



MESSIAH MESSENGER

November 2023



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

How Much Fruit Do You Have?

One of my favorite episodes on the CBS-TV comedy “Everyone Loves Raymond” was when Ray gave his mom Maria fruit as a birthday present. But it wasn’t just a one-time fruit basket. No, it was the “Fruit of the Month Club.”

“Do you know you sent me a box of pears?” Maria said to Raymond, not knowing the magnitude of his gift. “They’re very nice pears, but there’s so many of them. There’s over a dozen of them. What I am I supposed to do with them?”

When Ray said they were for her, dad, and Robert, she became incensed. Then Ray informed her that another box was coming next month. He said, “It’s a different fruit every month.”

“Every month?” Maria said with a panic in her voice. “What am I going to do with all this fruit?”

“You share it with all your friends.” Raymond responded.

“Why did you do this to me?” Maria said throwing up her hands in frustration.

We are given fruit every time we are in worship. But it’s not pears, apples, or oranges. Instead, you are given the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. We get so much of it that we get frustrated as to what to do with it all. The Lord wants us to share it. And He will show you how.

Each Wednesday this Advent we will focus on one fruit of the Holy Spirit, starting November 29 at 7pm and continuing Wednesdays, December 6, 13 and 20. You will be given a special gift of Christ’s fruit to remind you it is for yourself and to share with your family and friends.

We will dine beforehand in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45pm each week hosted by your favorite Messiah members. These Midweek Advent services will be different than the Sunday services. The non-Communion, meditative services will again feature “Prayers from the Pews” surrounding you with the care of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

So please join us for some food and some very healthy fruit as we prepare for Christmas this Advent and Jesus eventual return to the Earth.

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

Pastor Dan



“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control,”

Galatians 5:22-23a ESV



Calendar of Events

- November 1, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Reformation Services
- November 4 / 5, 2023 (Saturday / Sunday) - Please set your clocks back an hour as we end Day Light Savings time. You can sleep an extra hour and won't be early for Church. Thank you. God's Blessings.
- November 4, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Choir Practice
- November 5, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - All Saints week - If you have a loved one who had faith in Christ and they passed away, please call/text Pastor Dan their name at 314-775-7371 to be included on this year's All-Saints list for the Sunday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 8 services. Thank you.
- November 5, 2023 (Sunday, 12:15 PM) - Lay Elder-Deacon Meeting – Upstairs Conference Room
- November 7, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- November 8, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - All Saints week - If you have a loved one who had faith in Christ and they passed away, please call/text Pastor Dan their name at 314-775-7371 to be included on this year's All-Saints list for the Sunday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 8 services. Thank you.
- November 11, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Men's Group in Downstairs Conference Room - Bible Study on the Book of Galatians
- November 11, 2023 (Saturday, 5 PM) - Chili Cookoff Event and Euchre Tournament
- November 12, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Veterans Recognition
- November 12, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) and November 15, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - U.S. service men and women can request Military Bible Sticks, so they can literally hear the Word of God. A Christian organization "Faith Comes by Hearing" produces the Bible Sticks and provides them through military chaplains. Each Bible Stick costs \$25. We will be collecting a special door offering Sunday, November 12 and 15. Messiah's Evangelism Committee will match your donation dollar-for-dollar for up to 25 Sticks. (\$500) Then an anonymous donor to Faith Comes by Hearing will match all donations from Messiah dollar-for-dollar if they are received by November 30, 2022. This means one \$25 donation for one stick could turn into 4 sticks with the double match. So please give above and beyond your normal offerings to Messiah. Thank you.
- November 19, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- November 19, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - LWML Hosting Fellowship to raise money for missions
- November 21, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- November 22, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion - Thanksgiving Eve worship. Collecting food for Messiah's Food Pantry
- November 26, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- November 28, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study – Sanctuary, on-line, and phone
- November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 (Wednesday's, 5:45 PM) - "More of Christ's Fruit in Your Diet" is this year's Midweek Advent Suppers and Service. Wednesdays. We dine together at 5:45pm with meals hosted by congregation members and groups. Then we worship together at 7pm. Each week one fruit of the Holy Spirit is explored from Galatians 5:22-23. Worshipers will receive an item on behalf of the congregation to help you remember the gift God gives through His Word. Please sign up in Narthex to host a supper.
- November 29, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion

November Birthdays



Burton Christianson	11/2
Daryl Gabbard	11/2
Rodonna Washburn	11/2
Charlie Dautermann	11/3
Donna Steinkellner	11/8
Larry Kreyer	11/9
Mark Boos	11/10
John Helms	11/10
Kylee Beaumont	11/11
Jeannie Behl	11/12
Gary Zimmerman	11/12
Noah Avery	11/13
Dawn Weber	11/14
Mason Martindale	11/15
Jeff Sennett	11/15
Mandy Erickson	11/17
Landon Hornagold	11/17
Berta Eddy	11/18
Joe Ladig	11/19
Erin Pingel	11/19
Alyxandria Collins	11/23
Jade Porter	11/23
Makayla Keebler	11/24
Mellie Widmar	11/28

November Anniversaries



Rod & Lesia Burzinski	11/1/1997
Brian & Michelle Komprood	11/4/2012
Kim & Brenda Dautermann	11/6/1982

December 2, 2023 (Saturday, 3 PM - 5 PM) - The Ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church invite all women 7th grade and up, and their guests to "Angels: The Messengers and the Message", an Advent by Candlelight service on Saturday, December 2nd. Refreshments and fellowship from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Service starting at 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm. Please reserve your tables of 6-8 women. The hostess of that table will be responsible for decorating the table and providing hors d'oeuvres and a dessert. Refreshments of hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee, and punch will be provided. Please RSVP to Christi Bickford at 608-718-7922 or email

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.

