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**May 2024**

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### Anti-Racism Team Meeting

The anti-racism team is focusing on indigenous culture in the coming months. We've been reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This month's meeting will be **Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30 pm** at Messiah. Please read Section 3 (pages 118-201) - if you don't have time to read it, that's okay, please still join us. Contact Sonja and Briana Parr-Baker at [sonjaparr@gmail.com](mailto:sonjaparr@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Adopt-a-Highway—Sunday, May 5th @ Noon

Please consider walking road ditches with your Messiah family and consider bringing along a friend or two! This is a great way to show our stewardship efforts toward improving our land and water. We will gather in the church's east parking lot at noon for instructions. Vests and bags will be provided. We'll go out to our section of Highway 14 for about 2 hours. It works great if we get about 20 walkers. A meal will be provided Big Dog after we walk. The Fellowship and Recreation Team will cover the cost of your meal. Please email Lynell at [lynellsenden@hotmail.com](mailto:lynellsenden@hotmail.com) OR text her at 507.380.1483 with your interest and how many will be participating. Families are invited! NOTE: walkers MUST be ages 12 and up. WHAT TO WEAR: long pants and sleeves, gloves, closed-toe shoes, hat/sunglasses.

### Messiah Lunch Group

You are invited to join us for the Messiah Lunch Group on **Tuesday, May 7th** at 11:30 am at Swiss & Madison, 920 Madison Avenue, Mankato. If you plan to join us, call the church office at 387-5537 or email [messiah@messiahnorthmankato.com](mailto:messiah@messiahnorthmankato.com). This is a senior gathering event for Messiah members and friends, both men and women. We hope you will join us for good food, lively conversation, fun, and a chance to know other Messiah members. **Please note:** we will take a summer break and return in September for monthly lunches.

### Blessing of Quilts

Join us on **Mother's Day, May 12th** as we bless all the quilts that were made by the quilting group. This year the quilts will be donated. Many thanks to all the quilters who dedicate their time and talents working on 51 quilts: Mary Bergemann, Mary Borth, Kathy Fischer, Elaine Fossen, Jim Jilek, Janet Jones, Alice Keel, Lynn Klaber, Kay Lund, Sharon Patterson, Harriet Plotz, Phyllis Skadahl, and Sarah Suskovic.

### Messiah Worships United—Transition Team Review

The Transition Team has concluded their presentations and are now working on completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to submit to the SEMN Synod. Join us on **Sunday, May 19th as Messiah Worships United at 10:00 am**. Towards the end of worship, Pastor Barb Streed from the SEMN Synod, will review the MSP and the congregation will vote on it. If approved, the newly formed Call Committee will move forward with the interviewing process.

*Thank you, Bill, Briana, Marlene, Jerry, Alissa, Sarah and Pastor Tim for your service and commitment to this team.*



### Senior Recognition

Join us on **May 19th** as we recognize our high school seniors during the Messiah Worships United service at 10:00 am. We will also be taking a special offering at our worship services that day for our continued support of both the Messiah and the Page Foundation scholarship programs.

## **- A Message from Interim Pastor Tim McDermott -**

Dear Partners,

One way to assess the impact of a pastorate is to observe the health and vitality of a congregation after a pastor leaves. It has been six months since Pastor Trish left Messiah. What did she leave behind?

She left a congregation that survived Covid. That's a big deal. While many congregations are still reeling in the aftermath of the pandemic, Messiah is on solid footing. She left a congregation that has healed well after dealing with past staffing challenges. Pastor Trish shepherded you well. Messiah has dedicated leaders, many impactful volunteers, and a strong commitment to serving those in need beyond our congregation. Most important, Pastor Trish left you with the sense that Messiah's best days are ahead (and not behind). Pastor Trish has been a highly effective and dedicated pastoral leader. With half a year passed since her departure, most of you (but, of course, not all) have found time and space to grieve her loss. You are beginning to look forward, to find out what God has planned for you next.

One of the jobs of an interim pastor is to assess if the congregation is ready to move forward and enter the call process. I strongly believe that you are ready to move into the next phase of this time of transition. Having completed the Sunday morning presentations, the Transition Team is analyzing all the data (thanks to all who participated!) and readying the Ministry Site Profile (MSP – kind of like a congregational resume). Please plan to be at Messiah on May 19 when Pastor Barb Streed of the SEMN Synod will be with us seeking the congregation's affirmation of the MSP presented that day. Once affirmed, the next step (following training of the Call Committee) is to receive candidate names for our pastoral position from Pastor Streed. Qualified candidates will then be scheduled for a first round of interviews. Many congregations now are doing a second round of interviews with strong candidates. Of course, the goal is that one pastor will emerge and will be presented to the Messiah community at a Call Meeting of the Congregation.

