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**WHEN CHRIST  
CALLS A MAN,  
HE BIDS  
HIM COME  
AND DIE.**

-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



*Following Against The Flow:  
The Christian Life Carries The Cross  
Deuteronomy 30:15; Luke 14:34*

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

# The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah

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## The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (September 7, 2025)

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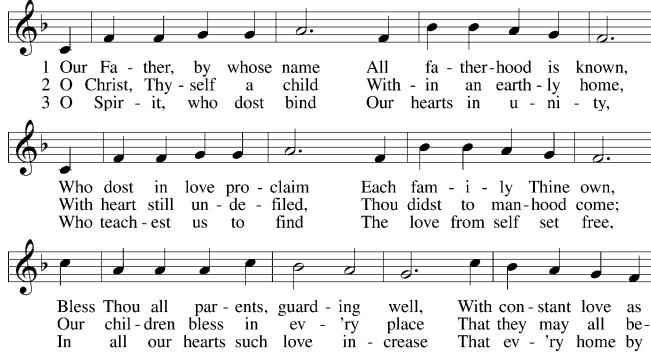
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### Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

### 863 Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,  
  
Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free.  
  
Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be-  
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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

#### Invocation

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

#### Exhortation

*184*

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

#### Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

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

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

C Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

### *Psalm 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
**<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
**<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### Kyrie

### 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.

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.  
      O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him  
      up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and  
      follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
      God, now and forever.  
  
C    **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you  
obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today,

by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Philemon 1-21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers. <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during

my imprisonment for the gospel,<sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will.<sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever,<sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.<sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.<sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.<sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 14:25–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,  
<sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?<sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,<sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’<sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten

thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

*Sit*

#### **Morning Prayer**

*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:  
In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you  
choose, you may also say this little prayer:*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that  
You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You  
would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and  
life may please You. For into Your hands I command myself, my body and  
soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may  
have no power over me. Amen.

*Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten  
Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.*

#### **Kids' Time**

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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**Sermon Following Against The Flow: The Christian Life Carries The Cross**

Deuteronomy 30:15; Luke 14:34

**Votum**

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

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

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

LSB 192

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**  
**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**  
**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Offering baskets are at either end of the back pews. Or you may use the QR code.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against  
us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever\*. Amen.**

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

**Salutation**

*LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

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

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

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

## 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.  
2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be-yond the grave,  
3 A glo - ri-ous band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,  
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?  
Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joice, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - umphant o - ver pain,  
Like Him, with par - don on His tongueIn midst of mort - al pain,  
They met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol-lows in His train.  
He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who fol-lows in his train?  
They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol-lows in their train?  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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*Offering Option: Scan*

## Reflection Questions

1. **Deuteronomy 30** – If God sets before us life and death, blessing and curse, then what does “choosing life” look like in your daily decisions this week?
2. **Psalm 1** – If those who delight in God’s Word are like rooted trees, then where are your roots planted right now — in God’s promises or in shifting cultural currents?
3. **Philemon** – If the Gospel reshaped Philemon’s relationship with Onesimus, then how should the Gospel reshape the way we view people in our workplaces, schools, or families?
4. **Luke 14** – If following Jesus requires carrying the cross and renouncing all, then what “weights” or attachments might you need to surrender to walk faithfully with Him?
5. **Personal Application** – If Christ already carried the ultimate cross for us, then how does that free you to live humbly, courageously, and “against the flow” today?



**Pastor:** Mike Redeker

**Elders:** Peter Chaney

**DCE:** Jonathan Peterson

**Acolytes:** Liam Conwell, Tucker Klein

**Ushers:** Kieth Eberhard, George McGuire,

Gage Peck, Ron Sawyer

**Organist:** Richard Scott

**Greeters: 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@mlgi.org](mailto:admin@mlgi.org) & [sec@mlgi.org](mailto:sec@mlgi.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*.

