



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION



School's In Session: Subject Matter? Us!

Psalm 34:11

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

August 18, 2024

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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**The 13th Sunday After Pentecost
(August 18, 2024)**

Sharing of Christ's Peace

Confession and Absolution

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 as you are able

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

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And a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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

Holy Baptism

Samuel Trent Blackwood; birthday: July 26, 2000

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?

R [Name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Name/s according to Your boundless mercy and bless him/her/them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him/her/them, which has been inherited from Adam and which s/he has; they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that s/he; they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, s/he; they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C 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 pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord's Prayer

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.

If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.

Processional Hymn

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth
 and even T forevermore.
C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

Name/s, do you renounce the devil?
R Yes, I renounce him.
P Do you renounce all his works?
R Yes, I renounce them.
P Do you renounce all his ways?
R Yes, I renounce them.

The Apostles' 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)

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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 everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you *members* of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *heirs* with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our *brother and sisters* in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *[Name/s]* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made *[him/her/them]* *[a member / members]* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *[an heir / heirs]* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *[he/she/they]* *[has/have]* now become Your *[child/children]*, You would keep *[him/her/them]* in *[his/her/their]* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *[he/she/they]* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**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.**

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Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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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]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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 steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

Kids' Time

696 O God, My Faithful God

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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.

Installation of Congregational Officers

Term Ending June 2025

Carl Boydston
Mark Ritterbush
Victor Lazano

Term Ending June 2026

Bob Mayer
Ruth Kinnett
Brandon Lampe

Term Ending June 2027

Marlena Diedrich
Kathy Hollatz
Korrey Klein

Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Each officer is named individually according to his or her respective office.

P [Name] has been [elected/appointed] to serve as [title of position].

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at *[name of congregation]*. You are to work with the pastor(s), that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of *[name of congregation]*. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

The pastor addresses the officers-elect:

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of [name of congregation] in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

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

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.

Preface

LSB 194

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And with thy spirit.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (Full)

- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 195

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

[Matthew 26:26-38; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25]

Pax Domini [Latin for Peace of the Lord; John 20:19] *LSB 197*

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

Agnus Dei [John 1:29]

LSB 198

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**
have mercy upon us.

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Sit

Distribution

811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

862 Oh, Blest the House

Stand as you are able

Nunc Dimittis: [Latin for Now Dismiss—Song of Simeon; Luke 2:29-32]

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.

Thanksgiving [Psalm 107:1]

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

...

C **Amen.**

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]

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Richard Scott
Acolytes: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Elders: Gary Anderson, Ray Seeley
Ushers: Dave Gruner, Daniel Bonnell
John McDowell, Dennis Phillips
Greeters: Donna Burns, NEED VOLUNTEERS

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
admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org

Messiah's Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *John Feliciano, Carol Haller*, Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Tom Moore*, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, *Gary*.

Fighting serious diseases: Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, Diana Walcher.

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, *Arthur Kluegel*, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers*, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke*.

Home Hospice Care: Arlene Ottman
Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff
Messiah Lutheran Church/School

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students.*

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

Celebrating Birthdays:

8/18- *Anastasia Resz*,

8/19- *Dale Ryden*

8/20- *Anna Bonnell, Luke Lampitt*

8/21- *Shirley Lewis*

8/24- *Carolyn Baker*

Wedding Anniversaries:

Matt & Kasi Bonnell (6)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of August 18, 2024

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Rally Day**

Monday

Tuesday 9:00am **Quilt ladies- FH**
 7:00pm **Lydia Circle- Library**

Wednesday 6:00pm **Church**

Thursday 6:00pm **Back to School Night**

Friday

Saturday

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

Prayer Partners- Is Now “Partners in Prayer” or PIPs for short! We are looking forward to beginning PIPs in September. Pictures will be posted in the Narthex by next Sunday of all the students. If you already know who you would like, be sure to let the office know as soon as possible. Once pictures are up, there will be a **signup sheet** in the Narthex.

If you are not familiar with the program, students are chosen by congregation members to pray for throughout the year. PIPs also have lunch together one Friday a month called **Lunch Bunch**. If you know you can't attend lunch, choose a preschooler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 18, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Aug. 8th thru Aug. 13th

Weekly Donations \$24,313.36 Month to Date \$69,707.55

Weekly Need \$23,540.00 Monthly Need \$94,160.00

Did You Graduate from High School? - If so, then you are qualified to help as a **substitute in our school**. We would love to have a long list of folks who are willing to help when needed. We will **provide clear instructions** and be here to **support you** the whole time. You can specify which days and times you are available, and which grades you are comfortable working with. We need **substitutes during the school day** and

for **extended day care from 3-6 PM.** Let the office know that you are interested, and **Mrs. Eberhard** will get in touch to talk about the details.

Kids Connection- Resumes **TODAY** with **RALLY DAY!!!** We have a **Block Party Trailer** with lots of games, some snacks and information about ALL the upcoming Bible studies: Kids Connection, Battle Ready, Men's Bible studies, Women's Bible studies, Sipping and Searching, Bible studies throughout the week, online, in person. Come join us **after worship TODAY** to find out which Bible study you might like to join.

