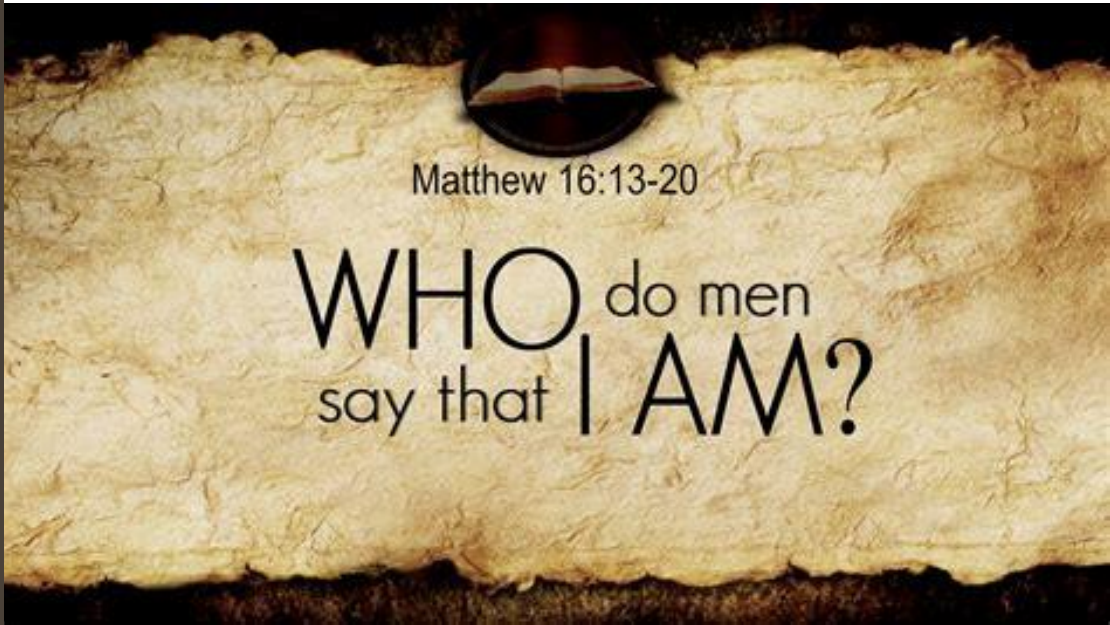


AUGUST 20, 2023



13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*PREACHING AND TEACHING THE TRUTH TO HIS EXPANDING KINGDOM,
REACHING OUT TO ALL!!*

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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13th Sunday After Pentecost

(August 27, 2023)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.

Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

907 God Himself Is Present

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*)

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
(Luke 18:13)

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.**

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

But we will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

204

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47***

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14; John 1:29

204

**C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

3 For You alone are holy;

**You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse

205

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31***

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you

say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.] (Us men means all people)

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

645 Built on the Rock

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4

Sit

Offering

A basket is located outside of the sanctuary doors. Envelopes are available if you would like one.

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.

Stand

Preface 2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving

Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LSB 208

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

[The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

The Words of Our Lord

Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

LSB 210

C **1** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

628 Your Table I Approach

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644 The Church's One Foundation

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211

C **1** O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,

**For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

...

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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The Week of August 27, 2023

Preacher: Rev. Michael Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Marilyn Smith

Acolytes: **Wed:** Zoie Magner **Sun:** Cal Diedrich

Elders: Don Olbert, John McDowell

Ushers: Neal Kaspar, Doug Haynes, Jack Messenger, Jeremy Skoog

Greeters: Cyndi Haynes

Calendar for the Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	9:30am	3rd Grade Bible Presentation
	10:30am	Confirmation Meeting- Sanctuary
	10:30am	Bible Study
Monday	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting- MPR
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies- FH
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting- Library
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	6:00pm	Church, Communion
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK
OF August 27, 2023

Sunday College Dinners- Messiah will be providing dinner for **CMU students** at the **Christ Center**. There will be a variety of dates throughout the school year. **October 1st** will be our first service opportunity! We need **6-10 volunteers** to work onsite as well as plenty of donations for food. Cash donations for supplies are **appreciated** as well. **Please see the sign-up sheet in the church narthex** or speak with **DCE Jonathan**.
Need a job?

Four Winds Coffee and Tea, is looking for a barista. If you are in need of a part time job, please contact **Will Kuhlman** (who happens to be a Messiah preschool dad this year) at **christcentergrandjunction@gmail.com** or stop by **1235 Bookcliff Ave.**

Reminder- School is back in session. There is **no** parking in the south parking lot. Please feel free to park in the east parking lot. **Thank you!**

3rd Grade Bible Presentation- Every 3rd grader, public school, or Messiah, receives a Bible from the Sunday School Board. They will receive one during the **church service today**.

Attention Confirmation Students and Parents- Please plan to attend an information meeting **today at 10:30am**. We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. You will receive information regarding the **2023/2024** school year confirmation classes. Please contact **DCE Jonathan** dce@mlgj.org with any questions.

GIVING – No one has ever become poor by giving. **Giving liberates the soul of the giver**, you never walk away feeling bad. Not only does it **generate good feelings**, but it also **generates contentment**.

