



MESSIAH MESSENGER

February 2023



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

Fish Fry Dinners are Opportunities to Serve The Lord with Gladness

My heart is filled with joy at how many people volunteered to help with our Friday Fish Fry Dinners at Messiah. They begin again starting Friday, February 24 and continue for six weeks, running from 5-7pm.

This is the one outreach service event I have missed since they were cancelled at the beginning of the Pandemic back in March of 2020.

Since then, we have started a Food Pantry which is staffed with 15 + volunteers. Many of whom have helped in the past at the Fish Fry Dinners. So, wisely, the Evangelism Committee did not want to commit to six weeks of serving without a lot of new volunteers.

Well with prayer, and some fasting, God’s will prevailed. The surveys were an overwhelming expression of God’s love. This was shown in the number of people (many of whom are new) that want to assist in making these dinners as occasions for stronger fellowship among our members, and an opportunity to meet new people.

Our number 1 goal in hosting these dinners is NOT getting as many people as possible to our Fellowship Hall to dine. No doubt that is very important as we all work to promote these dinners.

Our number 1 goal is to work together so that ALL our volunteers have a positive experience in serving the Lord at Messiah. That involves all of us exhibiting an incredible amount of patience as we all work for quick listening, slow speaking, and abounding love. Satan would love nothing better than for us to gossip and back bite. He wants descensions in the ranks. But, with the Lord guiding us, let’s not give the Evil One that chance. Let’s serve the Lord in gladness as Psalm 100:2 states.

Good Fellowship is not just great coffee hours between Sunday services or Wednesday Midweek Advent or Lenten Suppers. Good fellowship includes confessing unity in our faith we have in Christ through His Word. We express this in our Liturgy, Creeds, and at the Communion Rail. Then from this, we work together in joy serving the Lord shown in acts of love in His Church and to our community. It is the ways we honor what Jesus suffered and died to give us at the Cross as we live His victory over the grave.



“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all,”

Ephesians 4:4-6 ESV

If people walk through our doors and have a great meal, wonderful conversations, and see gladness from our members volunteering in the kitchen and dining room, then that will speak volumes about how much we value our faith, forgiveness, and eternal life given from the love of our Savior.

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

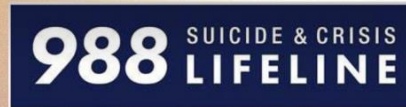
Pastor Dan

February Birthdays

Aubrey Buroker	2/1
Jorge Almanza	2/2
Douglas Eddy	2/3
Kelly Nelson	2/8
Frank Stolarzyk	2/9
Jeremy Wilson	2/9
Joyce Elwood	2/11
Cheryl Sennett	2/11
Suzanne Nimz	2/12
Kaylee Annen	2/13
Carter Stocker	2/13
Cody Kittoe	2/15
Adam Wetzel	2/15
Kathy Brainard	2/16
Misty Kropp	2/16
Consuelo Almanza	2/17
Nichole Swanson	2/17
Henry Baumann	2/18
Courtney Fieser	2/19
Nash Swanson	2/20
Bev GeRue	2/21
Michael Kropp	2/22
Eldon Kolander	2/24
Kathy Stolarzyk	2/25
Autumn Voegeli	2/25

February Anniversaries

Zachary & Samantha Anderson	2/2/2013
Leroy & Kathy Brainard	2/6/1992
Gary & Justine McGuire	2/6/1997



As of July 16, 2022, anyone in the United States can call or text 988 or use an online chat tool to access the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The name of the service will be changing to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

The new 988 service will accept calls, texts, and online chats from anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis. People can also contact 988 if they are concerned about a loved one in crisis. Wisconsinites who use 988 will connect with Wisconsin Lifeline.



55 Plus Home Repair Program

The County of Rock is offering home improvement grants for senior home owners age 55 or older. This grant is designed to help make home repairs and accessibility modifications to help meet the challenges of aging in place safely and affordability. If you or someone you know may qualify for this home repair assistance program, contact Rock County at (608) 757-5587.

Calendar of Events

- February 1, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
- February 4, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Choir Practice
- February 5, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- February 5, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- February 5, 2023 (Sunday, 12:15 PM) - Lay Elder-Deacons meeting in upstairs Conference Room
- February 7, 2023 (Tuesday, 7 PM) - Parish Planning Council Meeting in downstairs Conference Room (Being held a week earlier)
- February 8, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
- February 9, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- February 11, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Men's Group in downstairs Conference Room
- February 12, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- February 12, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Celebrating Joyce Elwood's 90th Birthday during Fellowship Time
- February 12, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- February 15, 2023 (Wednesday, 9 AM) - LWML Gathering in Fellowship Hall
- February 15, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
- February 19, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- February 19, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- February 22, 2023 (Wednesday, 5:45 PM) - Lenten Suppers; Sign up to Host (Sheets are in the Narthex)
- February 22, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Ash Wednesday Service
- February 23, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- February 24, 2023 (Friday, 5 PM - 7 PM) - Fish Fry Dinners
- February 26, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- February 26, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship

Easy Baked Pork Chops

Ingredients

- 6 thick cut pork chops
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt
- 2 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups Italian-style seasoned bread crumbs
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup white wine



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Season pork chops with garlic powder and seasoning salt. Place beaten eggs in a small bowl. Dredge pork chops lightly in flour; dip into beaten egg, then press into breadcrumbs to coat both sides.
3. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add breaded pork chops and cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side; transfer to a 9x13-inch baking dish and cover with foil.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Meanwhile, mix condensed soup, milk, and white wine in a medium bowl until well combined; pour soup mixture over pork chops. Replace the foil and continue to bake for another 30 minutes.

