

A close-up photograph of several pink orchids with yellow centers, arranged diagonally across the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



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**Jesus is our Great
Physician “I am the Lord,
your healer” Exodus 15:26**



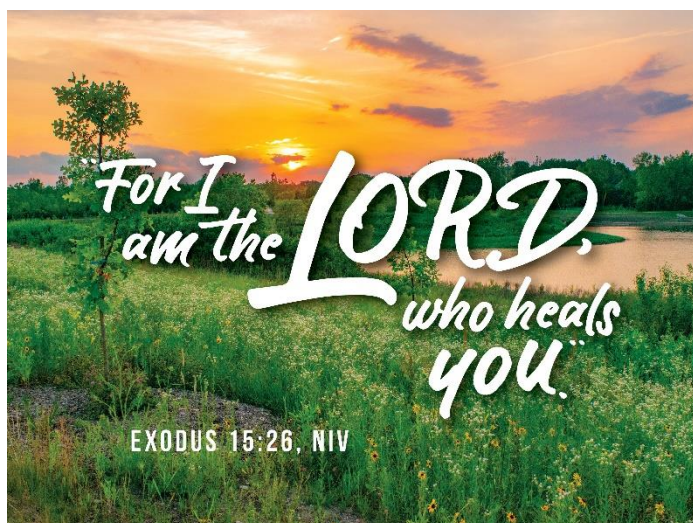
Early in the pandemic the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro had an image of a doctor's uniform imposed on it to show gratitude for all the medical workers who are assisting as the pandemic began. It seems common for us to see as heroes those who are helping us. After 9/11, firefighters and other first responders were honored, rightly so, as heroes in our country. During the lengthy wars in Afghanistan & Iraq, those who served in the Armed Forces were honored in our country. Today, medical workers of all kinds are being respected.

Those who imposed a doctor's uniform on the statue meant to honor the human workers who are attempting and continue to work to curb this virus. But I wonder if the planners of this event wanted to show that medical workers will be our “saviors” from this pandemic. But, is that true? Will the medical professionals be the ones who “save” us?

We are blessed to have medical workers of all kinds who are able to help when we are sick during different points of life. They truly are to be appreciated and admired for their work and desire to help us. Yet, medical professionals are often the first to admit their limitations. None of them can stop one enemy of ours – death. A good doctor, a humble doctor, will be the first to admit

their skills and gifts, given to them by God, have limitations when it comes to solving human misery.

However, there is One who has no limitations when it comes to saving mankind from all manner of illness, disease and even death. As we are continuing to be immersed within this pandemic, let us not forget to pray to Jesus, our Great Physician, and ask Him to be merciful upon us. Ask Him to grant us grace and peace that can only come from Him. During Jesus' earthly ministry, He healed many different diseases such as: paralysis, blindness, deafness, muteness, leprosy, and yes, even death itself. There are limitations to what our earthly abilities may achieve. There are limitations to the physical comfort that each of us can provide to those who are ill, but Jesus Christ has no limitations and Jesus has no barrier to saving us. Not even death will keep us separated from Jesus Christ, our Great Physician of body and soul.





**Sign Up to Volunteer with VBS
and Register kids
June 13 – 17 from 6 – 8 PM**

Register Here: vbspro.events/p/513488

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Mother's Day Casseroles!

Thank you for your support of the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2022. We sold 40 + casseroles! Stop by anytime during the hours listed below to pick up your frozen casserole.

Available for pick up

Sunday, May 2 from 9:30 AM – Noon

Monday, May 3 from 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 4 -Thursday, May 6 from 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Messiah Lutheran - January 1, 1923

History Note

The following is from the Emporia Gazette printed on Friday, April 6, 1945:

\$250,000 for Churches

Post war church new construction and remodeling and expansion work in Emporia is conservatively estimated at \$250,000. That is a tentative figure for five churches with plans well under way. These include the new First Congregational Church at Twelfth and State. \$100,000: a new Messiah Lutheran church on a new site Eleventh and Neosho. \$25,000: addition to First Christian church. \$50,000: remodeling and expanding First Presbyterian church. \$50,000: finishing construction of First Friends church, \$15,000.

Printed in the Emporia Gazette on February 17, 1942

A Film at Church

A sound film. "The Power of God," will be shown at the Messiah Lutheran church, South and Constitution, Tuesday evening. Two shows, one at 7:30 and the second at 8:30 o'clock will be shown throughout the country and was produced on the R.K.O. Pathe lot by Roland Reed productions. It tells the story of the might of God at work in the up-and -down lives of modern persons. A silver offering will be taken.

