



The Annual Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its second annual blood drive with CBCO. The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, CBCO, provides blood to the Ozarks area ranging north to Lake of the Ozarks, west to Joplin, south to Fayetteville, east to Eureka Springs and Harrison, Arkansas, and back to Lake of the Ozarks. It needs 200 units daily to fulfill that need. Someone in the Ozarks requires a transfusion every 5 minutes! After Covid, only 3% of our population has stepped up to donate. You can imagine the panic of not having enough blood for CBCO's 45 health centers. Summer, especially when schools are not in session and donating, is a time of critical need.

Reasons to donate blood:

- Giving blood saves lives. We need new blood donors from all backgrounds to ensure there is the right blood available for patients who need it.
- Blood donations expire. Hospitals always need to have a stockpile of blood when needed for life-threatening emergencies. Most blood products can't be stored for long periods of time, which means they constantly need to be refreshed.
- In addition to full units of blood, donations can be broken down into red blood cells, platelets, and plasma, each used for a different purpose. Platelets can only be kept for 5-7 days. Because a single unit of blood can be separated, as just described, one donation can save up to three lives.
- Transfusions save the lives of patients with cancer, autoimmune disorders, and other conditions. More available aggressive cancer treatments require blood transfusions.
- On average, trauma patients with major bleeding need at least 16 liters of replacement blood. The replacement of blood is just as critical as surgical repair for trauma patients. Michael Vella, trauma director at Kessler Trauma Center, University of Rochester Medical Center, states, "If a patient bleeds too much without a transfusion, no matter what you do in the operating room, they won't survive. Every minute of delay in getting blood products is associated with a 1 ½ to 2 increases in mortality."
- Blood is needed in the field, not just in hospitals. Remember weather-related emergencies, consider a traumatic farm accident, an explosion at a steel plant, or other such incidents.

Think of it: An hour of your time, and less than a pint of your blood, can do all these things!

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Saints,

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

For some time now, I have been prayerfully considering starting a midweek Bible Study for our congregation. I know that many of you have a deep desire to read and understand the Bible—especially through the lens of Lutheran theology—in a setting that is safe, welcoming, and enriching. I am excited to share that an **intergenerational and coed opportunity** is now possible!

We will begin meeting on **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, starting September 17.**

The only requirement to join us is a belief that the **Bible is worth studying**. Your spiritual background or current level of Bible knowledge does not matter. Each time we gather, our focus will be to engage with Scripture, guided by the **Lectionary** (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition), allowing God's Word to speak to us through the rhythms of the church year.

If you have a Bible at home, please bring it with you. I will have my Lutheran Study Bible, and we will also provide helpful tools and guidance for reading and understanding the Bible more deeply.

I truly believe this will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and to deepen our faith and understanding of God's Word. **Everyone is welcome**, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. We would love to have you!

In Christ,

Pastor Orin



From the desk of the Council President

Greetings, Messiah Family.

As your council president I wanted to take a moment to update you regarding the latest Council meeting that took place on August 17th.

There are several upcoming events that you surely do not want to miss. Allow me to list a few.

- Healing service on 8/30 and 8/31. August has five Sundays. Therefore, we will be having a healing service on the 30th and 31st. I hope you can make it. These services are a great opportunity to receive prayer for God to relieve you of any burden you may be carrying.
- On September 6th we will be hosting our annual Gods work. Our Hands community outreach activity. We are always looking for help. You don't have to haul around heavy objects or put limbs in a chipper to contribute. Just show up and offer support to your fellow parishioners. We need as many friendly faces as we can muster to show our host neighborhood that we are truly welcoming all to come and worship with us.
- September 21st be sure to come to services as we will be greeting some new members into our community. Let's have a good turnout to show our support.

Our Parish Life committee liaison to the council said that there are much more exciting things coming up over the next month or so, including dinner for Supper and Scripture participants, cookie decorating and painting activities. Lots of fun for all on the near horizon.

Our Mutual Ministry committee liaison to the council, Myril Stewart, would like to remind everyone that pastor appreciation will be celebrated on October 12.

The council is very excited about launching our book study on September 7th on the book: "Me, an Evangelist? Every Christian's Guide to Caring Evangelism" by William J. McKay published by Stephen Ministries—St. Louis, MO. We will have 11 sessions after Sunday services hosted by Council members. Everyone will be encouraged to participate and share. Come join us even if you are not much of a reader. If you like to read, reach out to Pastor or any council member and we will get you a book for a nominal donation.

