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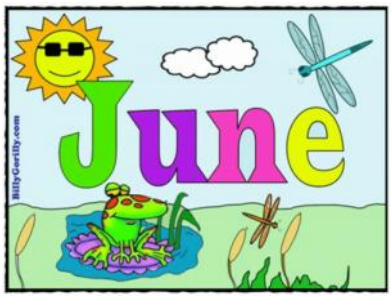

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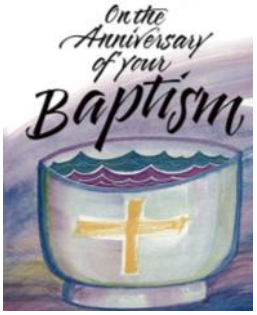
Newsletter Deadline

All items for the monthly Newsletter must be submitted in writing no later than **June 15** and are subject to editing. No exceptions.

Messiah Lutheran Church **is on...** facebook

June Celebrations

03 Lori Bresee
James Learn, Jr.
06 Bonnie Stearns
07 Bill Magee
11 Pamela Bresee
17 Debbie Rogala
18 Linda Porada
19 Brian Rogala, Jr.
24 Kelly Rogala
29 John Szczutkowski



"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."

14 Lauren Proper
15 Emmanuel Alaniz
18 Bill Roth

- Day 1: Proverbs 28:1
- Day 2: Acts 28:31
- Day 3: Ephesians 3:12
- Day 4: Acts 4:31
- Day 5: Acts 4:29
- Day 6: Acts 4:13
- Day 7: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 8: Philemon 1:8
- Day 9: Philippians 1:14
- Day 10: Acts 14:3
- Day 11: Esther 19:18
- Day 12: 1 John 4:17
- Day 13: Luke 10:19
- Day 14: Genesis 12:1-2
- Day 15: Hebrews 3:6
- Day 16: Hebrews 10:19-25
- Day 17: Ephesians 6:19-20
- Day 18: Acts 1:8
- Day 19: John 15:13
- Day 20: 2 Corinthians 3:4
- Day 21: Ephesians 3:17-18
- Day 22: 2 Corinthians 3:12
- Day 23: Hebrews 13:16
- Day 24: Hebrews 4:16
- Day 25: Philippians 1:20
- Day 26: 1 John 5:14
- Day 27: Philippians 1:14
- Day 28: 1 Thessalonians 2:2
- Day 29: Revelation 12:11
- Day 30: 1 Chronicles 28:20
- Day 31: Acts 20:27

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

From the Nuptial Blessing in the Marriage ceremony

23 Bruce and Barb Frick
24 John and Cynthia Needham

If we missed your Birth, Baptism, or Marriage Anniversary we apologize.
Please contact the church office to provide us with that information.

Messiah Messenger

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Our Mission:

Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Worship

Worship Ministry Committee

The next meeting of the Worship Ministry Committee will be Wednesday, June 7, at 11:00AM in the Study Lounge.

To be part of this vital ministry at Messiah, contact the Church Office - 814-899-6386

Online Worship Update

We live streaming our Worship Services on our web site (messiah-erie.org).
The videos of the services will be uploaded to our YouTube channel on the following Tuesday.

Remembering the Children

There is a plaque in the Narthex in remembrance and lament of the children of the First Nations people, whose remains were discovered in a mass grave, and of those yet to be discovered.
Please keep praying for our Native sisters and brothers!
Thank you for your participation in this remembrance!

Assisting Ministers and Lectors

The blank schedule for **July** will be in the **Narthex** through **June 16.**
Please schedule yourself.

If you do not indicate your availability, it will be presumed that you ARE available.

We are in need of more Assisting Ministers and Lectors for both Worship Services!

Training will be provided.
Contact the Church Office if interested!

The Altar Guild is a very important "behind the scenes" ministry!

The people in this ministry make sure that our worship space is properly prepared for Sunday Worship and other special services.
To be part of this welcoming ministry please contact: Linda Voigt at 899-8618

June Supply Pastor

We thank Pastor Tom for agreeing to preside at Sunday worship

Videographers needed

Would you like to help with videotaping the worship services on Sunday?

We need volunteers for both the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

Contact the Church Office!

