



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# MESSENGER

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### Special Points of Interest

Honoring Graduates: June 8, 11:00 am service

OWLs: June, 12:00 noon

Bubble Church: June 22, 9:45 am

Pet Walk: Wednesday, June 25, 6:00 pm

AED/CPR Training: June 29, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall

### Rogation (Creation) Sunday

**June 1 at both services**

Come participate in the celebration of creation God has given to us.

### Honoring Graduates

**June 8**

We will honor high school graduates Elijah Carner and Nevaeh Peters at the 11:00 am service.

### Pet Walk

Wednesday, June 25, 6:00 pm

Meet in the church parking lot to take a walk around the neighborhood with your pet.

### OWLs

Watch bulletins for more information.

### AED/CPR Training

**Sunday, June 29, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall**

The church purchased two Automated External Defibrillator, (AEDs), one for Fellowship Hall and one for the first floor in the Library.

One CPR class has been

held without AED training; now that the two AEDs we ordered have arrived, a representative from the Hamot Health Foundation has agreed to offer AED training, He said that he can also offer CPR training for those who were unable to attend the first class.

Please sign up in the

Narthex for either AED training only or CPR and AED.

The two AED locations will provide easy emergency access. The more people who are trained in their use increases the chance of survival from a heart attack, so please consider signing up for the training.

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**Church Office Hours****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****A Season of Growth,  
Gratitude, and Going Forth**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June has arrived in all its fullness - bursting with sunlight, green shoots, and the gentle hum of summer anticipation. In our church family and in our homes, it is a month marked by growth, movement, and celebration.

**Graduation: Honoring Our  
Graduates**

We give thanks to God for our high school graduates, Elijah and Nevaeh, this season! Their journey of learning and growing has brought them to this special milestone. As they prepare for what lies ahead - college, work, service, or time to discern - we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their steps. Please join us on June 8 during worship as we recognize and bless our graduating seniors.

**Pentecost: The Church on  
the Move**

Pentecost Sunday falls on June 8, and we'll celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church! Just as the Spirit empowered the early disciples to go out into the world with boldness and joy, we too are sent to share God's love beyond our walls. Let us come dressed in red to mark the fire of the Spirit among us!

**Rogation Sunday: Tending  
God's Earth**

Whether it's a backyard garden or a community plot, June is the season of planting and tending. It is also a time for farmers to seed, grow, and tend to their crops. Many of us find joy and peace in working the soil, reminding us of God's creative work and our call to be stewards of His good earth. May we see each flower and vegetable as a small parable of

resurrection and new life. This year we celebrate the act of caring for and working the earth at our worship services on June 1. We will give thanks to God for the earth, food, plants and creation.

**Vacation and Rest: A Holy  
Pause**

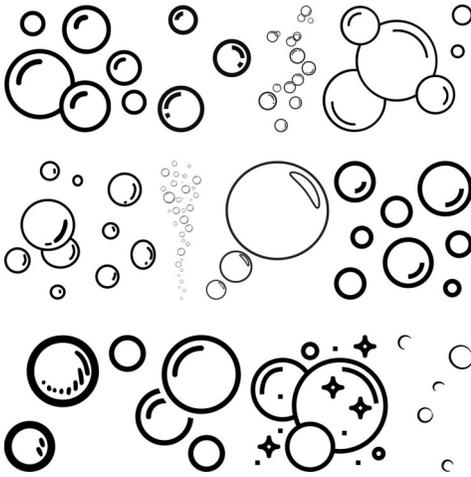
As schools let out and families begin to travel, we recognize the gift of rest and recreation. Whether you're heading to the lake, visiting family, or simply taking time to slow down, we encourage you to carry the peace of Christ with you. Don't forget — wherever you go, God goes with you!

As we move through this season, let's stay connected as a community: lifting one another up in prayer, worshiping together, and serving joyfully in all we do.