Finally, we are running a little behind on our pledges as compared to our expenses. We are hoping that in the next few months we can catch up. As mentioned in my previous articles, our sanctuary is aging. Just like your home things break or just wear out. Seems like this is the year where lots of things are breaking, putting a strain on the finances of the church. Please consider this as you contemplate your giving for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your council president. I look forward to seeing you all at services or at any of the multitude of upcoming events we are having.

I will leave you with this. Revelation 2:7, which says, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Galatians 5:25 says, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." This verse encourages believers to live their lives in accordance with the Holy Spirit's guidance and power. It means allowing the Spirit to direct our actions, thoughts, and desires, rather than being controlled by our sinful nature.

For me, I try to not become consumed with distractions and focus on why I come to Messiah. For me it's all about getting closer to Christ so I can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and act according to that guidance. By attempting to do so, my life and the lives of my family have been blessed beyond comprehension.

Frank Noto
Messiah Family member
Council President

Announcements

- Sept. 1** Church Office & Messiah Childcare Center will be closed
- Sept. 6** God's work. Our Hands 9 AM to Noon
- Sept. 7** Rally Sunday
- Sept. 8** Messiah/CCC & CBCO Blood Drive
- Sept 14** Sunday School Resumes
- Sept.14** New Member Session 4 PM
- Sept. 21** Receive New Members
- Sept. 21** Lay Internship Committee
- Sept. 21** Church Council Meeting

Altar Flower Committee



If you are interested in contributing to the altar flowers, we still have openings in the book throughout the year. Please check with the church office by calling 417-881-2192, stopping by or emailing officemanager@messiahmo.org. The cost per vase is \$20.00. If you pay by check please put "for altar flowers" in the memo section.

Piecemakers Quilt

This year's auction quilt has been donated by Saundra Carlson. It was purchased by Saundra's mother several years ago and was hand-quilted by the Pennsylvania Dutch quilters. The quilt will be on display in the Narthex from Saturday, September 27, until Sunday, October 19th. Bidding information will be placed near the quilt with instructions on how to make a bid. If there are any questions, please contact Linda Michael.



Service Members



Please notify the church office with the names of your service members who have passed, or who are currently living or currently serving. We would also like to have their branch and what war (ex: WW 1, 2, etc.) We are going to be putting flags out for the Veterans and adding the service members' names to the flags.

Crosslines

On August 7th, Mary Anne Johnson, Carolyn Gerdes, Saundra Carlson, Lisa Melgren, John and Carol Flanders, Susan Lane, Becky Roark and Marilyn Dial served 110 families/230 individuals at Crosslines. Thank you to everyone who placed canned goods, boxed food and hygiene items in the wagon. As always, carefully check expiration dates before donating. These items are greatly appreciated by the Crosslines guests.

Music Ministry Fellowship

It's ice cream time!!!! All music ministry members are invited to join us on Saturday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social!

Please bring your favorite topping and your choir directors will bring tubs of goodness to share. If the weather is nice, we will gather outside to visit. Every member of every music group, young or old, or in between, is invited.

If you are interested in joining a music group, this would be a great time to find out more about us.

Who doesn't love ice cream?????
See you Saturday the 6th at 6:30.



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Blood Pressure Readings

Screenings will be PAUSED for the foreseeable future. Anytime someone requests to have a reading done on Saturday evening before service or on Sunday morning after service, we will try to accommodate. Thank you for your understanding.

Young Adult Support Team

Our Messiah Lutheran Church family is blessed to have 14 young adults currently attending undergraduate and graduate programs. Through care packages, notes of encouragement, and reminders via text and mail, we want them to know they are deeply loved by God and their church family. Stay tuned for ways you can be involved.

Messiah Book Club

Messiah Book Club meets monthly in the library at 2:30-4 p.m. second Thursday of each month

SEPTEMBER 2025 Book Selection

"All the Worst Humans: How I Made News for Dictators, Tycoons, and Politicians," is a bridge-burning memoir by a top PR operative in Washington, who exposes the secrets of the \$129-billion industry that controls so much of what we see and hear in the media.

From the Trottiers

Hello, people of Messiah!

