



June 2022

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- A Message from Pastor Trish -

I sometimes offer our middle school students a simplistic outline of the Bible. I tell them that the Bible is the story of God and God's people. God loves God's people very much, and invites them into a covenant, or promise, in which God promises steadfast and eternal love. At first, God's people eagerly accept this covenant, and promise to love God in return. Soon however, God's people stray – they think that they know best, that they have the answers, that they can consider good and evil on their own terms...you get the idea. The people's foolish and arrogant ways lead to trouble and things go horribly wrong. Eventually, God's people realize the error of their ways and repent. In response, God offers God's steadfast love and forgiveness and reminds them of their covenant. Things are good, until the cycle repeats itself – again and again. God's people keep messing up, and God keeps on forgiving and loving.

Like I said – simplistic. There's much more to the Bible of course, but this is a start.

Why am I sharing this with you? Because I can't help but wonder how much farther we, as God's beloved, are going to go before we will once again finally stop and recognize the need to repent and rediscover God's covenant. Over the last several years I have found myself appalled at the ways in which we treat one another or the rest of creation, and I think "it can't get any worse" and then it does. It is May 25th as I write this - in last Sunday's sermon I lamented the "mess this world is in" and then on Tuesday the mess got bigger with the murder of 19 young lives in Texas. Like many of you, I wonder "when will it stop?" but even as I ask, I'm afraid I already know: it will stop when we, as God's people, decide that we have had enough. It will stop when we decide that our version of power and good and evil is the wrong version, and that we must return to God; not on our terms, but on God's terms. It will stop when we repent and ask for forgiveness and promise to put aside our anger and self-righteousness and evil ways and practice the power of love and only love. And why am I afraid that this might be the answer to "when will it stop"? Because I am afraid we are not yet ready to say "enough".

But I'm ready, and I bet you are too. Together, we can ask for forgiveness from God, and promise to love and only love. Together, we can help one another to carry out this promise in all that we say and do. Together, we can also affirm the power of God's love. (How AMAZING is it that God can keep on forgiving when we can never seem to learn our own lesson of love?) And finally, we can share the HOPE that has been promised for us. The prophets always paired God's judgement with God's blessing, so even as we despair and repent we can also commit to change:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls,

because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹ the people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

(Isaiah 43:18-21)

Summer 2022 Worship Themes

Yesterday's People, Today's Concerns: Lessons from People of the Bible

We know (most of) their names and stories, but instead of relegating them to the bookshelf, let's pull their stories out to revisit them and discover the lessons their experiences can offer us for our lives today.

June 5	Celebration of Pentecost!	
June 12	"Sarah Laughs"	Genesis 1:1-15; 21:1-17
June 19	"Peter Sinks"	Matthew 14:22-33
June 26	"Rizpah Mourns"	2 Samuel 3:7; 21:1-14
July 3	"Zacchaeus Comes Down"	Luke 19:1-10
July 10	"Miriam Dances"	Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21
July 17	"Mary and Martha Serve"	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	"Deborah Leads"	Judges 4:1-7
July 31	Messiah's 50 th Anniversary Celebration!	

50th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate Messiah's 50th Anniversary on Sunday, July 31st at 10:00 am. On this day, we will gather for Messiah Worships United, enjoy great music, a meal and look back on 50 years of spiritual growth and fellowship; Bishop's Assistant, Matt Larson, from the SE MN Synod will also join us. We're inviting all of Messiah's former pastors and if you know of other people who have been a part of Messiah's history, be sure to let them know when the celebration is.



Choir Practice

50th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us for choir practice on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30 pm as we prepare for the 50th Anniversary Celebration / Messiah Worships United service that will be held on Sunday, July 31st at 10:00 am. We would love to have a large group gathered to celebrate with songs from throughout Messiah's 50 years. Bring your friend, partner, spouse, child and/or parent. Everyone is welcome!

Rock Painting for 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday June 12th

Our young people have painted rocks this spring, to be used as part of our 50th anniversary celebration, and now it's YOUR turn! Any/everyone is invited to join in a little fun and fellowship after either worship service on Sunday, June 12th. Come try your hand at rock painting – all supplies (including rocks) provided. No experience or talent necessary! Join us in the gathering place, stay for as long as you'd like.



