

THE MONITOR

Messiah Lutheran Church

June 2024

From our Council President:

Hello congregation! Summer is upon us, and so is the transition between pastors at Messiah. I want to give everyone a quick update of what can be expected over the coming months as we embark on this transition. We are planning to continue with pulpit supply through the summer months. We do have Jim Strasen available to assist us in emergency situations, and we will also have Ethan Feistner to serve as pastoral representation for our council meetings. As we move forward, Messiah will need each of us. We need to be caring for and checking in with each other. We need to be stepping up to assist where necessary. And we will need to be forming a call committee. If you have the ability, desire, and capacity to serve in new ways, please reach out to myself or any other council member. If you have questions about the transition, please feel free to touch base with me at my contact information listed below.

In Christ,

Chock Hefner

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A Note on Reconciling in Christ

Messiah's core committee studying RIF and its possible role in our future is reaching a watershed point. Most Messiah members have now been interviewed by a committee member; those who have not are invited to seek a member of the committee to schedule a one-to-one talk about RIF and inclusivity. Our initial goal is to include everybody in the process—so if you have not returned a text, voice message, or email from us, please do so. In the near future the committee hopes to present a recommendation to the Church Council and eventually to the full membership of Messiah. Meanwhile, please pray for our deliberations. And help us discern what Jesus would want of us—the Jesus who was open to publicans and Pharisees, who refused to throw the first stone, accepted water from an adulterous woman, dined with persons of unwashed hands, and invited a tax collector to be part of his ministry team.

Bishop Susan Candea met with the core committee last Sunday after church service. She enlightened us on the upcoming Synod Assembly, in which the Central States Synod will be voting on an RIF resolution. Ryon Carey and Linda Lewis are representing our congregation at the Assembly. If you feel called to express an opinion or pose a question, you are invited to do so.

Linda Lewis

Dala Pantry/ Summer Food Program

Dala Pantry

The month of May was a busy month for the Dala Pantry. It received a new director, Elena Northcutt, who graduated high school in 2023. She lives here in Lindsborg and plans to have a career in the healthcare field, specifically Nutrition. She is excited to direct the Dala Pantry this summer because she is very passionate about food and making sure everyone has access to proper nutrition. We hope you get to meet her sometime this summer. She is always open to answering any questions you may have about the Dala Pantry. In May, the Dala Pantry served over 170 individuals, 39 of them being new to the pantry. This equates to 89 households, 18 being new. Of the people we served, 38% were 18 to 49, 16% were 6 to 17, 20% were 65+, 6% were 60 to 64, and 5% were ages 0 to 5. We had an abundance of donations from the Post Office Food Drive this month, filling up almost every shelf in the pantry. We had our regularly scheduled order come the next day, completely filling the Dala Pantry. We thank everyone in the community who made a donation in the month of May. You are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who continue to show up every week. We could not do it without you. Thank you to all of our donors and thank you to Bethany College. We will have more updates next month. Stay tuned!

Summer Food Program

I am so excited to be the director of the Summer Food Program at Messiah. We have been making preparations for many weeks leading up to our first day on May 28. I have had a lot to learn, and I am looking forward to getting the program started. I would like to thank Linda Johnson, the director of the Elim location, and Pastor Amy, for teaching me everything I need to know about leading the program. I would also like to thank all of my regular volunteers and our cook for teaching me so much about the day-to-day of the program. We could still use volunteers for the weeks Messiah is providing help. Those weeks will be June 17-21 and July 22-26. So if you would like to volunteer, please see Keli in the office to sign up. Lunch will be held from 12-1 pm, Monday-Friday, from May 28-August 16. We will not serve lunch on July 4. Summer backpacks will be available for kids to take home every Friday. These backpacks include two meals, milk, two cereal boxes, snacks, and packaged fruits. Donations for the Summer Backpacks can be made in the offering plate or in the donation basket located in the office. These donations should be made out to Messiah Lutheran, with the Backpack Program as the memo line. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you again to everybody for your support and I hope to meet all of you at some point this summer.