I am writing this on the eve of Giselle and my (and my uncle Peder's) ordination, just wishing to thank you all one more time for the role you played in getting me to this moment. It was just a little over two years ago that I began my internship at Messiah, but I still think of you all often, and my time as your vicar was an incredible time of growth and development. I draw from my experiences at Messiah on an almost daily basis, and I don't think I could have managed as well as I have if I didn't have those experiences to learn and draw from. The reason Messiah was such a good place for my development was that *everybody seemed invested in my future - in the church's future. So, I wanted to thank you again, not only for what you did for me but for what you continue to do for the whole church of God!*

I also want to thank you for the wonderful stole you gifted me! It's a beautiful stole and I'll think of you whenever I wear it, which, since it's a green stole, will be often! I hope that our paths cross again and that Giselle and I find our way back to the Ozarks, but until then, may God be with you!

Council Member

I am nearly to the end of my term as MLC Council member. The time has come to thank you for your faith in my servant leadership. I have come to a deeper understanding of what it takes for our congregation to function. I love our church family more than ever.

As the time approaches for us to ask members to serve on council, I am praying that members approach their consideration of being a council member from a positive perspective and a willingness to serve. Consider your spiritual gifts, interests, and vocation. How has your involvement at Messiah prepared you to serve on council?

By our baptism (new birth) we have become, through the work of the Holy Spirit in us, as followers of Jesus. This means:

We are children of God.

We grow in our life following Jesus, through scripture, prayer, and community. These become the primary means that God uses to work in our life, as we grow in our trust in following Jesus.

We are given authority to Make Disciples. A disciple is an intimate student of Jesus, our teacher.

A follower is willing, listens, and has an obedient heart.

Serving in Church leadership is a very special role of a disciple.

I will close with the words of Council Installation, our charge, as stated by Pastor Orin:

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one, together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith action in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

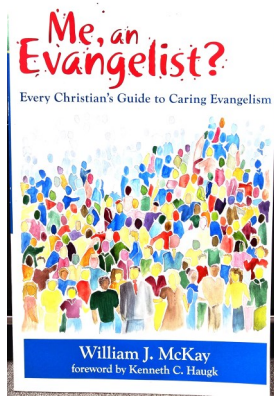
I am reminded of the hymn, Come Holy Spirit Come.

Marcie Rosenkoetter



Be watching the Midweek Messenger for a dinner location for September. We hope you will join us.

Let me know if you'd like to attend or if you have questions. Email debbiecorlett@sbcglobal.net or text me at 417-848-9426.



~*Learning to Share Our Faith*~

Council's 2025 Goal for Messiah Congregation

**Have you ever wished that you were better at sharing
your faith and communicating
the love of Christ to other people?**

Be a part of this 11-session Adult Education Forum
beginning on Rally Day following worship.

Council will lead this forum discussing the book

Me, an Evangelist?

Every Christian's Guide to Caring Evangelism

By William J. McKay

September Sessions	
DATE	CONTENT
Sept. 7	Chapter 1--Taking the Fear Out of Evangelism
	Chapter 2--Evangelizing the Evangelists
Sept. 14	Chapter 3--Growing in God
	Chapter 4--Process-oriented Evangelism
Sept. 21	Chapter 5--Building an Evangelizing Relationship
	Chapter 6--Listening: The Most Important Skill
Sept. 28	Chapter 7--Empathic Evangelism
	Chapter 8--Holistic Evangelism

Get your copy of the book for \$12.00 by calling the office.

If paying by check, put "evangelism book" in the memo line.

***"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body
of Christ..." Ephesians 4:12***

Financial Update

Clarification and Request for Stewardship

In December 2024, a \$12,000 donation designated for the **Upon This Rock** fund was mistakenly recorded as a contribution to **Operating Income**. This accounting error was discovered in February 2025. Upon discovery, the funds were correctly transferred to the **Upon This Rock** restricted fund account.

As a result of the original error, the 2024 annual financial report incorrectly showed a **surplus of \$9,473.33**, when it should have reflected a **shortfall of \$2,526.67**. To correct this in 2025, the \$12,000 transfer was recorded as an operating expense in February. This adjustment has impacted the current year's financials. As of July 2025, Messiah is reporting an operating shortfall of **\$51,884.85**, while the corrected actual shortfall is **\$39,884.85**.

