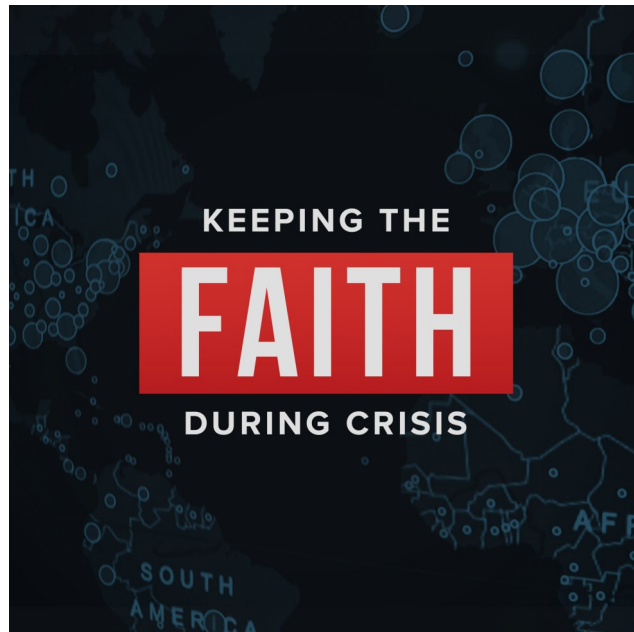


# Messiah Messenger

**Gather....Grow....Go....Spread the Good News!**



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Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

The mission of  
Messiah Lutheran Church is to  
Glorify Christ by Nurturing our Faith,  
Sharing His Love,  
and Teaching His Word.

**This issue will again be primarily  
focused on how Messiah Lutheran  
Church is responding to the changes  
that are necessary due to COVID-19.**

**We are in this together and are  
working hard to stay connected as a  
community of faith during these  
times of necessary isolation.**

**Also, know that God's love is not  
bound by social distancing. The  
Church is who we are, not a place we  
go. Please continue to seek out crea-  
tive ways to fill yourselves and others  
with God's love so that the light of  
that love shines in the spaces that  
now exist between us all.**

In addition to the information provided in this  
newsletter, please check out our website at:

[www.messiahroseau.net](http://www.messiahroseau.net)

On our website we have a link to our facebook  
page, information on Amazon Smile, links to  
various forms and policies, current and future  
serving/volunteer schedules, copies of past  
newsletters and bulletins and much more.

# Messiah Messenger

## *A message from the Council President*

Greetings everyone. Just a short Message this month, since June is shaping up to look a lot like May at Messiah Lutheran Church.

First of all, on behalf of the Church Council, I would again like to thank everyone for continuing their giving through these difficult times. Our church will be strong as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic and work toward a new Pastoral call.

Below you will find links to detailed communication from the Northwest Minnesota Synod regarding re-opening the church for in-person worship. The issue is complicated and many criteria will have to be met to enable full re-opening. Your patience is appreciated as the council works through this with Guidance from the Synod.

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates. Their journey through youth under God with the Guidance of Messiah's youth program will prepare them well as they move into adulthood. Good luck to all!

We continue to advertise for the church office Administrator position. Please encourage friends and family to apply.

Finally, one last thank you to Aimee Wilson for her tireless efforts over the last year to keep the church running smoothly.

God Bless,

Larry

[Guidelines for When it is Advisable to Return to In-Person Gatherings in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA](#)

[Considerations for Returning to In-person Worship  
Being Church Together During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Messiah Lutheran Church's Covid-19 Updates webpage](#)

[NW MN Synod of the ELCA Covid-19 Resources Page](#)

# Messiah Messenger

## *A letter from Six ELCA Bishops in MN*

*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

*Live in harmony with one another.*

Romans 12:15-16

May 13 2020

To the Pastors, Deacons, Leaders and Congregations of Minnesota,

Since we learned of the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Minnesota on March 6, through the first stay at home order and its extensions to the moment of our writing today, we have lived in a rapidly changing reality. It has been over two months of transition and exploration, of creativity and innovation, of uncertainty and grief. Circumstances continue to evolve.

