

A close-up, low-angle shot of the American flag, showing the red and white stripes and the blue field with white stars. The flag is draped and appears to be waving in the wind. The background is a clear blue sky. The text "GOD BLESS AMERICA" is overlaid on the flag in a white, serif font. The word "GOD" is on the first line, "BLESS" is on the second line, and "AMERICA" is on the third line. The text is centered and has a slight shadow effect.

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA



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Dear Friends!

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This summer looks and feels very different than what we're used to. Swimming pools, summer camps and programs, travel and vacation – all are reduced if not cancelled completely. However, as we celebrate Independence Day, a special thank you is due to the individuals who serve in our armed forces and those who have served throughout our history, to fight for our freedom. We are grateful for you, your service, and the sacrifices you have made for each of us.

Even with all of the uncertainty we are facing I hope you are still able to plan fun outdoor activities with your loved ones and enjoy this time together. The gradual reopening of our communities that is underway remains cautious and uncertain. Life as we know it has dramatically changed. The spike in COVID-19 cases in various parts of the nation has all of us wondering where this is headed. We're all asking the same questions: How long will this last? What will the fall look like? Will there be a second wave of the coronavirus? What does this mean for school? For work? For life? When will things get back to "normal"

Just remember, as Messiah continues to reopen for in-person worship this month, we will slowly continue to reclaim some sense of normalcy in our life together as a congregation. But things will look and feel different – that's the reality. As our community continues to open things will look and feel different. In the midst of so much that is different, we hold fast to what remains true: **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"** ([Hebrews 13:8](#)).

Elaine, the Church Council, Elders and I know these changes have been difficult, but we are blessed that we still have ways to keep connected and united. We are so grateful for our church family and for your graciousness, during this pandemic.

Please take care of yourselves, keep healthy, stay hydrated and know that I miss you all very much and I hope to see you all again real soon.

In Christ!

Pastor Eddie

Pastor will be on vacation Saturday, July 25th – Friday August 7th.
If there is an emergency please call Elaine or the church Office.

Because Pastor will be on vacation, we will be **NOT** be celebrating the Lord's Supper on the first weekend in August but will celebrating it on the 2nd weekend of August.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Pastor and the Elders are continuously talking and evaluating things regarding our worship life together. We are waiting for an update from the Lyon County Commissioners regarding recommendations from the Health Department before we make any long-term decisions.

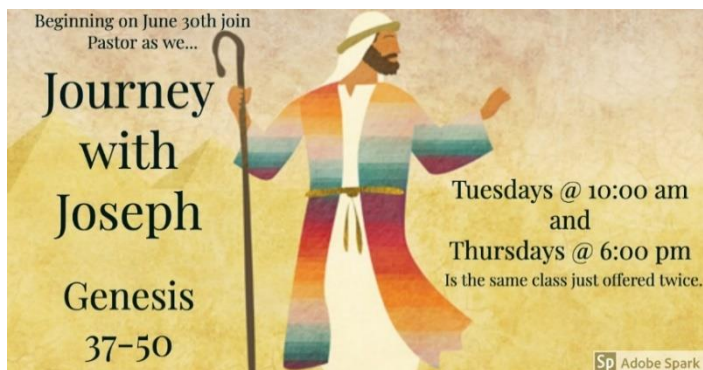
After meeting last week the decision was made to continue with our current worship schedule and plan through the weekend of July 18th/19 (see below)

Saturday	@ 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	@ 8:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
	@ 9:00 am Lyon County Fairgrounds
	@ 11:00 am (Sanctuary and Live Stream)

This means that Sunday, July 19th will be the last Sunday that we will be at the Fairgrounds. Beginning the weekend of July 25th/26th we will be adjusting that worship schedule (see below). We will continue using Facebook Live to live stream our 11:00 service. We aren't sure what services will look like (sign-ups, social distancing, face masks, use Fellowship hall, etc.) but we will get the word out as soon as we can.

Saturday	@ 6:00 pm
Saturday	@ 8:30 am
	@ 11:00 am

In His Service!
Pastor Eddie



Journey with Joseph

Beginning June 30th Pastor will hold a Bible class called Journey with Joseph covering Genesis 37-50 on Tuesdays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 6 PM over Zoom only. It is the same class just offered twice. Pastor will post the Zoom link on facebook and we will also send it by email.

Online VBS for the Kids

Parents – VBS is one of our favorite weeks at Messiah – kids AND adults laughing, playing, studying, learning and singing praises to God. Not being able to have VBS in person this summer was a bummer, but here are several options you could do with just your kids or your kids and their close friends. Everything you need is available for download as well as videos and music options. Check it out and see if it might be something helpful.