One image that comes to mind is that Messiah, while still in transition, is much like a thoroughbred horse at the starting gate just before the race. At some point (hopefully by late Summer or early Fall), you will be ready to call a pastor who can help you fulfill the dreams and expectations you identified in those weekly Sunday exercises guided as you were by the Transition Team.

Be patient with the process. God will provide. In the meantime, start praying for that man or woman whom God is even now guiding to express interest in the opening, participate in an interview, be selected, and ultimately be called to serve as Messiah's next resident pastor.

It's a long process that so often works so very well. Thanks be to God for leading us into God's preferred future for Messiah Lutheran Church.

Your Partner in the Gospel,  
*Pastor Tim*



### **Choir Practice**

Choir practice will be resuming soon. Please keep watch for more information in the coming weeks. We will be rehearsing for several occasions, one being the Music Festival on June 30th. Please invite friends, family and neighbors. For questions, please call Cindy Rupp (Director) at 507-327-9306.

### **Call Committee Forming**

The Call Committee is still looking for one more member to join. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let Council President, Greg Suskovic know.

## Sunday School

- Last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 5th. Join us at 10:30 am worship to hear the children sing.
- Parents please join us for *Coffee and Conversation* during Sunday School time on May 5th to talk about reimagining Sunday School next year. Your opinions are important.
- Look for information to be mailed out in August, for the upcoming school year.
- Note youth summer activities below.

**Congratulations to our 4th Graders who celebrated their First Communion** on Palm Sunday, March 24th—Martin Graff, Timothy Guyer, Kendall Halstead, Brett Konz, Hoyt Reichel, and Bree True.

## Middle School Ministries

Middle School Ministries has wrapped up for the year. Look for information to be mailed out in August, for the upcoming school year.

**Congratulations to our 8th Graders who Affirmed their faith** on Sunday, April 28th—Addy Clifton, Beau Baukol, Blake Brekke, Cambell Barrett, Charlie Von Bank, and Greta True.

## Youth Summer Activities

It's time to start planning what our kiddos are going to do over the summer. There are plenty of fun summer activities that friends of Messiah can join in.

**Elementary**—Vacation Bible School this summer will be done jointly with Christ the King from June 10-13th. It will be hosted at CTK. To register, click this QR code:



**Middle/High School**—Messiah will be participating in Service & Sun with Christ the King from June 24-26th. This is a great opportunity to have fun in the sun as well as serve our community. Cost is \$20 per each day the student is available to come. Register here: <https://bit.ly/serviceandsun>



**All Ages**—Green Lake Bible Camp is a fun way to enjoy the summer doing outside activities and meet new friends. There are different types of full-week and half-week camps based on age, as well as, some themed camps for older youth.

—<https://www.gllm.org/summer-camp.html>

# Hello summer

## Summer Worship Schedules & Office Hours

Summer worship times begin on Sunday, May 26th—8:30 am and 10:00 am.

Outdoor worship (weather permitting) begins on Sunday, June 2nd with late worship at 10:00 am. Please bring your lawn chairs and find a great spot on the lawn to enjoy worship.

Summer office hours begin the week of May 27th. Monday—Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Friday's 8:30 am-12 noon.

## Summer Lawn and Garden Upkeep



The lawn has been mowed already this spring and the gardens will be ready for planting and tending. If you have an interest helping with lawn and/or gardening, please reach out to the team leads or the church office.

Church office—5074-387-5537 or  
messiah@messiahnorthmankato.com

Lawn Maintenance—Archie Kendall 507-327-2122

Gardening—Karna Swenson-Stock 507-317-0510



## Summer Music Festival and Messiah Worships United Sunday, June 30th

Mark your calendars for the last Sunday in June as we worship and celebrate with amazing music from the band, choir, bell choir and horn ensemble.

### —Pie & Brat Stand—



Our Pie and Brat Stand is an annual fundraiser to support Messiah missions, needs & various activities throughout the year. This year, Fun Days is scheduled to run Wednesday, July 10 - Sunday, July 14th.

Individuals ages 13 and older may work the stand....but ALL ages are able to support it by purchasing some or all of the delicious menu items: grilled dogs, brats or chicken, chips, whole dill pickles, root beer floats, and most importantly.....pie and ice cream.