Sunday School- Messiah Lutheran Church **will begin Sunday School** for the 2023/2024 school year on Sunday, **September 10th!** All children in **6th grade and younger are invited**. Mark your calendars! We'll have an **ice cream social** on Sunday, **September 17th at 10:30am** during Sunday School hour. What a great way to start off the year! We are always looking for additional volunteers. Please contact DCE Jonathan if you would like to **serve God's children by leading Sunday School**.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes- Don't forget to **take advantage** of back-to-school sales for your box! Boxes and more information will be coming in October.

Substitute Teachers- Messiah Lutheran School needs subs for **all grades**. If you are interested, please contact the **office**.

Preschool Need- We need donations to make the **Preschool snack program** successful for the 23/24 school year. We provide snacks every day for **20 students**. We would love either monetary donations of any amount or sealed shelf stable items (i.e., **goldfish crackers, granola bars, apple juice, etc.**) If there is a snack product you could help us with, please let us know or **drop it off at the school**. Any donation is appreciated. **Thank you!**

Latte Challenge- to save the **Siberian Lutheran Seminary**. The Rocky Mountain District voted to donate **\$150,000** to this cause. Messiah's goal is **\$7,760** which is **\$12.50 per member**. Hence the Latte Challenge. Give up **3 lattes** and **donate** to this cause. <https://youtube/hZ29tCnEMzQ> is a link to a video on the Siberian Lutheran Seminary. **As of June 30th, \$1783.00 has been donated!**

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 8/16/2023 – 8/22//2023

Weekly Donations \$16,023.35

Weekly Need \$21,278.00

Month to Date \$86,746.70

Monthly Need \$85,110.00

Perseverance Bible Study- Commences on Saturday, **Sep. 9th** from **9am-11am** in the **Multi-Purpose Room**. This will be held every Sat. through Nov. 18th. Come learn **“Nehemiah Battle Plan- Praying through Life’s Challenges!”** (Coffee will be provided) For questions or more info contact **Beth Weber, 970-361-0794** (text), or email weber4342@gmail.com.

Adult Messiah Choir- If you like to SING and **SING FOR GOD**, Messiah Choir is the place for YOU! Our rehearsals begin Tuesday, **September 12th** from **7pm-8pm**. We meet on the **upstairs balcony**. We will sing God’s Praises for Worship Services on the **2nd Sunday of each month** and for special celebration seasons. **Contact Dona Ramsey** at the Church if you have questions.

Thrivent Choice Dollars- Thrivent members, do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars to the Church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have 2 easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling **800-847-4836**.

3 Donation Programs to benefit Messiah- are Scrip/Raise Right, City Market/Kroger & Office Depot/Office Max. Please see the July Newsletter for instructions on how to sign up. If you need additional assistance, or have questions email Lisa Moore at lisa42ann@yahoo.com

Messiah’s Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at **8:30am – 9:00am** on radio station **1100AM/KNZZ**. It is followed by **The Lutheran Hour** at **9:00am**. If you would like to be a sponsor for our radio ministry, contact the church office, **970-245-2838**

LWML Mites- Mite boxes are used for the collection of money for missions. 25% of the mite offering is sent to **International LMWL** for mission projects. Mite Money is used to further **God’s Kingdom** through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and international conventions. **Place your mite box** wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. There is also a mite box **located in the Narthex** if you would like to donate that way. You **mite** want to give your mite box to family members and friends.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Message- All assets within your estate are God’s gifts which you will be gifting to family and ministry when the Lord calls you home. It is good to learn how to pray for those who will be receiving these gifts. Aiming gifts at people or ministries with whom the Lord has engaged you regularly in life is the opportunity to make this gifting personal. If there has been a specific ministry for which you have volunteered, make a gift. If there is a specific family member who has special needs, make a gift. Then remember to pray for these specific things, thanking God for your involvement with them. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you articulate these purposes. **Contact Jason Jones** at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

The Board of Stewardship- You work way too hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money and that starts with a **Financial Peace University** class. This is a nine-week course that will start on **September 7, 2023**, and meets every Thursday at **6 pm**. You can sign up any time, at fpu.com/1162290. If you have any questions, you can email **Lisa Moore** at lisa42ann@yahoo.com

PRAYER REQUESTS– *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@gmail.com

Messiah’s Prayer List

Continued health and healing for Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Dick & Lucy Clemmer, Stephen Hildebrand, Corrine Johnson, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Illona Rennels, Dorothy Reimers, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Wade Schultz, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, and Romaine Webb. *Ken, Shane, Duane.*

Fighting serious diseases for Elmer Ackermann, Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Dick Crinklaw, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Pamela Hensley, Corrine Johnson, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, and Diana Walche,

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Carrie Lamgo, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Tom Moore, Walter Netzke, Leland Ottman, Amy Poulin, Loretta Siilata, Ted Skogen, and Sue Stepanek.

Home Hospice Care:

Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Brian Carbone, Madison Lozano, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Nicholas Powell, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, & Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty and staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School youth

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students especially here at CMU.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Darrel & Darlene Clark (69)

Jack & Linda Messenger (42)

Scott & Lisa Mauser (26)

Trenton & Jamie Soriano (4)

Marty & Richie Ashcraft (18)

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