

**SERVING THE LORD TODAY:**

**Presider:** Rev. Eric Black  
**Organist:** Mr. Richard Krueger

**Elders:** Steve Dengler  
**Ushers:** Team 4  
**Acolyte:** Clairra Vander Tuig  
**Altar Guild:** Team 2: Shirley Hoese, Lori Kearney, Sandy Hoffman, Becky Buss

**SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEK:**

**SUNDAY 10:00 am**

**Elders:** Jim Hoffman  
**Ushers:** Team 1  
**Acolyte:**  
**Altar Guild:** Team 3: Judy Gerke, Deb Krueger, Diane Wheeler, Barbara Wilson

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING:** were placed to the glory of God by Dianne Wheeler in memory of Pat and by Mark and Laura Altemann in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**OUR ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Sunday Worship .....	96
Adult Bible Class .....	33

**THIS WEEK:**

**Counters:** Mark Altemann and Jerry Tiedt  
**Sign Changer:** Pete Garchow  
**Lawn Mower:** Pete Garchow

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL**



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**April 28, 2024**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

✦ Those with immediate prayer concerns: **(Rick Krueger, Gary Buss, Jack Keller, Gina Griffis, Tom Driscoll, Lori Martin); Linda Reed**, friend of Rich & Gina Griffis; **Fran Wilson**, brother of Dick Wilson; **Alice Feigel**, mother of Renee Davis; **Mike Brumley**, brother of Shirley Kremm; **Mike Buckley**, brother-in-law of Sandy & Larry Goodlander; **Nora Rotman** friend of Sandy & Larry Goodlander.



✦ Our Missionaries: **Pastor Masih and Pastor Mahlburg.**

(Please pray for the above in your prayer time at home. If there are additions, deletions or changes to the above list, please inform the church office by Wednesday noon.)

**BIBLE CLASS AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:** Please join us in the fellowship hall **Sundays at 9:00 am.**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** We continue with one weekly Divine Service **Sundays at 10:00 am.**

► **ASCENSION DAY AT MESSIAH - Thursday, May 9th**, our brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Peter's will join us to celebrate *The Ascension of Our Lord!* There will be a **meal at 6:00**, followed by the **Service at 7:00 pm.**

► **TRUSTEE CLEAN-UP DAY THANK YOU** - The Trustees send a big THANK YOU to the volunteers who came to our Spring Clean-up Day! Thank you to Kevin, Rick D., Rick C., Mel, Ron, Joe & Chang, Dave & Teri, Dick, Pastor Eric, Carol, and Kurt. Check out how beautiful our property is. All Praise to God!

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT – this Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.** Bring a game and a snack to share. Fun for all! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

► **THANK YOU** - A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Black, all the prayers and the Meet and Greet Group at Messiah who have prayed for me for 12 weeks. I had successful TAVR heart valve replacement on April 16.

I am in cardio therapy and recovery for a few weeks now. Then, on to a regular schedule. God's provision is amazing!

I am forever grateful for the care, concern, calls, cards, messages and prayers of Messiah congregation. Live streamed services are great but "in-person" will be better soon. God Bless each of you!

In His Love, *Ann Beuschel*

**FROM THE FAMILY OF MIKE MULL:**

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donation of food, cards, thoughtfulness, and most of all your continued prayers. An additional thank you to all of you who contributed to the capital improvement fund in Mike's memory. – Pat

► **RICK KRUEGER** will have surgery on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and then be on medical leave, with an estimated recovery time of 30 days. Please keep Rick and Deb in your prayers. Thanks to Julie Beuschel and Nicole Mungia of Our Savior Lutheran Church for serving as substitute musicians during Rick's leave. For online updates, you can search for Rick's journal at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org).

**THE BANNER FUND** has been so well received and funded by this congregation that I humbly report as of the end of March we have over \$3,000 in this fund which will supply all I have imagined. If there is anyone who would like to get involved, please let me know. I pray these banners help each of us in our personal faith journey.

Thankfully submitted by Carol Mushong

► **PRESCHOOL YARD SIGNS** – Spring is here... and that means the Preschool yard signs are ready to be proudly displayed in YOUR yard. We are actively enrolling for the Fall and your partnership is so appreciated. The signs and sign-out form are at the welcome center, ready for your use. Thank you for helping promote our program! Please return the sign when you are finished using it.

► **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024:**

On **Monday-Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 to 11:45 am**, Messiah will hold our annual VBS. This year's theme is *Celebrate the Savior!*



Kids age 4 as of August 1<sup>st</sup> through grade 6 are invited to join us for lessons, music, crafts, snacks, activities and more! **Beginning Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** You can register your children or grandchildren online at [vbsmate.com/messiahgr2024](http://vbsmate.com/messiahgr2024).

Can you help with VBS this year? We need volunteers for many tasks including: Group Leaders & Helpers, plus helpers for Bible Stories, Crafts, Recreation, Kitchen, Registration and more! Volunteers can sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling Steve Ledbetter (our 2024 VBS Director) at 616-460-8981

A *VBS Staff Training Day* for all group and activity leaders and helpers is set for **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 11:00 pm** in the fellowship Hall.

For more details, see the May Newsletter.

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER BASKET**

**SALE:** The baskets will be available for pick-up, **next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact Arlene Mansfield 616-240-1596 with any questions.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT**

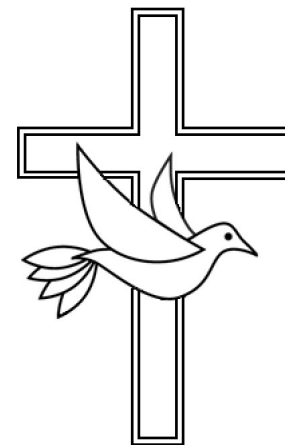
**MESSIAH?** Please call the church office (616-363-2553) or speak with Pastor Eric for more information.

**HELP SOMEONE'S MEMORY (AND**

**THEY CAN HELP YOURS):** Wear your name tag every Sunday! They're located to the right of the Welcome Center; pick your name tag up when you enter and drop it off before you leave. Do you need a name tag replacement? Contact the church office.

**WMLHS OPEN HOUSE - Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** If you have questions, please contact the WMLHS school office at 616-455-2200 or email [office@wmlhs.org](mailto:office@wmlhs.org).

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL FALL SYMPOSIUM:** We are honored to be the location for the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education's Fall Symposium on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Come learn more about this growing movement in Christian education from a variety of Lutheran speakers including Mollie Hemingway, Katie Schuermann, and Dr. Geoffrey Boyle.



**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**April 28 – May 4, 2024**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Class..... 9:00 am  
Worship/Communion..... **10:00 am**

**MONDAY**

**Rick on leave through Monday, May 27**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

LifeLight..... 6:00 pm  
Choir..... 7:00 pm

**THURSDAY**

**Confessions Study ..... 10:00 am**

**FRIDAY**

**Pastor's Day off**  
**Rick's Day off**

**SATURDAY**

Family Game Night ..... 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY, May 5, 2024**

Bible Class..... 9:00 am  
Worship/Communion..... **10:00 am**

**MONDAY, May 6, 2024**

Elders ..... 7:00 pm