



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Special Points of Interest

Blood Drive: May 12-17

OWls: May 13, 12:00 noon

Family Event: May 31, 2-4 pm

Blood Drive

As you may know, you can donate every 56 days, so we have scheduled our next drive for **May 12-17** so that you can stay on schedule.

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office and let them know when you would like to go.

If you would be willing to drive someone and wait for them to donate, please call the church office and let them know your availability.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Parker at 814-528-5817.

As always, donors must be in good health and feeling well, at least 16 years old and

weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Certain medications, medical conditions, travel to certain countries and your personal history may make you ineligible to donate.

OWls

May 13, 12:00 noon

Potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Gary Foster will be doing a chalk drawing talk on the Gold Rush

Family Event

May 31, 2025

2:00-4:00 pm

In our parking lot

When times get tough, the tough use the community resources available to help them thrive.

Family Focus Day, an event to help struggling families connect with agencies that can assist them in meeting their needs, is set for 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2025 Eastern Avenue, Wesleyville, Pa.

There will be demonstrations, information and speakers

covering topics including dental health, self-defense, extreme couponing, unions and employment, entrepreneurship, art and more. A female Trooper from the Pennsylvania State Police will be on-site to answer questions, as well as representatives from Hunt of a Lifetime, and even a clown!

"We will have things to occupy children, and at the same time, parents can listen to speakers that educate and entertain," said event organizer Thasia Anne Lunger, a local author, poet and retired social worker.

There will be a free raffle with prizes including useful

items like laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers and wipes.

"We are blessed with agencies and people in our community that make it their mission to help others going through hard times - people just don't always know where to find them," Thasia Anne said. "This event is aimed to bring compassionate individuals and organizations together to share how they can help others get through tough financial, health, relationship and job situations."

Family Focus Day is free and open to the public.

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Monday

Closed

Tuesday

10:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday

Closed

Thursday

10:00am-5:00pm

Friday

10:00am-5:00pm

From the Desk of Pr. Tom

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the month of May, the signs of new life are all around us - trees in full bloom, gardens waking up, and the warmth of the sun lingering a little longer each day. It's a beautiful time of year, and in the life of The Messiah, it's especially meaningful as we continue to walk through the season of Easter.

In the Lutheran tradition, Easter isn't just one Sunday; it's a whole season. For fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus not as a moment in the past, but as a living, present reality. Christ is risen, and that changes everything.

This season invites us to live in hope, just as the first disciples did after encountering the risen Lord. They didn't have all the answers. They were still figuring out what it all meant, but they knew one thing for certain: Jesus was alive, and He was with them.

That same promise holds true for us today. In the ups and downs of our lives in joy and in struggle, Christ walks with us. He is risen, not just from the tomb, but into our everyday lives. His resurrection means new life for us, here and now.

So as you enjoy the beauty of May - whether in your garden, on a walk, or maybe

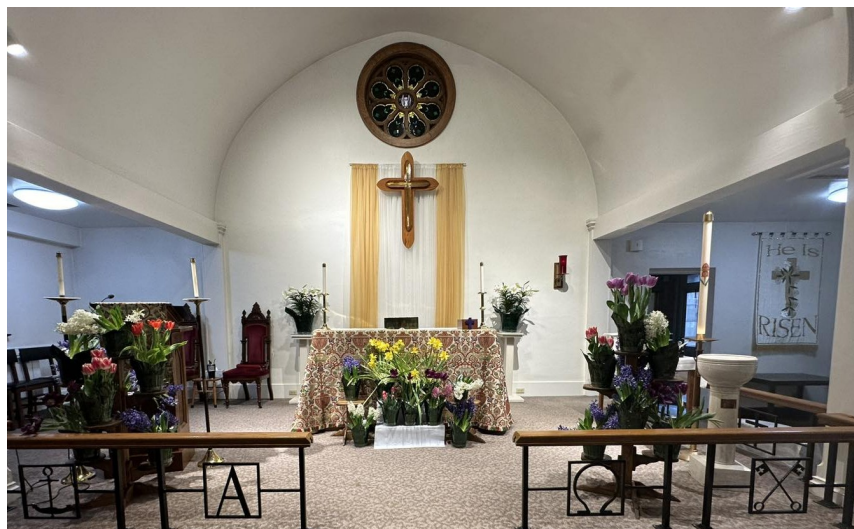
at a ballgame, take a moment to breathe in the good news: **Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Because of that, we face the future with confidence, joy, and peace.

