A close-up photograph of vibrant pink azalea flowers with green leaves, filling the background of the image. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Search me,
O God,
and know
my heart!

Psaln 139:23, ESV



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Elaine Whiteneck, DCE

Out of Control

“He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.”
(Psalm 104:5)

Doesn't it feel like things have slipped out of control lately? Truthfully, we aren't ever really in control – sometimes it just feels like we are.

Times like the ones we are in right now reminds us just how little control we have over anything. What will the stock market do now and what about my retirement fund? Will anyone in my family come down with the virus? When can I go back to work and get the kids into swim lessons or baseball? Will my kids be able to go back to school? All of that and so much more leaves us feeling helpless and maybe even a little scared.

At moments like these, when it feels like things are so out of control, Jesus speaks to us. In Revelation 1:17 he says, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last. I am the living One. I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!” So often in Scripture we are encouraged to put away our fear and to trust in him who rules all things. Our Savior has already conquered death and lives and reigns eternally. He is the first and the last, the Alpha and Omega. He's got this. Put your trust in Him.

In Christ

Pastor Hosch

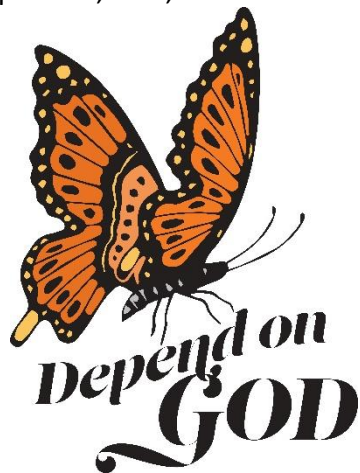
Worship Plans:

After discussion with the Lyon County Health Department, the Lyon County Emergency Management Department, the Kansas District and lots and lots of prayer; Pastor in coordination with the Board of Elders has made the decision that we continue to worship at the Lyon County Fairgrounds at 9:00 am. and Live Stream our service at 11:00 am through the first weekend of June. We will NOT be having on-site worship on June 6th and 7th as we had originally planned due to changes in recommendations and guidelines. We will wait until we hear from Lyon County and see what they are recommending for after June 8th before we make any decisions for the remainder of June.

I have no doubt that we will gather together in person in the sanctuary and sing praises and give thanks to our awesome God sooner rather than later. We will enjoy the fellowship of believers and we will be able to gather together. Until then it's important for us all to remember, the Church isn't closed so it doesn't need to be "re-opened." We have simply stopped worshipping in our buildings for a short time in order to protect the health and well-being of our congregation and our community. The Church doesn't require a building in order to be the Church. What is required is compassion, love, and the presence of God.

In His Service!

Pastor Hosch

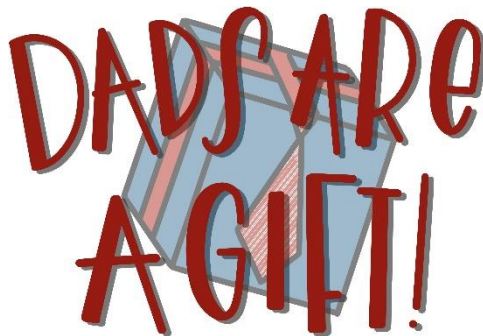


Roses to

- † Roses to all of our Father's and Grandfathers this Father's Day
- † Roses to Sandy Schroeder for cleaning out the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall after a can of pop went everywhere.
- † Roses to our faithful members for the very generous offerings Messiah has received by mail and online giving.
- † Roses to the Elders who came out and helped with the Fairgrounds worship in the drizzle and in the sunshine.
- † 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 all our school youth who finished out a very strange school year.
- † Roses to
- † Roses to
- † 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



JUNE

Three ways to help strengthen your faith:

- 1) Nurturing
 - 2) Meaningful
 - 3) Encouraging
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- 1) Surround the congregation with prayers. Remember to uplift the pastor, elders, and church council as they consider what changes can be made in the reopening of the state during the Covid19 pandemic.
 - 2) Conduct a food drive for the pantry at the Salvation Army.
 - 3) Send gift cards to essential workers during the shut down.