Wishing you a Spirit-filled June,  
Pastor Tom



## BUBBLE CHURCH IS COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!



It has been a vision of Pastor Tom to experiment and find ways to increase the spirituality of worship and attendance. Pastor Tom said when he was called to be the Pastor at Messiah, he was going to focus on two priorities in the early years of his tenure: explore increasing the spirituality and attendance of worship and find ways to grow the Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Messiah. Since the passage of the vision plan, the Worship Committee and the Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM) in partnership with Pastor Tom are launching Bubble Church.

Bubble Church follows the pattern of a traditional church service with some elements people would recognize: begin by saying sorry (confession), go on to offer thanks to God, children share what they are thankful for (intercessions). A Bible story is told using various tools (the Word), and they use the same form of words to say goodbye to each other (the blessing).

Part of Messiah's mission as a church is to make disciples. Bubble Church is for young families, but it is worship. We want to connect with those who have shown an interest in what church is about. We have a lot of young families in the area. Our Back to School Bash event is well attended each year, which indicates that there are a lot of families in our backyard. Pastor Tom believes people want to have a connection with a church, and this is a way Messiah can invite them to do so here. It will be a real blessing for Messiah to have them exploring their spirituality here.

We plan to launch Bubble Church in September, but we are having a trial run on **Sunday, June 22, 9:45 am until approximately 10:15 am. We encourage you to bring your young children to this experience.** You can expect songs, skit, coffee, donuts, and a quick lesson from Pastor Tom.

We ask that you come with an open mind, a spirit of participation, and a willingness to engage all the young people as we move forward.



## 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 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.

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

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 May meeting;
- Julie Boam will be presiding May 25;
- Pr. Tom will be moving in June closer to the church;
- Many Sunday activities during June: Rogation Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Honoring Graduates, Trial run of Bubble Church, AED/CPR training ;
- Synod Assembly June 13-14, Cyndi Allen & Blaine Waters are our lay representatives;
- Beds are in and available at the Wesleyville Community Garden;
- Next meeting will be June 19 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room

**SUMMER READING LIST**

Summer unofficially starts on Memorial Day. That means that we might take vacations, spend more time with family, and perhaps, do a little more reading. Below is a list of books Pastor has suggested for reading this summer. These titles are available to borrow in the church's library.

Since there are twelve weeks of summer break, here are twelve suggested books for us to read and perhaps gain new insights into your faithful walk with Christ.

- How to Pray When You Think You Can't - Alborghetti
- The Rapture of Canaan - Sheri Reynolds
- Joshua - John Girzone
- A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 - Keller
- To Be Where You Are - Jan Karon
- The Road Less Traveled - M. Scott Peck, MD
- Every Living Thing - James Herriot
- Healing and the Mind - Bill Moyer
- The Lutheran Handbook - Augsburg Fortress Press
- The Red Tent - Anita Diamant
- Interpretation: Matthew - Hare
- The Bible - every day we read this!

If any of these titles don't excite you, check out the other books in the church's library. You can also talk to Pastor Tom about what you might like to read. He has his own library in his office and more books at home that he can share.

- When Bad Things Happen to Good People - Rabbi Harold Kushner

**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

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION**

Approved- 2025 to 2027

**WORSHIP**

Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary	(2025)
Update website	(On-Going)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	<b>(DONE)</b>

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	<b>(DONE)</b>
Repair/Purchase Boiler	<b>(DONE)</b>
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms	(2027)
Buy New Freezer	<b>(DONE)</b>

**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)

**Church Council Leadership**

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



*Find out  
what is going on  
in the ELCA:*

Church-wide - [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

NWPA Synod -  
[www.northwesternpasynod.org](http://www.northwesternpasynod.org)  
[elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

## 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 **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 22 \$27.00** has been donated for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thank you for your generosity!

## Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities

June 3 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

June 9 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

June 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

June 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

## Community Blood Bank Blood Drive

Thank you to those who have donated in the past. As you may know, you can donate every 56 days, so we have scheduled our next drive for **July 14-19** so that you can stay on schedule.

