



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

June 2023



## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

### What is Your Personal Creed? What Does Jesus Mean to You?

In worship, a few weeks ago, we heard the Personal Creeds from three young men: Ayden Eddy, Kevin Kreyer, and Alejandro Reid. It was a testimony of their faith in Christ in which each was baptized many years ago.

Their creeds were a personal confession of faith showing specifically how the Lord Jesus has and is working in their lives.

Hebrews 10:23 ESV: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." According to this verse, everyone has a confession of faith. Yes, we all recite the Apostles' or Nicene Creeds in worship. That shows our unity of faith as a congregation. A personal testimony shows what Jesus means to YOU: your life, your circumstances, your context.

So, what is your personal creed? If someone asked, "What does Jesus mean to you?" How would you respond?

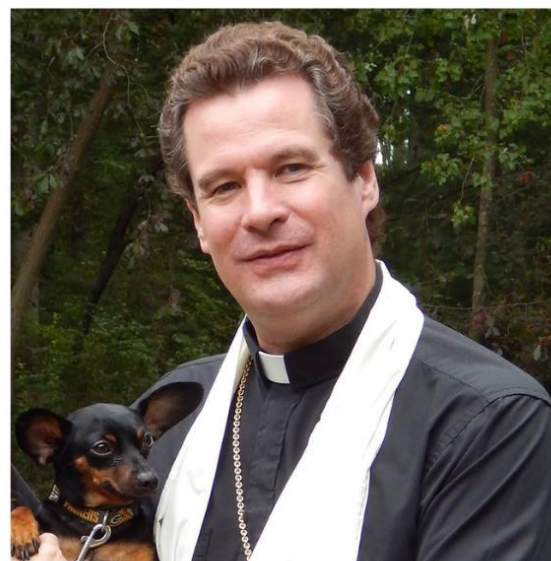
Hebrews 10:24 ESV: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works..." This verse says that part of your creed is shown in good works. The words you speak point to Christ as your Savior. Your actions demonstrate how you live the salvation you were given.

The Lord is not asking you to preach a sermon to someone; that is the pastor's called and ordained duty. Your personal creed is sharing with others what you have witnessed Jesus doing in your life.

The Divine Worship services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings help mentor your words spoken and deeds done to the glory of our Risen and Ascended Savior. This is why verses 24-25 warn against "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some," and ends on the positive reason why it is necessary to worship often: "encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near," that is, Judgement Day, the Last Day.

Why is all of this important? You never know who will hear and see your witness of faith. Imagine someone coming up to you in Heaven saying: "Thank you for your witness. I am here because you cared enough to tell me and show me Jesus."

In this edition, please take the time to read what our Confirmands spoke



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Hebrews 10:23-25 ESV

regarding their witness of faith, their personal creed for Christ.

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

Pastor Dan



# Calendar of Events

- June 4, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- June 4, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM) - High School and post High School Graduation Recognition Service
- June 4, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- June 4, 2023 (Sunday, 12:15 PM) - Lay Elder-Deacon meeting
- June 6, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – In Sanctuary and on-line
- June 6, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- June 7, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- June 11, 2023 (Sunday, after 9 AM worship) - Congregational Meeting; no 11 AM service
- June 11, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- June 13, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – In Sanctuary and on-line
- June 13, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- June 14, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- June 18, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Special Father's Day Service
- June 18, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship
- June 18, 2023 (Sunday, 1 PM) - a joint outing with your sister congregations to a Sky Carps baseball game on Sunday, June 18 at 1pm. The cost is \$36.00 per ticket, including 90 minutes of free food and water/soda prior to the game, tickets, and baseball caps for everyone in attendance. If you are interested, please let Pastor Dan know. We will need the final numbers and payment by Tuesday, June 6.
- June 20, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – In Sanctuary and on-line
- June 20, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- June 21, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Special Father's Day Service
- June 25, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- June 25, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Food Pantry hosting Fellowship
- June 27, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – In Sanctuary and on-line
- June 27, 2023 (Tuesday, 4 PM) - New Member Class in Upstairs Conference Room
- June 28, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion

## 2023-2024 Messiah Officers and Committee Positions needed

Terms start July 1, 2023

Vice President: **OPEN**

Council Secretary: **OPEN**

Board of Stewardship: Carl Creedy Financial Secretary

Terry Zimmerman

Linda Appleby

**Need 4 more members**

Board of Properties: Eldon Kolander

Joel Steinke

**Need at least three more members**



If you have suggestions for Committee members, please contact the chair of the Committee (top name on Committee list), Pastor Dan, Jared McCannon, and Vickie Dansbury. Thank you.