-Elena Northcutt (Director of Summer Food Program/Dala Pantry)

Summer Backpack Program

For many years, beginning with a Facebook page known as “We Care in the LBK,” Lindsborg has supported youths who live in households with food insecurity by offering a weekend’s worth of food. These have been given out on Fridays through the Summer Food Program (originally at the Methodist Church and now at Messiah Lutheran). As we continue to support people who live with food insecurity, the program has evolved while still being funded by the Lindsborg Community’s generosity.

This summer, we are purchasing shelf-stable meals through the Kansas FoodBank, located in Wichita, for the Backpack program. On Fridays, youths will be able to pick up a box which will include two meals, milk, two cereal boxes, snacks, and packaged fruits. The cost of this will, again, come through the donations which are a line item in the Dala Pantry’s account. If you would like to support this program, you may place your financial donations in the offering plate (or in the basket in the office), made out to Messiah Lutheran, with Backpack Program in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

June Highlights

A **Farewell Potluck** for Pastor Amy was held Sunday, May 5. Several people from the community joined the congregation to wish Pastor Amy well and have fellowship together.

Pastor Amy’s last Sunday with us was Sunday, May 12. There was a **special service of sending**, with Council Members participating, as we sent Pastor Amy on her way to her new call with our blessing and prayers.

Smoky Valley High School held their **Senior Lunch** on Wednesday, May 15 here at MELC. We are thankful to share our space and partner with the High School as we congratulate the Class of 2024!

Thank you to PMA Jody Helton for presiding on May 19 and to Bishop Susan Candea for presiding on May 26.

We welcome into God’s Church Naomi Nhan Moxter, daughter of Mai and Andrew Moxter; Aryie Bryann Moxter,

daughter of Kandice Moxter and Jay Williams; and Hayz Robert Veh, son of Kayci Veh and Christopher George; grandchildren of Kathy George. We rejoice in their baptisms on Sunday, May 19, in the presence of family and friends. Thanks be to God!

Summer Food Program started Tuesday, May 26. We’ve had good attendance each day. Thank you to our volunteers from St. Brigid Catholic Church who started us off this week!

Announcements

Messiah Church Women continue to meet on Thursday mornings, 9:00 am for coffee, conversation, and devotions based on the coming Sunday’s Gospel lesson.

Messiah women are invited to join the **Bethany WELCA** at Bethany Lutheran on Thursday, June 6 for the program, “Book Ends, My Healthcare Journey,” presented by Betty Nelson. Special offering will go to

missionary Braden Buerkle. Please note that there will **not** be a meeting in July.

Summer Food Program dates for MELC are **June 17-21** and July 22-26. Please sign up to volunteer as you are able (see Keli in the office.) To sign up online, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C48AEA82DA4FE3-49627637-churches>

Sunday, June 30, following worship there will be a **farewell barbecue for Matt, Minta, and Lazarus**. A sign up sheet for sides and desserts will be made available later in the month.

Our office manager will be out of the office, June 28-July 5 while attending a discipleship/ministry conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin with her husband, Bruce. Keli will be back in the office on Monday, July 8. Jeanne Ahlers will be here to greet people and direct messages! **The office will be closed** on Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

June Events in Lindsborg

Chalk Day, Wednesday, June 5

Riverside Park is hosting a Chalk Day for all ages and abilities! Chalk will be provided for you to fill a square of sidewalk.

Beginning at 11:00 am, this is a come-and-go event. The sidewalk goes all around the

park so your creativity is needed to fill the whole sidewalk! Riverside Park is located on the 500 block of S. First Street.

Concerts with Carl, Thursday, June 6

Gather on the campus of Bethany College's Amphitheatre for Carl's Concerts, named aptly after the first Bethany College president, Dr. Carl Aaron Swensson, on June 6. From 6:00-8:00 pm, local band *Alterior Motives* will be playing a medley of rock, blues, and country. Tropical Sno Lindsborg will be serving up snow cones along with yard games to encourage everyone's participation. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun!

Broadway RFD Kids: Willy Wonka Kids Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22

You have two opportunities to watch the performers who participated in the **Broadway RFD Kid's Camp!**

Willy Wonka Kids will be performed on July 21 at 4:00 pm and July 22 at 7:00 pm. Both performances will be held in the A.J. Steinberg Auditorium, located at 401 N. Cedar Street. Broadway RFD Kid's camp is a program aimed specifically for kids 2nd-8th grades. Check the **Broadway RFD website** for more information.

June Birthdays

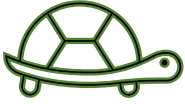
6/05 Curtis Carlson
6/05 Braxton House
6/07 Bryce Loder
6/08 Harvey Daniels
6/10 Sue Untz
6/11 Maggie Heffner
6/12 Nathan Ford
6/21 Anya Pohl



June Anniversaries

6/11 Ron & Carla Wilson
6/15 Chock & Sally Hefner

Smoky Hill Museum



Don't miss the free presentation “**Kansas Ornate Box Turtles ... and their Home on the Range,**” offered by Dr. Benjamin Reed, of Washburn University. You can enjoy the presentation at the Museum or in the comfort of your own home through Zoom. To sign up for your Zoom link, go to www.smokyhillmuseum.org

Free Presentation
Thursday, June 6
5:30-6:30 pm

www.smokyhillmuseum.org



Learn about our state reptile, the colorful, popular and potentially endangered ornate box turtle. Dr. Benjamin Reed will discuss its history uses, importance and place in the Kansas ecosystem, including range, movement, behavior and more. He'll also share the threats they face and what we can do about it. Dr. Reed holds a doctorate from the University of Nebraska and now teaches at Washburn University.

Enjoy this presentation at the Museum or via Zoom.
Register for a Zoom link at www.smokyhillmuseum.org



The Smoky Hill Museum is a division of Salina Arts & Humanities, a department of the City of Salina.

For needed accommodations, please call Nona Miller at 785-309-5776, TDD# 309-5747, between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least five (5) working days prior to the event.

Praying For One Another—Central States Synod

June 2

For all the participants of the 2024 Synod Assembly, for those nominated and elected as voting members to Churchwide Assembly, to serve the synod, and for all the ministries of the Central States Synod.

June 9

Trinity Lutheran Church—Lawrence, KS
Elim Lutheran Church—Marquette, KS
St. John Lutheran Church—Wellington, KS

June 16

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church—Wichita, KS
Zion Lutheran Church—Ferguson, MO
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ—
Florissant, MO

June 23

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Salina, KS
Andover Lutheran Church—Windom, KS
Walsburg Lutheran Church—Leonardville, KS
Bethany House of Studies—Lindsborg, KS

June 30

Peace Lutheran Church—Albert, KS
First Lutheran Church—Mission Hills, KS
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church—
Lindsborg

Join us for

Vacation Bible School

River of Life



June 10-13

9:30-11:45 a.m.

all kids PreK-grade 6

Swensson Park
Lindsborg, KS

Free Summer Lunch
Program available
to all at 12:00
each day at
Messiah Lutheran
Church!

Sign up today!



Join us for a hot
dog lunch to wrap up
our VBS week at
11:45 on Thursday!

contact either church office with questions

Camp Tomah Shingah

Doing useful work with Friends!

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,....

2 Corinthians 4:1 NRSVUE

This month things have happened to get ready for the ministry that happens at Camp Tomah Shinga. Jordan and Casey, along with many others, have done a lot of work on the grounds and facilities. A successful fundraising auction took place at the Farm and Odd Fellows to partially help pay for the ministry. Counselors will go through staff training to get ready to proclaim the Gospel, to be a blessing and to be blessed in the ministry. All of these things and more are happening since ... *by God's mercy we are engaged in this ministry...*

We, yes, all of us, are called by God's mercy to be engaged in the ministry done at camp. ***All of us,*** by God's mercy, are engaged. ***All of us!*** are engaged with time, talents and treasures, gifts given to us by God. We are engaged to proclaim the Gospel to all those who come out to camp as God works through the counselors and staff. It is a very special ministry that touches so many lives; it touches the lives of the church and unchurched, those knowing they are loved and those who do not—all *by God's mercy*.

This ministry that we are called to do also will have bills that come with it that need to be paid: food bills, electric bills, water bills, staff bills, upkeep bills, etc. etc... By God's mercy, working through all of us, money will come in to pay for all of the expenses of this important ministry. I know the Holy Spirit right now is moving hearts.

Please lift up in prayer all of the summer staff and campers, your prayers are needed and appreciated. Please give generously financially in support of the ministry that is done by God's mercy at camp, your support is needed and appreciated. By God's grace and mercy, the ministry at camp this summer will be amazing! Thanks for all of your support! God engages so many through it!

In Christ,

Ethan Feistner, Executive Director

Annual Auction!

Thanks to all who supported the annual auction in any way. your support means so much! It was a great time at the Farm and Odd Fellows. With your support, we went beyond our goal. With a gracious donor matching funds up to \$15000, we were blessed to bring in over \$32,000 to support scholarships for camp. Thank God! and thank that the Spirit led all of you to give so generously! God works through you to fund this great ministry!

Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

Members of Messiah: Gene Holdsworth, Janie Nyquist, Doris Carlson, Rita Hilt, Carla Wilson, Nancy Peterson, Jeanette Shogren, Bob Nyquist, Betty Holcombe, Nancy Kessinger, Larry Elmquist, and Cindy Daniels.

We continue to keep in our prayers those who have moved and are settling in, and those who will be moving. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Barbara Buskirk, Anne Anderson's friend.

Friends of Messiah:

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| Donna Stejksal | Danielses' friend | Jude Matter | Danielses' son-in-law |
| Dawn | Sharon Hoffman's Daughter | Sally Johnson | Friend of Nancy Peterson |
| Carol Pearson | Anne Anderson's aunt | Terry Lee | Scott Lee's Father |
| Evi Otte | Chris Reinert's Mother | Lisa | Ingrid's friend |
| Charlotte | Friend of Sue & Gerry Untz | Christina Campbell | Carla Wilson's sister |
| Greg Heline | Betty Holcombe's nephew | Janet Williams Kristin Williams | Family of Jeanne Lucas |
| Denny & Jeanne Wahlgren | Family of Anita Johnson | Debbie Cramer | Friend of Sherry & Ken Peterson |
| Taunya Hammontree | Harvey & Cindy's daughter | Wiggins family | Friends of Ingrid Pohl |
| Heather McLaughlan | Marcia McClennan's daughter | George Waggoner | Friend of Heather House |
| Rick Martin | Community Friend | Rose Erickson | Community Friend |
| Kimberly Kavanagh | Jeanne Lucas' cousin | Karol Carr | Community Friend |

Serving the U.S.A.

Alex Klapp, Nathan Klapp
Vicki Charboneau
Ben Youngquist
Jeremy Guy
Daniel & Miranda Norland
Luke Hammontree

Betty Russin's grandsons
Elaine Eller's granddaughter
S. Hoffman's nephew
Hensleys' son-in-law
Randy/Gretchen's son & wife
Danielses' grandson

Internship
Lisa Simmelink



*Make every effort
to keep the unity of
the Spirit through
the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:3, NIV

Messiah Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – May 16, 2024

(These minutes will be approved at the June council meeting)

Council Members: Anne Anderson, Muriel Gentine, Chock Hefner, Matt Ketchum, Robbie Peterson, Heather House, Christine Reinert, Warren Olson, Joel Prater

Opening Prayer: Matt Ketchum

Reports: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 council meeting. M/S C.
Matt Ketchum will research the number of paid vacation days for Pastor Amy.

Treasurer: April 18, 2024 Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Mark Hunter will install cable for sound, an antenna, re-route ethernet, update and training for website.

Pulled Pork fundraiser was a success (April 27)

New Business:

Dala Pantry: Thanks to Pastor Amy for her work with the pantry.

KICK: A coordinator is needed to work with Bethany Lutheran – will check with BLC on thoughts.

Summer Food Program: Elena Northcutt will be Messiah's site director and Linda Johnson is the Director.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held at Swensson Park June 10 – 13.

June 6 – 8: Linda Lewis and Ryon Carey are delegates to Synod Convention.

Trees: Motion to remove 2 green ash trees and grind out the stumps plus 3 more stumps. MSC.

Transition Discussion:

Emergency Pastoral Care – Pastor Jim Strasen will cover any emergency care that Messiah has during this transition.

Pastoral Representation – Pastor Ethan Feistner has agreed to represent Messiah.

Pulpit Supply / Bridge Pastor: Decision was made to continue with Pulpit Supply through the summer.

Worship and Music Committee will help with contacting a person for pulpit supply.

Transition Consultant: We will have a discussion with the congregation on future plans.

Challenge Grant: Robbie Peterson will head up a challenge grant to promote more income.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June
Next Council Meeting: Thursday, June 20 at 7:30

Messiah Church Staff

Pastor
Office Manager Keli Burfield
Custodian Laura Bradley
Youth Director Ericka Lysell, BLC

Organist Steven Gustafson
Treasurer Christine Reinert

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In this time of transition, pastoral emergencies are being covered by Rev. Jim Strasen. Please contact the office with concerns during the week or Chock Hefner when the office is closed.

Messiah Church Committee Council Liaisons

Christian Ed – Joel Prater
Fellowship – Matt Ketchum
Finance & Stewardship – Warren Olson,
Chris Reinert

Global Missions –
Outreach and Caring –Heather House
Memorial – Linda Lewis*

Staff Relations – Anne Anderson
TACOL – Linda Lewis* & Cindy Daniels*
Worship & Music – Muriel Gentine

Youth –
Property Inside / Outside – Rob Peterson

*Lay Volunteer

MELC's Guiding Principles
Jesus is Lord * Everyone is welcome * Love changes people



Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

June 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Reconciling in Christ meets at 12:00 pm Sundays | 7:30 and 9:00 am Men's Coffee Monday-Friday | 8:00 am Saturdays Coffee & Bible Study | 9:00 am Women's Coffee & Conversation Thursdays |  |  | 1 12:00-2:00 pm Dala Pantry |
| 2 10:00 am Worship In Person and Online Potluck Angie Sundell, PMA presiding | 3 3:00-5:00 pm Dala Pantry | 4 2:30-4:30 pm Dala Pantry | 5 12:00-9:00 pm Bethany College Music Camp | 6 8:00 am-7:00 pm BC Music Camp 4:00-6:00 pm Dala Pantry | 7 8:00 am-7:00 pm BC Music Camp | 8 8:00 am-9:00 pm BC Music Camp 12:00-2:00 pm Dala Pantry |
| 9 10:00 am Worship In Person and Online Jody Helton, PMA presiding | 10 3:00-5:00 pm Dala Pantry | 11 10:00 am-ish Pantry Delivery 2:30-4:30 pm Dala Pantry | 12 | 13 10:30 am Worship & Music 4:00-6:00 pm Dala Pantry | 14 | 15 12:00-2:00 pm Dala Pantry |
| 16 10:00 am Worship In Person and Online Jody Helton, PMA presiding | 17 3:00-5:00 pm Dala Pantry | 18 2:30-4:30 pm Dala Pantry | 19 | 20 4:00-6:00 pm Dala Pantry 7:30 pm Council meeting | 21 | 22 12:00-2:00 pm Dala Pantry |
| 23 10:00 am Worship In Person and Online Jody Helton, PMA presiding | 24 | 25 5:00 pm Staff Relations | 26 | 27 | 28 Keli out of the office | 29 12:00-2:00 pm Dala Pantry |

**Summer Food Program runs 11:00 am-1:00 pm
 Monday-Friday
 MELC has June 17-21**

30 10:00 am Worship
 In Person and Online
 Angie Sundell, PMA presiding
 Farewell BBQ for Matt, Minta, and Lazarus following worship