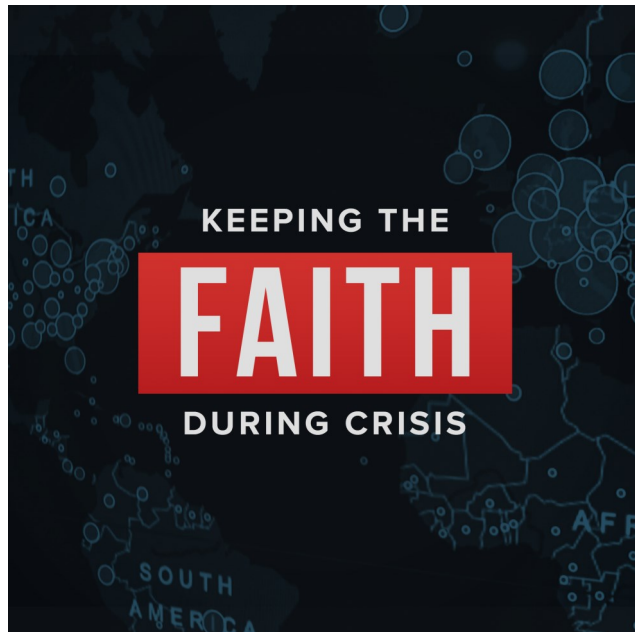


Messiah Messenger

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



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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

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.

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A message from the Council President

Greetings everyone;

Welcome to November! In addition to the normal excitement with hunting season and the beginning of winter activities, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new pastoral leadership team, Pastor David and Deacon Joanne Swonger.

The Swongers will be arriving in Roseau in late November and will be introduced at the November 29th's service. They will begin leading worship on December 6th. We look forward to the journey in Christ with the Swongers!

Congratulations go out to 13 Messiah youth who were confirmed on October 25th. Jay did a great job leading the confirmands and their families/guests through the ceremonies with safety and social distancing at the forefront. The service was live streamed on Facebook live which was well received.

Regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, the joint Moe/Messiah Smart team has been meeting to discuss the increased number of active cases in and around Roseau and how that might affect in-person worship. At this point there are no changes to the current protocol for in-person worship. However, people who are not feeling well or may not be comfortable gathering in person are strongly encouraged to join worship via radio try out the great new option of Facebook live.

Have a great November,

God Bless,
Larry

[Messiah Lutheran Church's Covid-19 Updates webpage](#)
[NW MN Synod of the ELCA Covid-19 Resources Page](#)

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Call Committee

Messiah and Moe congregations voted to call Pastor David Swonger and Deacon Joanne Swonger to serve our congregations together in ministry. They will work alongside church council leadership to determine ministerial leadership structures that serve each congregation's needs.

Both Pastor David and Deacon Joanne have 30 years of experience in the ministry. They started their ministry career together in a four-point parish in rural North Dakota where they served for four years. The past 26 years, they have been in Bismarck mainly serving at House of Prayer Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran.

Pastor David and Deacon Joanne have two children. Emily (22) and her husband, Bradley live in Sioux Center, Iowa. Emily is a dance instructor. Luke (20) is a junior at Augsburg College in Minneapolis majoring in Exercise Science.

I would like to say ***Thank You*** to the call committee members - Barb Erickson, Taylor Okeson, Gary Wilson and John Dorwart.



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Messiah Lutheran Church Reopening

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*Members, visitors and guests who do not feel well or have any COVID-19 *symptoms, must not attend services, events, or other activities at the facility and are strongly encouraged to stay home.*

Members, visitors and guests are also strongly encouraged to stay home if they have a household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19.

**Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.*

1. Members must not exceed 150 per worship service.
2. Weather permitting, ushers will open doors for congregation members so they do not have to touch the door handles.
3. Masks must be worn at all times.
4. We encourage members age 65 and above and those with underlying health issues to please partake the service via the radio broadcast or Facebook Live.
5. Congregation members will stop at a hand sanitizing station before entering the Narthex and Sanctuary.
6. There will be no coffee/treats after church.
7. Congregation members will sit with their immediate family members only with 6 feet between other families per social distancing guidelines. Every other pew will be roped off to help facilitate this transaction.
8. Bulletins will be available. If members choose, they can also view the bulletins on their personal phones or the overhead projector. All the hymnals will be removed. Please take your bulletins home for important church announcements.
9. Singing will be kept to a minimum. Special music may be performed within the social distancing guidelines.
10. Communion may be offered with prepackaged kits and distributed with the appropriate use of PPE.
11. Offering to be dropped off on the way out of the sanctuary to limit touch points.
12. Members must leave the church building promptly. If you would like to talk to other members, please do so outside wearing masks and maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Other considerations:

1. The water fountain will not be available for use.
2. Mics and other high touch areas must be disinfected after each use.
3. The bathrooms by the kitchen will be open for use. Members are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before entering and upon exiting the restroom.
4. If Sanctuary is to be used within the week, pews must be sanitized after the service.



MESSIAH-MOE 2020 YOUTH CALENDAR

Wed, Nov. 4th: 5:30 pm: Confirmation "To Go Box" Supper@ Messiah (Dawn Bachleitner Serving Supper)

6:00 pm: 7th, 8th, & 9th Grade Confirmation @ Messiah

7:00 PM: Youth Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary

NO 4-6 GRADE HANG TIME & NO 7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH YOUTH GROUPS TODAY

Sun, Nov. 8th: 10:00 am: Joint Worship Service @ Messiah

11:00 am: Messiah Sunday School @ Messiah

Mon, Nov 9th: 5:30 pm: Messiah Youth Committee Meeting

Wed, Nov. 11th: 3:30 pm: 1-3 Grade J.A.M. @ Messiah (Done at 4:30 pm, always 1 hr from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm)

5:30 pm: Confirmation "To Go Box" Suppers @ Messiah (Nikole Baumgartner Serving)

6:00 pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

7:00 pm: 7th-12th Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. @ Messiah

8:15 pm: 10-12 Grade Student Leaders Check In

(PLEASE NOTE: We know there is Home Rams football game at 4 pm but we will still have our normal Wed Schedule)

Sun, Nov. 15th: 9:00 am: MOE Sunday School @ Moe

10:00 am: Joint Worship Service @ Moe

Wed, Nov. 18th: 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Moessiah Hang Time Youth Group @ Messiah (Done at 5 pm)

5:30 pm: Confirmation "To Go Box" Supper@ Messiah (Kathy Jensen Serving)

6:00 pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

7:00 pm: 7th-12th Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Group Worship Night @ Messiah

8:15 pm: 10-12 Grade Student Leaders Check In

Sun, Nov. 22nd: 10:00 am: Joint Worship Service @ Messiah (Gust Baptism that morning)

11:00 am: Sunday School @ Messiah

Tues, Nov. 24th: 1:05 pm: 10-12 Grade Messiah/Moe "GRAB & GO" Free Lunch Ministry @ Messiah Fellowship Hall (Because school in Hybrid Mode) We will meet the last Tuesday of Nov & Dec as we did Monday's in Sept & Oct.

Wed, Nov. 25th: **NO YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES THIS DAY** (This means NO "To Go" Supper, No Confirmation & No R.O.C.K.!!)

Thurs, Nov 26th: **HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!**

Sun, Nov 29th: 10:00 am: Joint Worship Service @ Moe Lutheran Church

THERE WILL BE 1 YOUTH PRAISE BAND PRACTICE EACH WEEK IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER, BASED ON WEEK TO WEEK YOUTH SCHEDULES!!

No MIDDLE SCHOOL Synod Youth Gathering due to pandemic, but there will be 3 Free Videos released to synod churches to show the middle school youth so a virtual Gathering, Jay will let you know when videos ready to view

PLEASE NOTE: In December, 7-12 R.O.C.K. will be @ MOE 1st and 2nd Wed of December back @ Messiah on 3rd Wed!

10-12 GRAB & GO FREE LUNCH MINISTRY will meet on last Tuesday of each month in Nov & Dec due to hybrid mode

@ Messiah Fellowship Hall! We met on Monday's in Sept & Oct but switched now to give other group a chance!!!!