We are, as of this writing still living under Governor Walz's extended stay at home order. We know even as the current order expires, as is expected on May 18, things will not simply go back to the way they were.

We give thanks for you and all the ways you have remained flexible and faithful, striving to serve your congregations and ministry sites in the midst of this ever-changing reality. We acknowledge that innovation and experimentation will continue and that faithful responses may be as varied as the contexts we serve. We know there are multiple precautions to take as new challenges arise. The logistics of gathering when it is safe and wise to do so, the special concerns around singing and communion distribution, the reality that there will be those who desire to participate that cannot, these are only some of the myriad pieces we consider.

We the six bishops of the ELCA in Minnesota share particular values as we live and lead together - with you in this pandemic reality. We continue to engage with and listen to state and local officials. We look to scientists and epidemiologists to guide our decision making. We keep ever before us a commitment to the wellbeing of our neighbors, those in our congregations, communities and beyond. We remain focused on our shared vocation of proclaiming the gospel.

It is the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, that anchors our hope. As we continue to discern how to enter this next phase of life, we are committed to working together. We know particularities will vary with the specificities of context yet our shared values remain. As more detailed guidance is made available from the CDC and MN Department of Health we will continue to collaborate as we offer best practices in light of our shared values.

As we hold you in prayer, we give God thanks for your faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Jon Anderson  
Southwestern MN Synod

Bishop Patricia Lull  
Saint Paul Area Synod

Bishop Tom Aitken  
Northeastern MN Synod

Bishop Ann Svenningsen  
Minneapolis Area Synod

Bishop Regina Hassanally  
Southeastern MN Synod

Bishop Bill Tesch  
Northwestern MN Synod



## **MESSIAH/MOE YOUTH EVENTS:**

Greetings Messiah & Moe families! As we journey together this Summer in the unknown and our new reality of safe social distancing, we will continue for the month of June doing Virtual Zoom Youth Groups & Facebook live Campfire Worship Family nights twice a month! I will be texting youth individually to stay in touch with them! We will also be trying to come up with new ways to stay connected with our youth, families & with God this Summer! Schedule will be flexible to change if needed!

### **HANG TIME ZOOM YOUTH GROUP** *(Youth who just completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

**JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 5pm-6pm: 4-6 GRADE YOUTH GROUP ON ZOOM

(Highs/Lows, devotions, Sidekick indoor/outdoor games & contests to win prizes)

### **7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. ZOOM YOUTH GROUP:**

*(Youth who just completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade):*

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>:** 7pm-8pm

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>:** 7pm-8pm

(Highs/Lows, devotions, service projects, Zoom activities and weekly challenges for prizes)

### **FACEBOOK LIVE MESSIAH/MOE FAMILY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP NIGHTS**

(Chris Barnes & Jay Ostgaard & special guests will lead camp songs around outdoor campfire, Faith story messages, prayer and fun)

**MONDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>:** 7 PM TO 8 PM (Messiah Facebook page with Facebook live)

**MONDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>:** 7 PM TO 8 PM (Messiah Facebook page with Facebook live)

\*If you would like to help lead on Monday nights, contact Jay @218-242-2221\*

If groups get to 50 or less to gather by July or August than we could possibly meet in person, but for right now we will come to you on your electronic devices through Facebook Live

### **NEWS & NOTES:**

Zoom log in info is same as in April & May but will send email with log in info

Senior Recognition Service, Sunday May 31st, 10 am at Messiah on radio

(Moe Sr Recognition will be sometime this Summer)

Stay tuned for registration information coming out in June/July for ELCA

2021 Minneapolis Youth Gathering for youth in 8-12 Grade this Fall 2020

Thanks,

Jay Ostgaard

# Messiah Messenger Announcements



## MESSIAH / MOE JOINT RADIO WORSHIP

As you may have noticed, Messiah and Moe have already begun sharing Radio Worship duties. On alternating Sundays, Messiah or Moe will record a service to be broadcast at both the 10 am and 11 am worship times. We encourage you to tune in to Wild 102 no matter which church is providing for the service and we thank our friends at Moe for sharing in this ministry.

