



# The Messenger

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To Live  
and Teach  
Jesus' Love.



Connie Vantuyl,  
*Office Manager*

Sunday Services  
8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School  
9:45am

Messiah Lutheran  
Church  
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**“So, because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.” John 19:42**

During this time of Lent, we continue to follow our Lord on His journey to the cross and the empty tomb. We once again see the great sacrifice that our Savior made for us. We see the agony, the suffering He endured. We see Him nailed to the cross, understanding that it was our sin that put Him there. We hear those agonizing words, **“My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?”** Jesus endured hell for us and in place of death He gave us life. It is in His death and the glorious resurrection that we will celebrate on Easter morning that we experience the **“Sweet Passion of our Lord.”**

During these weeks of Lent, we have been focusing on the sweetness of Jesus passion. We have again heard how this Jesus has won life and salvation for us. And in response to His amazing love we are sent out into our world to share that life with a world dying in sin. It is my prayer that as each of us visits with friends and family, we would invite someone we know to come and worship with us, come and celebrate this forgiveness and life that Jesus has won on the cross for all sinners. I pray that God the Holy Spirit empower each of us to boldly share the love of Jesus with our families, with the people God brings into our lives every day.

So that you might invite others our Holy Week schedule is as follows:

....Please see page 2.

It is my prayer that each of you will come and join us as we follow Jesus to the cross and celebrate His glorious resurrection! May God fill your hearts and lives with the sweetness of His peace!!!

In Christ!

**Pastor T**



### Wednesday Lenten Services at 7:00pm

April 2

April 9

Maundy Thursday 7:00pm—April 17

Good Friday 7:00pm—April 18



**Sunrise Service**—6:30am

**Fairgrounds Service**—8:30am

**Late Service**—10:00am

*\*Communion will be offered at Sunrise and Late services*

**Easter Breakfast** Enjoy a hot breakfast at Messiah on Easter morning between Sunrise service and 10 a.m. worship. The menu of breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, fruit and drinks will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. by the 10 youths planning to go to National Youth Gathering in July.



A free will donation to cover Gathering expenses will be taken.



Those attending Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. may head to the Fellowship Hall immediately following for breakfast. Those worshipping at the Lyon County Fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. or coming for the 10 a.m. worship service at Messiah will still be able to enjoy breakfast until 9:30 a.m.

Thank you for supporting Messiah's youth.



**VBS NEWS:** Jesus is our True North! As we are beginning to prepare for the 2025 Vacation Bible School, we are asking for your help!



The event is Sunday, June 1st- Thursday, June 5th from 6:00-8:00pm.

If you would like to help please contact:

Ashley Mawdsley 620-340-7454 Jennifer Whaley 913-256-9310.

Alex Vahsholtz 620-757-1249

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.



### HARVEST HOME ALLEY SALE

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 8am-12pm

Contact Donna Spain for questions.

We would like to recognize Messiah's high school, tech school, and college graduates. Please let the church office know the name and school so we can list them in our bulletin and recognize them in service during May.

### **Would you like to help reduce Messiah's costs?**



By receiving Messiah's monthly newsletter by email rather than paper mail, you're helping to reduce our printing and mailing costs each month. If you're interested in our E-Newsletter, please contact the church office @ 620-342-8181.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday morning at 10:00 am on 96.1FM or 580AM

April 6  
**"Better Than I Deserve!"**  
 Rev. Keith Habershtock  
 (John 12:1-11)

April 13  
**"In The Middle"**  
 Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 (John 19:18)

April 20  
**"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"**  
 Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 (John 20:5-7)

April 27  
**"Through Locked Doors"**  
 Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 (John 20:19)

The 3rd weekend of April our LWML will be gathering mites to support missions around the world. Bring your loose change and watch the Gospel grow.