Needless to say, the Blood Bank is always in need of new donors!

For anyone who wishes to donate but doesn't have a ride, please call the church 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.

## Bound Together Book Review

**1st Wednesday at 1:00 pm**

**Happy Summer!**

Join us in the fall.

**Altar Flowers**

\$30.00 for one, \$55.00 for two

**June 1**

1. Linda Voigt
2. Debra Tarasovich

**June 8**

- 1.
- 2.

**June 15**

1. Porada
- 2.

**June 22**

1. Magee
- 2.

**June 29**

- 1.
- 2.

**Bulletins**

\$7.00 each

**June 1**

- 8:30:  
11:00:

**June 8**

- 8:30:  
11:00:

**June 15**

- 8:30:  
11:00: Candy Spouse

**June 22**

- 8:30:  
11:00: Candy Spouse

**June 29**

- 8:30:  
11:00:

**Vigil Candles**

\$3.00 a week

**June 1**

Linda Voigt

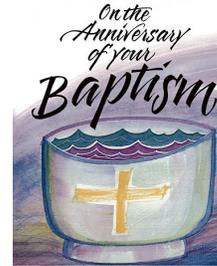
**June 8**

Debra Tarasovich

**June 15**

Jean Parker

**June 22****June 29**



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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 03 Lori Bresee    | 11 Pamela Bresee     |
| James Learn, Jr.  | 17 Debbie Rogala     |
| 06 Bonnie Stearns | 18 Linda Porada      |
| 07 Bill Magee     | 19 Brian Rogala, Jr. |
| 10 Sandy Lee      | 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."*

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| 14 Lauren Proper   | 18 Bill Roth  |
| 15 Emmanuel Alaniz | 27 Bill Magee |
| 16 Bernice Fryer   |               |

# Heaven's Whispers

## June

- Day 1: Jeremiah 33:3
- Day 2: John 10:27
- Day 3: 1 Kings 19:12
- Day 4: Psalm 46:10
- Day 5: Proverbs 3:6
- Day 6: Isaiah 30:21
- Day 7: Psalm 25:4-5
- Day 8: James 1:5
- Day 9: Psalm 119:105
- Day 10: Psalm 143:8
- Day 11: John 16:13
- Day 12: Matthew 4:4
- Day 13: Isaiah 55:3
- Day 14: 1 Samuel 3:9
- Day 15: Psalm 37:23
- Day 16: Romans 10:17
- Day 17: Proverbs 8:32-34
- Day 18: Revelation 2:7
- Day 19: John 14:26
- Day 20: Psalm 81:8
- Day 21: Matthew 17:5
- Day 22: Hebrews 1:1-2
- Day 23: Deuteronomy 4:29
- Day 24: 1 Corinthians 2:10
- Day 25: Isaiah 28:23
- Day 26: Psalm 40:1
- Day 27: Psalm 85:8
- Day 28: Isaiah 55:3
- Day 29: Psalm 95:7-8
- Day 30: Psalm 119:11



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

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| 13 | John & Robin Szczutkowski  |
| 23 | Bruce and Barb Frick       |
| 24 | John and Cynthia Needham   |
| 30 | Debra and David Tarasovich |

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

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

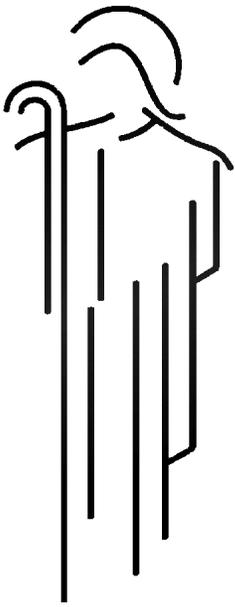


*"God speaks to you in between the silence of your thoughts."*

*Russ Walden*

**Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our property beautiful for the summer.



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