### June

June 7th ~ Moe  
June 14th ~ Messiah  
June 21st ~ Moe  
June 28th ~ Messiah

### July

July 5th ~ Moe  
July 12th ~ Messiah  
July 19th ~ Moe  
July 26th ~ Messiah

## SERVING SCHEDULE - JUNE & JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>	<u>Vocalist</u>
May 31	Jay Ostgaard & Kilah LaPlante	Jessica Howard	Bob Tuttle	Jay Ostgaard & Chris Barnes
June 14	Dave Grafstrom	Bill Jennings	Paul Grafstrom	**
June 28	Sue Grafstrom	Barb Erickson	Marty Trangsrud	**
July 12	Jay Ostgaard	Bob Tuttle	Marty Trangsrud	**
July 26	Sue Grafstrom	Marsha Hagen	Paul Grafstrom	**

\*\*We are in need of volunteers to serve as vocalists to sing along with the hymns. Hymns will be familiar and if you volunteer early enough, you can work with Joyce in the choosing of those hymns. :-)

# Messiah Messenger Announcements

## Call Committee Update (5/18/2020)

We have submitted our Ministry Site Profile to be shared on the ELCA website for clergy to view to learn about our congregation and community. It needs to go through an approval process with NW Synod staff, but then will be “live” on the website.

We have had an informal phone conversation with a clergy couple who is interested in our situation with Messiah/Moe/Bethel. The conversation was enlightening and we may bring this couple in for a formal interview at a later date.

The two call committees will be meeting soon to share our mutual intentions as we call ministerial leadership. Please continue to pray for us as well as future candidates.

Karyn Santl - Chair, Barb Erickson, Taylor Okeson, Kilah LaPlante, John Dorwart & Gary Wilson



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

will be on May 31st.

During our worship service, our graduating seniors will be recognized and prayed for. And even though we will not get to hear directly from them what their plans are for next year, during the service Jay will be reading a Senior Profile for each of them that will include their plans for the future along with favorite memories from their involvement with Messiah Youth Ministry.

*Congratulations 2019 Graduates!*

Emma Boris, Sam Grafstrom, Jon Hosaluk, Jessica Howard,  
Jace Hulst, Kilah LaPlante, Brendan Lund, Hayley Olson,  
Aaron Rob, Kayla Santl, Anika Stoskopf





# MESSIAH SENIOR GRADUATES

## WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Hello Messiah Congregation! Listed below are our 11 Messiah Seniors and their addresses! These are 11 great individuals whose class has had a lot of changes and cancellations in their Senior Year but have remained strong and are surviving! PLEASE send them a note of encouragement, congrats and prayers to show them how much they are loved from their Messiah Church Family, God Bless You All!



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AARON ROBB  
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ROSEAU, MN 56751

Again, I encourage you all to send a note, congrats, prayers to these 11 amazing young adults and on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am radio broadcast will be Senior Recognition Service with the whole service dedicated towards the Seniors! Listen at 10 am or at 11 am on Wild 102 FM Radio! Quilters giving quilts to each Senior for a gift and they also get a gift from church & I am making a special video for them!

God Bless, Jay Ostgaard (Director of Youth & Family Ministry)

# Messiah Messenger Announcements

## Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship

Applications can be found on the Messiah Church website at [messiahroseau.net](http://messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab.  
Application deadline was April 17, 2020 for graduating Seniors and is **July 1, 2020 for returning students!**

## Prayer Chain Information!

Mary Olson (463-2364) is the of chairperson of Messiah's prayer chain. Kathy Erickson (463-3942) serves as the assistant. Whenever a prayer need or concern arises, please give Mary or Kathy a call. And if you would like to be an active member of the prayer chain, you can let Aimee in the office know: [messiahroseau@gmail.com](mailto:messiahroseau@gmail.com)

## Have you “liked” & “followed” us on Facebook?

By liking our page you will gain access to pictures, updates, and articles that are helpful to our community of faith—a great way to stay connected!