CHURCH
Anniversary
PREPARATIONS

Roses to

- † Roses to our 2021 Confirmation Class that was confirmed on Saturday, April 17th. Chloe Fischer, Samantha Pankratz, Ava Karcher, Jonah Weidner, Sadie Rethman, Addisyn Hinrichs, Kane Crisp, Carter Granado, Caleb Schroeder, Kale Weakley, Mandee Schumann, Bethany Disney and James Roby-Williams.
- † Roses to the MCE Calling Team who are sorting through applications and interviews to discern good matches for Messiah and the ministry in this place. Members are Norma Hodges, Caleb Tegtmeier, Sara Mitchell, Marcy Neff, Melissa Carson, Chuck Weidner, Gwen Larson
- † Roses to the Elders and all they did to help with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship services.
- † Roses to Beth Hanschu for getting the seasonal banners in place
- † Roses to Karol Pock and Beth Hanschu for playing a bell duet
- † Roses to those connected to a small group Bible study and the creative ways they have been meeting in this season – Zoom, in the park, socially distanced in the fellowship hall.
- † Roses to those working in the community to allow people to receive the Covid vaccinations
- † Roses to the LOGOS staff as they wrapped up another year – Cindy Jackson, Lori Fleming, Sheila Duncan, Sara Mitchell, Vicki Housholder, Gwen Larson, Terry Rhoads, Randall Neff, Pastor Hosch, Elaine Whiteneck
- † Roses to the LOGOS Secret Angel who goes way out to appreciate the LOGOS staff....Since it's a secret, I can't name this person!! 😊
- † Roses to the parents of the Confirmands who have been so supportive of their children this past year.

- † Roses to those who purchased 40+ casseroles from the kids planning to attend the National Youth Gathering.
- † Roses to the parents and kids who have gone all out for the fundraiser...Weidner, Wiemers, Hosch, Fischer, Neff, Rethman, Pankratz, Karcher, Housholder, Warnick
- † Roses to the Long Range Planning Team who continue to work to fulfill the desires of the congregational vision – Kim Parks, Bill Huth, Natalie Schnakenberg, Jim Young, Ken Taylor, Pastor Hosch, Elaine Whiteneck
- † Roses to the Centennial Team who have begun planning for the 100th Anniversary of Messiah in January 2023
- † Roses to Gwen Larson who headed up the Scholarship Team again this year.
- † Roses to Sandy Schroeder for washing the plastic containers in the pew for the communion ware.
- † Roses to



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach



MAY

"We wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness" (Titus 2:13-14a NIV).

In our everyday lives we frequently assume the role of "redeemer," whether it is exchanging a coupon for a cookie at a local bakery or eating a healthy salad to make up for eating that cookie. The practice of being a "redeemer was also common in Old Testament culture. A man with the responsibility of kinsman redeemer could literally be a life-saver. "To redeem is to 'buy back', and this is what the human kinsman-redeemer does - he buys back his relative from slavery, or he buys back his relative's portion of the Promised Land so that it may continue in the family."

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for redeeming me from sin at the price of Your Son's life. Through Holy Baptism You have made me Your own, despite my sinful condition. In joyful response to Your gift of salvation. I am eager to do good works to bring glory to You. In the name of Jesus, my Redeemer. Amen.

MAY

May 5

11:00 a.m.

Executive Board

May 5

1:30 p.m.

Ruth Circle

No LWML Salad Supper

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: Alex Conley, Dale Brecht

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, Aaron Cuadra, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds, John Ritchie, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship

Members who will Graduate



Celebrating
Our Graduates

On Sunday, May 16th and May 23rd we would like to list our Graduates from High School and Colleges in our weekend bulletins. Please call the Church Office and let us know who is graduating this spring.

9:45 AM Sunday Morning Adult Studies

Men's Study - I Am A Church Member

Class Dates will be May 23 & 30, June 6 & 27. This study starts conversations about the attitudes and responsibilities of church members.

Pastor's Class – Meets in Fellowship Hall

Continue the study of the book of Acts

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.