Be safe, stay healthy and remember to pray!

Christian Music for Kids

Group Publishing is offering free streaming music through the end of May if you would like to subscribe. Here's the link -

<https://www.lifetreekids.com/>

Devotions

Pastor will be doing daily devotions each morning on Facebook Live and Elaine is providing object lessons every **Sunday and Wednesday evening at 6:00pm.**

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: David Whitson, LaVere Meinholdt, Penny Mains

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
May 3	Fairgrounds – Approx. 261
May 10	Fairgrounds – Approx. 294
May 17	Fairgrounds – Approx. 246
May 24	Fairgrounds – Approx. 270
May 31	Fairgrounds – Approx. 225

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.

June 2020

1. Russell & Gaye Harden, Brian
2. Wesley Harden
3. Merridy Heard
4. Aaron & Ana Heil, Margaret
5. Bryce & Juli Heitman, Clara & Nolan
6. Nick Henry
7. Ryan Henry
8. Nick & Whitney Hensley, Kye
9. Shirley Hensley
10. Tim Hensley, Bridget
11. Jim & Lindsey Herfkens, Kyla, Tynlee, Pyper & Ryenn
12. Angie Herrel
13. Jim Herrel
14. Tim Herrel
15. Virginia Higgins
16. Anthony & Dora Hines, Aleah & Teagan
17. Don Hines
18. Ray & Sandy Hines
19. Tim & Wendy Hines, Hunter, Kinsley, Brecken & Reece
20. Andrew Hinrichs
21. Cody & Juliet Hinrichs, Keagan
22. David & Edith Hinrichs
23. Karen Hinrichs
24. Louise Hinrichs
25. Maggie Hinrichs
26. Martin Hinrichs
27. Tyler & Britney Hinrichs, Aubrey, Addisyn & Ryker
28. Myron & Myrna Hinz
29. Randy Hinz
30. Nancy Hite

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.

June 7 - "An Undeserved Salute"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16)

June 14 - "What You're Getting Into"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:17-20)

June 21 - "Powered by Touch"

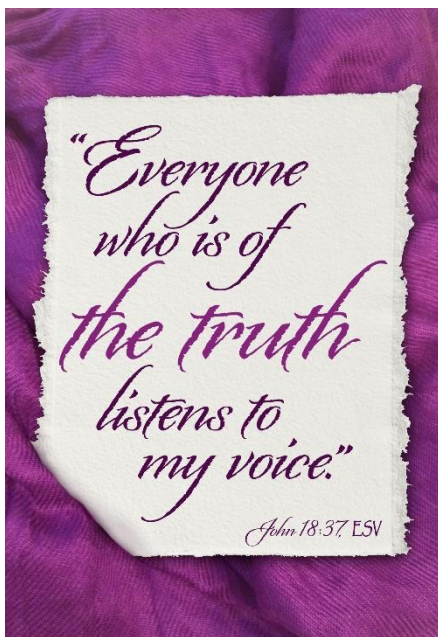
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-32)

June 28 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)



Church Council Meeting

Making God's House a Home

May 4, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

Zach will get bids to replace soffit, fence and the front doors.

Outreach Team Report – Teresa Bauck

During this time of need due to the Covid 19 Virus, it was suggested that we change the Social Concerns policy of giving out gift cards from once a year per person to once every 6 months. The amount of the gift card will be determined on an as needed basis. At this time, there is approximately \$2700.00 in the account. There was one request granted for a \$20.00 Dillons card in April.

As far as I know, there is nothing to report on Family Promise. I would like to suggest that we discuss how to proceed with the Day Center House on Neosho St.

