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To Live
and Teach
Jesus' Love.



Rev. Adam Bridgman
Pastor

Connie Vantuyl,
Office Manager

Sunday Services
8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School
9:45am

Messiah Lutheran
Church
1101 Neosho St
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Since my last report, I feel more settled in. We have had a few funerals which, in their own way, have helped connect with some of the families here at Messiah. I have been able to share the Good News of hope with them, and still be with them in their grief. That is a hard thing, yet very important. I have been able to make a few homebound visits as well, Ken Taylor has helped me connect with those he visits, and I hope to increase this until I can visit with them all. We have had two baptisms which is a huge blessing to this congregation. There are plans in the works for Confirmation next year, and hopefully Elders will be assisting me with the eighth graders next year, so they (the kids) can see that this is great stuff to learn for us all. The Elders continue to be a rock for me, making sure I know what's going on, and helping me care best for Messiah's people (Including myself). I am excited to see what Fall brings for us all here.

God's Peace!
Pastor Adam



You'll go bananas
for all this fun!

Join us for
Vacation Bible School at
Messiah Lutheran Church
June 7th- June 11th
6:00pm-8:00pm



TEAM UP



HELP RAISE MONEY FOR HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL Benefitting next year's Outreach charities

- Teams can register anytime...text or call Jennifer 316-640-7197 to get signed up 😊
- Teams can be any size...friends, family etc. no wrong answer here!
- You can set your goal to match your team... 10 people \$100.00 each to 2 people with a total of \$200. You set your goal and any amount matters!
- There will be Team check-ins periodically to get updates and answer questions

Ways to fundraise for your team

- Lemonade stand
- Bake Sale
- Yardwork or rake leaves
- Babysitting
- Golf tournament
- Chilli Cook off
- Pancake breakfast
- Car wash
- Garage Sale
- Fishing tournament
- Social Media fundraiser
- Trivia Tournament
- Mother's day Luncheon
- Drive Thru Spaghetti dinner
- Valentine Supper event
- Coffee Shop on Sunday AM at church
- Rent a room for the Unbound Gravel event
- Clean houses for elderly
- Bingo Night event
- Food stand at school tournament
- Restaurant give back night
- Raffle off a prize by selling tickets



Please contact Jennifer for more information...

blrsrslr@gmail.com or 316-640-7197

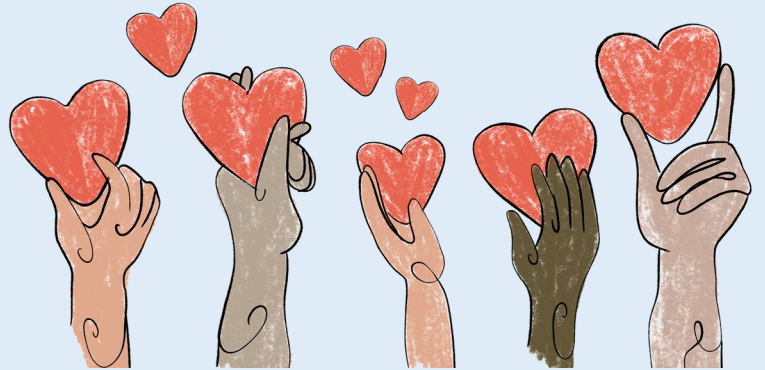




Connie Wenciker is turning 90! We would like you to celebrate with her with a potluck dinner after late service on Sunday, June 14th. Please bring a main dish and a side dish. A cake will be provided by her kids. She requests no gifts, just your presence. Hope you can all join us to celebrate this milestone!

Loving Hands foster care ministry update...

So far we have ministered to 12 kiddos this year. We do have some very specific needs at this time. We need boys size 6 and size 7 jeans, and toddler boys size 1 shoes. We also need boys summer pajamas in sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, 6T, 7/8, 10 and 14-18. Girls summer pajamas in sizes 2T, 3T, 6, 7/8, 10 and 14-18 take care. Donations may be left in one of the donation bins on the porch at 1018 Neosho or put in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall, at church.



Harvest Home TEAM UP Fundraiser

Team Level Up has put together a raffle basket in time for Father's Day or for someone special you would like to spoil.

