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Hello
summer

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, June 5th at 5:30 pm** at Messiah. Please read Section 4 (starting on page 202) - 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 with any questions.

Summer Worship Schedules & Office Hours & A Picnic

Sunday summer worship times are 8:30 am and 10:00 am.

Outdoor worship (weather permitting) for Summer 2024 will be at 10:00 am on the **first Sunday of the months** of June, July, August, and September. Please bring your lawn chairs on these **FIRST** Sundays and find a great spot on the lawn to enjoy worship. All other late worships during summer 2024 will be inside at 10:00 am.

We will celebrate the beginning of Summer with worship and *picnic* outside on Sunday, June 2nd.

Summer office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Friday 8:30 am-12 noon.

Summer Lawn and Garden Upkeep



Your help is needed to make our church grounds look welcoming! The summer garden team is getting started and helpers are needed for watering the planters and weeding, for approximately a two-week commitment during the summer. You will be paired with another volunteer to lighten the duty. Questions? Interested? Call or text Karna Swenson-Stock 507-317-0510.

Lawn Maintenance also works on a rotation. If you are interested in joining, please call Archie Kendall 507-327-2122.



Choir Practice

The choir will meet to practice for the June 30th Music Festival on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:30 pm. Please invite friends, family and neighbors. For questions, please call Cindy Rupp (Director) at 507-327-9306.

Messiah Worships United Summer Music Festival

Sunday, June 30th at 10:00 am

Mark your calendars for the last Sunday in June as we worship and celebrate with amazing music featuring Messiah's choir, bell choir, horn ensemble, organist, praise band with extra vocalists.

- A Message from Interim Pastor Tim McDermott -

Dear Partners,

By the time you read this, most of the fields in Blue Earth and Nicollet counties are planted and teeming with life. It may not look like much in early June, but the root system for each plant is strong and deep in the soil. The corn, soybeans, and garden crops that are popping up contain within them the promise of harvest. It is the growing season. The Season after Pentecost (mid-May through November) in the Church Year is the long, green, growing season in the church year. Just like in the verdant fields in our part of Minnesota, the Season after Pentecost in the church is a time for growing in discipleship. It is the perfect time to commit to some disciplines that the Spirit of God can use to help you grow deeper in your faith and your walk with Jesus. Might I suggest four faith practices—holy habits really—that will help the garden of your soul flourish between the Spring planting and Fall harvest?

First, begin each day with a Morning Offering (dedicate your day to God) and end your day with an Evening Thanksgiving (thank God for walking with you throughout this day now ended). A day begun with dedication to God will produce numerous opportunities to manifest your love for God by the way you care for the people you encounter that day. Each night you can give glory to God for the work of God's Spirit in your life that day. Day by day you love God and love your neighbor. This is what the Apostle Paul called growing in holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:3).

Second, worship like you mean it. Read in advance next Sunday's scripture readings (Amy will happily provide these readings to you). Arrive a few minutes early to prepare for holy worship. Closely attend to the words of the hymns, liturgy, prayers, and readings presented that Sunday. Approach the Communion Table with reverence as you receive the life and love of Christ in the bread and wine. Take the words of the Dismissal ("Go in peace to love and serve the Lord") as if they are addressed to you. They are.

Third, consciously and deliberately seek Christ in your neighbor (especially in the neighbor who is most challenging or irksome to you). Your outreach with love, support, and encouragement is needed by so many. Serve Christ in that person.

Fourth, in the evening (perhaps at Supper), identify that moment in your day when you felt closest to Christ. Rejoice in this "God-sighting". Thank Jesus for being incarnate to you in the people you have encountered. Contemplate how Christ might show up tomorrow. Ask for the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live your Easter life to the glory of God and for the benefit of your neighbor on the morrow.

Practices such as these can transform the dryness of a soul into a lush, green garden of the Lord. I commend these to you and promise to practice them myself.

Your Partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Tim

Transition Team

The Transition Team has completed their work which included many weeks of compiling survey results and creating the Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to: Alissa Brekke, Bill Halstead, Briana Parr-Baker, Jerry Crest, Lynn Klaber, Marlene Buker, Sarah Suskovic, and Pastor Tim McDermott. Your commitment to this process is appreciated.

Call Committee

The Call Committee has formed and the following individuals have volunteered to join the team: Heather Von Bank, Joanna Petersen, Marlene Jilek, Nona Niemeier, Steve Jones, and 2 youth members: Autumn Pipes and Emma Tokheim. They've met with Pastor Barb Streed from the SE MN Synod, who gave them more specifics on what their role in the coming months will be. Look for more updates from this team in the coming weeks.

If you know of a pastor who you think would be a good fit for Messiah, please submit their name to a member of the Call Committee.

Youth Summer Activities

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>

—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. Sign up sheet's will be available in the narthex by June 1st or signup here: <https://www.signup.com/go/jeEGfCo>

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.

