

Messiah Messenger

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

Fall Worship Schedule

9:30am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship Service at Messiah

10:30am Facebook Live

**11:00am Radio Broadcast (recorded at
Moe)**

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OFFICE HOURS for Office Administrator:
Tuesday – Thursday (9:00AM – 3:00 PM)

THANKS FOR GIVING MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

Watch the newsletter/bulletin for a change in the Thanks For Giving Mission Project this fall.

We are trying something new and you
DO NOT have to donate a basket.
Intrigued??

Stay tuned.



Due to the urgent need of support for earthquake survivors in Haiti,

Tin Cup Offerings will be directed toward:

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Lutheran Disaster Response.

(100% of all donations will assist those affected by the earthquake until the response is complete).

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER”: If you or



someone you know needs prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah's Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364).

To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.

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A Pastoral Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's 6:30 AM and the annoying "buzz" of my alarm jolts me awake. As I roll out of bed, my mind is already filled with thoughts of all that must be accomplished in the day ahead. By the time I've finished my morning coffee, my list of "to do's" is already so overwhelming I'm not certain my work will ever get done!

Of course, whether I complete all I intended to do or not, my day still passes, just as it does for all of us. Evening finally comes, and I slip beneath the covers of my bed at day's end, welcoming a period of rest, still very aware of how limited these idle hours will be...and then the race starts all over again!

Friends, is this descriptive of your life? It seems that in times like these...we need an attitude of persistence. However, this approach to living is not easy for us. We're members of a culture filled to the brim with impatient people. Some have even described us as people of the "instant NOW!"

Waiting in line makes us agitated and angry. We're impatient as we wait for things to happen in our lives, for goals to be reached, and for God to act! *We want our lives to be a sprint, when usually life is more like a marathon! (Perhaps, we need to learn a thing or two about life from marathon runners.)*

Marathon runners train for the better part of a year to prepare themselves for running one 26-mile race. Though many marathoners would insist on the importance of fitness training, these runners would all agree that persistence is the most crucial attribute a runner needs to finish a race!

The pace a runner sets for a race of marathon proportions often is determined by what it takes for a marathoner to go the full distance. To be in front of the pack is not important!

Sometimes, because of the length of the race and the endurance required to reach the finish line, the only way a runner can complete a race is by willfully...and persistently...placing one foot in front of the other!

In the marathon of life, there will always be times when the goals we strive for seem so distant we're not certain they will ever be reached. Often, we

face moments when we are exhausted despite our best efforts, angry about our shortcomings, and impatient about our setbacks. *(Living through a season of challenges with COVID-19 has taught us this lesson more often than we care to recall.)*

Quite simply, *running the daily race of life is all about learning to be persistent!* As we encounter challenges with "start-ups" for school, Sunday School, Confirmation, and a fall routine that can leave many of us feeling "winded" and "weary"...let's embrace the discipline of a marathoner...and keep placing one foot in front of the other...until the race of each day is complete!

Scripture encourages us to encounter our impatience with the challenges of daily life through these words:

"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..."

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Friends, in our race of faithful living, the prize doesn't go only to those who are first. The prize of victory goes to those who, with God's strength, persist until they finish! So...let's "keep on keeping on"...and remember these inspiring words:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)





MOESSIAH YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

JULY 5TH: DEADLINE to register your Child for Aug 2-5 Moessiah Day Camp

This is for Youth going into 1st thru 6th Grade this fall!

Cost is \$30 or max of \$60 for a family! Registration forms are at both churches and on both church websites! Times of Day Camp is 9 am to 3 pm each day! T-shirts come with registration!

Moe/Messiah "OUTDOOR ALIVE W/CHRIST" Wed Night MEETS ON JULY 7, 14 & 28th from 7pm-9pm: Will be at Messiah's North Side Outdoor Family Worship Area! This is for all ages of Moe & Messiah Lutheran Churches & Friends! There will be Sand Volleyball, outdoor games, crossnet(4 square/volleyball), cornhole, Hot Dogs & S'mores over the open campfire and other food & drinks, fellowship and fun each Wed night! We will have the Outdoor Camp Fire Worship part at 8:15 pm to end each Wed night! *The Camp Fire Worship part will also be on Messiah Facebook Live each Wed night @ 8:15 pm if you are not able to join us in person! This is a youth/adult/family/worship group event all in one!*

NEWS & NOTES OF UPCOMING SUMMER YOUTH OR FAMILY EVENTS:

