



*O Lord,
you are my God;*

I WILL EXALT YOU;

**I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME,**

*for you have done
wonderful things.*

ISAIAH 25:1, ESV



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Messiah,

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

Soon, students and teachers will be headed back to the classroom. Some students will be getting on a bus for the first time, some will be away from Mom and Dad for the first time, or they are headed to a new school and a new classroom. Many of those children will be very anxious. The other side of that classroom door is completely unknown to them. They will wonder if they even do it!

Likely, the same can be said every time we have an opportunity to talk about Jesus. We're afraid. More than that, terrified. What if the worst happens? We could look so foolish. We could stammer and trip over our words. We could say things all wrong, or run into a question to which we don't have an answer. We could lose a friend or come off as "weird." What if people find out that we believe Jesus with all our heart but still sin against him? What if they call us hypocrites?

It's to such terror-stricken, terrified people that God speaks through Isaiah: "Do not fear, because I am with you."

Picture a new kindergartener walking onto the school grounds and confronted by a couple of students that are intent on taking his lunch? Just in time, the youngster's older brother in sixth grade walks up to ward off the bullies.

God is with us, just like the big brother was with his little brother. Except our God is infinitely more powerful, wiser and more caring. He's not just our big brother, he's our God. The creator of everything has our back! The courage we need to speak up about our faith rests in the one in whom we believe in. Our faith rests in the one who came to be with us to rescue us from sin and death. In his great love for us, He strengthens and helps us, and keeps us safe.

So, do not be afraid. Don't be afraid this fall or at any time to talk about the Savior who has come to rescue all humanity. Do not be afraid. He is with you.

In His service,

Pastor Hosch



Jonah was called of God to go to the city of Nineveh and deliver a simple message: Repent or you will die in 40 days. Jonah refused. He hated the people of Nineveh and ran from the Lord. He didn't want his enemies

to repent and be forgiven. He caught a boat going in the opposite direction, and there begins the true story of Jonah and the whale. Beginning September 5th/6th we will be starting a 5 week sermon series on the book of Jonah. Join us for: **Jonah—When God Wants Your Attention.**

Dear Messiah Christian Family,

Please understand that we are sincerely concerned for the health and safety of you every day, but our main concern is when you pass through our doors at Messiah. The Elders have made the decision to require the use of MASKS at our worship services on Saturday and Sunday. Masks will be required to stay on the entire time you are in the building. Our decision is based upon research, conversations with Doctors and other health officials. Exceptions are children under 5 years old or those with medical conditions, under a doctor's recommendation not to wear one.

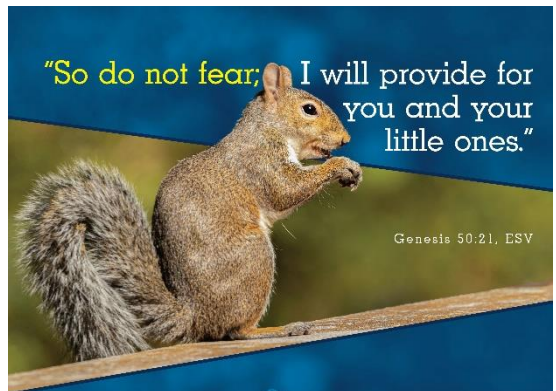
*Note this decision **WILL** also affect all our LOGOS sessions, in person services and all Sunday School classes.

We love all of you and the masks help reinforce and show your love for your fellow Messiah Family members.

The recent decision by the Emporia City Commission on August 5th to require the mandatory use of masks for any business or non-profit organization that has contact with the public, reinforces the Elders decision to require masks.

We understand that this may not be how you feel you want to deal with this pandemic and that is your decision. We offer other ways to worship with us if you feel you can not wear a mask in the church buildings. Please reach out to your Elder if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely in Christ's Love,
Tracy Karcher,



LOGOS NEWS

Parents –

We love LOGOS at Messiah because it is focused on our relationships with Jesus and with each other. This year things are going to look a little different! You have the opportunity to register for LOGOS either onsite or virtually! Please do what you feel is best for your family! If you do choose to start virtually, you are committing to that through the end of December. Below is the LOGOS fall schedule:

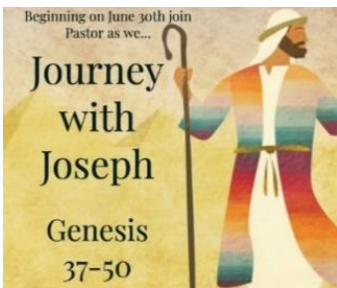
Schedule 2020

September	23
	30
October	7 – Servant Night
	14
	21
	28
November	4
	11
	18
December	2



Congratulations to our five recipients of Messiah Scholarships:

- **Riley Botkin**, starting the licensed practice nurse program at Flint Hills Technical College, received the Boles and Trear/Matson funds.
- **Allie Christensen**, a junior majoring in accounting at Emporia State University, received the Greg Longbine, Warren Hinrichs and Alvin Miller funds.
- **Jenna Duncan**, a junior finance major at Kansas State University, received the Flott, Pohl and Blanken funds.
- **Olivia Hamlin**, a 2020 graduate of Emporia High School studying cosmetology at Bellus Academy in Manhattan, received the Moeller, Weibner Springhorn, Vera Vogts and John Lantow funds.
- **Sara Mitchell**, a junior elementary education major at Emporia State University, received the Schmidt/Bowden, Karolic and Pearson funds.



Journey with Joseph

Pastor will hold a Bible class called Journey with Joseph covering Genesis 37-50 on Thursdays at 6 p.m. over Zoom only. Pastor will post the Zoom link sent it by email.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach

SEPTEMBER

As Women in Mission, we have been actively involved in supporting missions around the world with our mites for over 75 years. Some of us have been on mission trips. We may also know missionaries that serve people in various countries around the world. The question is, how can we as Lutheran Women in Mission, care for our missionaries?



- 1) Pray for our missionaries.
- 2) Stay informed.
- 3) Get involved.
- 4) Share Jesus with the world.

Be safe, stay healthy and remember to pray!

Mites, Mites, Mites!!!

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.

Roses to

- † Roses to Pastor Hosch as he navigated the past 5 months of new challenges. He has joked that he “must of missed the class on how to minister during a pandemic!”
Thank you Pastor!
- † Roses to School teachers, administrators, support staff and the board of educations as they enter a whole new learning curve in caring for and educating the children.
- † Roses to Firefighters, EMTs, doctors, nurses, support staff in hospitals, doctor’s offices and nursing homes, nursing home staff as they continue their work with extra measures of care and risk. Thank you for your care
- † Roses to the Elders who navigated helping with 5 services for the past 4 months and worked hard to make the best decision for as many as possible
- † Roses to Beth Hanschu who has been attending all three services and doing the overhead and helping with the facebook posting of the 11:00 a.m. service for the last 5 months.
- † Roses to Brenda Taylor and Beth Hanschu who cleaned out the east parking lot flower bed.
- † Roses to

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

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: Shirley Hensley, David Schumann, Donna Key,

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:
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	8:30 a.m. Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Aug. 1 / 2	13	33	35
Aug. 8/9	29	41	56
Aug. 15/16	Approx. 87	39	31
Aug. 29/30			

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.

September 2020

1. Greg & Gwen Larson
2. Ashley Lawrenz
3. Russell & Nancy Lawson
4. Brian & Misty Lawson, Trevin, Shaylee & Kacen
5. Josh & Michelle Lawson, Elijah & Eva
6. Kirk & Shelley Lewis, Erin & Jacob
7. Beverly Lewis
8. William Lewis
9. Kathy Lingenfelter
10. George Lodle
11. Jeff & Gwen Longbine, Lauren & Lexie
12. Dorothy Lucy
13. Marilyn Luginbill
14. Arlene Magathan
15. Penny Mains
16. Gene & Lorena Mains
17. Tom & Carol Mains
18. Johnny & Pamela Matlock & Gary
19. Wes & Lotta Matson, Joran & Josef
20. Mike & Brenda Mawdsley
21. Adam & Ashley Mawdsley, Grason & Grady
22. Brian & Sharon Mayers & Andrew
23. Steve & Becky Mayes
24. Jeff & Cami McClellan & Danielle
25. Michael McDougald, Kendyl & Karly
26. De McDougald, Kendyl & Karly
27. Roy McMinn
28. Dalton McQuiston
29. Logan McQuiston
30. Gary & Leslie Mechtley & Amanda

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.