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for everyone who came out to listen to Pastor Tom Glasoe's adventure to South East Asian. It was a wonderful and eye opening presentation.

The Messiah Quilting Group would like to thank Art Anderson for making us table risers. The tables are now at a great height so we do not hurt our backs quilting. Great job Art and you made them so fast!! Thank you!!

Thank you for your support of the Baby Bottle Tree!
Through your generosity, many needed items were donated to the Faster Care Program of Erie.

Combined Service Attendance
Streaming services from web site

Date	8:30	11:00	On Line	Total
April 30	24	32	24	80
May 7	25	31	9	65
May 14	22	54	16	92
May 21	25	35	8	68

* indicates no live stream for one or both services

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Stewardship/Finance

The goal of our Stewardship/Finance Ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances that God has entrusted to them.

Year to Date Financial Picture

(Through April)

	May	Actual YTD	YTD Budget
Env. Giving	$8,067.50	$47,916.50	$66,666.65
Other Reg. Giv.	$75.00	$2,617.00	$4,916.60
Misc. Income	$265.00	$8,098.58	$12,252.45
Total Income	$8,407.50	$58,632.08	$83,835.70
Expenses:	$3,902.57	$37,157.58	$76,112.60
Net	$4,504.93	$21,444.50	$7,723.10

Thank you for your continued Financial Support.
Your generosity is most appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW…

that your offerings to Messiah Lutheran Church can be made electronically while you're on vacation or if you prefer the convenience of scheduling a monthly/weekly automatic withdrawal from your account?
It's easy to set up the following option:
Electronic transfer from your bank account
For more information, call the Church Office, 899-6386.

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The Stewardship/Finance Ministry Committee will next meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 4:30pm in the Conference Room. Contact Mike Mikotowicz (814-790-8115) if you would like to share your talents as part of this important work of the congregation.

Counter Ministry

Are you good with figures?
Do you like to handle money?
Maybe the Counter Ministry is for you!

Time commitment is about 30 minutes after worship.
Training will be provided! Contact the Church Office if interested.

Wesleyville Food Pantry

Please consider a financial gift for the Food Pantry.
Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Food Pantry Distribution:
Tuesday, June 6, 5-6:00pm *- Country Fair Items Only*
Tuesday, June 20, 10-11:30am and at 5-6:00pm
Thank you for your generosity!

Make your Contribution from our Website!

Now Live!! Check it out!

Donate

Located on the home page

Members and website visitors will be able to contribute to the ministry happening at and through Messiah from our website. You can choose one time or recurring transactions. You can also choose to cover the small fee! You can pay for the sponsorship of Altar Flowers, Worship Aids, and Vigil Candles too. You will still need to sign up for them on the flower chart!

Attention Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Members...

Thrivent Members can designate Messiah Lutheran Church as a recipient of the charitable giving that Thrivent offers through Choice Dollars. Visit their website, **www.thrivent.com,** or call your Thrivent representative for more information.

To those who have designated Messiah as a recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars, ***we gratefully thank you!***

For more information about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contact Vince Kremer, Financial Associate, at 814-878-5727 or visit Thrivent.com

Pennies for Poverty

An ongoing project of the NWPA Women of the ELCA

Consider dropping your spare change, or even bills, into the container in the narthex for this project.

Each year a charity is selected to receive the money collected by the participating churches.

2nd Mile Giving Appeal

2nd Mile Giving is that support we offer above and beyond our regular giving.

Our 2nd Mile Giving recipient for **June** is:

Bethany Outreach Center

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 **May 23, $25.00** has been donated for ***Vacation Bible School***

Thank you for your generosity!

Want to know more about our 2nd Mile Giving organizations?

Bethany Outreach Center impacts Erie's lower eastside by providing services and teaching skills for positive life change. They offer a food pantry, clothes closet, fitness classes, reading sessions and so much more. They are all about reaching out in the community to improve the lives of those they serve.

Summer Vacation Season

Many families will be heading out for vacations or weekends away during the summer.

As you are traveling we wish you safety, enjoyment and relaxation.

Unlike people, however, the church's expenses do not go on vacation.

We ask and encourage you to remember that your financial contributions are relied upon even in your absence from our worshiping community.