For each **\$10** donation you will receive a chance to win a gift basket full of unique items valued over \$500 and have the opportunity to support this year's Harvest Home beneficiaries (*Orphan Grain Train, Emporia Senior Center and Shiloh House*). Donations can be made

on Sunday, May 31st through June 14th after each church service in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please contact Kary Johnson (620)366-2100, Sharon Williams (620) 757-6421 or Cindy Jackson (620)344-2337. We look forward to your support! Team Level Up.



Would you like to help reduce Messiah's costs?



By receiving Messiah's monthly newsletter by email rather than paper mail, you're helping to reduce our printing and mailing costs each month. If you're interested in our E-Newsletter, please contact the church office @ 620-342-8181.



Listen to the Lutheran Hour every Sunday morning at 10:00 am on 96.1FM or 580AM

May 17

"Don't Despise Small Beginnings"
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Acts 1:14)

May 24

"Misery Loves Company"
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Acts 2:38)

May 31

"A Friendly Recommendation"
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Genesis 1:26)

June 7

"Peter's Restoration-and Ours"
Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies
(John 21:1-19)



A reminder to the congregation...

There is a sign up sheet for flowers if you have a special occasion that you would like to donate flowers, please sign up under the corresponding dates.

The 3rd weekend of May our LWML will be gathering mites to support missions around the world. Bring your loose change and watch the Gospel grow.

Executive Board— Wed., May 6 @ 11:00am

Ruth Circle— Wednesday, May 6 @ 1:30m

Dorcas Circle—Thursday, May 21@ 1:30pm



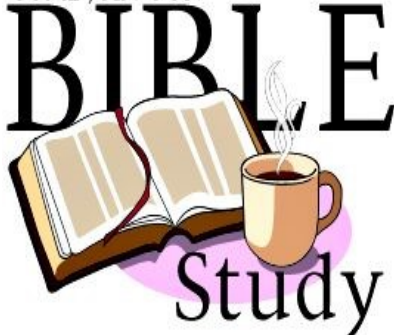
June Schedule

LWML Executive Board Meeting—June 3 @ 11:00am

Quilt Ministry

LWML quilt ministry is looking for volunteers. On Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am a few ladies join together to assemble the quilts. Questions? Beth Hanschu will be glad to get you started. Email: bethhanschu1951@yahoo.com and cell phone: 620-794-0939

COME JOIN OUR



Sundays: 9:45am Women's study led by Jennifer Esau
9:45am Men's study led by Keith Shaver
6:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Mondays: Meets in the Youth House at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Youth House.

Wednesdays: Meets in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Led by Brenda Mawdsley.

Ladies study meets at 6:30 p.m. led by Melissa McCormick.

Mens study meets at 6:30 p.m. led by Scott Powers.

Thursdays: Group meets in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m (Group Led)

****UNOFFICIAL PENDING CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVAL****

Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
April 6th, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Support Team – Terry Rhoads & Alice Elkins

Kitchen and fellowship hall window repair is \$6800 up to \$10,000 from AAA. Lead time is mid to late summer. This bid includes building new frames, placing the panes of glass back in that we already have, repairing the broken seals, recharge with nitrogen and adding tinting to make them energy efficient.

Bid for new sewer line and sump pump to the Youth house from First Choice is \$14,000, with a two week lead time. Unable to use any water in the house at this time.

The cost for the epoxy flooring is bid in sections including the removal of the existing floor tiles: Kitchen only \$7000; Fellowship hall, 2 bathrooms with entry way, and storage closet adjacent to the kitchen \$45,000; alley entry hallway \$4500.

Landscaping Subcommittee: -no report

LCEF Scholarship Fund: \$20,000 CD matures 3/7/26. If any changes (moving money, changing of terms or a different type of investment) would like to be made then need to be made by 3/15/26.

Thrivent: Scholarship	\$72,746.90
Thrivent: Endowment	\$72,734.49
<u>LCEF: Scholarship</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Total as of 12/31/25	\$165,481.39

Outreach Team Report – Amy Rhoads

Community Outreach-

Teresa Bauck will be preparing meals for our shut-ins on Wednesday nights during the time that LOGOS is not in session so the shut-ins may continue receiving that benefit.

A Meal Train was set up for Megan Campbell and Brentley. It has been successful, with several people signing up to help with meals or donations. Additionally, a Love Offering was put into place with collections taken Sunday, March 29 - Sunday, April 5.