While it is not unusual for giving to decrease during the summer months, the size of this year's operating shortfall is significant and cause for concern, especially with August and September historically being lower-income months as well.

That said, Messiah Church has a strong history of faithful giving and financial recovery in the fall. We are prayerful and hopeful that the congregation will continue to support the mission and ministries of Messiah so that we can close the year with a **positive operating balance**.

Considering the current financial situation, the **Finance Committee** is requesting that **all committees review their year-to-date budgets**. We ask each team to:

- Evaluate current spending and identify areas where costs can be reduced or postponed.
- Consider implementing temporary spending freezes where appropriate.
- Share any savings strategies or cost-cutting ideas with the Finance Committee.

We also welcome suggestions from all members of the congregation. If you have ideas to help reduce spending or boost giving, please reach out—we are stronger when we work together.

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayerful support, and faithful commitment to Messiah Church.



Messiah Ministries

Messiah members minister to local, regional and international needs throughout the year. Some of our ministries occur practically in our own backyard, such as Messiah House and housing two refugee Ukrainian families. Some ministries may be quite familiar while others may operate quietly and consistently month after month. Here's a quick recap of our ministries and their missions:

Crosslines: A small but dedicated group works the first Thursday of the month in the food pantry at Crosslines sorting and preparing food for distribution to hungry families in Springfield and Greene County. Members often drop off supplies at church for Crosslines which are then taken to the Crosslines facility. Items needed for donations include canned and boxed food, toilet paper, paper towels, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, and cooking supplies such as flour, salt, and sugar. It's important to check the expiration date on food that is donated. Items are collected in the wagon near the drinking fountain in the church narthex.

Holland Elementary School: This group supports teachers and staff throughout the school year by providing snacks twice a month for staff meetings, and by hosting a teacher appreciation lunch. The group also supports students through fall coat drives, a shoe closet and reading buddies.

Lutheran World Relief: Volunteers work year-round on projects (such as quilts, personal care kits, school kits, fabric kits and baby care kits) that assist our neighbors around the world affected by natural disasters, war or conflict, poverty and other needs. Each fall the quilts and kits are collected and delivered to an LWR warehouse for regional, national and international distribution.

Meredith's Ministry: Monthly, knitters and crocheters gather to knit lap and baby blankets and other baby layette items using a large supply of yarn donated by the Adams family.

Messiah House: Housing up to three women at a time, Messiah House works in conjunction with Safe to Sleep (a ministry of Crosslines Community Outreach) as a transitional home for homeless women. The ministry's mission is to help women help themselves by improving their lives through financial and living skills education. Women have a safe, temporary home and support to assist them in finding resources such as employment, education, or future housing. The women are also taught to save while living there.

Piecemakers: Quilters meet on the first and third Mondays of each month to piece and tie quilts for distribution to local charitable agencies. Annually, the group auctions a beautiful hand-sewn quilt which raises funds for purchasing supplies for the ministry.

Seminole Holland Neighborhood Association: In addition to providing a meeting space for the Neighborhood Association once a month, Messiah member David Siewert acts as

Messiah's liaison for neighborhood projects such as God's Work, Our Hands, a major endeavor involving many volunteers, refreshments and collection of items at neighbors' homes. Messiah also provides space and occasionally refreshments for neighborhood events.

Ukrainian Families Support: Messiah volunteers and staff support and guide two Ukrainian families, refugees of the ongoing Ukrainian and Russian war. The church provides low-cost housing, moral and spiritual support, and assistance with ongoing settlement needs. Each family is different: Inna and her youngest son plan to return to Ukraine in the new year to rejoin family members still there. Her oldest son hopes to stay in the US. Finding work for Inna has been difficult despite achieving JavaScript certification.

Lana and her family have purchased their own home in Springfield. Lana has secured her work permit and permanent employment. Serheii continues to work a number of jobs as do the two oldest girls. The girls work part-time in the Messiah Lighthouse Child and Family Development Center in addition to other part-time jobs. The family is also pursuing Asylum status, which has been moving at a faster pace than the Temporary Protected Status. Volunteers for each ministry are always needed, always appreciated and always a source of meaningful ministry.



Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
925 E. Seminole, Springfield

Monday, September 8, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call 417-227-5006 or go to www.cbco.org/donate-blood



Scan or visit
www.cbco.org
for more info.