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

No report

Adult & Family Life – Laci Hansen

I have nothing new to report at this time. We normally would be honoring confirmation candidates and high school graduates at this time. We will honor them when able!

I am also considering moving the annual church picnic up this year. One, to celebrate being able to gather again, and two, not to miss the opportunity this fall.

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

VBS- Team met through Zoom and decided to cancel VBS this summer. Sunday School- Team met and decided to cancel Sunday school this summer and start back after Labor Day! Elaine will send Sunday school materials to families.

Logos-Team met to start planning next year's Logos program. Team members will be asking volunteers if they plan to help again next year, and we also talked about tweaking the schedule for next year with an earlier ending time.

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

Information about Messiah scholarships was emailed to all Messiah parents with high school seniors plus all college students attending or connected to Messiah and Faith (most were ESU students, but two are at K-State). Their submissions this year will be digital. Recipients will be notified by June 22. We will plan public recognition after that.

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	4/1/2020	\$31,545.05
Deposits	\$ 68,274.37	
Checks	\$ -36,007.79	
Journals	\$ 6,432.02	
Ending Balance	4/30/2020	\$70,243.65

Membership Changes

Deaths - Robert Spain – 4/8/2020
Brad Elkins – 4/22/2020
Tim Coen – 4/26/2020

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee
2. Family Promise - Church council will come up with a recommendation of what to do with the house on Neosho. Pastor will reach out to Doug Epp to see what is going on. The recommendation will be a part of the August Congregational Assembly.
3. Building Expansion
4. Streaming services in the Nursery (see New Business)
5. Coffelt Sign quote for front sign (Denise has contacted them and they are working around the COVID-19 situation. We are on the list to repair the sign.)

New Business

1. Recommendation from the Staff Fact Finding Committee - The committee recommended hiring a DCE. This will be an ongoing process and the committee will likely have to meet occasionally to make sure the needs of the congregation are met, and that Pastor's workload is manageable.
2. Review Church Service options – For the rest of May we will continue what we have been doing. Members can sign up for communion May 15 – 17.

In June 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 8:30am (traditional), 9:45am (contemporary), 11:00am (contemporary) and streaming.

In July hopefully we can open some more and be a little back to normal. In July, the 9:45 service will be eliminated. Zach Hansen motioned to accept the church service setup for May and June. Teresa Bauck seconded. Motion carried.

It seems people are enjoying the fairground worship service.

3. Contacting companies to give us bids for updating our equipment for livestreaming. Zach Hansen motioned to allow bids for a better setup for live streaming and in the nursery. Amy Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements

Next meeting: June 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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:

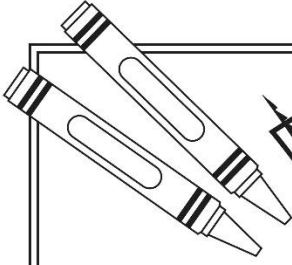
Mailed to the church office at Messiah Lutheran Church 1101 Neosho St Emporia, KS 66801

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.



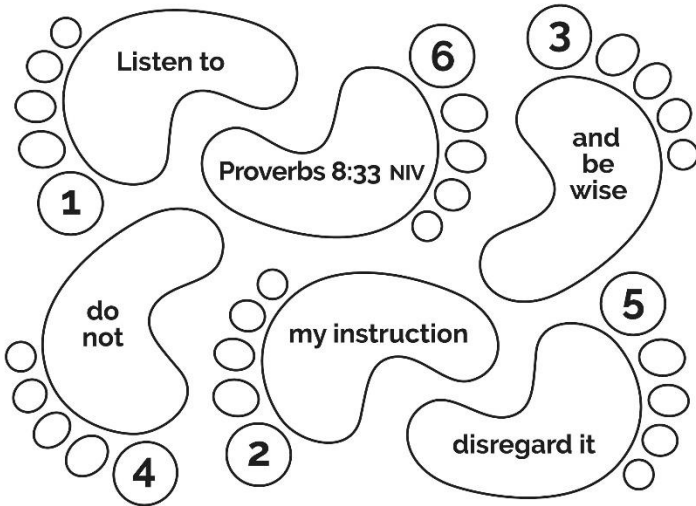


PUZZLE

FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____

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_____ .”