Missions – No Report

Social Concerns- No Report

Spiritual Life Team – Joe Hadicke

Adopted guidelines for having members of the congregation do the Old Testament and Epistle readings on Sundays and have published those guidelines in Take Home Bulletin.

Worked with Logos to get youth involved in Lenten Services.

Generally, focused mainly on the services for the Lenten season and Holy Week, leading up to our three Easter services.

Adult & Family Life – Melissa McCormick – No Report

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Children and Youth Education Team – Jackie Koch

Sunday School: Kids helped with the Palm Sunday processional by carrying in cloaks and palm branches during the song "Hosanna" at the beginning of each service. The SS kids Pre-6th grade sang at second service on Palm Sunday as well. They sang "You Can't Keep Jesus' Love in a Box" and "Kids of the Kingdom". We loved having all of the kids join us! (I didn't get a head count for those that joined. We did have a few kids join us that were not at Sunday School...and it was great. Students will combine (preK-6th) for Sunday School on Easter between the fairgrounds service and late service. We will be having an Easter celebration. There will be an Easter egg hunt, crafts, Bible Story and snacks. We plan on having kids carry in the Easter banners during a processional at the beginning of both services held at Messiah as well. Megan is working with Ashley Mawdsley to determine the Summer Sunday School sessions. The plan is to run through most of May with the Spring curriculum. Then maybe take a week off and run Summer Sunday School similar to last year. The plan would be to combine preK-6th grades. They would be focusing more on service projects this summer. The plans are still in the works, but a basic outline has been created and plans will be able to be shared next month. - Megan Powers

LOGOS: ended for the year on March 25th. We averaged between 40-50 students per week this year. Volunteers included cooks, a grocery order and pick up person, dessert makers, kitchen helpers, the Wednesday Bible Study that sets the tables, someone to wash table cloths, dinner dean, game leader, closing leader, home-bound meal delivery person, table parents, and all of our classroom teachers and helpers. For the second year, we have relied on donations to fund food costs for our meals. I am happy to report that food costs were covered by donations. Thank you to the congregation for supporting this ministry both financially and by your service. We also continued to deliver meals to some of our home-bound members. This has turned into a great way to check in on our Christian friends and has been a blessing for all involved. We are in the planning stages of continuing this outreach during the summer months. - Brenda Taylor

VBS: This year's theme is Rainforest Falls. The dates are June 7th through 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The website is live for volunteers and participants to sign up. We will be feeding helpers again at 5:15 and will be asking for food donations closer to the time of the event. - Ashley Mawdsley

Youth Faith Growth Team – Cindy Hadicke – We served a successful Easter breakfast. The junior high and high school would like to continue to meet once a month during the summer.

Treasurer – Susan Menke

**Reconciled ESB Accounts

General Checking

Beginning Balance 3/1/2026	\$75,586.98
Revenue	+44,255.42
Expenses	-56,417.90
<u>Journals (EFTs & transfers to/from savings)</u>	<u>-4,101.68</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2026	\$67,526.19

Dedicated Savings

Beginning Balance 3/1/2026	\$637,222.73
Receipts	+\$9,784.89
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-\$12,715.52</u>
Ending Balance 3/31/2026	\$633,292.10

Pastor's Report – Post Easter to do list include working on home bound visit schedule, visit with Brenda Taylor on involvement with LOGOS, and what the conformation class will look like next year.

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Committee Reports:

Loving Hands – No report

Long Range Planning- will meet April 10th

Health & Wellness –No Report

Harvest Home- No Report

Membership Changes:

Deaths- Gregory Scott Campbell (3/26/26)

Baptism- Barrett Cole Wacker (3/22/26)

Confirmed- No change

Request for Release- No change

Transfers In- No change

Old Business:

Organ replacement. Updated bid from Sandrock Music Company on an Allen GX-215a organ for \$61,515.00. Price valid until April 30, 2026 and does not include a \$2500 trade-in on current organ. Production time is 12-16 weeks. This will be voted on in the Special congregational meeting on April 19th at 9:45 a.m.

New Business:

Radical Life would like to come and make a presentation to our congregation and thank us for our support and share how our support has helped others. Amy Rhoads suggested that they should come to the fusion service in August and she will get more information on this.

Announcement - Special congregational meeting on April 19th at 9:45 a.m.