PLEASE CONTACT JAY @ MESSIAH WITH ANY ?'S ABOUT SCHEDULE!

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Messiah Messenger Announcements



MESSIAH / MOE JOINT RADIO WORSHIP

As you may have noticed, Messiah and Moe have been 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.

November 8th ~ Messiah

November 29th ~ Moe

November 15th ~ Moe

December 6th ~ Messiah W/Pastor Dave & Deacon Joanne

November 22nd ~ Messiah

December 9th ~ Messiah

Thanks For Giving Mission Offering

We are not doing our "Thanks For Giving" promotion this year.

Instead, we will collect a "Thanks For Giving" MISSION offering for the next two Sundays at Messiah.

These will be on November 8th & 9th. Thank you!

~ (Message from the "Thanks For Giving" Committee) ~

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Now the church is in person every other Sunday, we are in need of Volunteers to help with:
Reading, Sound Booth, Greeting, Ushering,

Counting & sometimes Communion on the Messiah dates above. Please see the server schedule on page 9. Thank you!

The easiest and preferred way for you to sign up is to respond to the
volunteer request e-mails or email the office.

(If this method does not work for you, please contact the office during office hours to sign up).

Messiah Messenger Announcements

- ♦ **Family Camp Fire Night @ Messiah Lutheran Campfire pit on Northeast side of the church.**
Time TBD (PEOPLE CAN ATTEND IN PERSON but must bring own lawn chair, follow the physical distancing and have a mask with you in case you end up closer than 6 ft with another person that's not in your family, thanks! WE WILL ALSO BE ON FACEBOOK LIVE ON MESSIAH LUTHERAN FACEBOOK PAGE for those not comfortable meeting in person yet)!
- ♦ **Every 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm:** 1st-3rd Grade Hang Time JAM Youth Group.
- ♦ **Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3:30pm:** 4th-6th Grade hang Time JAM Youth Group.
- ♦ **Wednesdays at 5:30pm:** Confirmation 'To Go' Supper.
- ♦ **Wednesdays at 6:00pm:** 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Confirmation Classes.
- ♦ **Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Messiah:** for 7th-12th grade Messiah/Moe Youth Group.
- ♦ **Wednesdays at 8:15pm:** Student Leader Quick Check In Meeting.
- ♦ **Sunday School:** At Messiah every other Sunday (on the days when the service is also at Messiah).
- ♦ **Monday, November 30th at 1:05pm: Moe/Messiah 'Grab & Go' free lunch for 10th-12th Grade.**

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. If you would like to be an active member of the prayer chain, you can let Elaine in the office know: 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!

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>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru Sept. 2020:	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 161,002.40*	\$ 134,995.10	\$ 128,088.53

*Includes PPP Loan proceeds

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$3,032 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.

SERVING SCHEDULE—NOVEMBER

These schedules are posted on Messiah's website (www.messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab as they are updated.

Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)

November 8 @ Messiah

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 @ Messiah

November 29 @ Moe

If you are unable to serve on the day below,
please find a replacement and let the office know
so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

Lay Reader

November 8 Mark Wilson

November 15 Moe

November 22 Carol Guy

November 29 Moe

Scripture Readings

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Ps 90:1-8[9-11]12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7; 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Greeters

November 8 Mark Wilson

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 Carol Guy

November 29 @ Moe

Sound Booth

November 8 @ Messiah - Bob/Andrew Tuttle

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 @ Messiah - Paul Grafstrom

November 29 @ Moe

Ushers

November 8 Not Currently @ Messiah

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 Not Currently @ Messiah

November 29 @ Moe

Counters

November 8 @ Messiah - Bonnie Hagen

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 @ Messiah - Bonnie Hagen

November 29 @ Moe

Coffee/Snacks

Not at this time.

Council Rep

November 8 @ Messiah

November 15 @ Moe

November 22 @ Messiah

November 29 @ Moe

SERVING SCHEDULE—DECEMBER

These schedules are posted on Messiah's website (www.messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab as they are updated.

Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)

December 6 Communion TBD @ Messiah
 December 13 Communion TBD @ Messiah
 December 20 Communion TBD @ Messiah
 December 27 Communion TBD @ Messiah

If you are unable to serve on the day below,
 please find a replacement and let the office know
 so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

Lay Reader

December 6 Jodie Janzen
 December 13 Jessica Howard
 December 20 Gloria Skrutvold
 December 27 Mark Wilson

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter: 3:8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
 Isaiah 61:1-04, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Greeters

(Currently 1 Greeter Needed Each Sunday)

December 6 @ Messiah
 December 13 @ Messiah
 December 20 @ Messiah
 December 27 Max Wilson/Mark Wilson

Sound Booth

December 6 Mary Trangsrud
 December 13 Paul Grafstrom
 December 20 Bob/Andrew Tuttle
 December 27 Marty Trangsrud

Ushers

December 6 Not currently @ Messiah
 December 13 Not currently @ Messiah
 December 20 Not currently @ Messiah
 December 27 Not currently @ Messiah

Counters (2 Counters Needed Each Sunday)

December 6 Warren & Marsha Hagen
 December 13 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom
 December 20 Jon & Bonnie Hagen
 December 27 Duane & Barb Erickson

Coffee/Snacks

Not Currently Needed

Council Rep

December 6 Jodie Janzen
 December 13 Shelly LaPlante
 December 20 Stuart McFarlane
 December 27 Karyn Sant

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Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 15, 2020

President Larry called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Members Present:

Larry Hosaluk, Stu McFarlane, Keith Okeson, Jodie Janzen, Bonnie Delmore, Marty Trangsrud, Shelly LaPlante, Jay Ostgaard (Staff) and Karyn Santl.

Absent: Bob Tuttle

Karyn made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of talking about the fair rental market value of the parsonage. Seconded by Marty and motion passed unanimously.

Keith made a motion to pass the Secretary's report as written. Seconded by Shelly and motion passed unanimously.

Jodie made a motion to pass the Treasurer's report as written. Seconded by Shelly and motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Jay: Presented in person

Elaine: Submitted Report. Glad to be given the opportunity to be back working at Messiah.

Old Business:

Audio/Electronics upgrade: All equipment is in but, Marty is concerned about Mike being a pickup Mike. It only works on old system.

Outdoor Service on 9/13 had 60 people in attendance. It was decided by council to tip Rob Johnson and Steve Johnson \$ 150 each for use of their equipment.

Sunday School is starting on 9/27 and will be at Messiah every other Sunday, 11 - 11:40 am. October is scheduled for October 25th. Hager/Roessler wedding on October 4 will go on as planned with the Covid guidelines followed.

New Business:

Tin Cups will be designated for the Trunk for Treating project.

Pastoral call letter and Addendum

Usage of the Church facilities will be decided upon case by case and if Yhone is able to clean after.

The decision to apply for a line of credit has been to wait and see if we need.

Larry made a motion to give Yhone a bonus of \$ 500 seconded by Keith. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry made a motion to approve the Fair Rental Value of the Parsonage \$ 1275/mo. Seconded by Karyn, motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed

Property

Stewardship: Sends out weekly memo

Worship planning

Youth and Family

Upcoming events:

In person Worship starting September 27, 2020

Council President attends a Zoom meeting every second Monday with the Bishop

Rostered Leaders have a Zoom meeting every Tuesday with the Bishop.

Devotions for October: Karyn

Next Meeting October 13th, 2020 @ 5:15

Keith made a motion to adjourn. Marty Seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Janzen

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 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) 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 and click on "Give Now" or you can access the giving page directly by visiting: 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)

Direct Contribution Plan



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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)
(SIGNATURE)		(DATE)
(PRINT NAME)		
(PRINT ADDRESS)		

Account Number _____ Checking or _____ Savings

Financial Institution Routing Number _____

Contribution amount: _____

On ___ 1st of the month, or ___ the Monday of each week, I authorize Messiah Lutheran Church, 502 9th 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.



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