As you look at your summer calendars, please consider signing up for a shift or two. It is great fun.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the behind the scenes of this fun project, contact Lynell Senden @ 507.380.1483. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

# COUNCIL UPDATES

Stewardship & Finance: Giving through March is at 26% of our \$370,000 budget compared to 26% of our last two years' average giving.. We thank you for your loyal support and for Christ's greatest gift which we just celebrated!

Council met on Thursday April 18th. Following devotions the past minutes and treasurer's reports were approved. Pastor Tim gave a report on the progress of the transition team. They have just about completed all the surveys and will compile the MSP from that information. Pastor Tim is very pleased with how the team is progressing.

Names for the call committee were discussed, these members will be contacted to see if there was any interest. Two people have volunteered and the goal is to have a committee formed and approved at the next council meeting.

Following a closing prayer by Pastor Tim, the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be held May 5th at 11:45 am.

## Ways to Give Online

1. Scan this QR code: *or*
2. Visit our website at [messiahnorthmankato.com](http://messiahnorthmankato.com)
  - > Click "OFFERING" on the home-page, or go to the "GIVING" tab
  - > Choose the amount you'd like to give and the frequency (e.g. one-time, weekly, monthly)
  - > Make donations by using a credit or debit card, or by using your bank account. Know your gift is appreciated and helps support the ministry of Messiah.



## May Worship Participants and Communion Assistants

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please call the church office or Linda Wenkel (345-6180). Thank you!

### 8:30 am

**5/5 Ushers:** Jeremy Soost & Kim Henrickson  
**Reader:** Amy Soost  
**Comm:** Renee & Greg Guyer  
**FB Live:** Janet Jones  
**Screens:** Steve Jones

**5/12 Ushers:** Jeremy Soost & Kim Henrickson  
**Reader:** Carla Butcher  
**Comm:** Victoria & Mike Hanson  
**FB Live:** TBD (call office if interested)  
**Screens:** TBD (call office if interested)

**5/19 MESSIAH WORSHIPS UNITED  
at 10:00 am**

### 8:30 am

**5/26 Ushers:** Randy Bowman & Scott Madigan  
**Reader:** Victoria Hanson  
**Comm:** Sarah & Greg Suskovic  
**FB Live:** TBD (call office if interested)  
**Screens:** TBD (call office if interested)

### 10:30 am

Steve Carlberg & Jim Jilek  
Lisa Benson  
Phyllis & Peter Skadahl  
Malia Karau  
Jeran Karau

Steve Carlberg & Jim Jilek  
Eva Borneke  
Cindy & Bob Rothenbuehler  
TBD (call office if interested)  
TBD (call office if interested)

**Ushers:** Peter Skadahl & Tim Hatlestad  
**Reader:** Sandy Hatlestad  
**Comm:** Karna & Doug Stock  
**FB Live:** TBD (call office if interested)  
**Screens:** TBD (call office if interested)

### 10:00 am (new summer time)

Peter Skadahl & Tim Hatlestad  
Shirley Rosenau  
Kara Pipes & Marlene Buker  
TBD (call office if interested)  
TBD (call office if interested)



## June/July/August Worship Participants and Communion Assistants

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please call the church office or Linda Wenkel (345-6180). Thank you!