Next meeting: May 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Closing- Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sheila Duncan- Secretary



Our Church's Graduates

Nolan Heitman

Flint Hills Technical College; AAS Welding Technology

Bridgette Hensley

Emporia State University; BS Accounting

Mariell Neff

Chase County High School & Flint Hills Technical College with her EMT certificate; plans to continue her Paramedic education

Elijah Warnick

Northern Heights High School; plans to finish his associates degree at Flint Hills Technical College in Automotive Technology.




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2nd	Dylan Agin Brooke Douglas Rita Farr Luke Larson	10th	Larry Rust Taylor Schraad Mike Utech	18th	Bethany Disney Ava Dixon-Kopecky Brayden Shaw
3rd	Joe Hadicke	11th	Karen Belford Allison Christensen Ryatt Fritch Amanda Neff	19th	Tauna Cornell Eliza Crosby Jack Crosby Debbie Davis Chayce Johnson
4th	Kylie Burenheide	12th	Elizabeth Krause Dylan Redeker	20th	Derrick Duncan Caylee Shaver
5th	Lea Koch	13th	Oakley Damman Kathy Ermler Lexie Longbine	21st	Bryan Anderson Jacqueline Cole Jamie Granado Judy Schade Lacey Whitson
6th	Amy Christensen Matthew Harden Montie Jackson	14th	Leona Barnhart Jackson Kelly De McDougal Dale Smith Dominik Weidner	22nd	Dustin Carson Josh Kulmann Kenzie Nelson Scott Wiemers
7th	David Boles Donald Thomsen Teri Whitson	15th	Kenneth Martin Terry Textor Debra Weidner	23rd	Roy Briggeman Luka Lawrenz Brett Malcolm Warren Price
8th	Patti Nurnberg Liddy Scott	16th	Tate Demler Lindsey Hansen Deone Wilson	24th	Natalie Shaver Abby Disney Brynley Granado Laura Ramirez
9th	Rick Cates Kane Crisp	17th	Payge Diaz Ty Swisher	25th	Hunter Ayers Kyson Jones Danielle McClellan Dalton Meyer
10th	Shaylee Ginter Grady Mawdsley			26th	John Bessmer Steve Jensen
				27th	Koleen Hansen Dawn Korte Karla Textor Fallon Weidner
				28th	Sheila Newman Paul Pinick Richard Rust
				29th	Walker Ayers Megan Campbell Travis Key Nancy Meinholdt
				30th	Bridget Hensley Kayleigh Housholder Kacen Lawson
				31st	Carson Menke



2nd	Dan & Cindy Jackson Randy & Jennifer Rethman	23rd	Braden & Lynsey Damman
5th	Howard & Jackie Cole	24th	Joe & Cindy Hadicke
6th	Blake & Lacey Whitson	26th	Ken & Judy Schade Robert & Rachel Stubbs
7th	Mike & Brenda Mawdsley	27th	Charles & Barb Scott
17th	Anthony & Dora Hines	28th	Alan & Danita Rees
20th	Tyler & Britney Hinrichs David & Karen Schubarth	29th	Kent & Stacey Schade
		30th	Jeremy & Kristen Way
		31st	Seth & Tara Davis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service 1-5pm F.H. Reserved	4 12pm Campus AA 6:00pm Church Council 6:30pm LWML Supper	5 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 6:00pm Elders	6 12pm Bible Study	7 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA	1 Alley Sale F.H. Reserved	2 Alley Sale 6pm Square Dancing
10 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service	11 12pm Campus AA	12 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS 6:30pm Quilting Guild	13 12pm Bible Study 6pm DJ Square Dancers Dinner	14 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA	15 Kitchen reserved	16 3pm—7pm F.H. Reserved
17 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service 12:30-2:30pm Sunday School appreciation lunch	18 12pm Campus AA	19 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5:30pm Sertoma Club 5pm TOPS	20 12pm Bible Study	21 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA 1:30pm Dorcas Circle	22	23 6:00pm Square Dancers
24 8:30am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11am Late Service	25  OFFICE CLOSED 12pm Campus AA	26 9am Quilting 12pm Campus AA 5pm TOPS	27 12pm Bible Study	28 8am Bible Study 12pm Campus AA	29	30
31 10:30am Fusion Service Potluck to Follow						



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