## June Birthdays



Christina Lawrence	6/2
Melanie Borre	6/3
Mason Weller	6/3
Merri Boos	6/5
Shane Rogers	6/6
Dustin Anderson	6/7
Rebecca Hessler	6/8
Logan Veale	6/8
Madison Shellenberger	6/9
Jaxson Beaumont	6/10
Aiden Berrier	6/16
June Cook	6/16
Samuel Hogan	6/16
Kim Gowman	6/17
Alexis Cleveland	6/18
Trenton Hansel	6/18
Jodi Stolarzyk	6/19
Terry Zimmerman	6/20
Hannah Hogan	6/21
Cindy Gabbard	6/23
Kristofer Wood	6/26
Evan Guetschow	6/27
Paul Battist	6/28
Rischel Foerster	6/28
Barbara Thurman	6/28
Chloe Anderson	6/29
Tim Battist	6/29
Paul Britton	6/30
Amy Wendt	6/30

## June Anniversaries



Chris & Elvia Reid	6/6/1997
Donald & Brenda Kempf	6/12/1976
Eldon & Sue Kolander	6/12/1976
John & Dorothy Helms	6/13/1964
Bill & Tina Swanson	6/16/1990
Larry & Carol Wilkins	6/16/1962
Jon & Erin Pingel	6/26/2004
Frank & Jodi Stolarzyk	6/27/2009

### Strawberry Shortcake Lasagna



#### Ingredients

- 4 c. heavy cream
- 1/2 c. powdered sugar, plus more for dusting
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 boxes Nilla Wafers
- 1 lb. strawberries, thinly sliced

#### Directions

1. In a large bowl using a hand mixer, beat heavy cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla until medium peaks form.
2. Assemble lasagna: In a 9"-x-13" pan, spread a thin layer of whipped cream. Top with a layer of Nilla Wafers and spread a thick layer of whipped cream on top. Top with a layer of strawberries. Repeat two times, ending with strawberries. Sprinkle with crushed Nilla Wafers.
3. Refrigerate until Nilla Wafers are totally soft, 3 hours, or up to overnight.
4. Sprinkle with more powdered sugar, then slice and serve.

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.

## Ayden Eddy's Personal Creed

Psalm 23:3 ESV: The Lord **“restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”**

Many years ago, my dad, Doug, bought a 1977 Corvette that did not run. The engine was blown. The body was in bad shape. It was barely drivable.

Over the years, when he had time, he began restoring parts of the vehicle. He took the cylinders and bore them over so the car had a souped up V8 engine that could run much faster. He repainted the body to a pearl white. He redid the interior to a beautiful blue.

I assisted in the final stages of renovation. I helped him put new tires on refurbished rims.

It cost thousands to rebuild.

I was really looking forward to riding in this coolest of cars.

It was a sunny day. No clouds in the sky. We're traveling on 4th Street having the ride of my life.

Then some lady who wasn't paying attention rear-ended us. Thank God we were not seriously injured. But the car was totaled.

My dad bought the Corvette back from the insurance company, and I am helping him to recondition it, again.

As I thought about this sports car, I couldn't help but think of my life with the Lord.

When we were born with the nature of sin. It was like God took us off the trash heap of Hell and worked to restore us with the perfection of Jesus, so we could go to Heaven one day.

When He died on the cross for our sins, it was as though He replaced all that was wrong with us. That renovation took more work and cost more than restoring a vintage classic car. Jesus took His suffering and death with His blood poured out to recreate me at my Baptism.