BOLT VBS - Log on anytime - 3 Day VBS with Video, Game, Coloring Page and Origami Directions https://oursaviorbett.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/BOLT_Parent_and_Leader_Guide.pdf

MYSTERY ISLAND - Log on anytime = This congregation has an internet only option:
<https://www.redeemerlutheran.com/vbs?fbclid=IwAR0BzdVBCRyiwpuUy8xh2BBYZJbtAH8oCuTfJd1KNcEDKPTIWY8XITiQxE>

VBS ONLINE - July 13-17 - <http://www.salem4u.com/vbs>

Mites, Mites, Mites!!!

Since we haven't collected Mites in several months we're sure your box is overflowing. Please bring them by the church office and give them to Denise or drop them in the purple Mite box at the back of worship. The mission projects the mites support are still in great need. If you don't have a box, but would like to contribute, please drop those offerings by as well.

Masks for Lutheran World Relief

A second round of Lutheran World Relief's "75,000 Face Mask Challenge" is underway! The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Sign up for more info (and see a current mask count) at www.lwr.org/masks.

Devotions - Sunday and Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live, except holiday weekends.

Members In Need

If you have been hit hard during this event or know of a member who has lost their job or is in need, please contact the church office.

The Week That Changed the World

Below is the link to the movie from Paul Meier, LCMS theologian, historian and author. It costs less than \$3 to rent.

<https://bit.ly/2VkXWFN>

Shut-ins and Hospital Visits

Please pray for, call and check on our shut-ins.

Roses to

- † Roses to the LOGOS Team as they move through many, many decisions and questions. Brenda Taylor, Jim Herfkins, Linda Sadowski, Sandy Schroeder, Sheryl Wiemers, Pastor Hosch and Elaine
- † Roses to Confirmation students who shared their faith stories and projects with family. They're pretty amazing.
- † Roses to Graduates of High School in an unusual year. They navigated it with grace and made many memories.
- † Roses to Elders who have continued to juggle all four services and have gone the extra mile with cleaning up and moving things after each service.
- † Roses to Matt Esau, Judy Schade and Brandon & Amanda Neff who have led the music for the Live Stream
- † Roses to Church Council and Elders who have made some really difficult leadership decisions
- † Roses to KVOE who have helped us to work up and create a worship opportunity for the community
- † Roses to having fresh flowers on the altar each Sunday
- † Roses to Gwen Larson, Jim Herfkins and Randall Neff for joining the students on the Zoom get togethers and playing silly games like Pictionary!
- † Roses to the Lyon County Fairgrounds who have allowed us to hold worship services.
- † Roses to

Email Addresses

We are missing many email addresses. If you are not receiving emails from the church, would you please consider sharing yours with the church office at 342-8181. Thank you

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach



JULY

Three ways to help strengthen your faith:

- 1) Nurturing
- 2) Meaningful
- 3) Encouraging

- 1) Use the time you spend in your vehicle commuting to work or running errands to listen to a spiritually uplifting audio CD.
- 2) Provide respite help for a caregiver. Call to set up a time you could stay with their loved one so they can get a break.
- 3) Spend some time with someone newly widowed. Take her/him out to lunch or ask if there is any other thing that they are having trouble facing alone.

Be safe, stay healthy and remember to pray!

Sunday School

Parents will continue to receive emails to do a Sunday School Lesson each week.



Member News

The following members have been in the hospital sometime during the month. Please keep them in your prayers for continued healing and comfort:

If we left off your name, please let us know. Remember to call the Church Office if you are planning to go into the hospital. Let your family know that they need to call us. The hospital will no longer notify Pastor when you enter.

Remember our service men and women in your prayers:
Terry Rhoads, Josh Lawson, Dillion Grother, Aaron Cuadra,
Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds, Darren Schroeder, John Ritchie, Christy Bryant, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship

Attendance

Date	Attendance			
	6:00 p.m. Saturday	8:00 a.m. Sunday	9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds	11:00 a.m.
June 13/14	30	39	58 Cars	37
June 20/21	41	50	51 Cars	46
June 27/28	11	36	55 Cars	30

Prayer Calendar

For each day of the month, the name of a Messiah Family is listed for you to pray for. We ask that you keep the prayer calendar in a place where you will see it each day and then include that family in your daily prayers. Pray that God will watch over them, grant them good health, and keep them strong in the faith. We hope that our prayers will strengthen and bind us together as a family of God.