- **MOE-SSIAH 1st-6TH GRADE " THROUGH IT ALL" DAY CAMP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:** This is for our Day Camp on Aug 2, 3, 4 & 5! WE NEED Moe & Messiah Adult, Jr/Sr High & College Age helpers! We will need music leader, recreation leader, camp counselors, snack leader, arts & craft leader, registration sign in leader, floaters and helpers for each category of Worship, cabin small groups, registration, Snacks & Lunch, games & special events! Pathways Bible Camp Day Camp Staff will join us for 1/2 day on Tues afternoon & 1/2 day on Wed morning to help lead! PLEASE Contact Jay by email, texting or phone call to sign up to help! Great news is you don't have to be at day camp the whole day, only for what you are responsible for, but of course you can help all day too if you want to! Jay's email is jjostgaard@gmail.com & cell is 218-242-2221
- **MOE-SSIAH 7-12 GRADE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS JULY/AUG:** Working on mini service trip locally where we would stay at Hayes Lake State Park each night and during day go into local communities for service projects & some fun activities also! Still trying to plan out this event! Looking at July 25-27 or sometime in August! Will keep you posted!

God Bless,

Jay Ostgaard

Messiah Messenger Announcements



The Messiah Bell Choir would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with their annual rummage sale. It was a huge success!

The money we earn is used to purchase Bell Choir supplies and will help with major Messiah projects as they arise. Previously we were able to donate \$5000 toward the recent audio/visual project update. We are happy to report the Bell Choir was able to **add just over \$4444** to their fund from this year's sale. Thanks again!



MOE-SSIAH RALLY DAY RUMBLE:

Sunday, September 12th @ City park!

10:00 AM Worship @ mini stage

+ *Golf carts will serve as shuttles for those needing assistance getting from their cars.*

+ *Bring lawn chairs for seating.*

11:00 AM Coffee and Games + *Coffee Fellowship for adults*

+ *Meet your teacher & games for Sunday School*

11:30 AM Burgers & Dogs @ park shelter

+ *Freewill offering for our 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering attendees.*

All present at Rally Day can register for our amazing door prizes ... a Hoverboard and a Cornhole Set!!! **GET READY TO RUMBLE!**

Messiah's Financial Update

<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru July 2021: \$ 70,966.08	\$ 101,053.66*	\$ 126,553.87	\$ 69,327.02
*Includes PPP Loan proceeds			

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$1828.00 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

Messiah Messenger Council Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting - August 17, 2021

Approved via Email on August 23, 2021

President Karyn Santl called the meeting to order - "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit".

Members Present: Karyn Santl, Katie Gunderson, Ashley Filpula, Bonnie Delmore, Keith Okeson, Stu McFarlane, Marty Transgrud, Bob Tuttle, Kevin Wensloff, Pastor Dave Swonger, and Deacon Joanne Swonger

The meeting opened with introductions and Bob led devotions.

Katie made a motion to approve the agenda for the August 2021 meeting, second by Keith, unanimously approved.

Stu McFarlane presented the Treasurer's Report. Bob made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Kevin, unanimously approved.

Reports

- Ministerial Team Report: Pastor Dave and Deacon Joanne presented their report. They have been attending many meetings to prepare for the upcoming months.
 - Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2021 with a joint worship service (10:00am) at the city park with a meal, games/activities, and prizes to follow.
 - Services on Sept. 26, Oct. 3, and Oct. 10 will have an emphasis on stewardship.
- Parish Education: Moessiah Day Camp was very successful and enjoyed by the kids that attended. There were over 45 students and 20 student-leaders that participated throughout the week.
- Property: A work night was held on August 3rd - new light poles have arrived and they will be installed in the coming weeks, a leak from a sink has been fixed, outlets have been installed/repared, and a few hall lights need to be fixed/repared. The sliding doors/dividers in the fellowship hall and kitchen were also removed and Bob will check into a cost to replace the dividers. An inspection of the boiler room will be scheduled with Lee's Plumbing & Heating to ensure safety and compliance.
- Stewardship: No additional report.
- Youth & Family: No report.

Business

- Parsonage Committee Report: The parsonage committee met to discuss the pros/cons as it relates to maintaining, keeping, or selling the parsonage. At this time, the committee is recommending to sell the parsonage. At the current time, the parsonage is in need of a new boiler - the estimate to replace the boiler is \$4200.
 - The parsonage committee will meet again to discuss next steps and develop a plan for the revenue if the parsonage is sold, appraisal, continue communicating with the current tenants, etc.
 - Bonnie made a motion to replace the boiler using a current estimate of \$4200, second by Marty, unanimously approved.
 - Katie made a motion to bring the recommendation of the parsonage committee to sell the parsonage to the Messiah Congregation, second by Stu, unanimously approved.