FOCP—STOMP Volunteers Needed for June, July, and August



Messiah has signed up to help with FOCP – STOMP (the SummerTime Outreach Meal Program). We are looking for volunteers that would be available from 10:15 am – 12:15 pm to drive to several locations in Mankato to deliver cold lunch meals. We've signed up for the following dates 6/16, 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, and 8/25, so find a friend and sign-up here: <https://signup.com/go/RNAytKr> (Sign-up for 1 day or more, whatever works best for you.)



Anti-Racism Team

The Anti-Racism Team will meet again on Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 pm to continue the study of the ELCA Declaration for People of African Descent—"Now Is The Time". We will recap session 1 and begin session 2. Each session has short stories to read and discuss together. Instead of reading the stories aloud together during the meeting, we thought we could all read them on our own and discuss them together. If possible, please read the stories on pages 3-5 and 9-12 of the document before our next meeting. The study guide can be [found online here](#).

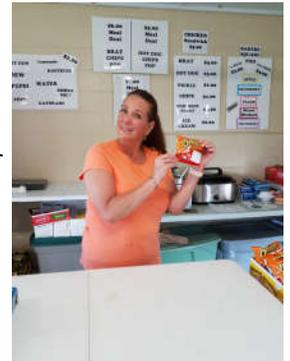
Outdoor Worship

Beginning in June, early worship will be indoors at 8:30 am and late worship will be outside (weather permitting) at 10:00 am. Please note both worships will be inside on June 19th.

North Mankato Fun Days

The 2022 Fun Days has been scheduled for July 6-10. Messiah will once again have the Pie & Brat Stand. Lynell and Jim Senden are heading up the stand this year. Check out the volunteer sign-up link <https://signup.com/go/etfajpU> to plan for the dates and times that work best for you. There are also sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you'd like to sign-up that way. Bring a friend to volunteer with you.

We are also looking for candy (non chocolate) donations to hand out during the parade. Bring into the office until July 7th.



A promotional poster for the 38th Annual Quilt Auction by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. The poster is primarily blue and green. It features the text 'GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN ministries' at the top left, with a fish logo. Below that, it says 'FRIDAY & SATURDAY JULY 22 & 23 2022'. The main title 'THE 38TH ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION' is in large, white, bold letters. At the bottom, there are several smaller images and text boxes: 'LIVE, SILENT & ONLINE AUCTIONS', 'BEACHFRONT CONCERT', 'BOUNCE HOUSE', 'HOTDISH SUPPER & PULLED PORK LUNCH', and 'MORE INFO GLLM.ORG'. There are also photos of people and quilts.

Youth Activities

Sunday School Family Day

Sunday School has wrapped up for the 2021-22 school year. The final family day activity was rock painting in preparation of the 50th Anniversary of Messiah. It was a fun activity for all ages. If you think you've missed out, join us after worship on Sunday, June 12th so we can paint more.



Service and Sun—July 5-8, 2022

Attention kids going into 6th grade through completion of 9th grade! There's summer fun planned for you too.

Service & Sun will be a combination of the past's Wacky Doodle and Mission Mankato. We are planning 3 mornings of service and 3 afternoons of sunny activities. We will end the week with a day at Valleyfair.

Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Messiah Scholarship Fund Recipients

In May we recognized the following students for earning a 2022 Messiah Scholarship: Olivia Tobin, Arthur Hanson, Grant Pribyl, Kylee Sanow. Congratulations!



Green Lake Bible Camp

There are camp opportunities for 1st-12th grade students, as well as family camps. GLLM has introduced some changes to how camp will be run so take careful note of starting and ending days. Messiah discount code is LAUNCH2022. Head to their website to see more details or get registered!

www.gllm.org/summer-camp

Good Earth Village Summer Camp

There are brochures available in the Narthex or you can go to the following link to see more details www.goodearthvillage.org/summerinfo. This year's theme is "Created Good". Campers will be exploring the daily themes of Created to Create, Created to Wonder, Created to Care, Created to Flourish, and Created to Share. Through worship, song, practice, education, and more, campers will be encouraged to reflect on how they are called to nurture and care for all of God's creation.



