68%	\$50,543	\$53,999	94%
<b>Making Disciples</b>	\$0	\$104	0%	\$1,689	\$5,429	31%
<b>Welcoming</b>	\$324	\$517	63%	\$1,268	\$3,617	35%
<b>Worship Ministry</b>	\$321	\$1,050	31%	\$4,189	\$5,400	78%
<b>Congregational</b>	\$0	\$117	0%	\$250	\$817	31%
<b>Nurturing Youth</b>	\$2,104	\$400	526%	\$3,272	\$4,300	76%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$32,012</b>	<b>\$35,224</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>\$230,538</b>	<b>\$255,446</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$21,479</b>	<b>\$1,818</b>		<b>\$13,540</b>	<b>(\$6,154)</b>	

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND JULY 2022 & YEAR TO DATE

### UPON THIS ROCK-GROWING IN MISSION

JULY	JULY	Y-D	Y-D
\$8,058	\$8,687	\$74,653	\$68,309

### LOAN BALANCE-THRIVENT

\$612,387



# *Lighthouse Financials 2022*

## MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER P&L JULY 2022

Income	JULY 2022	Budget	% of Budget	JAN-JUL 2022	Budget	% of Budget
Direct Public Support	\$865	\$1,460	59%	\$6,633	\$10,210	65%
State Grants				\$48,280	\$875	
Investments				\$132	\$35	
Other Types of Income	\$21	\$36	58%	\$200	\$211	95%
Tuition Income	\$19,807	\$25,935	76%	\$150,983	\$182,395	83%
CACFP Food Subsidy	\$1,292	\$1,666	78%	\$8,034	\$11,665	69%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,985</b>	<b>\$29,097</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>\$214,262</b>	<b>\$205,391</b>	<b>104%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Food Expense	\$2,608	\$4,075	64%	\$29,988	\$28,526	105%
Administrative/Operations	\$484	\$804	60%	\$4,129	\$5,629	73%
Building/Facility	\$292	\$645	45%	\$1,898	\$4,515	42%
Operations	\$68	\$110	62%	\$828	\$771	107%
Accreditation	\$0	\$0	0%	\$575	\$425	0%
Administrative Salary	\$3,042	\$2,667	114%	\$19,042	\$18,667	102%
Family Support Coordinator	\$417	\$417	100%	\$2,083	\$2,917	71%
Payroll Expenses	\$18,337	\$22,908	80%	\$122,608	\$160,356	76%
Misc Training Expense	\$0	\$5	0%	\$0	\$37	0%
Family Activities	\$0	\$11	0%	\$0	\$74	0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$25,248</b>	<b>\$31,642</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$181,151</b>	<b>\$221,917</b>	<b>82%</b>
Other Income		\$1,721			\$25,328	
Other Expense				\$3,098		
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$3,263</b>	<b>-\$824</b>		<b>\$30,013</b>	<b>\$10,371</b>	

## *S. Kings St House Updates*

During the July 10, 2022, Church Council meeting, a South Kings House ad hoc committee was appointed to coordinate the repair, clean-up, and preparation of this property for occupancy by a Ukrainian refugee family. We are pleased to report that this has been accomplished, and our Ukrainian refugee family moved into their new home as of Friday, August 19.

The ad hoc committee was composed of Wes Bowman, Rose Hohbein, Charles Hill, Dick Peterson, and Cathy Carleton. With God's guidance and help they, along with numerous other members, worked an overwhelming number of donated hours to complete this task so the family would be moved in prior to the first day of school.

The committee wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for this mission—all those volunteers who worked so very hard and those people who continue to support this mission effort with their generosity, both financially and with donations of food, furniture, and household needs. Messiah members are truly giving of their time, talents, and possessions and loving their neighbors as we are asked by Jesus to do.

It was decided early that we wanted this ministry to be a joint effort with Bread of Life Slavic Church, and an agreement stating that was signed by both Bread of Life and Messiah representatives. We continue to be thankful for this partnership.

As the ad hoc committee completed their assignment, Phase 1 of this mission effort, we invited Messiah's members to become a part of the Support Team for our new Ukrainian family. A survey was given to those attending services in mid-August where members could volunteer for whatever aspect(s) of this continuing effort they felt drawn toward. A categorized list is being compiled with contact information, and this will be supplied to our family during a Meet & Greet, so they can be introduced to those who will be available when they have a need.

If you haven't yet completed a survey and would like to, you may find one on the last page of the Spirit. When completed, you may place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office, and this will be included in the categorized list.

Please join us to welcome our new family and provide them with continued prayers, encouragement, friendship and the love of Jesus.



Messiah Spirit September 2022

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# Holland-Seminole Neighborhood

# Clean-Up



**Saturday, September 10  
9 a.m.- Noon**

**Clean out your garages,  
winterize the garden and clear  
out that pile!**

It's time for the annual Holland-Seminole  
Neighborhood Clean-Up!

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

Saturday, September 10  
9a.m.- Noon

Bring your items to  
Messiah Lutheran Church parking lot.

There will be dumpsters for:

- + Household Items
- + Yard Debris
- + Documents to be shredded

If you need something picked up call  
Messiah Lutheran at (417) 881-2192

**Items that cannot be accepted:**

Televisions and computer monitors, large  
appliances, hazardous waste, PAINT, USED  
OIL, pesticides, and lawn care products.

Provided as a free service from your  
neighbors at Messiah Lutheran Church!