Thank you for your continued generosity

June Sponsors

	8:30 WA	11:00 WA	Flower (1)	Flower (2)	Candle
6/4	Linda Voigt				Mikotowicz
6/11			Steve Porada		Mikotowicz
6/18	Mikotowicz	Candy Sprouse	Deb Rogala		Mikotowicz
6/25	Mikotowicz				Mikotowicz

Please consider sponsoring the Worship Aids during the year.
Every sponsorship helps to defray the cost to the congregation. Thank you!

2023 Sponsorships

The completed form, and payment, are due prior to date of sponsorship

Altar Flowers: **$30/**1 vase
$55/2 vases *(for same day)**

Worship Aids: **$7**/service/week*

*(except Easter & Christmas)

About Our Members

Please keep the church office informed of any changes in your contact information. It is important for us to keep our database up-to-date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Life

Contact Cindy Anderson at 881-2161 to be part of the Church Life Ministry Committee.

CYFM/FIA

Children, Youth & Family Ministry/ Faith In Action Committee

CYFM/Faith in Action Committee
Next meeting is ***Thursday, June 1***
at 12:00PM
Finance Room

Guided Meditation on Mondays is now a "traveling" group. Please call Bonnie Stearns at 814-460-0556 to find out how you can participate in this prayer ministry!
Every Monday - 6:30PM

BOUND TOGETHER
(BOOK REVIEW CLUB)

See you in September!
Watch the newsletter for the readings at the end of summer.

In order to make a Prayer Chain request, please

PRAYER CHAIN
MINISTRY

email or call the Church Office

The Grateful Prayer Group

THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
CURRENTLY MEETING BY CONFERENCE CALL
CONTACT JEAN PARKER AT 814-528-5817
OR LINDA FRYER AT 814-899-6899.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! This year we are collaborating with Faith Lutheran Church, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Harborcreek.

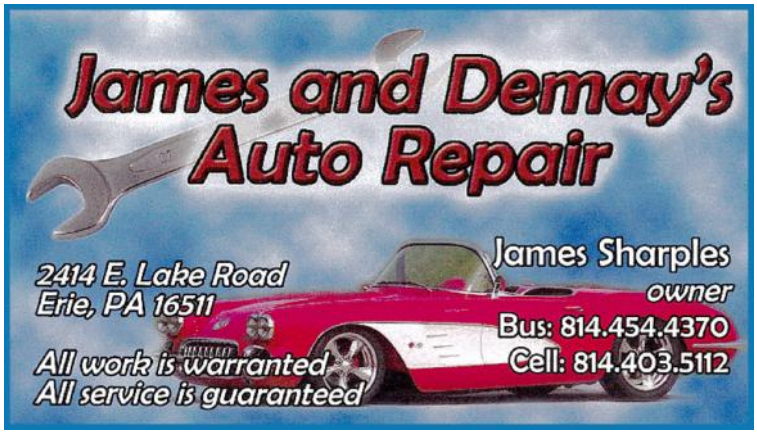
Operation Restoration
July 22, 2023
Rolling Ridge Park
9:45am-2:00pm.

Watch for more details in the July Messenger and in the bulletins!

Property

Property Committee

Do you have an interest in helping to keep our church property in top condition?
Join the Property Committee!
Next meeting will be Sunday, June 11, at 9:45am in the Study Lounge
To get information about any project for the church or to Inform us of something that needs to be repaired, please contact Art Anderson at 881-1680



Servant Outreach

Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry Committee will meet June 4 at 9:45am.

Sewing Circle

Do you like to sew? Need something to do? The quilters are meeting again in the sewing room and are sewing up a storm! Currently they meet on Tuesdays from 10:00am-12:00pm.
The day of the week can change, so please call Joyce Hauser to confirm.
Project Linus blankets continue to be made in people's individual homes.
If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Joyce Hauser at 814-825-3919.
Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Messiah Prayer Shawl group is working from home.
If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call Shirley Damon at 814-899-8805 with any questions or concerns. We can provide patterns, yarn, and instruction if needed.
Thank you!
Prayer Shawls are available at the Church office for anyone who would like one.

Bethany Outreach

CLOTHING DRIVE

The collection box for donations has been removed from the Narthex, but you can still drop off men's and boy's clothing!