May 2021

1. Woody & Gayle Woodhouse
2. Jim & Charlene Young
3. Dennis Aeschliman
4. Dylan Agin
5. Jason & Elisabeth Ahrens, Noah & Emma
6. Joni Allen
7. Spencer & Kayla Allen, Brilyn & Landyn
8. Shane & Kori Anderson, Grace, Bryan & Paul
9. Lyle Armitage
10. Michael & Traci Arndt & Kane
11. Walker & Lauren Ayers & Emerson
12. Kylee Ballard
13. Linda Barger
14. Brett & Carla Barnett, Emma & Trevor
15. Bob & Peggy Barnhart
16. Derek & Larenda Barnhart & Leona
17. Troy & Lauri Barnhart
18. Bryan Barr
19. Lee & Shelly Barr & Gelane
20. Chelsea Barry, Audrina & Sebastian
21. Sandy Bastin
22. Don & Teresa Bauck
23. Matthew & Kayla Bauer
24. Amanda Belford
25. Jim & Karen Belford
26. Elaine Bentz
27. Amber Berhardt, Abigail, Brandon & Cassidee
28. Tyler Bernhardt, Cassidee, Abigail & Brandon
29. Doug & Tracy Bernhardt
30. Jeff & Lisa Bessmer
31. John Bessmer



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.

May 2 - "Laughed At"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance. (Jonah 3)

May 9 - "Seriously?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4)

May 16 - "Gain a Heart of Wisdom"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Pentecost (Psalm 90:12)

May 23 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Ephesians Series

May 30 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Trinity

Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
April 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

The fence around the parking lot is on hold in case we buy the property to the south of the parking lot.

Outreach Team Report – Amanda Fischer

No report.

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

Saturday night service started April 10 again. Easter services went well...had about 110 cars at the fairgrounds. \$1400-\$1500 donated which will be given to Shiloh house.

Adult & Family Life Team– Laci Hansen

No report

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

VBS and summer Sunday School teams have started planning. Logos is over for the year.

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

Youth wanting to attend National Youth Gathering and their parents have organized a casserole fundraiser. Casseroles can be pre-ordered then the group will meet on April 25 to put them together. They will be picked up beginning May 2. Cost is a freewill offering. So far, the orders have been going well.

Elaine and I will attend the National Lutheran Youth Workers conference in Houston July 10-14. This is a prelude for the National Youth Gathering in Houston during July 2022.

I received seven scholarship applications from high school and college students. I am in the process of checking them for completeness, then will meet with the scholarship team to determine awards. We have \$2,023 to disburse.

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	3/1/2021	\$81,498.91
Deposits	\$ 38,294.97	
Checks	\$ -94,735.60	
Ending Balance	3/31/2021	\$25,058.28

Committee Reports

MCE call team: The members of the call committee interviewed two candidates via Zoom. The interviews were good, but we felt we wanted to consider more candidates before inviting any to Emporia for in person interviews. We now have six candidates to evaluate on paper. We meet Tuesday, April 13, to discuss those and determine who we would like to interview via Zoom. After those interviews, we will consider who we want to interview in person. These interviews will include sessions with those in the congregation and other key individuals. We are still working on the logistics for in-person events.

Health & Wellness:

Long Range Planning: Congregational Assembly planned for Sunday, April 25th to vote on house purchases.

Harvest Home: Meeting this month to work on 2021 beneficiaries of Harvest Home money.

Membership Changes

Baptism: Adalyn Clara Hansen (3/21/21)
Transfer Out: Wes and Charlotta Matson

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee – Kari Johnson and Karen Hinrichs are co-chairs.
2. Family Promise – making some progress. Nothing new to report for Messiah.

New Business

1. Tuesday's Angels Bible Study would like approval to redo the landscaping outside of the Fellowship hall. Gwen Larsen made a motion to spruce up landscaping between the front doors and Fellowship hall using Veteran's memorial money fund which is \$652.75. Zach Hansen seconded. Motion carried.
2. Jerry Geyer's wife, Velva Overturf Geyer has passed away and he would like to bury her at Zion Cemetery because her mother and grandparents are buried there. Zach Hansen motioned to approve burial of Velva at Zion; Brenda Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Jerry will have to buy a plot.

Announcements

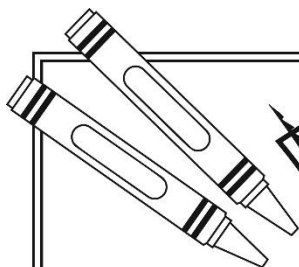
Next meeting: Monday, May 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Special Congregation Assembly on Sunday, April 25th, 9:45 a.m.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Amy Christensen – Secretary



PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)