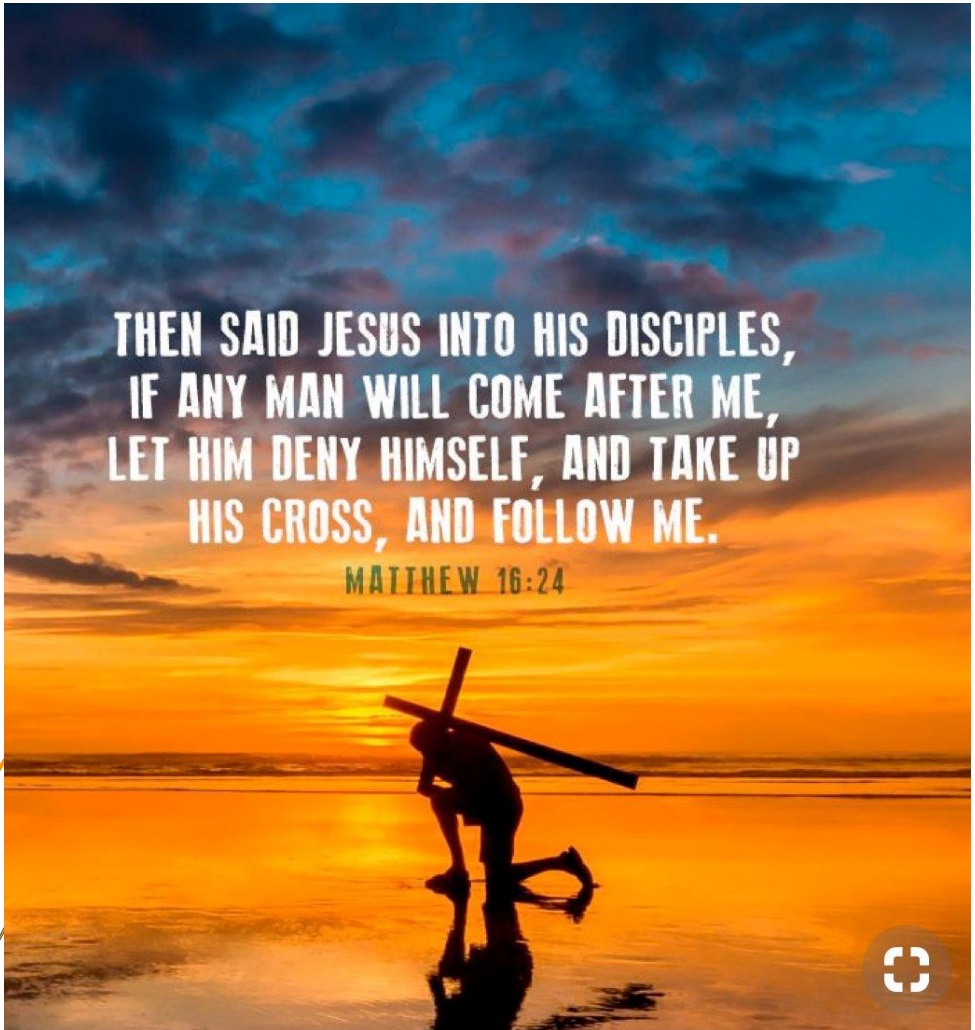


# 13th Sunday After Pentecost

8/20/2023

THEN SAID JESUS INTO HIS DISCIPLES,  
IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME,  
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP  
HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.

MATTHEW 16:24



*Preaching and teaching the truth to His  
expanding kingdom, reaching out to all!!*

# The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah

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The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
September 3, 2023  
Labor Day Weekend

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

**722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

*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.

C **Amen.**

**Exhortation**

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [*Hebrews 10:22*]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be- ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]**

**P** **Glory be to God on high:  
C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke  
2:14; John 1:29]**

**P** **The Lord be with you.**

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** **Let us pray.**

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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**

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.  
<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.  
<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.  
<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.  
<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.]*

### Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Kids' Time**

**426 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Sermon**



**Votum**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]**

*LSB 192*

**C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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

**Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]**

**Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]**

*196*

**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.]*

**Salutation**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A Bless we the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]**

*LSB 202*

**P The Lord bless you and keep you.**

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

*[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]*

**Closing Hymn: *This Is My Father's World* See Insert**

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## **The Week of September 3, 2023**