Sponsored by:



Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is the exclusive provider of blood to ALL your area hospitals.

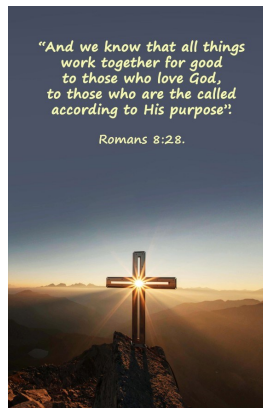
September Flowers

	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28
Vase 1	Ben & Pat Schultz	Cummings Family	Dan & Beverly Carlson	Vera Kimsey
Vase 2		Cummings Family	Kip & Chris Scott	Vera Kimsey



Flower Vase Costs

Cost per vase is \$20. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and then in the memo line, write "Altar Flowers" and the date for which you are paying. If you are using an offering envelope, you will find a line for "Altar Flowers" and the amount.



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Chicken Corn Chowder Soup

- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 2 medium russet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 4 cups corn kernels (from about 5 ears) or 2 cans of whole kernel corn (drained)
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 green onions, chopped

Directions:

1. Cook the bacon in a Dutch oven over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crisp, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate; reserve the bacon drippings in the pan.
2. Add the butter to the bacon drippings and let melt. Add the onion, celery, and bell pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly softened, about 4 minutes. Stir in the garlic; cook 30 seconds more. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables; cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Gradually stir in the chicken broth.
3. Add the potatoes, salt, and pepper, and bring to a simmer. Cook until the potatoes can be easily pierced with a fork, about 10 minutes.
4. Add the corn kernels, chicken, and cream; return to a simmer, and cook until slightly thickened, 10 to 15 minutes more.
5. To serve, top with the reserved cooked bacon and chopped green onions.

Compliments of The Pioneer Woman



Dear Messiah family,

BRUNCH POTLUCK

Our brunch potluck on August 17 was very well received. We will definitely have to consider doing this more often. We had to scramble a bit to get additional tables set up since we had more people come than we expected. We will always have a sign-up sheet so that we know how many to plan for. Also, we are always needing people to help with cleanup. Many hands make light work.

SUPPER and SCRIPTURE

Supper and Scripture is a small-group ministry that meets regularly in each other's homes for a meal and devotion. This is usually in groups of 6 to 8 or nine people. The host supplies the main dish and other people bring the side dishes. The host also chooses the devotion for that get-together. Each group is free to set their own format. There are currently three groups. In the past there has been some interest expressed about a group that might meet at a restaurant rather than in each other's homes. That is always a possibility. Anyone who is currently in a supper and scripture group or is interested in getting more information is invited to join us for a potluck following worship September 13. There will be a sign-up sheet in Mission Hall for this Labor Day weekend.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

Our activity for October will be Halloween cookie decorations. More info and date to come.

Our committee continues to provide refreshments following Sunday morning worship as an opportunity to get to know your church family better. Please come join us. Also, if you would be interested in supplying home-baked goods that is always appreciated. Also, we are always looking for people to join our group. We are at the party bunch!



GWOH event will be **September 6 from 9 a.m. to noon** in the church parking lot.

There will be dumpsters for the following items:

1. Household items
2. Yard debris (please utilize the city wide cleanup in your area first)
3. Documents to be shredded.
4. Scrap metal

Items that will NOT be taken are:

1. TVs
2. Computer Monitors
3. Large appliances
4. Hazardous waste (paint, used oil, pesticides or lawn chemicals, etc.)

Reminder: to reduce the volume at our neighborhood clean-up, please put your downed tree branches street-side for pick-up in your zone.

City Wide Clean-up



If you live in Zone 4 the city wide clean-up will be September 1-5.

A tree company contracted by the city is currently addressing properties with larger trees and debris, and may help with curbside pickup in areas. It's free to Springfield residents. Anyone with questions can call 417-864-1010.

Here are some things to keep in mind for people expecting crews to pick up their debris over the next month:

- Only natural/organic vegetative debris will be collected (limbs, branches, brush).
- No registration is needed for pickup.
- Debris should be placed at the curb or nearest accessible location, without blocking sidewalks, driveways or drainage ditches.
- Debris must be ready by 7 a.m. on the first day of your City Council Zone's scheduled pickup week.