### Executive Board

Board meeting: Wednesday, Apr. 2 @ 11:00am

### Dorcas Circle

Meeting Apr. 17 @ 1:30pm

### Ruth Circle

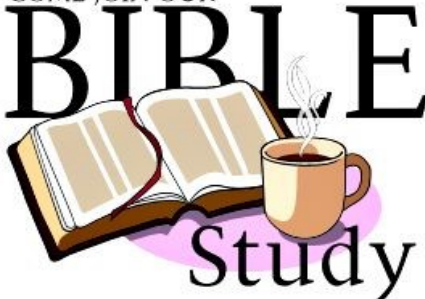
Meeting Apr. 2 @ 1:30pm

### Quilt Ministry

LWML quilt ministry is looking for volunteers. On Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am a few ladies join together to assemble the quilts. Questions? Beth Hanschu will be glad to get you started. Email: [bethhanschu1951@yahoo.com](mailto:bethhanschu1951@yahoo.com) and cell phone: 620-794-0939



COME JOIN OUR



**Sundays:** "Red Letter Challenge" led by Pastor Tegtmeier

Women's Bible Study "Red Letter Challenge" led by Melissa McCormick

**Mondays:** Group meets in the Youth House at 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement throughout Lent.

**Wednesdays:** "Red Letter Challenge" Group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. (Led by Brenda Mawdsley)

**Thursdays:** "Red Letter Challenge" Group meets in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. (Group Led)



Our next Fusion Sunday will be June 29th.

One unified worship service at 10:30am

## **Second Sunday Potluck April 13th**

Following our late service, come, bring a dish and join in on the good food & fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of Messiah.



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**Church Council Meeting  
Making God's House a Home  
March 3, 2025 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Grant Riles, Gwen Larson, Amy Rhoads, Bryce Heitman, Jackie Koch, Terry Rhoads, Melissa McCormick, Connie Vantuyl, and Tracy Karcher

**Absent:** Alice Elkins and Sheila Duncan

**Call to order:** Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Grant Riles

**Opening:** by Grant Riles with prayer

**Minutes:** Gwen Larson moved to accept the February minutes; Bryce Heitman seconded. Motion carried.

**Ministry Support Team – Terry Rhoads & Alice Elkins** - Midwest Locksmith will soon be onsite to begin installation of security systems previously voted on. They have been backlogged due to a lengthy illness last fall. Additional funds were donated by a church member requesting we include the Fellowship Hall doors. Midwest will submit a quote in the next few days. After the carpets were cleaned last week, the carpet squares in the narthex begin to come up at the seams. Will be checking with local carpet stores on suggestions.

**Financial Resources:**

Thrivent: Scholarship      \$68,990.01

Thrivent: Endowment      \$63,179.07

LCEF: Scholarship      \$20,000.00

**Total as of 12/31/2024    \$152,169.08**

**Outreach Team Report – Amy Rhoads**

**Community Outreach-** Messiah served approximately 50 on February 17<sup>th</sup> for Radical Life. We have been asked to sign up again for a slot this summer.

**Missions** – No report

**Social Concerns** – No Report

**Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher** – Elders are gearing up for Easter services. Will get times to Connie after the Elders meeting.

**Adult & Family Life – Melissa McCormick** – Planning for special birthdays and anniversary celebration. Discussed whether March or June would be better. Other than short turn around for March no one had issues with either one. Melissa is scheduled to work the weekend in March, but others offered to help if that was when she chose to do it. She will check into things and let Connie know ASAP.

**Children and Youth Education Team – Jackie Koch**

**Sunday School:** The teachers have been preparing for an Easter egg hunt and special Easter treats for the kids. They have been working on songs the children will sing during the second service sometime in March.

**LOGOS:** Brenda and Elaine prepared special lessons, materials, and crafts for each class for the Lenten week meetings. Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will be acolytes and will collect the offering during Lenten Wednesday evening services. The fifth grade LOGOS class mailed \$2,038 to LCMS Disaster Response in St. Louis on February 27th. The class collected these donations from the congregation after services. They spoke four different weeks at each service. The funds were designated for the California Wildfire victims.