_____ : _____ , _____

Answer: “Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it.”
Proverbs 8:33, NIV

June Anniversaries

June 3	Jerry & Janet Rediker (64 years)
June 5	Michael & Carmen Esch
June 5	Larry & Carol Kohr
June 5	Randall & Marcy Neff
June 6	Larry & Catherine Birk
June 6	Lee & Amie Mize
June 9	Grant & Kali Carson
June 10	Dale & Candice Brecht
June 11	Jason & Elisabeth Ahrens
June 12	Reason & Amy Bradford
June 12	Roy & Richelle Krueger
June 12	Bob & Jane Schneider
June 14	Randy & Michele Wells
June 17	David & Deone Wilson
June 18	John & Lisa Decker
June 18	Adam & Ashley Mawdsley
June 20	Robert & JoAnn Cuadra
June 21	Tanner & Kylie Burenheide
June 21	Kent & Natalie Schnakenberg
June 22	Rick & Karol Pock
June 22	Jake & Tiffany Siebenaler
June 24	William & Mary Krueger
June 25	Ed & Susan Rathke
June 26	Grant & Melinda Riles
June 28	Damian & Amy Weidner
June 30	Tim & Lynnette Bollinger
June 30	Derek & Lauren Gifford

June Birthdays

June 1	Pam Miller, Daren Morey, Marlene Swisher, Damian Weidner
June 2	Breckston Cornell
June 3	Alexis Brothers, Haylee Brothers, Aaron Stegmaier, Peggy Supiran
June 4	Laci Hansen

June 5	Wendy Hines, Ashley Lawrenz, Wayne Scott, Eric Wells
June 6	Aaron Cuadra, Kurstin Shaver
June 7	Carla Barnett, Macleigh Jenkins, Jackson Williams
June 8	Lori Burns, Scott Jones, Jared Miller
June 9	Jetta McGee, Cody Williams
June 10	Casey Christensen, Ben Shaver
June 11	Kathy Cisneros, Gena Jones, Mary Krueger, Jeff McClellan
June 12	Maggie Hinrichs, Bart Laib, Angela Richard
June 13	Carmen Esch, Ashley Jowers, Betty Rust
June 14	Ethan Hansen
June 15	Tim Hines, Blair Meyer, Andrew Reynolds, Levi Smith, Malinda Wells, Loreali Williams
June 16	Bill Huth, Kelsey Menke, Amanda Nichols
June 17	Madelyn Harden, Pyper Herfkens, Mason Jenkins, Rachel Krueger, Jesse Kuhlmann,
June 18	Michael Arndt, Chris Gillmore, Lisa Johnson, Taytum Schnakenberg, Jan Utech, Jaxsen Williamson
June 19	Amy Housholder, Louis Onek, Rachel Stephens, Connie Wenciker
June 20	Gale Graham, Cindy Jackson, Gwen Longbine, Dayne Witherspoon
June 21	Bexley Fuller, Joran Matson, Bode Richard, Mike Schumann
June 22	Janna Stegmaier
June 23	Cassidee Bernhardt, Jordan Jenkins, Laura Johnson
June 24	Jayson Davis, David L. Johnson (Americus), Lotta Matson, Hank Parks, Hudson Rodda, Lisa Steffens
June 25	Rachel Boucher, Katlynn Decker, Danita Rees
June 26	Alyssa Belford, Eiken Fuller, John Ritchie
June 27	Tristin Burns, Chance Hastings, Elizabeth Hunter, Abigail Johnson, Taylor Pearson, Ravenna Serig
June 29	Brandon Neff, Chase Sanchez, Jade Smith
June 30	Sharon Miller, Jessica Wagoner