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- Stu made a motion to hold a special congregational meeting regarding the future of the parsonage of Sunday, September 26, 2021 immediately following the regularly scheduled worship service (11:30am), second by Keith, unanimously approved.
- Review of Committee Job Descriptions: The council (committee liaisons and executive council) will review and update committee descriptions and responsibilities. Discussion will continue at the September meeting.
- Tin Cup Discussion: Discussion related to immediate need in Haiti due to the recent earthquake. Katie made a motion to reallocate the Tin Cup offerings from August 22 through the end of September to Lutheran World Relief to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti, second by Bonnie, unanimously approved.
- Boy Scouts: The Boy Scout organization is seeking to develop a charter organization with Messiah Lutheran Church to help develop and support a local troop. Karyn will look into this before moving forward with an agreement.

Upcoming Dates

- Sept. 12, 2021 - Rally Day with a joint worship service at the city park @ 10:00am with activities, prizes, and lunch to follow.

Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Kevin, unanimously approved.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Devotions for September: Katie

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Filpula

SERVING SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER

<u>Holy Communion Servers</u> (first name listed sets up communion)	<u>Usher</u>
Sept 05 Communion: Nancy Tveit/Bonnie Hagen	Sept 05 Dennis Sabourin
Sept 12 <i>No Communion</i>	Sept 12
Sept 19 Communion: Mickey Slater; Caroline Majer	Sept 19 Mark Wilson
Sept 26 No Communion	Sept 26 Diane Dorwart

<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u> (9:30am – 10:15am)	<u>Greeter</u>
Sept 05 Carolyn Sabourin	Sept 05 Carolyn Sabourin/Barb Erickson	Sept 05 Caroline Majer
Sept 12 Aimee Wilson	Sept 12 Marsha Hagen/Bonnie Delmore	Sept 12 Gloria Skrutvold
Sept 19 Mark Wilson	Sept 19 Kathy Howard/Eileen Carter	Sept 19 Marsha Hagen
Sept 26 Carol Guy	Sept 26 Carol Guy/Bonnie Delmore	Sept 26 Dick Dorwart

<u>Council Rep</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Sept 05 Stuart McFarlane	Sept 05 Bob/ Andrew Tuttle	Sept 05 Micky Slater/Bonnie Hagen
Sept 12 Bob Tuttle	Sept 12 Paul Grafstrom	Sept 12 Warren & Marsha Hagen
Sept 19 Karyn Santl	Sept 19 Marty Trangsrud	Sept 19 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom
Sept 26 Bonnie Delmore	Sept 26 Bob/Andrew Tuttle	Sept 26 Duane & Barb Erickson

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Please let the office know who your replacement is—

so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

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SERVING SCHEDULE—OCTOBER

<u>Holy Communion Servers</u> <i>(first name listed sets up communion)</i>	<u>Usher</u>
Oct 03 Communion: Bonnie Delmore/Barb Erickson	Oct 03 Jodie Janzen
Oct 10 No Communion	Oct 10 Dave Grafstrom
Oct 17 Communion: Missy Okeson/Taylor Okeson	Oct 17 Eileen Carter
Oct 24 No Communion	Oct 24 Carolyn Sabourin
Oct 31 No Communion	Oct 31 Jeff Ballard

<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u> <i>(9:30am – 10:15am)</i>	<u>Greeter</u>
Oct 03 Jodie Janzen	Oct 03 Barb Erickson/Bonnie Hagen	Oct 03 Marlene Nelson
Oct 10 Dave Grafstrom	Oct 10 Roxanne Fabian/Eileen Carter	Oct 10 Sharon Grafstrom
Oct 17 Gloria Skrutvold	Oct 17 Kathy Howard/Paula Hedlund	Oct 17 Gloria Skrutvold
Oct 24 Carolyn Sabourin	Oct 24 Carol Guy/Bonnie Delmore	Oct 24 Stephanie Lins
Oct 31 Marsha Hagen	Oct 31 Marsha Hagen/Carolyn Sabourin	Oct 31 Allen Olson

<u>Council Rep</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Oct 03 Katie Gunderson	Oct 03 Paul Grafstrom	Oct 03 Bill & Sue Jennings
Oct 10 Kevin Wensloff	Oct 10 Marty Trangsrud	Oct 10 Warren & Marsha Hagen
Oct 17 Keith Okeson	Oct 17 Bob/Andrew Tuttle	Oct 17 Duane & Barb Erickson
Oct 24 Bonnie Delmore	Oct 24 Paul Grafstrom	Oct 24 Stu & Beth McFarlane
Oct 31 Ashley Filpula	Oct 31 Marty Trangsrud	Oct 31 Jon & Bonnie Hagen

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