Then, in that confidence, joy and peace, we share it with others so that they may celebrate the gift of the Risen Christ with us and others.

Blessings to you and your loved ones this Easter season. May you continue to walk in the light of the Risen Christ!

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tom



BUBBLE CHURCH IS COMING THIS SEPTEMBER!

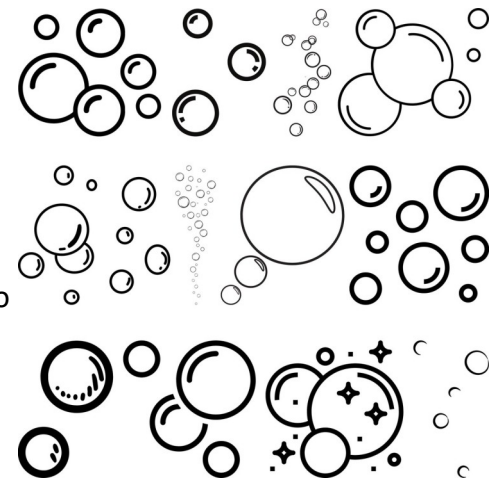


A new kind of worship is coming to Messiah in September as Pastor Tom launches Bubble Church, a service geared for children and young families.

Pastor Tom is introducing the new worship service to encourage more young families to come to church. Part of our mission as a church is to make disciples. We want to connect with those who have shown an interest in what church is about.

Bubble Church is worship geared for families with children. The worship follows the pattern of a traditional church service with some elements lifelong Lutherans would recognize. For example, we begin by saying sorry (confession), then offer thanks to God with children sharing what they are thankful for (intercessions). A Bible story will be told using puppets or skits (the Word), using the same form of words to say goodbye to each other (the blessing).

Pastor Tom knows that there a lot of young families in our area. As evident by Our Back to School Bash. There are many families in the community who are willing to come to our church when there is something that meets their needs. It seems people are interested in the church and want to have a connection with Messiah, this can be a way to do that. Pastor Tom believes Bubble Church will be a real blessing for us as a congregation and a community of believers.



VISION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE



We continue to make the vision which the congregation adopted a reality.

- The Worship Team continues to explore the options regarding the placement of the screens, which screens work best, and the installation that accompanies those screens.
- The worship listening devices are installed! Anyone can use the listening units that accompany the base either using the ear piece provided, or bring your own

headphones. This will be of great help for those who have any hearing difficulties.

- The children's ministry is coming into shape with the Children, Youth and Family Ministry Teams.
- The Bubble Church implementation is in the embryonic stage but will be ready for Fall 2025.
- The School Day Off Day Camp is still on course for the first camp day in October on Indigenous/ Columbus Day.

There are other aspects of our vision, but those are not expected to be implemented until next calendar year. Therefore, we do not have updates yet.

We ask that you continue to keep our congregation in your prayers as we explore new and exciting ways to do ministry in our ever - changing, fluid, dynamic world.



Our Mission:*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support****Our Vision:****To build and strengthen the body of Christ***Unofficial Council Highlights**

- Reviewed minutes from March meeting;
- Meeting wasn't held at time of printing.
- Next meeting will be May 15 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room

Remaining Faithful

You know there are other people far worse off than you are, but sometimes you just don't feel that way.

You don't feel good. Money is tight. Time goes too fast. You hurt. You have health issues. Your allergies are acting up. You have legal troubles, or the obituaries hit too close to home. Someone has to do things for you that you used to do. Sometimes it's hard to breathe. Your partner is grouchy and so are you. Does that cover most of it? Add a few, toss a few. I hear you.

Faith is hard sometimes. We pray for patience...and then learn how much we have. We pray for strength and endurance, yet we feel like crawling into a hole to sleep it

off. I hear you.

If I hear you, you know that our Triune God hears you. He knows exactly how you suffer and how you feel about the smallest thing. Sometimes He wants you to wait and work your way through. Sometimes He has things He wants you to do for yourself or for someone else. Sometimes His answer is NO. It is not ours to question why.