Like us on  
**Facebook**

Our page is called *Messiah Lutheran Church* and it can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Messiah-Lutheran-h/419293738166238>

## Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YTD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru April 2020	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 85,873.77*	\$ 70,182.73	\$ 117,772.27
		*Includes PPP Loan proceeds		

## THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$2,872 through Thrivent Choice Dollars this year to date. Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds designated to eligible Thrivent Members, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including local congregations.

\*If you would like to designate Choice Dollars to Messiah but are unsure how to do so, please contact our local Thrivent Financial Associate: Luke Erickson at 463-3573.



# Options for Giving to Support God's Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church

With your help, Messiah Lutheran Church will continue to be the church even if we aren't in the same physical location. Your willingness to invest your time, talents, and financial resources in being church together matters - your generosity matters! Use this guide to giving options to help you consider ways in which you can share a gift and make an impact. If you have questions regarding any of the options below, please contact Aimee Wilson at [messiahroseau@gmail.com](mailto:messiahroseau@gmail.com) or call the church office at 218-463-1648 and leave a voicemail.

## Mail a Check

Thank you to those that have already started mailing their offering envelopes. An offering plate will not be passed at Messiah for the next several weeks, but our ministry continues. You can share your offering gift by placing a check in the mail. Send your check to:

Messiah Lutheran Church  
PO Box 298  
Roseau, MN 56751

## Drop-off a check at Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank has graciously offered to act as an offering drop-off location for Messiah Lutheran Church at their drive-thru location or in their night deposit drop. If you decide to take advantage of this new offering collection method, please make sure your offering is in a Messiah offering envelope or in any other sealed envelope marked "Messiah Offering." Citizens State Bank will place these offerings in a designated bank bag for weekly collection.

## Recurring Automatic ACH Giving

Messiah Lutheran Church has a system in place to initiate and receive automatic recurring ACH direct contributions. To start this type of giving, please fill out the form on the following page and mail (see address above) or e-mail ([messiahroseau@gmail.com](mailto:messiahroseau@gmail.com)) to the church office. Setting up a recurring payment can be a helpful tool in the joy and discipline of consistent giving. Please note, once you have returned your completed form, this type of giving is initiated by Messiah. Please do not return the completed form to your banking institution.

## Online Bill Pay through your Bank

Most online banks offer a service called "Online Bill Pay." You can arrange for your bank to send a check to Messiah Lutheran Church through the mail.

## Online Giving through Messiah's Website

Messiah Lutheran Church receives giving digitally – through bank draft or debit/credit card payment – by way of our church management software, Breeze ChMS. You can make a one-time gift through the site. If you would like to setup a recurring gift, please see the instructions above: Recurring Automatic ACH Giving. You can access Messiah Lutheran Church's giving page through our website [messiahroseau.net](http://messiahroseau.net) and click on "Give Now" or you can access the giving page directly by visiting: [messiahroseau.breezechms.com/give/online](http://messiahroseau.breezechms.com/give/online)

*"The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Amen."*

Philippians 4:18-19 (The Message)



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We are pleased to be able to offer the Direct Contribution Plan. Now you can have your contribution made automatically from your checking or savings account. And you won't have to change your present banking relationship to take advantage of this service.

## The Direct Contribution Plan will help you in several ways.

- It saves time—fewer checks to write
- Helps meet your commitment in a convenient and timely manner—even if you're on vacation or out of town
- It saves postage
- It's easy to sign up for, easy to cancel

## Here's how the Direct Contribution Plan works:

You authorize regularly scheduled contributions to be made from your checking or savings account. Then, just sit back and relax. Your contributions will be made automatically on the specified day. And proof of payment will appear with your statement.