A note from Jim and Susie Waters:

We would like to invite all boards and church members to be a part of our church newsletter. If you know of upcoming events, have inspirational quotes, great recipes for the upcoming month, or have any other church or community news that you think would fit well with our congregation please let us know by email (Messiahlutherannewsletter@gmail.com), and we will do our very best to get your news entered in as soon as possible. We plan on printing newsletters monthly.

Thank you and God's blessings to you all.



**Need a
Prayer?**

**Call Messiah
Lutheran's
Prayer Line at
608-365-4724**



On Sunday, January 29, Pastor Dan preached on how we can show our faith going God's good by acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly. This is the concluding slide from his sermon. The sermon is available to watch on our YouTube Channel at Messiah Lutheran Beloit.

How do we walk humbly as we act justly and love mercy?

- Pray for discerning right from wrong.
- Listen quickly.
- Be more objective, not judgmental.
- Think before speaking.
- Then speak prudently, choosing words wisely.
- Confront evil, ready to show mercy but do it in a gentle but firm way.
- Show the harnessed strength of Jesus in your actions.

Messiah's Food Pantry

Messiah's Food Pantry could use your help!
They are always in need of paper goods and personal care items such as:
Paper towels, toilet paper, and Kleenex
Dish soap, laundry soap, and bath soap
Shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste & brushes
Monetary gifts are also welcome!



Messiah Lutheran Church
Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is located at 1531 Townline Ave, and is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for all residents of the Greater Beloit Area!

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



In Sunday school the children learned about the 10 plagues and God providing food to the Israelites. The Sunday school students made frogs to represent the second plague where frogs scattered the earth. To review the 10 plagues they made a snack mix with things that represented each plague.



The students pretended to be the starving Israelites camping in the desert. They came out of their tents to collect quail and manna. When they took more than they needed their manna had maggots (gummy worms).





Crafty Christians members at Messiah Lutheran Church consists of several women. Previously the group knitted or crocheted blankets to donate to the Orphan Grain Train organization, a Lutheran ministry providing clothing, furniture, and other items to needy families domestically and internationally.

However, last August there was an inquiry regarding Prayer Shawls. For the current group of members, this was an unfamiliar quest. The team embraced the idea, experimenting with patterns, and there was phenomenal response. A multitude of shawls appeared from one member! At least ten shawls have been distributed already.

Pictured here is Julie Elwood in a green shawl. Julie is the sister of Messiah members Merri Boos and Linda Stocker, and daughter to Joyce Elwood. Julie lives in Florida. She wears her shawl to all medical appointments. She receives the comfort intended by the Prayer Shawl, and feels blessed to know it was made specifically with God's blessings. Her shirt says Faith Over Fear. Amen.



Kendall is the latest Confirmand to be trained as an acolyte. Here she is carrying the "Light of Christ" during the Sending Hymn "Take my Life and Let it Be" on Wednesday, January 19 at the 7pm service. We praise the Lord for all the hard work of our acolytes at Messiah.



Children learn at a very young age to pray

One is newborn, Archer Marc Lehner born to Amy and Marc Lehner on Friday, January 20 at 9:42pm, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, 19.5 inches long.

The other is Adeline McCannon the youngest student in our Sunday School.

These are two examples to remind us of the power the Lord Jesus gives prayer.



Wednesday Midweek Lenten Fellowship Suppers are Returning

Wednesdays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:45-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Hosts are needed for the six weeks. It is a great opportunity for Sunday and Wednesday worshippers to dine together, get to know each other better, and catch up on life.

Hosts would need to provide a meal for 30 people. Menu items are entirely up to the hosts. See Cindy Zimmerman for details.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Free-will offerings can be used to cover hosts' meal expenses.



Friday Night Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 pm Messiah Lutheran Church Feb. 24-Mar. 31



Dinner includes fish, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert.
Free will offering.

1531 Townline Ave.
608-365-3794
mlcbeloit.com



Another Way to Give Offerings to Messiah: Last March, our congregation voted unanimously to explore additional ways to give offerings to Messiah through eTithing. The Parish Planning Council decided to open the Givelify app for our members and friends. It is now on-line and ready for use. It is an easy way to give if you don't carry cash or use paper checks. Simply download the app at the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. It is safe and secure. If you need help setting up the app, please contact Jim Shellenberger at (815) 275-2081 or Carl Creedy at (608) 201-2466. They are planning on having workshops to help people use this exciting new tool.

Have you checked out our website yet?

<https://www.mlcbeloit.com>

PR member, Bill Goff, has been working hard on the website. If you haven't had the chance yet, take a few minutes and check it out! Did you miss a service? Here you can pull up the bulletin and click on the Entire Worship Service button or just click on the Sermon Only button. There are many things within the website to keep you up to date and current on the events and activities of the church. Find out what the Adult Bible Study or Men's Group have been studying or see pictures of our Sunday School students doing their crafts and activities. You can even find previous Newsletters! There is more to explore so, take some time and browse the site.



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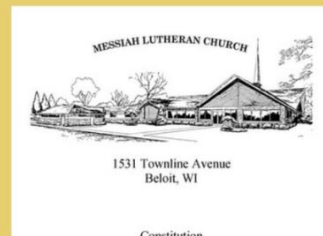
What Do We Believe

1. There is only one God, who is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is one in His unity and three in His person. Since God is infinite and eternal, He has always been, is now, and will forever be the author and Lord of all creation.

Who We Are

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

The Constitution and By Laws



Let's get social...