Look and listen to the signs around you, be it a book or a quote or nature. Open the Bible randomly. It will give you guidance. Keep your faith intact, no matter the circumstances, no matter how difficult. If you are able to go to church, that's wonderful! If you are not, that can be wonderful too, as

long as you use the time to feed your faith instead of relinquishing it.

All of these things you already know in your heart, for you are a faith-filled servant of our Lord. Sometimes you and I have to be reminded that religion is based a great deal on faith and obedience. Prayer builds them both. Sometimes it is a formal prayer. Sometimes it is as simple as "help me." He hears you.

May your faith in our Triune God stay with you eternally. May He give you His blessings, and may you recognize them with thanksgiving.

From my family to yours -- have a sun - filled and Christ-filled summer!

Your servant in Christ,
Marilyn DiLuzio Rizzo

Committee Meetings**Altar Guild**

Bible Study	Every Wed.
Oct.-April	6:30 pm
Bound Together	1st Wed.
Sept.-May	1:00 pm
CYFM	1st Thu.
	12:00 noon

Church Life

Grateful Prayer	Every Thu.
	10:00 am CC
Guided Meditation	Every Mon.
	6:30 pm
Property	2nd Sun.
	9:45 am
Sewing Circle	Every Tue.
	10:00 am
Servant Outreach	1st Sun.
	9:45 am
Stewardship / Finance	3rd Thu.
	5:30 pm
Worship	1st Wed.
	11:00 am

Church Leadership

Art Anderson-President
Robin Curtis-Vice-President
Briana Alaniz
Cyndi Allen
Laurie Hecht
Tim Smock
Blaine Waters-Secretary
Vacancy



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elca.org](http://www.northwesternpasynod.elca.org)

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION

Approved- 2025 to 2027

WORSHIPTechnology

Add Screens in sanctuary	(2025)
Update website	(2025)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	(DONE)

Music Ministry

Build out the Band	(2025)
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CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Bubble Church	(2025-2026)
School Day Off Camp (2025)	
Milestone Ministry	(Sept. 2025)

PROPERTY

Fix Front Electronic Sign	(DONE)
Repair/Purchase Boiler	(DONE)
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms	(2027)
Buy New Freezer	(ASAP)

IN-REACH

Recruit and Train More Volunteers	(2025)
Training for in-home communion ministry	(2025)

EDUCATION

Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options	(2025-2027)
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OUTREACH

Maintain Community Garden	(2025-2027)
Continue Back to School Bash	(2025-2027)
Continue participation in Community National Night Out	(2025-2027)

FELLOWSHIP

Explore more group events	(ongoing)
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)	(ongoing)
Lutheran Walkers	(2025)

On-Going Ministries

- Altar Guild open to training new members
- Bethany Outreach - collected men's and boys' clothing. Special need for underwear.
- Blankets for Babies - Through the Soldiers and Sailors Home we were asked if we could sew, knit, or crochet baby blankets 18x22 that will be part of a kit given to families in the National Guard.
- CYFM - Children, Youth, Family Ministries - Bible Studies, youth activities, milestones
- Church Life - plans fellowship activities. Open to new members to help
- Counter Ministry - open to training new members
- Guided Meditation - prayer ministry group
- Prayer Chain - email or call the office for prayer requests
- Prayer Shawl - available for all occasions; baptisms, baby shower/ birth, weddings, illness, hospitalization, men, women, or children who need to feel God's love wrapped around them. Contact the office to pick one up.
- Property - takes care of the building and landscaping
- Servant Outreach - Outreach activities locally and globally
- Sewing Circle - sews blankets for various organizations including Lutheran World Relief, National Guard, Linus Project
- Stewardship/Finance - takes care of our financial well being
- Sound Booth Technician needed for both services - training available
- Worship Assistant/Lector blank availability schedule posted through the 15th of the month
- Worship Committee - plans worship services

2ND MILE GIVING APPEAL

Recipient for May VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You may contribute through your regular envelope, marking how much to designate to 2nd Mile on the "other" line on your envelope, or by sending a separate donation.

Through **April 23 \$130.00** has been donated for **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

Thank you for your generosity!

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities

- May 6 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.
- May 12 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.
- May 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.
- May 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

Community Blood Bank Blood Drive

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Bound Together Book Review

1st Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Last one until fall!