It does not take long in our walk with Christ to mess up what God has made perfect. While the accident was not my dad's fault, my sins damage the beauty of what Jesus made me.

This is why I am here in His house this day and often for worship.

Because of Christ's Resurrection, His power can remake me better than a 1977 Corvette. Holy Communion is the restoration I need to then ride on the path of life with His righteousness.

We don't look to get ourselves damaged again, but committing sins will do that. Yet, Jesus is here to restore me each and every time so that I can live for Him as someone more treasured than a vintage Corvette.





## Kevin Kreyer's Personal Creed

Philippians 4:12-13 ESV: Paul writing to the Church at Philippi while facing torture in prison: **"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."**

I may not know what it is like to be in prison, but I do know what it's like to experience great pain.

Last fall, I was on offense playing Left Tackle on the Beloit Memorial Purple Knight Football team. We were in Lake Geneva taking on Badger High School.

One moment I'm moving defensive players out of the way. The next moment my cleat got stuck in the ground and I twisted my knee. On a scale of 1 to 10, my pain level was an 8. It brought me low, really low.

For the next four months I would face the pain of my injury, every day. There were no surgery options. No magical cures. I just had to endure.

While my right knee would kick 60 pounds of force, my injured left knee could only do 20. It was a long road to recovery.

After months of pain, my knee is now healed. It was my faith in Christ that got me through this. Jesus helped me endure.

Jesus faced pain worse than any knee injury. He experienced suffering on a scale we can't imagine. He died for my sins as an innocent man. He didn't deserve to have His head crushed by thorns; His hands nailed to wood. The beatings and whippings and then slowing suffocating for 6 hours.

But He did it so I would not have to face the eternal pain of Hell but could enjoy the full healing of Heaven.

He gave me faith at my baptism to believe in Him so every day when I face pain and conflict, He gives me the strength to get through it.

When I dine at His table, like I will in a few moments, it will be the rehab my heart needs to assure me God has got my back...whether on the football field, in the classroom, with my friends or at home.

Over the past 4 years, God through His Word has taught me that I can handle any challenge. So today, I testify to the faith He gave me, and the love He has for you.



## Alejandro Reid's Personal Creed

1 John 3:1 NIV: **“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”**

The joys of life come in the simplest ways.

My fondest memories of my father are the trips we take up north to the cabin in the summer.

For 4 ½ hours we are on the road in anticipation of getting there. But the final destination is worth it....through all the traffic, rainstorms, whatever.

Now once we get to the cabin, we open it and enjoy God's beautiful nature. Amongst the trees, we hear the birds, the rush of the water on the lake.

We are away from it all.

My dad and I chop some wood and, boy, he knows how to make a great campfire.

The crackling of the wood, the warmth of the flame, and then toasting marshmallows...that rocks.

Down by the lake we skip rocks.

During the weekend we get together with the neighbors, perhaps have some juicy burgers down at the tavern.

My mom and dad spoil me. I don't deserve a lot of the blessings in my life. That's why I chose this passage.

My parents lavish me with love. They are proud to call me their child. I have a connection with them no one else has.

That is the kind of relationship I have with my heavenly Father.

He lavishes me with the love because of Jesus and made me His child the day I was baptized.

His Word in the Bible is how I know Who He is and what He has done for me. The Holy Spirit in my heart helps me see my Lord very clearly.

God gives me a house, and home, food, school, a bed, a roof over my head, and a church family that loves me.

I don't deserve any of this.

His Word teaches me how I don't deserve the blessing of forgiveness for my sins. I don't deserve Heaven, but they are given to me...because God spoils me with His grace.

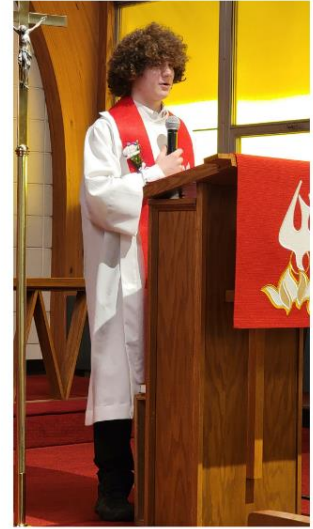
Heaven is like those trips my Father and I take up north. It is the place where life is seen in the blessings of perfection.