Confirmation Class 2025 led by Pastor Orin

Classes Begin: Sunday, September 14

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Church Office

Confirmation Sunday, October 27, 2025

All candidates preparing for confirmation are invited to join this important journey of faith and learning. Attendance is essential from September 14 through October 19 as we explore what it means to affirm your baptism and live as a disciple of Christ. If you have questions or scheduling concerns, please contact Pastor Orin.

VBS 2025

"True North"

From the northern lights, snow capped mountains to the camp fire, the children went on an adventure.



Making northern lights tie die shirts with the kids outside. Looks like they were having a lot of fun.



The kids got a lesson in how to make instant snow. Looks like they are having fun.
Do you think they had any snowball fights?

Thank You

We extend our sincere thanks to **Jessica Atchison, Rachel Bergin, and Angie Messner** for organizing a very successful joint Vacation Bible School with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Special appreciation goes to **Susie and Jim Rucker, Britt and Ethan Bartels, Terry Dunham, and Linda Michael** for preparing meals, and to **Carolyn Malcolm, Ileen Kendall, Jeanie Bardy, and Debbie Corlett** for their service in meal cleanup and support.

We are grateful for the A/V support provided by **Drew Bowman**, and for **David Siewert**, who led the Bible activity sessions. Thank you to **Mary Keidle** for overseeing outdoor activities, and to **Beth Melgren** for leading the science activities.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, including several members of Prince of Peace, **Piper and Oliver Jones, Carter and Zac Bergin, Mason Skiles, Karen Bowman, and Nathanael Cummings**. Your energy and dedication helped make the event vibrant and engaging.

We are also thankful to all who provided props, assisted with setup and take down, and to the parents who brought their children and supported this time of faith, fun, and growth.

Together, you helped make this year's VBS a meaningful and memorable success. Thank you!

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL



On **Sunday, September 7**, the start of the educational year at Messiah will kick off with Rally Day. The theme for the year will be introduced and there will be special activities happening that morning starting at 10:45 a.m. Confirmation and Sunday School instruction will begin on **Sunday, September 14**.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING



The last two years of offering has been distributed between 2 causes that the kids voted on. \$240.50 was — split between Rescue One and The Developmental Center of the Ozarks.

New Member Class

If you have been wanting to learn more about what it is to be Lutheran, we have a new member class on September 14 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. A light meal will be provided. If you have questions, please reach out to the church office, Pastor Orin, or Vickie Donnell.

We will welcome new members on September 21, during worship.

What a caring group of kids. A new cause will be decided on by the youth this September.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14. Bibles will be presented to 2nd graders or anyone who has missed past presentations.



We are so excited to see all our wonderful kids back in Sunday School after the summer break!

Rally Sunday, Sept. 7, kicked off the year with the theme "Our Faith Can Move Mountains." No rocky starts here - this year promises to be a fun one full of learning, fellowship, and of course, good puns. Because mountains aren't just funny, they're "hill areas"!

Sunday School is open to any child age 2 or 3 through 6th grade. We start each week upstairs in the second classroom on the left with music (What do you call a mountain that sings? A "Rock Star"!), then move to the classroom at the end of the hall for our lesson and crafts (What is a mountain's favorite game? Hide-and-go-"peak").

To "summit" up, please reach out if you have any questions or if we've "peaked" your interest in helping with Sunday School. We'd love to have you!

Blessings,
Katie Dogwiler, Tara Melgren, Rachel Bergen, and Susie Rucker

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*He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of
 righteousness, for His name's sake. Psalms 23:3*

September Scripture Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
6/7	DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20	1	PHILEMON 1:21	LUKE 14:25-33
13/14	EXODUS 32:7-14	51:1-10	1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17	LUKE 15:1-10
20/21	AMOS 8:4-7	113	1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7	LUKE 16:1-13
27/28	AMOS 6:1a, 4-7	146	1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19	LUKE 16:19-31

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 1	Church Office & Messiah Childcare Center will be closed
Sept. 6	God's Work Our Hands 9 AM to Noon
Sept. 7	Rally Sunday
Sept. 8	Messiah/CCC & CBCO Blood Drive
Sept 14	Sunday School Resumes
Sept.14	New Member Session 4 PM
Sept. 21	Receive New Members
Sept. 21	Lay Internship Committee
Sept. 21	Church Council Meeting