The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate authorization. The Direct Contribution Plan is dependable, flexible, convenient and easy. To take advantage of this service, complete the attached authorization form and return it to Messiah's church office (Do Not give form to your bank.)

## AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

I authorize Messiah Lutheran Church of Roseau, MN to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the company a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution (3) days before my account is charged.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF INSTITUTION)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(BRANCH)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ZIP CODE)

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(SIGNATURE)

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(DATE)

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(PRINT NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT ADDRESS)

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Checking or \_\_\_\_\_ Savings

Financial Institution Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution amount: \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, or \_\_\_ the Monday of each week, I authorize Messiah Lutheran Church, 502 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, or P.O. Box 298, Roseau, MN, 56751, phone: 218-463-1648, to initiate electronic entries to my checking/savings account and have agreed to the terms listed on this authorization. I may revoke my authorization with you at any time by writing to the address above.

# Council Minutes

## April 14, 2020

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 14, 2020

President Larry called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Devotions were led by Jodie.

Present were: Larry Hosaluk, Bob Tuttle, Stu McFarlane, Jodie Janzen, Shelly LaPlante, Bonnie Delmore, Keith Okeson, Marty Trangsrud, Karyn Santl and Aimee Wilson

Keith made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of conversations pertaining to the Zoom meeting the President has every Monday with the Bishop and possible renting of the parsonage. Seconded by Karyn.

Shelly made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as submitted. Seconded by Jodie

Karyn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Seconded by Bonnie

Jay's report was reviewed. Comments were made and discussed from various community members how well he did on Easter Sunday.

Aimee gave report about the Zoom account that the church has set up. Her and Jay facilitate the meetings. She had submitted her letter of resignation with her desire to be done with her commitment of Office Administrator by May 21, 2020. She will continue working in the position of Financial Secretary. She also mentioned that our Sjoberg's account has been put on a vacation hold at the parsonage.

### Old Business:

Larry informed the council about the meetings the Bishop conducts on Monday mornings through Zoom. There was talk about not only are church's feeling the drop in offering. The Synods tithes are also down 37% and they had to make the choice of suspending 2 weeks of payments to the ELCA. The Bishop covered guidelines for funerals, baptisms and weddings during our shut down and social distancing situation.

Need to check on the situation with Bethel and their contract that they have with us and unable to fulfill. We are being provided a prerecorded sermon to be used at both Moe and Messiah's worship time on the radio by the Bishop for Sunday April 19, 2020.

Bob made a motion to alternate with Moe on a rotating schedule every other week like "the Summer Schedule" until further notice. Seconded by Marty.

In the newsletter there was information describing a challenge for everyone to do for the tin cups! Decorate a tin can, and share it on facebook. This is a way to interact with each other. The tin can challenge is designated for the Pathways Camp Emmaus. Pathways News will be released on May 1st, with the dates and if it will be taking place.

### New Business:

Cares Act PPP loan application was filled out by Stu and we qualified for \$ 24,000. Talked about the loan and decided to have Stu activate in case we need it.

Karen reported that they are waiting for the survey results to determine if we continue with a call committee combined with Moe or just Messiah. The results would be collected after the deadline that the survey was due April 15! They have received a couple prospects and will then follow up with a phone interview.

Karyn made a motion to accept the request of Jay officiating a Wedding for Katie Hager in October. Seconded by Jodie

Safety and Security plan is being worked on. Bob will give the updates at the next meeting.

2020 goals are tabled at this time

Discussion of renting out the parsonage on a month to month basis. Larry is going to check with the party that had approached us about their mother needing a place to rent.

### Committee Reports:

Parish Ed: TBD

Property: TBD

Stewardship: TBD

Worship Planning: Met with Zoom meeting

Youth and Family: Marty reported they met 3/30 and decided to save the items that they have collected so far until next year's collage care package. Mission Trips canceled.

Devotions next month: Larry

Next Meeting: May 12, 2020 @ 5:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Stu and seconded by Karyn

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jodie Janzen