

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newsletter Deadline

All items for the monthly Newsletter must be submitted in writing no later than the *Monday after the second Sunday* of the month and are subject to editing. No exceptions.

Messiah Lutheran Church is on... facebook



August Celebrations





12 Joyce Hauser 14 Ursel Schmitt

15 Robin Szczutkowski 31

22 Briana Alaniz

25 Art Anderson

27 Mary Lou Bartlett

29 Candy Sprouse

30 Jeffrey Brown

Sharon Orlando



"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

	Lisa Booth	08	Alyssa Bresee
01	Mary Rush	12	Brenda Wilson
	Tim Smock	16	Isabella Alaniz
04	Catherine Parker	18	Wendi Proper
07	Rachel Porada	23	Jeremy Yurcak
	James Learn Jr		





DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

17 Daniel 7-12

19 1 Timothy 1-3

20 Numbers 4-6

22 Psalms 99-101

26 1 Timothy 4-6

27 Numbers 7-9

28 1 Chronicles 15-19

29 Psalms 102-104

30 Proverbs 20-21

31 Hosea 8-14

23 Proverbs 19

24 Hosea 1-7

25 John 7-9

21 1 Chronicles 10-14

18 John 5-6

- 1 Psalms 90-92
- 2 Proverbs 14-15
- 3 Ezekiel 43-48
- 4 John 1-2
- 5 1 Thessalonians 4-5
- 6 Leviticus 25-27
- 7 1 Chronicles 1-4
- 8 Psalms 93-95
- 9 Proverbs 16
- 10 Daniel 1-6
- 11 John 3-4
- 12 2 Thessalonians
- 13 Numbers 1-3
- 14 1 Chronicles 5-9
- 15 Psalms 96-98
- 16 Proverbs 17-18



"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

- 01 Ernie & Carol Ann Wolf Craig & Ethelynne Cunningham
- 10 Ron & Barbara Martucci
- 14 Bob & Carole Pommer
- 22 Tracy & Aimee Gustafson
- 25 Brian & Debbie Rogala

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

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Messiah Messenger

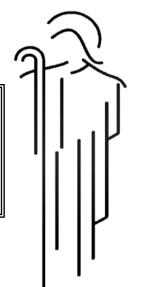
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Our Mission:

Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service, and our support **Our Vision:**

To build and strengthen the body of Christ





Covid-19 Public Worship Guideline Update

For those who are fully vaccinated masks are optional. For those who are not fully vaccinated masks are requested, but not required.

Physical distancing has been removed as have capacity limits.

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed by station.

Online Worship Update

We are currently streaming the worship services on Facebook Live.

Please share this live stream on your own Facebook page!

The video will then be uploaded to our YouTube channel



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

Assisting Ministers and Lectors

The blank schedule for **September** will be in the **Narthex** through **August 15**Please schedule yourself.

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

Assisting Ministers are DESPERATELY needed for the 8:30 Worship Service!

Contact Pr. Jeff if interested!

Training will be provided.





Main Office | 2607 Buffalo Road | 814.899.7656 Nancy E. Dusckas, FD Supervisor

www.dusckasfuneralhome.com

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 Pr. Jeff or the Church Office!

Worship Ministry Team

The next meeting of the Worship Ministry Team will be Tuesday, Aug 3 at 6:00PM in the Study Lounge.

To be part of this vital ministry at Messiah, Contact Tammy Johnson at 434-3386

Online Service Attendance											
Date	8:30	11:00	Total								
June 27	58	53	111								
July 4	43 **	83 **	126								
July 11	73 **	13 **	86								
July 18	13 * **	61									
In-Pe	rson Serv	ice Attend	lance								
June 27	25	18	43								
July 4	27	19	46								
July 11	22	30	52								

^{*} Service was not live-streamed

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Stewardship/Finance

July 18

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.

Are YOU shopping on line?

Use your Amazon purchases to help Messiah!

Follow the link on our webpage or go to: http://smile.amazon.com

Choose Messiah Lutheran Church as your charity and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Messiah!

Year to Date Financial Picture (Through July 18

(Inrough July 10												
		Actual	YTD									
	<u>July</u>	YTD	Budget									
Env. Giving	\$11,038.50	\$92,292.00	\$87,500.00									
Other Reg. Giv.	230.00	5,712.00	5,104.15									
Misc. Income	<u>169.00</u>	<u>15,776.10</u>	<u>19,080.81</u>									
Total Income	\$11,437.50	\$113,780.10	\$111,684.96									
Expenses:	\$ <u>7,108.24</u>	\$101,207.73	\$118,346.90									
Net	\$ 4,329.26	\$12,572.37	(\$6,661.94)									

Shop at AmazonSmile

and Amazon will make a donation to:

Messiah Lutheran Church



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

^{**} Technical Difficulties with the live stream



2ND MILE GIVING APPEAL

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

Our 2nd Mile Giving recipient for **August** is: **BWERANYANGE GIRLS 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 **July 18, \$82.00** has been donated for **LWR School Kits!**

Thank you for your generosity!

The Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team
will next meet on
August 10 at 4:00pm
in Fellowship Hall
Contact Craig Cunningham 882-4800
if you would like share your talents
as part of this important work of the
congregation.

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 that have designated Messiah as a recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars, we gratefully thank you!

As of July 18 we have received \$52 for 2021 through your designating Messiah as the recipient of your shares.

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



August Sponsors											
	8:30 WA	11:00 WA	Flower (1)	Flower (2)	Candle						
08/01			Cunningham	Carol Ann & Ernie Wolf							
08/08			Booth	Booth							
08/15			Ramsey		Voigt						
08/22	Pommer		Rogala	Van Dyne	Parker						
08/29	Parker	Parker	Parker		Voigt						

Please consider sponsoring the Worship Aids and/or Vigil Candle during the year. Every sponsorship helps to defray the cost to the congregation. Thank you!



2021 Sponsorships

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

Altar Flowers: \$25/1 vase

\$40/2 vases (for same day)*

Vigil Candle: \$3/week

Worship Aids: \$7/service/week*

* (except Easter & Christmas)

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, August 3 <u>5-6:00pm</u> - Country Fair Items Only **Tuesday, August 17 <u>10-11:30am and at 5-6:00pm</u>**

Thank you for your generosity!

Counter Ministry

Become part of the team of people who count the weekly offerings and take them to the bank.

Time commitment is about 30 minutes after worship.

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

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.



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

Gratitude

Well, another birthday has passed. The round years really bother me. However, one either gets older or one doesn't. In spite of my griping, I am grateful for another year. I am grateful for fifty years of marriage with a man whom I appreciate and love more each year. I am grateful for my sons and for their families. I am grateful to be loved. I have not been attending services, but I am grateful that I can watch them on my computer. It makes me feel connected with all of you. We are one body in Christ.

I am grateful for my friends who lead me in meditation by phone, and that dear Charlotte has been able to join us from miles away. So very grateful.

I am grateful for small things, like finding strawberries when I thought the season was over. I am grateful for the lake and the rain and the sun.

The big things and the small things are all gifts of God. Sometimes we don't know it's a gift at the time. It may be months--even years--before we can look back with gratitude. Be grateful for every step of the way, for each step prepares us for the next.

I am grateful that social media has kept me connected with old friends and family. I am surprised and grateful that so many of them believe in Jesus as our Savior! All one of them has to say is "I need prayer", and more than a hundred voices join in praise.

God has opened my eyes and my heart. I am grateful for every day, no matter if I seem agitated at times. I am at peace.

From my family to yours, we wish for you peace of mind. Accept with gratitude the grace of our God and our salvation.

Your servant in Christ, Marilyn DiLuzio Rizzo



Pennies for Poverty

An ongoing project of the NWPA Women of the ELCA.

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

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

Church Life



Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 15
At Rolling Ridge Park
3899 Brierwood Drive
Dinner will begin at 5:30pm

Sign up on poster in
Narthex if you are planning
to attend and what side
dish or dessert you will
bring to share.



Church Life Ministry Team

To be part of the Church Life Ministry Team please contact Cindy Anderson at 881-2161

Servant Outreach

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Due to the Corona Virus, the Messiah

Prayer Shawl group will not meet until it is safe to return. However, our group is working from home and doing the best we can.

Right now we are in need of more volunteers who are talented or willing to learn to knit or crochet shawls from their home.

During the pandemic it can be a blessing to you and to the person who receives a mantel.

If you are interested in helping us out with this ministry, please call Shirley Damon at 814-899-8805 with any questions or concerns. We can provide patterns, instruction if needed and yarn. Thank you!

Prayer Shawls are available at the Church office. Please contact Shirley Damon or the Church office.

Sewing Circle

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Project Linus sewing circle will not be meeting at this time. Instead we are sewing blankets at home! If anyone is interested, we are always in need of talented volunteers. We can provide material and blanket ideas if needed. If you are interested in helping, please call Joyce Hauser with any questions at 814-825-3919. Thank you!

Do you like to sew? Need something to do? The sewing group is working on lap robes or blankets for the City Mission and Project Linus from home.