Crossroads Campus Ministry Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with grateful hearts that Crossroads Campus Ministry offers its deepest appreciation and thanks to Messiah Lutheran Church and the volunteers who prepared, delivered, and served delicious hot meals to hungry college students through our Lunch For-a-Buck program during the 2023-24 school year. We extend a special thank you to faithful servants Barb & Denny Meier, Linda Wenkel, Sarah & Greg Suskovic, Bob Rothenbuehler, Joanna Petersen, Lynn Klaber, Paul & Jane Zwieg, Lori & Don Waylett, Mary Borth, Naomi Zandstra-Langsjoen, Jim Jilek, Jean Zandstra, Nona Niemeier, Sandy Dahms, Jan Waller, Judy Jackson, Karla Elmore, Janet Jones, Sandy Crest, Debra Steichen, Phyllis Skadah, Kim Henrickson, Amy Malvin, Shirley Rosenau, Gladys Waller, Barb Sorensen, Wendy Schons, Kay Kendall, Renee Guyer, Joan Klanderud, and Alice Keel, for taking time out of their busy schedules to ensure that no student left Crossroads hungry. Lunch For-a Buck proved to be very popular this year. Your congregation was responsible for serving on seven Tuesdays throughout the year. Your volunteers fed 323 individuals and collected \$265 in donations that went right back into purchasing the salads, beverages and table supplies for subsequent lunches. This is an increase over the 2022-23 school year when you fed 257 people and collected \$209 in donations.

We look forward to continuing Lunch For-a-Buck when Fall Term begins in August and hope that Messiah will partner with us again to feed Minnesota State—Mankato students. God bless you for your faithfulness and support of this important and impactful ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jenna Couch

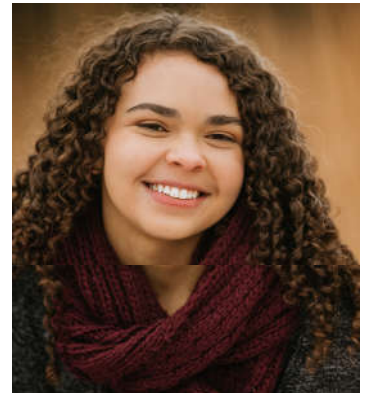
Congratulations Graduates

The Messiah family wishes these graduates all the best in the next chapter of their lives.

Full Name: Avery James Como (*Class of 2024*)
Parents: Mike and Misty
Siblings: Blake and Charlotte
Favorite Class: Automotive Tech
High School Activities: Baseball
Favorite Movie: Moneyball
Favorite Book: Scarlet Ice
Favorite Song: Arkansas Diamond by Waylon Wyatt
Who is your hero?: my dad
Describe yourself with 3 words: courageous, humble, tough
Future plans: Going into the workforce with a trade



Full Name: Autumn Sophia Pipes (*Class of 2024*)
Parents: Gregory and Kara
Siblings: Ashley, Lily, and Lauren
Favorite Class: History, Art, and German
High School Activities: Swimming, Key Club, Prom Committee,
and Founder of the History Club @ West HS
Favorite Movie: Daddy's Home 2
Favorite Book: John Adams by David McCullough
Favorite Song: Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond
Who is your hero?: my mom
Describe yourself with 3 words: curious, benevolent, creative
Future plans: Will be attending MSU-Mankato to pursue a degree in history



Full Name: Emma Jean Tokheim (*Class of 2024*)
Parents: Amos and Kristy
Siblings: Alexis, Taylor, and Anders
Favorite Class: Choir
High School Activities: Choir, Band, Marching Band, Diving, Soccer, Skiing, West Conn,
Link Crew, NHS, History Club, Crochet Club, Shine, Yes! Club, Prom Committee
Favorite Movie: Big Time Rush
Favorite Book: The Hidden Children Series
Favorite Song: Only Human by Ryan Mack
Who is your hero?: My mom
Describe yourself with 3 words: persistent, reliable, adventurous
Future plans: Will be attending Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo to get my AS degree in conservation with a specialized program in zoo animal technology.



2024 Graduates not pictured:

Acea Johnson, Drew Anderson, Gabe Norton, Jade Wildt, Livia Anderson, London Campbell, and Matthew Parker

Full Name: Tabitha Valenzuela (*Class of 2023*)
Parents: Stacey and Dan
Siblings: Cherish, Jadde, and Brandon
Favorite Class: Music Theory
High School Activities: Theatre, Music
Favorite Movie: The Breakfast Club
Favorite Book: Finding Alaska
Favorite Song: Vienna by Billy Joel
Describe yourself with 3 words: ambitious, musical, driven
Future plans: Currently attending MSU-Mankato majoring in Psychology and minoring in Music. Will graduate in December 2024 and planning to attend AZ State University online for Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology.



COUNCIL UPDATES

Stewardship & Finance: Giving is at 33% of our \$370,000 annual budget compared to 35% of the last 2 years' average. As we head into the slower summer months, please continue your faithful giving to Messiah's ministries and financial commitment.