Perhaps my heavenly Father will make a fire for me, skip rocks across the lake, and enjoy excellent roasted marshmallows.

Heaven is possible because the Lord is my God and Jesus is my Savior. His love is lavished on me today, but the final destination of Heaven is worth it.







Alex, Kevin, and Ayden...our confirmands. On May 21st, they each gave public witness to their faith in Christ, and how that faith has helped to guide them through challenges. These young men are well on their way to being fantastic Christian adults; they are deeply loved by their families, as well as their church congregation. Well done!







On Monday, May 15, 9 Confirmands from Messiah and St Johns ended their Confirmation year playing Pew Olympics in the Messiah Sanctuary. For 60 minutes, students stood behind a pew. Pastor Dan asked 74 mostly multiple-choice questions which were based on doctrine from Scripture taught this past year in class.

Students had 10 seconds to either answer True or False or A,B,C, or D. The top 3 received a Gold, Silver, or Bronze "Medal," won a gift certificate, and had a choice of candies. The runner ups had a choice of the remaining candy on the table. Madi Shellenberger, Kevin Kreyer, and Audrey Veale were the Gold, Silver, and Bronze "medalists" respectively. Pastor Rick Sears and Lay Elder-Deacon Chuck Baumann Jr, kept score. Thank you to them and all the students who participated.



Sunday, May 7 at the 9am service, Josiah Jordan Amedio was welcomed into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Pictured here on the left are his parents Mandy and Gio, and on the right are his sponsors Brad and Nikki. Garrett is the Lay Elder-Deacon assistant. Praise the Lord for a wonderful event.



On Saturday, May 27, Meya Violet Che was welcomed into the Kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Pictured here on the left are parents Michelle and Suh and on the right are sponsors Anne and Brenda. Praise the Lord for another life added to the Book of Life in Heaven.





# YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group meetings are on Sundays from 10am-11am.



It is safe to say that the spring servant event was a success! We had an amazing team of 7 people, which included Rachael, Audrey, Alex, Chloe, Holly, Zach, and myself. It was a smaller group than planned, but in the end, it was just the right number of people to get the jobs done. We helped clean up at 4 houses, had a lot of laughs, and ended the night with a well-earned meal at Olive Garden. This is definitely an event we will do again, and we are so grateful to the members of Messiah that welcomed us into their homes and gave our youth a chance to give back to those who have helped us so much over the years.

God Bless,  
Samantha Anderson



*Thank You*

Elaine Stageman would like to give a special thank you to the Youth Group for their help with some tasks that are a bit more challenging. She very much appreciated their efforts!





# OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

We learned how David loved God and worshiped Him with all of his heart, soul, mind and strength. He wasn't concerned about what others thought of him. God is perfect, He is holy and David wanted to honor God and show His praise to Him. Jesus makes the way for us to know God and to have a relationship with Him right now and forever. That is worth dancing for! We made maracas and Michelle led us in playing them to praise God



We celebrated our mothers by decorating pots and planting flowers in them.



Our last Sunday school of the year's theme was There is new life in Christ. It was based on the Bible verse - Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:5-7

God sent Jesus to die on the cross so that we, like the butterfly, can become a new creation.





## 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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### News from the Pantry

We would like to thank all who support the pantry.

We are happy to say that we serve between 60-70 families on average each distribution day.

We serve all those in need. Through the donations we receive, we can pass out fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy such as milk, eggs, and cheese. We also pass out personal care items, and household cleaning items such as laundry soap, dish soap, dryer sheets, toilet paper, and paper towels. These are all typical items that our clients will be given for a total of 20 for a family of 5 or larger and 15 for smaller than 5 family members. Every month we must purchase needed items at a cost of approximately \$600.00 a month. Our pantry is in constant need of support in order to offset the cost of the food we supply to the people in need within our community. We accept any and all donations. Thank you for your support.