July 2020

1. Dale & Norma Hodges
2. Helen Hollis
3. Brad & Kayla Hoover & Konnor
4. Eddie & Melissa Hosch, Lexi, Joe, Lyric & Cash
5. Ruth Houghton
6. Vicki Housholder, Amy, Holey & Kayleigh
7. Lindsey Hoy, Hayden & Julie
8. Craig Hoyt, CaLee, Spenser & Connor
9. JoCee Hoyt
10. Libby Hughes, Ethan & Zane
11. John & Katie Hunter, Andrew, Kermit & Elizabeth
12. Bill & Deborah Huth
13. Ryan & Reba Huth
14. Jeff & Debbie Illk
15. Amie Jackson
16. Dan & Cindy Jackson
17. Larry Jackson
18. Montie Jackson
19. Eileen Jenek
20. Jordan & Amy Jenkins, Mason, Madison, Macleigh
21. Steve Jensen
22. Dan & Kary Johnson & Abigail
23. David Johnson
24. David & Kathy Johnson
25. James Johnson
26. Justin Johnson
27. Laura Johnson
28. Matthew & Lisa Johnson & Chayce
29. Scott & Gena Jones, Kyson & Cora
30. Susan Jones
31. Stephen & Ashley Jowers & Korbyn

Lutheran Hour Program Guide

Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on 96.1 FM at 10:00 a.m. and also on WIBW - 580 AM at 7:30 a.m. Messiah Lutheran's radio program is on 96.1 FM following the "Lutheran Hour" at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

July 5 - "Unhelmed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between? (Matt 6:1-18)

July 12 - "Perfection Welcomes Failure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness. (Matt 6:19-34)

July 19 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Exodus)

July 26 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Conclude Exodus Series

Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and do not lean
on your own
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
June 1, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

Zach contacted C. Allen door company about the front doors. He also contacted other contractors about the fence and fascia. He is waiting to hear back from them.

Outreach Team Report – Teresa Bauck

Gave out one \$25.00 Dillons gift card

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

June 7th worship is still at fairgrounds. Hopefully back to Messiah after June 7th.

Adult & Family Life Team– Laci Hansen

The team is delivering graduation cards to high school graduates. Laci received the directory proof and is looking it over.

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

Logos team has been meeting via Zoom to make plans for the next school year.

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

I have received four scholarship applications – all from current college students. I'm waiting on one more from a high school graduate. Deadline is 6/1/20. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 22. We will plan public recognition after that.

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	5/1/2020	\$70,243.65
Deposits	\$ 60,075.00	
Checks	\$ -54,756.13	
Journals	\$ 2,366.72	
Ending Balance	5/31/2020	\$77,929.24

Committee Reports

Staff Fact Finding Committee: See new business

Health & Wellness:

Long Range Planning:

Harvest Home: Made a donation to church of about \$20,000.

Harvest Home may look a little different this November.

Membership Changes

Deaths Ruth Irene Magathan –5/29/20(non-member)

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee – bring 5 names for this committee. Next meeting will decide on 5 people.
2. Family Promise - will be on agenda for voter assembly in August. Invite Caleb T. to church council in July. Greg will reach out to Caleb.
3. Streaming services – working on it.
4. Coffelt Sign – we are on the list to repair it.

New Business

1. Review Church Service options – After June 7th service we will transition back to Messiah Church. We will have to sign up for service which will have a limit of 50 people. The services will be on Saturday at 6:00pm (traditional) and Sunday at 8:00am (traditional), 11:00am (contemporary) and streaming. In July hopefully we can open some more and be a little back to normal.
2. Staff Fact Finding Recommendation – Need to make recommendations at voters meeting to Call a DCE. This is the first step. Gwen Larson motioned to accept the recommendation. Laci Hansen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Nominations for District President and other positions – Pastor will send email to church council to look at options.

4. Church council positions – 5 Council members are up for renewal and 4 elders. Amy Christensen, Laci Hansen and Zach Hansen signed up for another term. Gwen Larsen is thinking about it and Teresa Bauck declined another term.
5. Office Staff – Church council approved it is important for Pastor and Elaine to take vacation days as needed. This pandemic has created stress, a lot of questions and answers that must be made daily and change daily. It is important to take care of yourself by using vacation days.

Announcements

Next meeting: Tuesday July 7th, 6:00 p.m. due to the holiday

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. with Lord's prayer.

Amy Christensen, Secretary

Offerings

The Lord's work continues even though we may not be meeting in person. During this time when we are not gathering in person your offerings can be:

Mailed to the church office at Messiah Lutheran Church 1101
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Give online by going to messiahlutheran.org, and clicking the "Donate Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. If giving with a debit or credit card processing fee applies but you will be given an option to help offset these fees for the church.

Give through your smartphone using "Give Plus"

If you would like to setup an automatic bank draft, contact the church office and a form will be mailed.

Puzzle!

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

Genesis 2:15
Genesis 11:9
Genesis 35:1
Exodus 13:18
Ruth 1:1
1 Kings 18:19
1 Chronicles 11:4
Isaiah 23:1
Isaiah 23:2
Isaiah 23:3
Jonah 1:2
Matthew 3:6
Matthew 4:18
Matthew 26:36
Luke 24:13
John 2:1
Acts 8:5
Acts 11:22
Acts 17:16
Romans 1:15

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