**Preacher:** Rev. Michael Redeker

**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson

**Organist:** Richard Scott

**Acolytes:** Ken Dimmick

**Elders:** Gary Anderson

**Ushers:** Dennis Phillips, Dean Hollatz, John O'Conner, Tom Moore

**Greeters:** Karen Mead

### **Calendar for the Week of September 3, 2023**

**Sunday**      9:00am      **Sunday Worship, Facebook Live**  
                  10:30am      **Bible Study**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**      7:00am      **Men's Bible Study**  
                  9:00am      **Quilt Ladies- FH**  
                  9:30am      **Office Staff Meeting- Library**  
                  5:30pm      **Yard Sale Thank You Party- GYM**  
                  7:00pm      **Compassionate Friends- FH**  
                  7:00pm      **Elders Meeting- Library**

**Wednesday**      8:30am      **Chapel**  
                  9:00am      **Bible Study- FH**  
                  12:00pm      **Parochial Ed. Meeting- Library**  
                  6:00pm      **Church**

**Thursday**      10:30am      **Evangelism Meeting- Library**  
                  6:30pm      **Bible Study- Zoom**  
                  6:30pm      **Handbells**

**Friday**

**Saturday**      9:00am      **Perseverance Bible Study- MPR**

**Sunday**      9:00am      **Sunday Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**  
                  10:30am      **Bible Study**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 3, 2023

**All Yard Sale Volunteers-** Please come to the **2nd Annual** Yard Sale Thank You Pizza and Dessert Smorgasbord Party in the **GYM** on Tuesday, **September 5th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.**

**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 use the **QR code** in the Narthex to sign up online or speak with **DCE Jonathan.** Onsite volunteers will be needed for about **5 hours, 3pm - 8pm** on **October 1st.** Food donations will be for about **80-100 students.** (You don't have to provide all the food. Group effort will reach the goal.) Non-perishable food is requested to be dropped off by the **Sunday** before the event, **September 24th.** ALREADY BAKED potatoes are requested to be dropped off at **Church by 3pm on October 1st.**

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

**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 Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, \$1,933.00 has been donated!**

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

**INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: 8/23/2023 – 8/29//2023**

**Weekly Donations \$12,859.99**

**Weekly Need \$21,278.00**

**Month to Date \$99,606.69**

**Monthly Need \$85,110.00**

**The Rocky Mountain District Conference in Breckenridge- is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Redeker and Principal Kaspar will be attending Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The Teachers & DCE Jonathan will attend October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a **non-budgeted** event; therefore, we will need **\$3,950** of donations during **September**. This includes hotels, registration, 2 dinners, and 2 lunches. You may donate through **your offering envelopes** or **bring them to the office**. Thank you! **Messiah staff**.**

**Perseverance Bible Study-** Commences on Saturday, **Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>** from **9am-11am** in the **Multi-Purpose Room**. This will be held every Sat. through Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:weber4342@gmail.com).

**LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Message-** Life is full of starts and stops, but the Lord looks at all our lives in one grand design. Our estate plans dwell in this grand design vision, instead of focusing only on the moment. You want to bless your family, maybe children and grandchildren. Yet you wonder if putting a plan together today will capture their needs in the future. What if more grandchildren are born? Your plan needs to be broad enough to allow for that grand design. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider your gifting wishes. Contact **Jason Jones** at [Jason.Jones@lfn.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfn.org) or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

**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**.

**MESSIAH CHURCH FAMILY** - We are excited to welcome back **82 students** and their families for another year of learning and growing! Thank you for being a constant support to our students and staff with your prayers. We would love for **EACH FAMILY** that attends Messiah to partner with us again this year and join us in our efforts of training these children in the way that they should go, according to the Lord.

**Are you able to help us and be a Prayer Partner this year?** Make sure you look to see all the children’s faces on the **Narthex wall**. Take one or two, and PLEASE remember to **sign your name** next to theirs on their class list!

**We are thrilled to offer** our LUNCH BUNCH program again this year! If you are a Prayer Partner to **K-8<sup>th</sup> graders**, you WILL BE invited to come eat lunch with the children **once a month**, at our “Prayer Partner Lunch Bunch.” Our first LUNCH BUNCH will be **Fri. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Fellowship Hall**. The theme is **favorite sports team**. The children LOVE getting to know you!!! All you need to do is bring your own lunch or order Hot Lunch, come and sit with your Prayer Partner and chat with them. What wonderful examples you can be to our children! We thank you for supporting all of us and our students. May God bless you each richly as you prayerfully consider joining us as a Prayer Partner this school year!

**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](mailto:lisa42ann@yahoo.com)

**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](https://fpu.com/1162290). If you have any questions, you can email **Lisa Moore** at [lisa42ann@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa42ann@yahoo.com)

**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](https://www.thrivent.com) or by calling **800-847-4836**.

**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](mailto: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:**

*Phillip & Jennifer Wegner (42)*

*Jim & Marsha Brodak (54)*

*Bill & Cynthia Rockwood (37)*

*Tom & Barbara Moore (65)*

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