

September 8, 2024

Low Morale? In What Do You Put Your Trust?

Psalm 146:5



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

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The 16th Sunday After Pentecost (September 8, 2024)

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)

797 Praise the Almighty

sts. 1–2

1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Holy Baptism

Sunday: Eden Sylvanna Nesbit: born August 4, 2024

Parents: Denae & Carl Nesbit

Wednesday Evening: Michael Shane Dorr; born February 11, 1970

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.”

(Serves as Confession & Absolution)

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.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism.

They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve [name of candidate(s)] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[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 Creational 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 T 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 Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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

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

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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the

world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

Mark 7:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.”

³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Kids' Time

749 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Sermon Low Morale? In What Do You Put Your Trust?

Stand

Psalm 146:5

786 Lord of All Good

sts. 1–2

- 1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
 Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
 Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
 That our whole life is offered to Your will.
- 2 We give our minds to understand Your ways;
 Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
 Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—
 Thus for Your glory all our pow’rs combine.

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Prayer of the Church 1Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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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

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

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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 give you peace.

C **Amen.**

797 Praise the Almighty

sts. 3-5

3 Blessèd, oh, blessed are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

D 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

DCE: Jonathan Peterson

Organist: Marlyn Smith

Acolytes: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Elders: Ray Seeley, John O'Connor

Ushers: Josh Ammon, Scott Mauser

Wade Schultz, Bill Buxman

Greeters: Katy Buxman 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: John Anderson

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

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff

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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:

9th - *Craig Wegner*

10th - *Betty Colvin*

11th - *Linda Romersberger, Carl Lampitt, Petra Lampe*

12th - *Ray Seeley*

13th - *Cody Pina*

14th - *Shawn Cox, Walter Milburn*

Wedding Anniversaries:

Tom & Barbara Moore (66)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of September 8, 2024

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study
	10:30am	Young Adult Bible Study- MPR
	10:30am	Battle Ready Modules- Library
	6:00pm	Sipping/Search- 2478 Patterson Rd #14
Monday	6:00pm	Battle Ready World Religion- Library
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study- FH
	9:00am	Quilt ladies- FH
	6:00pm	Elders Meeting- FH
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study- FH
	6:00pm	Church, Communion
Thursday	5:00pm	V-Ball Game- Life Academy
	6:15pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Bible Study- Zoom
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Friday		
Saturday	8:30am	LWML Fall Rally- FH
	2:00pm	Celebration of Life Sally Mauser- FH
Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study
	10:30am	Young Adult Bible Study- MPR
	10:30am	Battle Ready Modules- Library
	12:30pm	Church Council- FH

6:00pm

Sipping/Searchng- 2478 Patterson Rd #14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 8, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Aug. 29th thru Sept. 4th

Weekly Donations \$18,812.91 Month to Date \$18,812.91

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

Prayer Partners- Is Now “Partners in Prayer” or PIPs for short! We are looking forward to beginning PIPs in September. Pictures are posted in the Narthex TODAY of all the students. There are **signup sheets** in the Narthex. **PLEASE SIGN FOR THE STUDENT YOU TAKE!** 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, please choose a preschooler.

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 are taking orders** for Luke 2 shirts after church. There are **two weeks left to get your Luke2 shirts!** The shirts will arrive by the end of **November**. 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.

LWML Fall Rally- All Ladies are invited to the Rally Sat. **September 14th, 8:30am -1pm @ Messiah**. Breakfast, Fellowship, Singing, Devotions, Bible Study & Lunch. **Registration \$5.00**.

You're cordially Invited- To the celebration of life of **Sally E. Mauser**, on Saturday, **Sept. 14th** in the **Fellowship Hall** from **2pm-4pm**. Finger foods, fellowship, and memories.

Through the years Don and Jan Wilke and Homestyle Bakery have been generous donors to almost any event where food was involved here at Messiah: Easter breakfast biscuits, fruit plates, etc.; Sunday morning doughnuts; ingredients, time and talent making pizzas with senior youth; Lutheran Schools Week Doughnut Day; bread bowls, buns for chili suppers; to name a few. A big **THANK YOU** to you both! **May God bless and keep you in your retirement.**

Missing some of your dishes or pans? Check downstairs in the kitchen... There are many unclaimed items waiting to go home!

The Women's Bible study- "Leaning on Jesus, A study of God's Strength" by Deb Burma will start on Saturday, **September 21 at 9am** in the **multi-purpose room**. This study promises to enrich our spiritual lives as we learn to lean on the power of Jesus! **Don't miss this spiritual adventure!** The Bible study books are available to order online from **Concordia Publishing House** at cph.org. **Thank you, Mary Redecker.**

Sunday Dinners at Four Winds Coffee Shop – WE HAVE OUR DATES! Sunday, **September 15** and Sunday, **December 8**. The first date is coming up fast, and we still need a **point person**. It can be a different person for each date. The point person coordinates the food (**not makes it but puts a list of needs together for others to donate**), and the volunteers that will serve the dinner and mingle with the students. We also need those volunteers (**at least 6**) just mentioned. Please be willing to get involved in this much needed blessing to college students. Want to help? Contact **DCE Jonathan** to volunteer or with questions.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- The gift planning process of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication. Ideally, if you have children, you will share your plans with them, both for use of inheritance as well as your heart for creating a ministry gift. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can give you the material to facilitate these conversations, or sometimes, even facilitate the conversation. Contact **Jason Jones** at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

Thrivent- We need **names of people** willing to use their **Thrivent accounts** to apply for start-up money for a variety of events at the **church and school**. The money we receive comes from Thrivent, not your account. The office will assist you with this process. Thank you.

Rib City BBQ & Ribs- Earn while you eat! Rib City **donates 5% of your food bill**, at all three locations, all year long! Ask your server about **Show Us Your Colors**. They will stamp your receipt. Bring that receipt to the **office**, & Messiah gets 5%!

Raise Right- Physical or digital gift cards that you may use or give to someone else. This is an **ongoing fundraiser that benefits the church and school**. The company donates a portion of the purchase. See the booth in the Narthex, speak with **Lisa Moore or DCE Jonathan** or visit <https://www.raiseright.com/>, click on sign up and enter code **59FDEBF565842**.

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**