*Nickie Wilke (Cancer FREE).*

**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, 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.

**Home Hospice Care:** Kathleen Michels

**Called Home:** David McRobbie

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

**Messiah Lutheran members**

**Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff**

**Messiah Lutheran Church/School**

**High School Students**

**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:**

7-Sep Harlan J. Diaz

9-Sep Craig P. Wegner

10-Sep Betty Colvin

11-Sep Linda Romersberger, Carl K. Lampitt, Petra Lampe

12-Sep Ray W. Seeley

13-Sep Cody M. Pina, Lizzy Clubb

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

*Thomas and Sammie Bethka (12)*

*Tom and Barbara Moore (67)*

**CALENDAR FOR THE Week of  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

|                           |       |                          |       |                  |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------------------|
|                           |       | <b>Saturday<br/>9/13</b> | 7:30  | Open Gym         |
|                           |       |                          | am    | Isaiah Bible     |
|                           |       |                          | 2:00  | Study            |
|                           |       |                          | pm    |                  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>9/7</b>     | 9:00  | Worship,                 | 9:00  | Worship,         |
|                           | am    | Communion,               | am    | Communion,       |
|                           | 10:30 | Livestream               | 10:30 | Livestream       |
|                           | am    | Education Hour           | am    | Education Hour   |
|                           | 10:30 | Battle Ready             | 10:30 | Battle Ready     |
|                           | am    | Mod (Computer            | am    | Mod (Computer    |
|                           | 10:30 | Rm)                      | 10:30 | Rm)              |
|                           | am    | Jesus Book Club          | am    | Jesus Book Club  |
|                           | 10:30 | (MPR)                    | 10:30 | (MPR)            |
|                           | am    | High School              | am    | High School      |
|                           |       | Bible Study (Art         |       | Bible Study (Art |
|                           |       | Rm)                      |       | Rm)              |
| <b>Monday<br/>9/8</b>     | 5:30  | Battle Ready             |       |                  |
|                           | pm    | World R.                 |       |                  |
|                           | 6:00  | (Library)                |       |                  |
|                           | pm    | Scouts (MPR)             |       |                  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>9/9</b>    | 7:00  | Men's Bible              |       |                  |
|                           | am    | Study                    |       |                  |
|                           | 9:00  | (Fellowship H.)          |       |                  |
|                           | am    | Quilt Ladies-FH          |       |                  |
|                           | 6:30  | Lydia Circle             |       |                  |
|                           | pm    | (Library)                |       |                  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>9/10</b> | 8:30  | Chapel                   |       |                  |
|                           | am    | Contemplative            |       |                  |
|                           | 6:00  | Worship Service          |       |                  |
|                           | pm    |                          |       |                  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>9/11</b>  | 6:30  | Pastor's Bible           |       |                  |
|                           | pm    | Study (Zoom)             |       |                  |
| <b>Friday<br/>9/12</b>    |       |                          |       |                  |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK  
OF September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: August**

**28th - September 3rd**

|          |                |              |            |
|----------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Weekly   | \$18,281.2     | Month        | \$22,430.0 |
| Donation | 0              | to           | 0          |
|          |                | Date:        |            |
| Weekly   | \$22,430.0     | Monthly      | \$89,720.0 |
| Need:    | 0              | Y            | 0          |
|          |                | Need:        |            |
| ***→     | YTD            | \$180,982.84 |            |
|          | Actual Income: |              |            |
| ***→     | YTD            | \$201,870.00 |            |
|          | Budget Income: |              |            |
| ***→     | YTD            | -\$20,887.16 |            |
|          | difference:    |              |            |

**ATTENDANCE:** Sun. 8/31/2025- 162  
Wed 9/3/2025- 9

**New Office Hours Starting Sept 2, the office  
hours will be 7:30am to 3:30pm.**

**Many Hands Make for Light Work: Volunteers needed to help with Messiah's "AUDIT". Please sign-up in the Narthex – Pastor**

**Kids Connection/Sunday School** Are you interested in being part of the Kids Connection team?! Please contact DCE Jonathan to sign up! We are currently working on getting a team of eight leaders. Leaders will rotate; each leader will be scheduled for one week every other month. A Kids Connection Superintendent would be amazing as well! Responsibilities would include meeting with DCE Jonathan to discuss curriculum, creating a schedule of leaders and being available as needed to substitute.

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. A big decision about estate gifts centers on whether they should be given all at once or spread over time. In inheritance to family, a lump sum gift could enable a house purchase or the start of a business. It could also foster frivolous purchases. Which should you choose? The answer might be different depending on the heir and their needs. Your **Messiah Gift Planning Counselor** can help you begin to think and pray your way through these decisions. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Luke2 Project - SHIRTS FOR SALE** Have you heard of the Danner Dozen? It's named after a man who always keeps a dozen Luke 2 shirts in his car. When he meets someone who says, "Hey, nice shirt!" He replies with, "Thanks! Would you like one?" Do you struggle with approaching strangers with the Gospel? Let the shirt do the work for you? Do you have a neighbor who needs to hear the Christmas story? Give them the gift of Jesus this year! We'll be taking orders for Luke 2 shirts through September 21st. Please see DCE Jonathan if you would like to place an order.

