



**HE IS RISEN
WHEN JESUS CONQUERED DEATH**

Remember Who Has The Keys

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

April 27, 2025

**The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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**The 2nd Sunday of Easter
(April 27, 2025)**

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.

Offerings: Offering bags are located on either side of the back pews. You can also use the QR code.

Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

203

- 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 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**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.**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may
grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids’ Time

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. 1, 4–5, 7, 9

**1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon Remember Who Has the Keys

Revelation 1:17-18

Stand

Offering

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478 The Day of Resurrection

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

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

Sit

Service of the Sacrament

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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.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.**

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Sit

Distribution

482 This Joyful Eastertide

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487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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629 What Is This Bread

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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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker

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Elders: Curtis Peterson, Don Olberd

Ushers: Matt Powell, Dean Hollatz

Jay Johnson, Korrey Klein

Greeters: Eileen Johnson

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, *Linda Currey, John Feliciano, Carol Haller,* Stephen Hildebrand, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Tom Moore,* Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, *Bill & Deborah Stacy,* 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, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers,* Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke.*

Home Hospice Care:

Called Home: Doug Johnson

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

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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:

30- Adryanna Altenbern

1-Morgan Pina, Heather Anderson

1- Amy Riese, Kathleen Michels

2- Alana Klein

Wedding Anniversaries:

John & Avis Kroft (67)

Wade & Crystal Schultz (18)

Mark & Barbara Monett (42)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of **April 27, 2025**

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- Computer Lab**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

Monday 5:30pm **Battle Ready WR/DD- Library**
 6:00pm **Adult Information Class- FH**

Tuesday 7:00am **Men's Bible Study- FH**
9:00am **Quilt Ladies- FH**
 6:15pm **Handbells**
 7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday 8:30am **Chapel**
 9:30am **Bible Study – FH**
 6:00pm **Church, Communion**

Thursday 6:00am **Bible Study- Zoom**
Friday

Saturday 7:30am **Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM**
 2:00pm **Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.**

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Reception for Karen Mead**
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules- Computer Lab**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 27, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: April 17th – April 23rd

Weekly Donations **\$23,522.40** Month to Date **\$80,369.74**

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

***→ YTD Actual Income: **\$861,426.19**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **\$941,597.33**

***→ YTD difference: **-\$80,171.14**

ATTENDANCE: Wed. 4/18/25- **85** Sun 4/20/25- 6am **113** 9am **222**

Set-Up Help After Service- We need a few helping hands **right after service this morning** to set up risers and chairs in the **gym** for the upcoming **MGT Talent & Variety Show** on **May 1st** at **6pm**. If you're able to stay for a few minutes to help, it would be greatly appreciated! We **invite the entire congregation** to come out and support our talented students at the show. It's sure to be a fun and uplifting evening, **hope to see you there!**

Reception for Karen Mead- Please join us on Sunday, **May 4th, after worship**, to celebrate the faithful service of **Karen Mead** to the church and school. As Karen moves on to other opportunities after this school year, we want to take this chance to recognize her immeasurable contributions to the mission with a reception in her honor.

Adult Information Class- Join us on **April 28th, May 5th, & May 12th** at **6pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. This class is a great opportunity to explore the basic teachings of the Bible and gain a deeper understanding of our faith. It's also perfect for those who are **interested in becoming a member of Messiah Lutheran** or simply want a refresher on foundational Christian beliefs. All are welcome whether you're new, returning, or just curious. We look forward to seeing you there!

Help With Messiah Student Recruitment- YARD SIGNS! THIS IS PRIME RECRUITMENT TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS! A generous donor has provided a number of yard signs promoting Messiah Lutheran School enrollment. If you would like one, please pick it up after church or in the office. These signs are intended to be reused in the summer, so please do not throw them away. If you are unable to store them or reuse them, kindly return them to the office, as they were not inexpensive. **Thank you for your support! Pastor**

The LWML Spring Rally- For all women will be held on Saturday, **May 3rd**, from **8:30am -1pm** at **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** in **Rifle**. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact **Marsha Brodak** at **970-712-7192** or **Laura Ryden** at **970-260-6766**.

The LWML Bakeless Bake Sale- is coming to a close, and we would greatly appreciate your support and donations **as soon as possible**. Distributions to fund both our local and international mission projects will be made after the **end of April**. Checks can be made payable to **Messiah Lutheran LWML**, and donations may be dropped off in the **church office**. Thank you for your generosity!

Early Registration- For **Lutheran Women's National Convention** is **March 1st - April 30th**, **Save \$50!** The convention will be held **June 26th-29th** in **Omaha, Nebraska**. For more information, visit **lwml.org/convention**.

Kids Connection/Sunday School Teachers Needed- Congratulations to **Drew and Shelby** on Drew's new job and their exciting move to St. Louis to be closer to family! They've been incredible leaders for Kids Connection this year, and we are grateful for their dedication. We are looking for more volunteers to help lead. **Imagine if we had a team of 30 people**, with each person leading just one week, what a wonderful way to share in the privilege of shaping the next generation! If you'd like to be part of this amazing team, please reach out to **DCE Jonathan** to **sign up**. **Thank you for your support!**

Vacation Bible School- Registration Now Open! Join us for VBS 2025 from **June 2-6, 8am to Noon each day!** Register now at www.myvbs.org/mlgj2025 You can also sign up by speaking with **Lois MacDonald** or **DCE Jonathan**. Volunteers can register through the same link. We'll hold a Volunteer Information Meeting on Saturday, **May 17 from 9-11am**. All volunteers are **required to attend a training session** and complete a **background check**. Check out the supply list posted in the **Narthex**. Let's make this an amazing week for our kids. **Thank you for your support!**

The Pregnancy Center & Birthright Update- A heartfelt thank you to **everyone** who so **generously donated** to our **Heart Project!** Thanks to your kindness, we were able to deliver a large quantity of baby items to both organizations. Additionally, the City Market gift cards allowed parents to purchase fresh produce for their families. Both

organizations expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation. Our donation box will remain in the **Narthex for any future contributions**. **Thank you** once again for your continued support!

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Family can have different opinions about whether current needs are more important, or if a future plan from an estate is. Balancing current and future goals, both for family inheritance and support of ministry is a vital part of a Gift Plan. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you to think this through. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.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**