Clothing can be dropped off at the office or in the library. Talk to Karen Pistner if you have any questions.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities

FOOD PANTRY

June 6 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.
June 12 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.
June 13 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.
June 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

Thank you for your willingness to help!

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Parish Health Ministry

I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5

Green Corner

NWPA Synod Green Team

ELECTRIC VEHICLES: THE FUTURE

Upfront, the best advice we can provide about electric vehicles (EV) is to read an overview article, such as one published by Consumer Reports in February, 2023.

EVs are part of attempts to reduce climate change. The decision to purchase is complicated for many.

In general, EVs still cost more in dollars than comparable fossil fuel (FF) vehicles. That price difference is shrinking. One question to ask is whether the dollars alone tell the story. What price do we put on saving the earth? Saving lives affected or lost due to climate change is just as important.

Some of the factors to consider regarding EVs: reliability; fuel savings (including cost of electricity for charging); tax credits by federal and state government; initial price; rebates for purchasing at-home chargers; price reductions for charging during certain hours; the range (miles) per full charge.

Yes, it is a rather complex combination of factors – if you make cost the only criteria. Our challenge is to look beyond the cost in dollars to see how much is saved in terms of the health of all creation.

Keep Healthy Boundaries

Janet's mother had Alzheimer's and was eventually placed in a memory care facility. Feeling guilty she could no longer keep her mother at home, Janet visited every day after work, often eating dinner with her. Janet's husband complained of feeling slighted, to no avail. Their marriage grew strained.

Maria, a home health aide, sometimes visited her client Bob outside of regular work hours to bring him homemade goodies. When Maria went out of town for a week, and another aide showed up at the house, Bob refused her assistance. "I'll wait until Maria returns," he said.

Not infrequently caregivers give more than what is healthy for the client or themselves. While being needed can make one feel special and important, "over-care giving" comes at a cost! Family and friends are neglected, personal needs get overlooked, and an unhealthy dependency develops by the one receiving care. Having boundaries means saying no when we are tired or need a break. Having limits means including others in our care giving role so we can get away. Boundaries protect the caregiver, client, families, and care giving team from emotional harm.

Are you having difficulty setting healthy boundaries? What might you do to change that?

Warm regards,
Rebecca Hauder

(Adapted from *The Nature of Caregiving: Photographs and Words to Inspire Self-Care, p, 29,* by Rebecca Hauder)

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Church Council

Church Leadership

Council:

Briana Alaniz-Secretary(3)
Art Anderson-President
Joe Burwell (2)
Eugene Jones (3)
Dave Kent (1)
Kathy Kiehl (2)
Mike Mikotowicz-Vice-President(2)
Blaine Waters (1)
Robin Curtis (1)

Conference I Rep: *Blaine Waters*
Food Pantry Board Rep: *Mike Mikotowicz*
Committee Chairpersons:
Church Life: *Cindy Anderson*
CYFM: *Candy Sprouse*
Mutual Ministry: *Jean Parker*
Property: *Art Anderson*
Servant Outreach: *Jean Parker, Joe Burwell*
Stewardship/Finance: *Mike Mikotowicz*
Worship: *TBD*

Unofficial Highlights

- Reviewed the Minutes of the March Council meeting;
- Reviewed the Financial Reports and Ministry Committee Reports;
- Income and expenses are both down;
- Interviewed candidate, the vote was unanimous to send the candidate to the congregation.
- Next meeting June 15 at 6pm.

Call Committee

The call committee interviewed and approved the candidate by unanimous vote!

Church Council has interviewed and approved the candidate by unanimous vote!

Candidate will officially preach at both services on a date to be determined. Watch the bulletins for more information.

Church Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10:00am-5:00pm
Friday	10:00am-5:00pm

Contact Information

Messiah Lutheran Church

Contact Information

Church Office: (814) 899-6386
secretary@messiah-erie.org
Cindy Anderson: (814) 881-2161
Pastor: **To Be Determined**

www.messiah-erie.org

Find out what is going on in the ELCA:

Church-wide - **www.elca.org**

NWPA Synod - ***www.northwesternpasynodelca.org***

BibleWise

WORD SEARCH

Search for words that describe the Pentecost from Acts 2.

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CHRISTIANITY
PENTECOST
HOLY SPIRIT

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HEAVEN
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REJOICE
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THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

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