**VBS:** Alex Vahsholtz reports that Bible School will be June 1st-5th. She, Ashley Mawdsley, and Jennifer Whaley are the organizers. They have started collecting volunteer names. The website is up and ready to be published after spring break. They have started creating the supply list and will be ordering soon.

**Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson –**

Fundraising continues for the National Youth Gathering trip coming up in July.

The Valentine's Dinner was very successful. The first total calculated was \$1,400 for the trip. We still have some donations coming in, so that amount will change slightly. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and came to church for the meal.

Please keep these ten Messiah youth, three adult sponsors and their families in your prayers: Vicki Brooks, Abigale Disney, Bethany Disney, Joe Hosch, Collin Moody, Talan Rhodes, Brayden Shaw, Kendra Shaw Cooper Vahsholtz, Bennett Wacker, Elijah Warnick, Natasha Warnick and Zac Warnick.

Easter breakfast is planned for April 20, beginning at 7:30 a.m. or immediately after Sunrise Service. Breakfast casseroles and cinnamon rolls are on the menu for a free will offering. Watch for announcements in the take home bulletins for serving hours.

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**Treasurer Report-Susan Menke-****General Checking**

Beginning Balance 2/1/2025	\$45,346.41
Revenue	+32,557.76
Expenses	-23,863.13
Journals (EFTs & transfers to/from savings)	<u>-6,605.98</u>
Ending Balance 2/28/2025	\$47,435.06
Dedicated Savings	
Beginning Balance 2/1/2025	\$440,932.72
YTD Receipts/Expenses	<u>+14,887.93</u>
Ending Balance 2/28/2025	\$455,820.65

**MCE Report** – Vacant**Pastor's Report**– Vacant**Committee Reports*****Loving Hands*** – No report

***Pastoral Call Team*** – Pastor Ada has declined our call. He expressed deep gratitude for the warm hospitality extended to him during his visit and for the opportunity to meet those who were able to attend. He believes that God is calling him to remain at Beautiful Savior to continue his ministry there. The call team has been given the name of another pastor, who previously preached in Kansas for several years and is now interested in returning to the area to be closer to family. The team is currently working on scheduling a meeting with him. Shelia Duncan has requested to step down, citing personal reasons.

***Long Range Planning***– No report.***Health & Wellness*** –No report***Harvest Home*** –No report**Membership Changes:****Baptism:**

**Death:** Shelley Lewis (2/10/25)

**Old Business:**

Organ repair – Connie reported that the organ was looked at and determined to be in good working order for now.

**New Business:**

Replacement of Basement Refrigerator – The basement fridge was damaged last year, and at that time, the council decided it was unnecessary to replace and should be hauled away. The fridge has since been removed from the basement. Brenda Mawdsley is now petitioning the council to replace it. However, there are concerns regarding the space, as modern fridges tend to be much larger, as well as the actual need for a new fridge since the old one has been non-functional for a year, and there have been no other requests for a replacement. Previous discussions with the leaders of the Sunday School and VBS programs revealed that they did not require a fridge but could see a use for a small dorm-size fridge occasionally. A motion was made by Gwen Larson to table any decisions regarding the replacement of the fridge, to allow time to assess the actual need and explore options for the space. The motion was seconded by Bryce Heitman, and the motion carried.

Call Team Member Replacement – After some discussion, it was decided to postpone the decision to replace Shelia on the call team for now. It was suggested that we first see where God leads us with the current candidate. If the Call Team needs to start fresh with a completely new list of candidates, we will then consider finding an additional member to replace Shelia. Moved by Gwen Larson to postpone replacing Shelia at this time. Motion seconded by Bryce Heitman. Motion carried.