May My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman (Mary Rush)

Baby Bottle Tree**Supporting Erie Foster Care**

**Sunday, April 27 through
Sunday, May 11.**

To help support Foster Care Children in the Erie area, we will be collecting baby items, ages preemies to 18 months. Some bottles will have a monetary donation, made out to the church, to reimburse purchases made through NAIER, which is a warehouse website with greatly discounted prices for non-profit organizations.

Take a bottle from the tree, purchase the item requested and bring the unwrapped gift to place in the box in the Narthex by Mother's Day, May 11.

Thank you in advance for your support!

*For monetary donation please note for Foster Care

Work Day

Saturday, May 17 @9:00am

Help make our property beautiful.

Take care of outside property.

There is some inside work to be done too!

Many hands make light work.

Altar Flowers

\$30.00 for one, \$55.00 for two

May 4

- 1.
- 2.

May 11

1. Linda Voigt
- 2.

May 18

- 1.
- 2.

May 25

- 1.
- 2.

Bulletins

\$7.00 each

May 4

- 8:30:
- 11:00:

May 11

- 8:30:
- 11:00: Candy Spouse

May 18

- 8:30:
- 11:00: Mary Rush

May 25

- 8:30:
- 11:00:

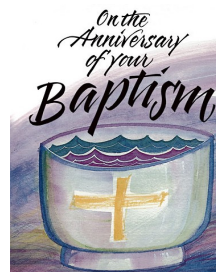
Vigil Candles

\$3.00 a week

May 4

May 11 Linda Voigt

May 18**May 25**



01 Alyssa Bresee Pr. Tom Glasoe
 02 Jean Parker 15 Linda Fryer
 06 Arnold Conner 17 Wendi Proper
 Kit Glasoe 27 Dave Hauser
 7 Ryan Shatzer

"Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit."

1 Ethelynne 15 Joyce Hauser
 Cunningham 28 Kira Brown
 5 Pr. Thomas Glasoe 30 Joshua Conner
 13 James Proper

May Judge Not



- Day 1: Matthew 7:1-2
- Day 2: Luke 6:37
- Day 3: James 4:11-12
- Day 4: Romans 14:1
- Day 5: Romans 2:1-3
- Day 6: Matthew 7:3-5
- Day 7: John 7:24
- Day 8: Romans 14:4
- Day 9: 1 Corinthians 4:5
- Day 10: 1 Corinthians 5:12
- Day 11: Matthew 7:12
- Day 12: Romans 2:11-16
- Day 13: Romans 14:10-13
- Day 14: Galatians 6:1
- Day 15: Titus 3:2
- Day 16: Ephesians 4:29
- Day 17: Proverbs 31:9
- Day 18: James 2:12-13
- Day 19: Colossians 3:12-13
- Day 20: James 1:26
- Day 21: 1 Peter 2:1
- Day 22: Proverbs 24:23-25
- Day 23: 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Day 24: Romans 12:16-18
- Day 25: 1 Timothy 5:21
- Day 26: Philippians 2:3
- Day 27: Proverbs 19:17
- Day 28: Proverbs 21:13
- Day 29: Proverbs 22:2
- Day 30: Proverbs 28:21
- Day 31: 1 Samuel 16:7

"Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Thank you!

Thank you from the Wesleyville Garden Team to the following people who came to help with the building of the 6 beds on Good Friday:
 Brian Rogala, Tim Smock, Steve Porada, Sean and Josh Bartlett, and Elijah Carner.

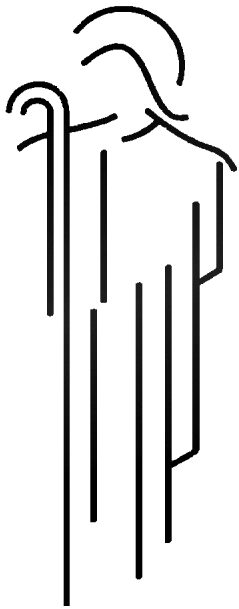


"Bless them so that all may see in their lives together within the community of your people a vision of your kingdom on earth."

15 Doug and Gail Wolf
 20 Dave and Joyce Hauser
 28 James and Michele Klein

If we missed your Birth, Baptism, or Marriage Anniversary we apologize.

Please contact the church office to provide us with that information.



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