September 6 - "Jesus in the House"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. (Luke 19:1-10)

September 13 - "Fireplace Spirituality"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. (Acts 2:37-47)

September 20 - "I Stand at the Door"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series HOF (Luke 24:13-35)

September 27 - "Room at the Table"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

New Series HOF (1 Peter 4)

Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief

TWO spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
August 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

C. Allen Door company will email Zach options for the front doors. Zach will get a bid from Midland Fence for the fence that needs to be replaced. The AC is fixed in the fellowship hall kitchen.

Outreach Team Report – Teresa Bauck

No Report

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

Working on church parking lot service for Saturday nights.

Adult & Family Life Team– Laci Hansen

No report

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

Working on Logos and adjusting the schedule due to Covid. Looking at having it from 6-7pm with no meal. Still needing teachers for face to face and remote learning.

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

No report

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	7/1/2020	\$76,529.14
Deposits	\$ 31,600.81	
Checks	\$ -39,390.30	
Ending Balance	7/31/2020	\$68,739.65

Membership Changes

Transfer In -	Mark & Terry Handke
Transfer Out -	Norbert & Renae Tegtmeier
Baptism -	Grady Cole Mawdsley (7/12/20)

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee – Have started calling members to be on the committee. Still waiting to hear back from everyone.
2. Family Promise
3. Streaming Services update – Received a bid. Pastor Hosch will share it with Council at the next meeting.
4. Election of Officers – An Outreach leader is needed to replace Teresa Bauck.

New Business

1. Church Sign up Genius – Ad Free Software would cost \$44 a month. There was no support for the \$44 a month fee so no action taken.
2. New church letterhead was passed around and agreed that it looks very nice. The office is already using it.

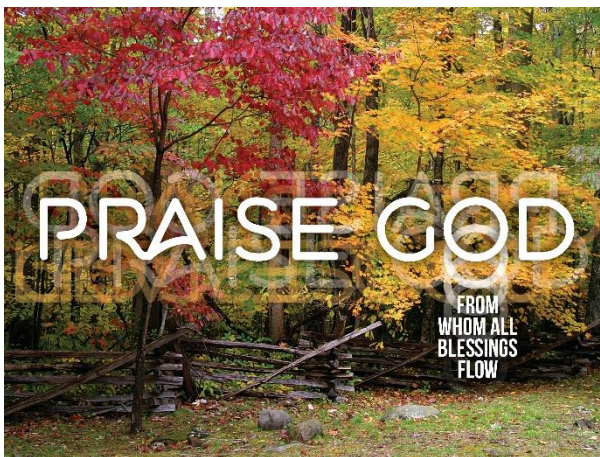
Announcements

Next meeting: Monday September 14th, 6:00 p.m. due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Amy Christensen, Secretary





PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	— ○ — — —
paper	— ○ —
wisdom	— — ○ —
read	— — — ○
play	— — — — —
learn	○ — — — —
grow	— ○ — — — —
pencils	— — — —
pray	— ○ — —
art	— — — —
student	— — — ○ — —
kids	— — ○ — — —
apple	— — ○ — — —

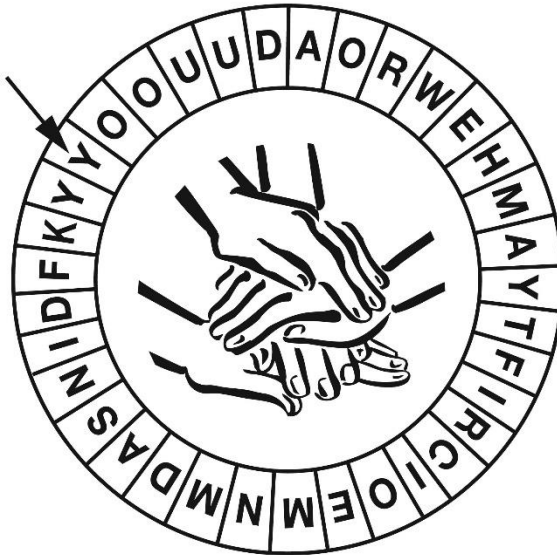
“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be — — — — — and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



“Y

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JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV