



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

May 2023



## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

### Celebrating 15 year as Pastor with a Supportive Wife

I was totally surprised on Sunday, April 23 when Zach Anderson asked to speak at the end of the 9am service. He announced my 15th anniversary of being ordained as a pastor and presented me with gifts on behalf of the congregation.

It was a moment of gratitude and humility. I praise the Lord and thank you for the gifts of love. It is humbling to see how the Lord has worked in my life over the past decade and a half. I had not realized it had been 15 years until just days before my anniversary I, along with others, were recognized at the Spring District Pastors' Conference in Manitowoc. My how time has flown.

What I really thank Zach for is recognizing the role Berta plays in my ministry. When you, the congregation, called me in 2016 to be your under-shepherd you just called me, not my wife. However, Berta is not immune from the effects of this Office. She sees the joys and strains this position can have on me. She is awakened, too, in the middle of the night when a pastoral care emergency occurs. She has had to reschedule family activities when unexpected events at the church occur. Sometimes people want to discuss with her issues they have with me. Or expect her to relay messages when members need to talk to me directly.

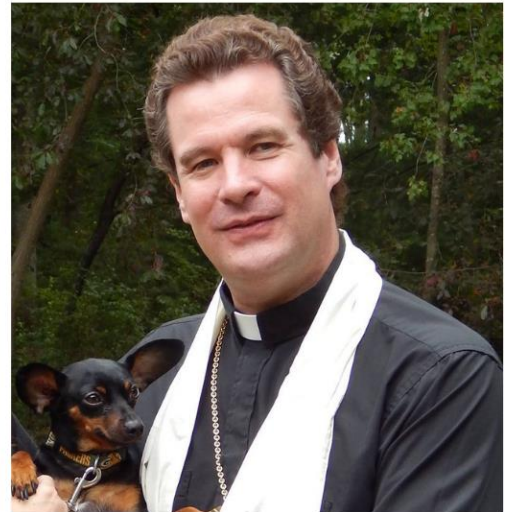
My wife's role as the Pastor's wife is often hidden from the rest of the congregation but very vivid to the Lord. She is the one who offers me a perspective on life no one else can. She can offer critiques on sermons and Bible Studies that are enormously helpful. I can't tell you how many times that has prevented me from making some pretty foolish decisions.

A pastor's wife should not be expected to be on committees or even be the most active member of the congregation. She is uniquely called to support me as a pastor and husband, so that my life in Christ is put into perspective. That means she is the one who says it's time to take a break. She is the one who helps me see that life is more than being a pastor. She is the one who works to balance my faith life with our Lord.

So, thank you, Berta, for all you have done for me and for the Lord these past 15 plus years. Your love and support are much appreciated.

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

Pastor Dan



**"An excellent wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than  
jewels,"  
Proverbs 31:10 ESV**



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.



**The Congregation surprised Pastor Dan and his wife, Berta, with a wonderful celebration in recognition of Pastor's 15 years of service in the LCMS. It was a joyous ending note on this Third Week of Easter.**



## Calendar of Events



- May 1, 2023 (Monday, 6:15 PM) - Confirmation at Messiah...downstairs Conference Room
- May 2, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – In Sanctuary and on-line
- May 2, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- May 3, 2023 (Wednesday, 5:45 PM) - Confirmation Make-up Session
- May 3, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 6, 2023 (Saturday) - Spring servant event
- May 6, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- May 7, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion: Josiah Amedio Baptism
- May 7, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- May 9, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- May 10, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 11, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- May 14, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Special Mother's Day Service
- May 14, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM - 11 AM) - Mother's Day Brunch hosted by Lay Elder-Deacons
- May 14, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- May 16, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- May 17, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 21, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM) - Confirmation Sunday. Last week of Sunday School
- May 21, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 21, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship: Last Day of Sunday School
- May 23, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- May 24, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 25, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- May 28, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- May 28, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship and Fellowship
- May 30, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- May 31, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion

## May Birthdays



Traci Pingel	5/1
Linda Sornson	5/2
Rod Burzinski	5/3
Pamela Thompson	5/3
Belynda Herstad	5/4
Julia Marie Wendt	5/4
Jennifer Delaney	5/5
Cole Gerber	5/5
Rebecca Sennett	5/5
Gabe Bukove	5/6
Leroy Burzinski	5/6
Michelle Curtis-Ches	5/6
Ronald Derry III	5/6
Teresa Queirolo	5/6
Spring Almanza	5/8
Kyle Treptow	5/8
Ryan Wachsmuth	5/9
David Beighley	5/10
Dan Hessler	5/10
Ashley Stocker	5/11
Janette Alf	5/12
Ethan Robitzch-Melendez	5/13
Cindy Pingel	5/18
Andrew Dautermann	5/19
Mary Eddy	5/19
Angel Jarez-Melendez	5/19
Kendall Shellenberger	5/21
Margret Hogan	5/22
Glendon Sears	5/24
Brett Fawcett	5/25
Hunter Martindale	5/26
Lincoln McCannon	5/26
Bruce Peterson	5/29
Kirk Stolarzyk	5/29
Daniel Gahl	5/31

## May Anniversaries



Terry Morgan & Lori Bakke-Morgan	5/5/2006
Hank & Kathy Baumann	5/6/1978
David & Christine Erickson	5/11/1985
Mark & Merri Boos	5/12/2001
Jared & Valerie McCannon	5/14/2016
Terry & Cindy Zimmerman	5/15/1976
Mark & Vickie Berryman	5/19/1993
Bob & Judy Altenberg	5/20/1967
Sandi & Dean McDearmon	5/24/1969

## Asparagus Pasta

### Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 lb. fettuccine pasta
- 12 oz. medium-width asparagus spears, trimmed and cut crosswise into 2-inch pieces
- 1 c. heavy cream
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for pasta water
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, plus more for garnish
- 2 c. freshly grated parmesan cheese, divided, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice



### Directions

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp and rendered, 8 to 12 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate. Set aside. Wipe the pan clean.
2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook the pasta according to package directions, adding the asparagus during the last 2 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pasta water.
3. Meanwhile, while the pasta is cooking, in the same saucepan used to cook the bacon, heat the cream and butter over medium heat until hot. Season with salt and pepper.
4. To a large serving bowl, add 1 cup of cheese and the lemon zest. Stir in the butter and cream mixture.
5. Drain the pasta and immediately pour it into the bowl with the cream mixture. Toss a few times to coat, then add the lemon juice and the remaining 1 cup of cheese. Toss to combine, thinning with pasta water as needed to make a silky sauce. Garnish with bacon, pepper, and cheese. Serve immediately.

Tip: If you can only find thick asparagus, cut them into 2-inch long pieces, then cut in half lengthwise.



On Wednesday, April 26, 5 members of Messiah Lutheran attended the Spring Zone Rally for LWML. It was held at our sister congregation, Our Redeemer, in Delevan.

About 30 women from area sister congregations attended. Pastor Dan led a Bible Study on the Book of Esther. Pam Patterson was the keynote speaker. She is the founder and CEO of Agape House, a non-profit Christian Children's home in Walworth, WI, offering refuge, hope, and healing to displaced teenagers. Items were collected and donated for Agape House.



Messiah's Evangelism Team thanks our members and friends for supporting our Fish Fry Dinners this year. 20 members volunteered to help, and we served an average of around 90 people each week from Friday, February 24 to March 31.



As a result, \$1600 was raised for mission efforts, of which \$250 has already been donated to Capstone Ministries. Additionally, \$130 was raised for our Food Pantry. Praise the Lord for everyone's efforts to serve our community, church, and missions.



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.

Thank you and God's blessings to you all.



This pin, pictured to the left, was found at the communion rail on Sunday 4/30. If you've lost this lovely piece, please see Chuck Baumann.



## Dessert Auction

Our Dessert Auction, to benefit Capstone Ministries, was fantastic. Our bakers brought their creativity and great flavors, and the bidders were very generous! We raised \$629 for Capstone. Thank you to everyone who baked, bid, and attended. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for their support.



**Capstone Ministries is a ministry to the street children of Western Kenya, specifically Kisumu and the surrounding areas. Capstone was founded in 2005 with the objective of restoring street children with their family. The ministry is founded upon the Scripture from Psalm 118:22 "The stone the builder's rejected has become the capstone." Capstone Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization of LC-MS.**



Thank you to Pastor Dan Schmelzer for preaching on Capstone Ministry Sunday. He preached on how Jesus serves you and me, and why that is important for Him to do that.



### Total amount raised for Capstone Ministries

Dessert Auction: \$629  
Door offering: \$292  
Evangelism contribution: \$250  
Total raised for Capstone: \$1171

# OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



Sunday school Easter fun including Resurrection Eggs, coloring eggs, snack, and an egg hunt.



We learned that David and Jonathan were the greatest examples of friends. They would not let anything come between their friendship. God wants us to be true friends who put the needs of our friends ahead of our own wants. When times are good, he wants us to celebrate with our friends. When times are tough, he wants us to be loyal. Friends stay faithful no matter what it costs. We made friendship bracelets and a friendship snack mix.



We studied the familiar Bible story of David and Goliath. The story reminds us of the courage in men's hearts when their faith is placed entirely in God. The armor David rejected represents the strength of man, while David chose the armor of God. We made Goliaths that we knocked over with stones (ping pong balls), and made a sling shot and stones (string cheese and grapes) snack.



## Get on a roll with God at the Food Truck Party VBS!

At Food Truck Party VBS, students will become chefs and discover how they can turn to God in prayer every day to tell Him their needs. They will also learn to join the Lord in providing for the needs of others.

Interactive Bible lessons reveal Daily Specials to equip chefs for an active life with Jesus. They will also discover our Main Courses (Bible memory verses), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

Who? - Children 4K - grade 5 (grade entering in fall)

What? - Interactive Bible lessons, games, crafts and music

Where? - Messiah Lutheran Church  
1531 Townline Avenue  
Beloit, WI 53511

When? - Sunday, July 23rd - Wednesday, July 26th

What time? - Free dinner for students 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
VBS 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Registration forms are in the church Narthex. You can contact the church office at 608-365-3794 with questions.



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On Sunday, April 16, Messiah's Sunday School and Youth opened the 11am service singing and ringing. First, the younger children sang "This Little Light of Mine" and then the Youth handbell rang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Both were led by Messiah Sunday School teacher Michelle Curtis-Ches. Praise the Lord for our children at Messiah singing and ringing to the glory of our risen Lord.



Messiah's Sunday School Students made sun/Son Catchers for our Shut-in/Homebound members. they were very well received. We praise the Lord for the creative efforts of our Sunday School teachers and students.