**Announcement** - Next meeting: Monday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m.

**Closing** - Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Amy Rhoads, filling in for Sheila Duncan- Secretary



2nd Craig Conley  
Drew Wells

3rd Danielle Birk  
Jeanne Groh  
Cindy Meinholdt  
Theresa Whitaker

4th Lisa Bessmer  
Seth Davis  
Kendra Shaw  
Debra Thompson

5th Jerry Wenciker

6th Jane Schneider  
Megan Smith

7th Gregory Graham  
Jim Kennedy  
Donna Key  
Lawson Lawrenz

8th Emma Barnett  
Maycee Davis  
Kiptyn Olson  
Colson Owen  
Gene Whitson

9th Britney Hinrichs  
Jessica Roby

10th Richard Gibson  
Ella Sims  
Andrew Smith

11th Ronnie Albertson

12th Emerson Ayers  
Maggie Conley  
Lindsay Storrer

13th Richelle Birk

14th Josh Brothers  
Janice Gibson  
Spencer Olson

15th Peggy Barnhart  
Melinda Riles  
Jake Schweinler

16th Jennifer Esau  
Elizabeth Farr  
Tammy Handke

17th Roy McMinn  
Amy Roberts  
Don Scheer  
Jaxon Schnakenberg  
Jackson Warnick

18th Donna Spain

19th Brecken Hines

20th Brayden Turner  
Seth Way

21st Whitney Cates

22nd Grant Charpentier  
Caide Timmons

23rd Deryk Witherspoon

24th Justin Krause  
Jeff Longbine

25th Sandy Hines  
Thomas Smith

26th Vicki Housholder  
Brandon Schneider

27th Allie Carnell  
Kali Carson  
Lorna Harden  
Ashley Kopecky  
Mildred Schnakenberg  
Logan Thomas  
Madison Warnick

28th Dalton Cole

29th Addi Bradford  
Maxwell Conley  
Sara Mitchell  
Donald Morfitt  
Sharon Stephens  
Charles Wells



2nd Matthew & Tara Duncan

3rd Tim & Linda Sadowski

6th Brady & Kim Parks

13th Randy & Diana Hizar

17th John & Catrina Ritchie

23rd Troy & Lauri Barnhart  
Jim & Charlene Young

24th Gene & Marietta Whitson  
Heath & Kim Botkin

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# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 4:15 New Start Choir 5pm TOPS 6pm Elders meeting 6:30pm Bible Study	2 9am Ruth Cl. Brunch 11am LWMML Board 12pm Bible Study <b>5:30-7:30pm LOGOS</b> <b>7PM Lenten Service</b>	3 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA 5:40 Handbells	4 7-9pm Square Dancing	5
6 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service 6-8pm Square Dancing Lessons	7 6pm Church Council 6-8pm Bible Study in Youth House	8 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 4:15 New Start Choir 5pm TOPS 6:30pm Quilting Guild 6:30pm Bible Study	9 12pm Bible Study	10 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA 5:40 Handbells	11	12 12pm–Evening Bluestem Square Dancers Dinner/ Dance
13 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service <b>2nd Sunday POTLUCK</b> 6-8pm Square Dancing Lessons	14 6-8pm Bible Study in Youth House	15 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 4:15pm New Start Choir 5pm TOPS 5:30pm Sertoma Club 6:30pm Bible Study	16 12pm Bible Study	17 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA 1:30pm Dorcas Circle <b>7pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>	18 <b>7pm Good Friday Service</b>	19 Easter Breakfast Prep work
20 6:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am Fairgrounds Service 10:00am Late Service <b>Easter Breakfast starts after Sunrise Service</b> 6-8pm Square Dancing Lessons	21 <i>Office Closed</i> 6-8pm Bible Study in Youth House	22 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 4:15pm New Start Choir 5pm TOPS	23 12pm Bible Study	24 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA 5:40 Handbells	25 12pm-4pm H.H. Alley Sale	26 8am-12pm H.H. Alley Sale
27 <b>10:00am Confirmation Service</b> Reception to follow F.H. Reserved following	28 6-8pm Bible Study in Youth House	29 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 4:15pm New Start Choir 5pm TOPS	30 12pm Bible Study			



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