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
6/2	<b>Ushers:</b> Steve Jones & Greg Ous <b>Reader:</b> Sonia Parr-Baker <b>Comm:</b> Marilyn Hanson & Deb Leiferman	Dave Dahl & Mark Gulden Lynn Klaber Sheryl Gulden & Dee Nolan
6/9	<b>Ushers:</b> Steve Jones & Greg Ous <b>Reader:</b> Janet Jones <b>Comm:</b> Amy & Jeremy Soost	Dave Dahl & Mark Gulden Joan Klanderud Rosemary & Dale Kinne
6/16	<b>Ushers:</b> Chuck Dulas & Steve Lenz <b>Reader:</b> Kim Henrickson <b>Comm:</b> Sylvia & Scott Norman	Jon Karau & Jeran Karau Dee Nolan Lisa Benson & Gina Henkelman
6/23	<b>Ushers:</b> Chuck Dulas & Steve Lenz <b>Reader:</b> Georgia Holmes <b>Comm:</b> Al Narveson & Linda Wenkel	Jon Karau & Jeran Karau Jeff Pribyl Darci Karau & Jodi Himmer
6/30	<b>Messiah Worships United at 10:00 am</b>	<b>Ushers:</b> Bill Halstead & Karla Elmore <b>Reader:</b> Greg Suskovic <b>Comm:</b> Betty & Chuck Rafferty
7/7	<b>Ushers:</b> Kyle Vogt & Les Altenburg <b>Reader:</b> Linda Wenkel <b>Comm:</b> Elaine Fossen & Steve Lenz	Bill Halstead & Amos Tokheim Marlene Buker Swede Mundell & Jan Waller
7/14	<b>Ushers:</b> Kyle Vogt & Les Altenburg <b>Reader:</b> Mike Hanson <b>Comm:</b> Diane Halvorson & Cheryl Christofferson	Bill Halstead & Amos Tokheim Kay Lund Deb & Frank Steichen
7/21	<b>Ushers:</b> Ron Leiferman & Greg Guyer <b>Reader:</b> Renee Guyer <b>Comm:</b> Jane & Paul Zweig	Steve Carlberg & Jim Jilek April Rosendale Cindy & Bob Rothenbuehler
7/28	<b>Ushers:</b> Ron Leiferman & Greg Guyer <b>Reader:</b> Chuck Dulas <b>Comm:</b> Victoria & Mike Hanson	Steve Carlberg & Jim Jilek Lucette Hurley Phyllis & Peter Skadahl
8/4	<b>Ushers:</b> Randy Bowman & Jeremy Soost <b>Reader:</b> Carla Butcher <b>Comm:</b> Renee & Greg Guyer	Frank Steichen & Paul Henkelman Julie Olsen Kara Pipes & Marlene Buker
8/11	<b>Ushers:</b> Randy Bowman & Jeremy Soost <b>Reader:</b> Amy Soost <b>Comm:</b> Marilyn Hanson & Mike Hanson	Frank Steichen & Paul Henkelman Lisa Benson Dee Nolan & Sheryl Gulden
8/18	<b>Ushers:</b> Kim Henrickson & Scott Madigan <b>Reader:</b> Sarah Suskovic <b>Comm:</b> Al Narveson & Linda Wenkel	Peter Skadahl & Tim Hatlestad Sandy Hatlestad Karna & Doug Stock
8/25	<b>Ushers:</b> Kim Henrickson & Scott Madigan <b>Reader:</b> Steve Lenz <b>Comm:</b> Sylvia & Scott Norman	Peter Skadahl & Tim Hatlestad Shirley Rosenau Phyllis & Peter Skadahl

### Screen / Facebook Volunteers

During summer, we are still needing volunteers for screens and Facebook Live for 8:30 am worship. We'll be outside, weather permitting, for 10:30 am worship.

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am SEE Bible Study 5:30 pm Anti-Racism Mtg	<b>2</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Private Event
<b>5</b> 8:30 am <b>Traditional Worship (FB Live)</b> 9:15 am Sunday School (Last) 9:15 am Sunday School Parents Coffee & Conversation 10:30 am <b>Worship w/ band and Sunday School Children will sing</b> 11:45 am Council Meeting 12:00 pm Adopt-a-Hwy 5:00 pm Private Event	<b>6</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	10 4:00 pm Private Event Starts	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Private Event Ends 9:00 am—5:30 pm SEMN Synod Assembly
<b>12</b> <i>Quilt Blessing</i> 8:30 am <b>Traditional Worship (FB Live)</b> 10:30 am <b>Worship w/ band</b> 4:30 pm 4H Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group 2:00 pm Life Long Learners	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 12:00 pm Private Event	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Graduate Blessing</i> 9:00 am Graduate Breakfast 10:00 am <b>Worship United (FB Live)</b> <i>w/ Graduate Blessing and and Final Transition Team Presentation by Pastor Barb Streed from the SEMN Synod</i>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>21</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>Summer Worship Times</i> 8:30 am <b>Traditional Worship Inside (FB Live)</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship w/ band Inside</b> <i>(note time change)</i>	<b>27 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	<b>29</b> 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON</b>	



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## PRAYER list

**Thoughts and Prayers:** Elle, Brooke, Cheryl, Darrell, Diana, Jeff, Micah, Arthur, Margaret, Tom, Lyndsey, Trudy

**Continued Thoughts & Prayers:** Craig, Earl, Sally, Linda, Bonnie, Patty, Neal, Lowell, Emma, Peggy, Heather, Mollie, Carolyn

**Prayers for Those Who Serve Our Country:** Carley, Alex, Tyler, Cole

**Prayers for the Cruz family:** Ariac, Andrea, Randy, and Kamil

**Prayers for safe travels:** Lauren

**Prayers of sympathy** for the family and friends of Jana Cornish, who died on Wednesday, April 17th.