Welcome New Members

In May we welcomed new and returning members: Parker Family - Brian, Jennifer, Katelyn, Matthew, & Jaxson; Sam Jensen; Karen Walrath; Peggy Mowery; Karl "Swede" Mundell; Judy Jackson and Dan Pesonen as associate members.



Adopt-a-Highway

We had a great group gathered in May to do the Spring highway clean-up. Thanks to Perry, Frank, Phyllis, Jeff, Peter, Kim, Anna, Jim, Cris, Lauren, Jim, and Lynell for all your help.

Spring Gardening and Bench

Karna Stock and Phyllis Skadahl have been out freshening up the Messiah gardens in the past few weeks. Doug Stock has assembled the bench that was made from recycled plastic through the Mankato Zero Waste Project.



Thank You from the Quilters

The Messiah Quilters would like to extend a great big thank you to everyone who expressed their appreciation for the work that we do with this ministry. Our quilts usually go to Lutheran World Relief and to local area shelters. This year we decided to sell some of quilts to the congregation in order to raise funds for supplies, so we also want to thank everyone who donated money for this special quilt sale. Your generous donations will help us purchase batting and other supplies for this ongoing ministry.



KIND Bar Deliveries

Enough KIND bars were donated to shower all the North Mankato schools with a snack basket in appreciation for all they do. A special thank you to all those that donated to this school outreach program. It was a great success and school staff were very thankful.



CHURCH COUNCIL

May Meeting Highlights

- The council approved the April financials—our total income was \$28,842 and expenses were \$27,317 resulting in income over expenses of \$1,524. Year-to-date expenses are over income by \$9,138. The Messiah Council encourages members to note the current financial picture for the church, with YTD expenses outpacing income. We have had some increased expenses that are a part of “returning to normal” and everyone is aware of inflationary issues. Members of the council want to thank you for your ongoing giving to this ministry, and to encourage your ongoing or additional gifts.
 - It was approved to sell the basketball hoop since it is no longer used and to look into purchasing a new dishwasher as one is no longer works.
 - Sunday School came to a successful close, and having a staff member devote some paid hours to organizing and coordinating has been a VERY big help this year—a big thank you to Amy Malvin for the work that she does!
 - The 50th Anniversary planning is well under way. Anyone interested in joining another planning session is welcome. Let the office know if you are interested in helping with things on the day of July 31st.
 - Great conversation regarding the 2020 Roadmap and having it updated. Anyone that would like to join in the conversation about updates to the Roadmap, please join us on June 14th at 6:00 pm. Please let the office know if you are interested in coming as we are planning on a pizza supper.
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Ways to Give Online

How to give online:

1. Scan this QR code:



2. Visit our website at messiahnorthmankato.com

- > Click on “OFFERING” on the homepage, 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 account

Know your gift is appreciated and helps support the ministry of Messiah.

COVID-19 Update

There are no recommendations for masking or social distancing being implemented at this time.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	2 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 10:00 am Monarch Meadows Worship 5:00 pm Bible Study	3	4 10:00 am Visitation 11:00 am Funeral for Dolores Sywerson
5 Communion 8:30 am Indoor Worship (FB also) 10:00 am Outdoor Worship (band)	6 9:00 am SAIL Group	7 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting	8 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	9 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Anti-Racism Team	10	11
12 Communion 8:30 am Indoor Worship (FB also) 10:00 am Outdoor Worship (band)	13 9:00 am SAIL Group 2:00 Life Long Learners 6:30 pm 4H Meeting	14 11:00 Private Meeting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Roadmap Meeting	15 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	16 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study	17	18
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26 Communion 8:30 am Indoor Worship (FB also) 10:00 am Outdoor Worship (band)	27 9:00 am SAIL Group	28 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Life Long Learners	29 9:00 am SEE Bible Study	30 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>You are welcome to join a bible study anytime!</p> </div>	



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“Sharing the Love of Jesus...”

Please Pray For...

In our thoughts and prayers: Ben K, Craig V, Dave C, Earl W, Judy F, Milt H, Sharen O, Dan and family, Millie, Arthur, Suzanne, Tom, Pam, Jerry, Bob G, Lois S, Jordon, Wanda, Sally M, Gary K, Axel

Those who serve our country: Dan P, Derek M, Carley, Alex

Prayers of Sympathy to Steve and Trish Reedstrom and their family on the death of their niece, Jessica Reedstrom.