Council met on Thursday May 5th. Pastor Tim reported that the Transition Team had completed all of their surveys and were in the process of completing the MSP. It will be presented to the congregation on May 19th for affirmation. The emergency and exit lights have not been inspected for several years. Jim Jilek supplied an estimate to replace all the batteries and maintenance. The work was approved and Jim will proceed. An update on the refugee family was given. They are doing very well.

Old business: The nominees for the Call Committee were presented and approved by the Council. They will be trained by the Synod in several weeks. The office staff are working on an "in-house" Directory for the congregation.

New business: Council was approached about the need to develop a Strategic Plan for Messiah. Council President requested from the council for the permission to appoint individuals to form a Strategic Planning Committee. This was approved by the Council.

The next council meeting will be held June 23rd at 11:15 am.

Ways to Give Online

1. Scan this QR code: *or*

2. Visit our website at 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.



Thank You from the Cruz Family

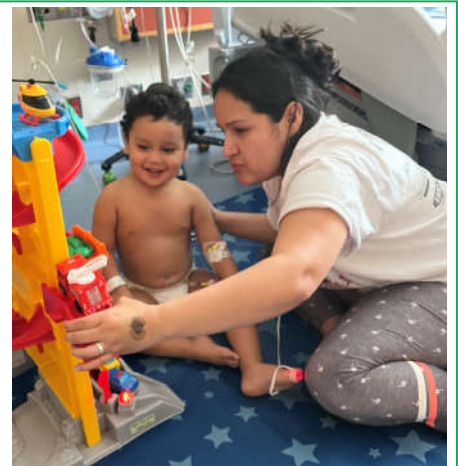
We thank God for the opportunity he gives us to be in this place, for us it is a great pleasure to be here sharing this beautiful service. Thanks to the five churches, to the pastors of each of the churches and to all the people who have helped us in one way or another, to those who have given of their time to take us to school and so on to other places. We have gone through very difficult times like any human being, it has not been easy, but God has sustained us and lifted us up, we want to continue being good people, that you are proud to be able to help people like us, that your effort and time have not been in vain. I always ask God for all of us to help us and bless us with great health and prosperity. The Lutheran churches have marked our lives from the first day they received us, we are surrounded by people with enormous hearts. You have been the reason for us not to give up, you are our inspiration to move forward, because we know that there is a great future for us and you, what is coming is great because God will reward everything you are doing for us.

Update on Kamil's Health

Kamil has come home from the hospital in Rochester and is recovering well from having a burst appendix.

A message from Ariac and Andrea:

On behalf of our Cruz family we want to give infinite thanks to each of you for being aware of Kamil's health. We could feel those prayers from each of you. It was something very wonderful from you and the church that took us in their prayers in every moment and many apologies because we have had problems with our health and I know that God is proud of each of you for the work you have been doing with our family. I have no words to say how much we love you all are so appreciative of all the thoughts and prayers for them this past week.



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!

Please note below—spots that say **TBD** are still needing to be filled, if you are able help, please call.

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

Screen / Facebook Volunteers

During summer, we still need volunteers for screens and Facebook Live for 8:30 am and 10:30 am worship. If you are interested, please let the office know or sign-up on the clipboard in the narthex. Thank you.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON	1
2 10:00 am <i>10:00 am OUTDOOR</i> Worship United Outdoor w/ band (FB Live) & picnic lunch after	3 9:00 am SAIL Group	4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	5 9:00 am SEE Bible Study 5:30 pm Anti-Racism Team 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	6 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	7 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON	8 10:00 am Private Event
9 8:30 am Traditional Worship (FB Live) 10:00 am Worship w/ band	10 9:00 am SAIL Group	11 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	12 9:00 am SEE Bible Study 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	13 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	14 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON	15
		VBS @ Christ the King 12:30 am—5:00 pm				
16 8:30 am Traditional Worship (FB Live) 10:00 am Worship w/ band	17 9:00 am SAIL Group	18 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	19 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	20 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	21 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON	22
23 8:30 am Traditional Worship (FB Live) 10:00 am Worship w/ band 11:15 am Council Meeting	24 9:00 am SAIL Group	25 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	26 9:00 am SEE Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice	27 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group	28 OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON	29
30 10:00 am Worship United Music Festival (FB Live)		Service & Sun @ Christ the King 8:00 am—5:00 pm				



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PRAYER list

Thoughts and Prayers: Elle, Brooke, Cheryl, Diana, Micah, Arthur, Tom, Lyndsey, Trudy, Kamil

Continued Thoughts & Prayers: Craig, Earl, Sally, Linda, Patty, Neal, Lowell, Emma, Margaret, 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 families of Judy Spencer, Tricia Tobin, and Kara Pipes on the death of Judy's husband, Darrell.

Prayers of sympathy for Phyllis & Peter Skadahll on the death of Phyllis' father Frank Scholze.

Prayers of sympathy to Mary Huntley and family on the death of Mary's husband, Ken.

Prayers of sympathy to Kristin Berglin, Alex and family on the death of Kristin's mother, Lois.