Bethany Outreach

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

CLOTHING

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

So far our Sewing Group has made over 20 Project Linus blankets for children!!

Contact Joyce Hauser if you would

Contact Joyce Hauser if you would like to help make blankets for children!

Servant Outreach /Parish Health Ministry Team will meet August 1 at 9:45am in the Study Lounge. The Sewing Group will also be working on some quilts for the Upper Room. The quilts are hand tied. They will meet in the sewing room. Date and Time to be determined. Contact Joyce Hauser if you are interested in helping!



Parish Health Ministry

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

Lífe Transitions

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Life never stays the same. There are several stages with unique challenges that make each one memorable. As new parents you add new responsibilities and a baby to your life while trying to establish yourselves as a couple. This new role means sharing your partner with someone else so make sure you talk to each other, have a date night, and share your struggles. Adjustment is easier when you know what challenges exist.

The next stage is the teen years and the bid for independence. This coincides with financial concerns such as maintaining a home, supporting the family, preparing for college, and possibly helping an elderly parent. Know that the caregiver role for your child is starting to end. To prepare your child for adulthood, teach him/her about financial and personal responsibility and be open with your spouse about any conflicts you have about letting go.

Next is sending your child off to college, career, or marriage. You are no longer the parent/controller but a friend/advisor. If this is your last child it may mean reconnecting with your spouse since the previous years have been focused on your child(ren). You might also be adding the role of caregiver for a parent. Keep in mind as you struggle with your changing roles, your parent is also struggling with his/her loss of independence. Be patient, include your parent in decisions when possible, ask siblings and friends for help, and be honest about your feelings.

The last stage is retirement where some have a loss of identity because they no longer work while others find new beginnings. To make the transition successful, consciously look for things to do. Resurrect an old hobby or find a new one. Travel to visit family and spend time with your grandchildren. If you can't travel, call them on the phone or use email. Stay connected and interested and you will find a whole new world.

(Source: Magellan Health Services: <u>www.magellanassist.com/mem/library</u>)



Children, Youth & Family Ministry



The Grateful Prayer Group

THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
MEETS IN THE STUDY LOUNGE
CONTACT JEAN PARKER AT 814-528-5817 OR
LINDA FRYER AT 814-899-6899.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Care Group #4 Bible Study Mondays, July 12 & 26 at 1:00PM

All are welcome!

Working through Ray Vander Laan's

"The Path to the Cross",

Discussion is guided by a workbook which will be provided; please let us know if you plan to attend.

Contact Linda Fryer or Jean Parker with questions.



BOUND TOGETHER

Will meet in September!!

Wednesday, Sept 1 at 1:30pm in the Study Lounge

Our September book will be:

The Vanishing Half - by Brett Bennet (Sandy H.)

COME AND JOIN US!

In order to make a Prayer Chain request, please email or call the Church Office



In the event of emergency situations, contact Pr. Jeff and he will pass on the information!

Thank You for your cooperation!

CYFM Team

Will next meet Thursday, July 1 at 12:00PM In the Finance Room



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, August 8 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

Mowing and Weeding

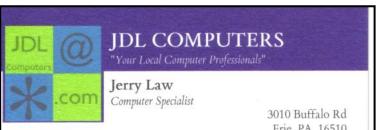
Volunteers are needed to keep our grounds looking nice throughout the spring and summer months.

Volunteer to mow the grass or pull some weeds!

Weeding can be done anytime by anyone who has the desire. Every little bit helps!

A Special Thank you to ... Those who assisted with the work day on July 17

Gene Jones, Rich Alaniz, Steve Porada, Joe Burwell, Pr. Jeff, and Art Anderson



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Notes of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who took time out of there day to give our family well wishes over the loss of Art Anderson Sr. The pouring of love from our faith community, weather with cards and/or prayers, are truly appreciated. With love, Art & Cindy Anderson and family.

Thank you to everyone who made our one day VBS a huge success! We had 13 youth attend and 14 volunteers.

About Our Members

Please keep the church office informed of any changes in your mailing address, phone number, and email address. It is important for us to keep our database up-to-date. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are saddened by the passing away of...



Friends of Messiah:

Loraine A. Jackson (June 27): Mother/Mother-in-Law of Gail & Doug Wolf, Grandmother of Tim, Megan, and Noah Wolf

Arthur Anderson, Sr. (July 5): Father/Father-in-Law of Art & Cindy Anderson, Grandfather of Briana & Rich Alaniz

Church Council

Church Leadership

Council:

 $Briana\ Alaniz ext{-}Secretary (1)$

Art Anderson .-V-Pres (2)

Tammy Johnson-Pres (3)

Eugene Jones (1)

Steve Porada (2)

Brian Rogala, Sr (3)

Mary Rush (2)

Anna Mae Van Dyne (1)

Conference I Reps:

Brian Rogala, Sr. TBD

Food Pantry Board Rep:

Mike Mikotowicz

Team Chairpersons:

Church Life: Cindy Anderson

CYFM: Candy Sprouse

Mutual Ministry:

Jim Van Dyne

Property: Art Anderson

Servant Outreach:

Anna Mae Van Dyne

Stewardship/Finance:

Craig Cunningham

Worship: Tammy Johnson

Unofficial Highlights

- Previewed the Minutes of the May Council meeting;
- ♣ Reviewed the Financial Reports, Pastor's Reports and Committee Reports;
- ♣ Discussed the continuing issues we are having with the live streaming; Pr. Jeff will look into this further with Jerry Law and Spectrum;
- ☆ Received a update on progress with the Buffalo Road property we are in receipt of the deed and Pr. Jeff has met with the Wesleyville Borough Council and has reached out to the School Board;
- ♣ Art Anderson reported on the Nominating Committee and thus far Gerrie and George Elias have agreed to be on this committee;
- → Council approved a name change to the "Audit Committee" to the "Financial Audit Committee";
- ☼ Discussed briefly the need to update the guidelines for the Financial Audit Committee; Tammy, Briana and Pr. Jeff will meet via ZOOM to draft this revision;
- ♣ Revisions to the purpose statement of each ministry team will be addressed as Council receives a draft from each Team chairperson;

Contact Information



Find out what is going on in the ELCA:

Church-wide - www.elca.org

NWPA Synod - www.northwesternpasynodelca.org

Messiah Lutheran Church

Contact Information

Church Office: (814) 899-6386

secretary@messiah-erie.org

Dir. Of Music Ministry: mlcmusic@messiah-erie.org

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey J. Piccirilli

pastorjeff@messiah-erie.org In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Jeff at 431-5879

www.messiah-erie.org

Church Office Hours

Monday Closed

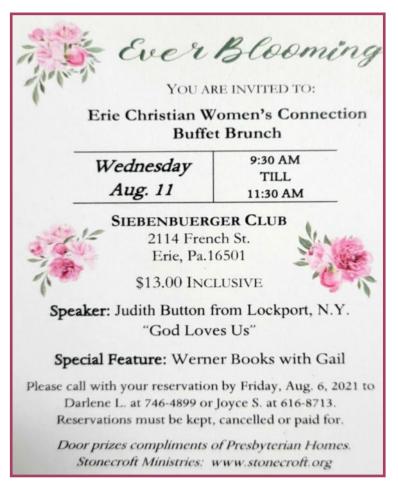
Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm

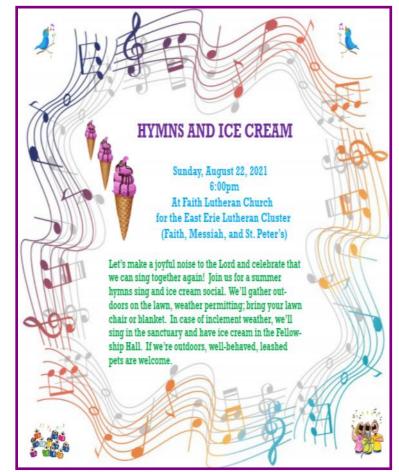
Wednesday Closed

Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm **Friday** 10:00am-5:00pm



Around the Community





You are cordially invited to attend

A Celebration of Life

remembering

The Rev. J. Kenneth Laber and Susan L. Laber

Saturday, July 31, 2021 6:00 — 8:45 p.m.

A dessert buffet will be served.

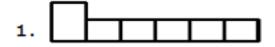
A prayer service is planned around a campfire beginning at 8:00 p.m.

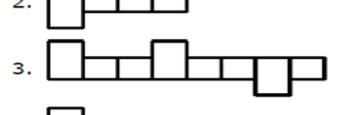
Please come and share your memories of Pastor Ken and Sue.

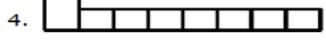
Rockin' the Front Porch — Sharing the Faith in the New Normal Program Presentation with Pastor Harold "Jake" Jacobson Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:00 am to 3:00 pm St. Peter's Lutheran Church 1500 Freeport Road, North East

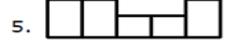


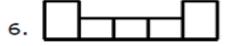
Treasure In Heaven

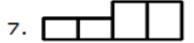














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The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



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Treasure In Heaven

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6. 4-25-14-26

7. 24-10-12-5

8. 26-5-13-18-14