Prayers of Sympathy to Loren Lindsay on the death of his special friend, Glenna Loe.

Prayers of Sympathy to Archie and Kay Kendall on the death of Archie’s sister, Sandra Hall.

Prayers of Sympathy to Dave and Mary Borth on the death of his mother, Jeanette Borth.

Prayers of Sympathy to the family and friends of Dolores Syverson on her death.

God’s Blessings for Sam Jensen on her Baptism. Her sponsors are Kurt and Tanya Schull & Amy Soost.



June Worship Participants

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

June	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
6/5	Usher: Jeremy Soost & Greg Guyer Reader: Amy Soost	Nate Brekke & Frank Steichen Lisa Benson
6/12	Usher: Jeremy Soost & Greg Guyer Reader: Renee Guyer	Nate Brekke & Frank Steichen Marlene Buker
6/19	Usher: Ron Leiferman & Steve Lenz Reader: Greg Suskovic	Steve Carlberg & Cory Merrill Lily Pipes
6/26	Usher: Ron Leiferman & Steve Lenz Reader: Diane Halvorson	Steve Carlberg & Cory Merrill Shawna Merrill

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 am—Indoor Worship

10:00 am—Outdoor Worship

Congratulations to all the 2022 Graduates

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

Full Name: Arthur Michael Hanson

Parents: Mike and Victoria Hanson

Siblings: Gwen

Favorite Class: Anatomy

High School Activities: basketball and golf

Favorite TV Show: Curious George

Favorite Movie: Fantastic Mr. Fox

Favorite Song: N/A

Who is your hero?: myself

Describe yourself with 3 words: positive, funny, determined

Future plans: Pre-med at Carleton



Full Name: Collin William Lemke

Parents: Randy and Rosie Peterson

Siblings: Jake, Sierra, Caleb, Izzy, Jared

Favorite Class: Auto

High School Activities: BMX

Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory

Favorite Movie: Cars

Favorite Song: You Proof by Morgan Wallen

Who is your hero?: my teachers

Describe yourself with 3 words: fun, happy, positive

Future plans: South Central College—Agricultural Service Technician



Full Name: Katelyn Nicole Parker

Parents: Jen and Brian Parker

Siblings: Matthew and Jaxson

Favorite Class: Graphic Art

High School Activities: N/A

Favorite TV Show: Steven Universe

Favorite Movie: Big Hero Six

Favorite Song: Problems by Mother Mother

Who is your hero?: my mom

Describe yourself with 3 words: creative, funny, lazy

Future plans: Bethany Lutheran College



Congratulations to all the 2022 Graduates

Full Name: Caleb Marvin Peterson
Parents: Randy and Rosie Peterson & Christina Peterson
Siblings: Sierra, Izzy, Collin, Eli and Jared
Favorite Class: Advanced Welding
High School Activities: FFA, baseball, football
Favorite TV Show: Hawaii Five-O
Favorite Movie: Fast and Furious series
Favorite Song: any song by Alan Jackson
Who is your hero?: grandpa
Describe yourself with 3 words: loyal, caring, thoughtful
Future plans: Construction



Full Name: Grant Richard Pribyl
Parents: Jeff Pribyl and Karen Wright
Siblings: Blake
Favorite Class: Art
High School Activities: 4-H and North Star Lily Society board member
Favorite TV Show: Storm Chasers
Favorite Movie: March of the Penguins
Favorite Song: The River by Jordan Feliz
Who is your hero?: N/A
Describe yourself with 3 words: smart, driven, nice
Future plans: Minnesota State University, Mankato—Major in Geology



Full Name: Kylee Anne Sanow
Parents: Mark and Jacque Sanow
Siblings: Cole
Favorite Class: Art
High School Activities: Band, Knowledge Bowl, Honor Society, and Sunday School teacher
Favorite TV Show: 9-1-1 Lone Star
Favorite Movie: Avatar
Favorite Song: The Band Camino
Who is your hero?: Josephine Baker
Describe yourself with 3 words: artsy, helpful, caring
Future plans: St. Catherine University—Major in English



Graduates not pictured: Blake Como, Emily Landgraff, Hayden Maxwell, Erik Pearson, Braeden Steiert