Meat the Freshmen- Thursday, **August 22nd** from **5pm to 7pm** on the **CMU campus**. This is a free dinner for **all CMU students**. If you are a CMU student or know a CMU student, please spread the word. **CHURCH MEMBERS:** volunteers are needed to help serve. Most of the food has been coordinated already, however, you can still make a donation to help offset other costs. Please contact **DCE Jonathan** dce@mlgj.org with donation money or to volunteer.

Messiah's Annual Family Camp- Calling all adventures!! Come join us at **Twin Peaks Bible Camp** on the **Grand Mesa** outside of Collbran. This year we have a later weekend, **Aug. 23-25**. If you are a family of one or ten and your idea of an adventure is to curl up under a tree with a good book, go on a hike, or play games, then you need to join us! **Other activities include** archery, fishing, volleyball, tetherball, mini golf, visiting, puzzles, and more! A **sign-up sheet** is near the **west doors**. It costs **\$40/person**, which includes all meals. Questions? Call **Karen Skoog @ (970) 242-2986** and leave a message.

Alter Flowers- In Memory of Dan Smith.

LWML Fall Rally- All Ladies are invited to the Sat. **September 14th, 8:30am -2pm @ Messiah**. Breakfast, Fellowship, Singing, Devotions, Bible Study & Lunch. **Registration \$5.00**.

Luke 2 Shirts- Christmas is right around the corner. **We want to be prepared to start conversations about Jesus** during the month of December (and anytime). **We will be taking orders** for Luke 2 shirts after church during **August and part of September**. The shirts will arrive by the end of **November**. **DCE Jonathan and Arliss Bridget** were in a Zoom meeting with the Luke2Project. They heard a story about Duane Danner. He has a terminal disease. Doctors have turned his life over to Jesus. There is nothing more the doctors can do. But Duane isn't leaving this world without proclaiming the Gospel as much as he can. When someone comes up to him and says, "I love your shirt," he replies with "So you love it... would you wear it?" Duane carries Luke2 shirts in his trunk so that he may give away a shirt to anyone who would like one. It's called the **Danner Dozen**. (Even though he may have more than a dozen shirts in his car.) Would you be willing to join the **Danner Dozen team?** Reality is a dozen shirts are a lot of money. Would you be willing to buy even **one or two extras?** Or would you be willing to donate a few extra dollars to Messiah to have a stack of shirts available? Please see **DCE Jonathan** or one of the **youths after worship** to place your order. **Arliss Bridget** is going to be making the rounds to other churches to spread the word about Luke 2. Keep watch for Luke 24 The Easter Story in the spring.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Working through the Gift Planning process offers a solution for today's snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. Certain times such as retirement, when financial assets are often reallocated, or the passing of the first spouse, when accounts are renamed into the name of the surviving spouse, it is crucial to make sure that these actions line up with the plan you have put in place before. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can assist. Contact **Jason Jones** at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

Battle Ready - with new group names! Battle Ready will resume on **September 9th** for **Modules** and **September 10th** for **World Religion & Denominations**. **Please note the new names!** 7th/8th grade Battle Ready is now called **Modules**. 9th/10th grade Battle Ready is now **World Religion & Denominations**. 5th/6th grade will be called **Red Catechism**. All under the category of *Battle Ready!* Each segment must be completed before moving on to the next, e.g., 7th graders who haven't finished memory work or 9th graders who haven't completed all the modules will need to complete their current work before moving on to the next section.

Modules & World Religion/Denomination students, keep up on your Bible readings every day until we get together again. For each chapter you read, write a sentence or question you have. **Red Catechism students**, keep up with your memory work. This year's 7th graders need to have memory finished in order to start Modules. **Battle Ready students and families**, keep watch for an email from **DCE Jonathan** with a "**progress report**". This will help you know what make-up work needs to be done and what projects are coming up.

Sunday Dinners at Four Winds Coffee Shop- The fall semester at CMU is quickly approaching. Four Winds Coffee Shop at the **corner of 12th and Bookcliff** needs **churches to volunteer** to serve dinner to college students. The dinner is free. Four Winds provides the drinks, plates and utensils. Churches provide food and volunteers. Last year, Messiah provided two dinners in the fall and two more in the spring. We need **a point person** to coordinate the food (not make it but put a list of needs together for others to donate), people to help serve the night of the dinner and people to mingle with the students. Last year, we had about four volunteers each time. **It would be great to increase that to six**, so we have volunteers available to mingle with the college students, get to know them, ask them if they have any prayer requests and generally make them feel at home in Grand Junction. **Are you able to volunteer for one of these dinners?** Contact **DCE Jonathan** with questions. Dinners begin **August 25th** and go through **December 8th** (taking November 24th off). **Which two dinners should Messiah provide in the Fall semester?**

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**