The 2025 LWML Rocky Mountain District Retreat will take place Sept 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Glorieta, NM. For more

information or to sign up, please contact: Belinda Burmeister, LWML Retreat Chairman Rocky Mountain District 713-419-1691, [belindalwml@gmail.com](mailto:belindalwml@gmail.com)

**The Young Adults Bible Study** is now the **Jesus Book Club**. We will be reading and discussing various books relating to Christianity starting September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the multipurpose room shortly after church.

**High School Bible Study** All high school youth are invited to a new Bible study on Sunday mornings. We'll begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> in room 340, the upstairs north east classroom (Mrs. Skoog's temporary class, the future art room this year and Ms. Mead's room last year). Invite a friend!

**Adult Choir** – Messiah's Adult Choir will begin rehearsals **Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025** (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm in the church balcony. We will be singing for Worship Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month and for special Sundays. Please feel free to contact Dona Ramsey at the church if you have any questions. Come join us as we fellowship together and praise our God.

**Commented [S1]:** For Sunday Sept 7

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** Wednesday morning Bible study will resume **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please note the date change. Join us at 9:30am each Wednesday as we look at 3:16. How does each book of the Bible points to Jesus in chapter 3 verse 16?

**Cribbage** players and Cribbage player wanna-bes: We'll meet for Cribbage Night in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays, September 10 & 24, after the Wednesday evening service. If you've never played before but want to learn, we'll teach you!

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**Volunteer Opportunity** Stocker Stadium hosts many events for the valley. People park at Messiah and give donations. Church members are encouraged to sign up to help monitor the parking lot and collect donations. Please sign up with **DCE Jonathan** for one, a few or all of the events listed below. More events will be posted as information is received.

Sept 12th (Friday) 6 pm Fruita Monument High School

Homecoming

Sept 18th (Thursday) 7 pm Central High School

Homecoming

Sept 25th (Thursday) 7 pm Grand Junction High School

Homecoming

Oct 25th (Saturday) 2 pm CMU vs. Fort Lewis

Have questions or comments, contact Beth  
Weber at [weber4342@gmail.com](mailto:weber4342@gmail.com).

The LWML Fall Rally will be held in Gypsum, CO this year, Saturday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 1:30 pm. All are welcome! If you need a ride or would like to drive and carpool, please contact Laura Ryden 970-260-6766.

### **CMU Sunday Dinner - September 14<sup>th</sup> Messiah**

has signed up to host the CMU dinner at Four Winds Coffee Shop on September 14th. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. We are in need of ingredients for a pasta dish, bread, salad and dessert. We are also in need of volunteers to make the dinner Sunday afternoon (around 4pm), setup/serve the dinner (around 5pm) and clean up after. We should be finished by 8pm. If you can't make it the entire night, shifts are welcome as well! *A point person is needed too.* Ideas for dinner and all the details you'll need will be provided. Or you're welcome to create your own menu. Being a point person/coordinator would entail getting volunteers, advertising and making sure supplies are dropped off. You could be one of the volunteers on the night of the dinner or just coordinate others. The students of CMU are very appreciative of all the dinners that have been provided by congregations and campus ministries in the valley.

### **Youth Nights - High School & Middle School**

Youth Nights are back! Keep watch for an email from DCE Jonathan. Families will host. We'll have an activity, devotion and food! All youth are invited. Friends too! Keep watch for the schedule. High school and a Middle School will have their own separate nights!

**Prayer Chain Sign Up:** If you would like to receive prayers for and from members of Messiah, contact the office at 970-245-2838 or send an email to [sec@mlqi.org](mailto:sec@mlqi.org) and give your email address.

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**Messiah's Radio Ministry- Sunday mornings at 8:30 am – 9:00 am** on radio station 1100AM/ KNZZ.

### **Saturday morning Women's Bible Study**

will commence again on Saturday morning September 20 and each Saturday through November 8 from 9:00am to 10:30am in the church Library. We will begin the study of, "Chosen, A Study of Esther", by Donna Snow. The book is available through Concordia Publishing or you are able to purchase it locally by contacting Lynn Jolly for more information. I am looking forward to "reconnecting" with you.