Broccoli Dish



Ingredients

- 20 oz. Frozen chopped Broccoli
- Small (2.8 oz.) box of French's French Fried Onions
- 8 oz. Original Cheez Whiz
- 1 can Campbell's Creamy Chicken Mushroom Soup
- 1/4 cup Butter
- 1/4 cup Milk

Directions

- 1.) Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2.) Place broccoli in microwave safe dish with plastic wrap over the dish. Microwave for 5 min. at a time and drain off water each time. Repeat at least once. More if needed until broccoli is completely thawed.
- 3.) Spread thawed broccoli in 9 x 13 baking dish and set aside.
- 4.) In medium sauce pan, combine butter, milk, soup and Cheez Whiz.
- 5.) Heat on Low stirring frequently until ingredients are well blended and warm.
- 6.) Crush French Fried Onions and sprinkle 1/2 all over the top of the broccoli in baking dish.
- 8.) Pour Cheese sauce over the broccoli and mix well.
- 9.) Bake in 350° oven for 35 minutes or until cheese is hot and bubbly.
- 10.) Remove baking dish from oven and sprinkle remaining half of French Fried Onions on top of broccoli dish.
- 11.) Bake for 5 more minutes or until the onions are nicely browned on top.

PANTRY NEWS

Our Messiah pantry has had a very productive month of October. Both pantry openings we experienced new high totals in our client numbers, with our highest at 86 clients served. We had a very successful bake sale held at the spaghetti dinner raising \$380. Thank you to all who supported us!

We participated in the downtown farmer's market Halloween celebration on Oct. 28th. We had a booth representing Messiah. We provided pumpkins and cookies for children to decorate. We also had a "picture-taking" area featuring a pumpkin, witch and scarecrow for their picture. We passed out information regarding our Church services & operating schedule.

We plan to have a special Thanksgiving meal for our clients during our November pantry opening.

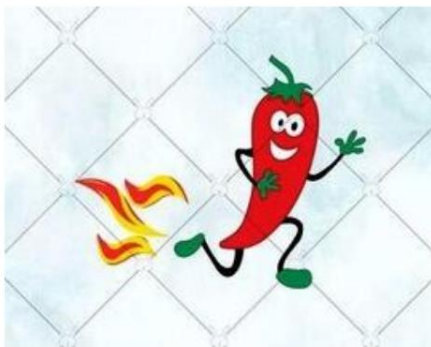
Lastly, we are in the final stages of our Community Development Block Grant appointment having only to have a city council approval on Nov. 6th. Please keep us in your prayers that we have success with this endeavor. In His name, we continue to work,

Your Messiah Pantry.



**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!



November 11, 2023 (Saturday, 5 PM) - CHILI COOKOFF AND EUCHRE TOURNAMENT - at Messiah Lutheran Church Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Come and bring your best chili to be taste tested by those present. There will be prizes for:

1. Spiciest Chili
2. Most Original Chili
3. Best Chili Dog Chili
4. Best Decorations (Veteran's Day Theme)
5. Best Overall Chili

Euchre Tournament will have prizes also for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Bring your Chili and appetites. The event is fun and FREE.



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Mary the Comfort Dog from St. Paul in Janesville visited Messiah members and friends on Sunday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 18. Mary is 7 1/2 years old, full-service dog who has traveled thousands of miles providing the comfort of Christ. She has visited people in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters. She is involved in children's reading programs, and visited patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes. She is a part of the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog program. Mary was accompanied by her handlers Cheryl Skelly and Dianne Moore. Messiah members donated over \$220 to Mary for her self-supporting ministry. Dollars will be used for food, grooming, and vet bills.



Over 100 meals were served Friday, October 6 at Messiah's Spaghetti Dinner held in our Fellowship Hall. Over \$600 was raised for Messiah's Evangelism and Outreach efforts. Additionally, a Bake Sale was held where over \$300 was raised for our Food Pantry. Also, Mary Lou Benz played the keyboard live, providing background music for diners to enjoy. Thank you to all our volunteers, donors, and participants that made this dinner successful. Praise be to God.





Messiah Member Vickie Dansbury was elected as Secretary of the LWML Zone 20. This happened on Wednesday, October 18 at the Fall Rally at Trinity here in Beloit. It was attended by over 30 members from Messiah, St Johns, Trinity, Christ in Clinton, and Our Redeemer in Delevan. Pastor Dan, who is the Zone 20 Pastoral Advisor gave a Bible Study on Mary Magdalene. The ladies heard a special presentation from Lance Baskin of Rock Valley Community Programs speaking about Housing for our Vets. A special gathering of items was collected for Veterans recovering from homelessness.



Messiah LWML Members stopped over to St Johns to meet their LWML group. Pastor Dan led a devotion on Fellowship and the two groups introduced themselves. Pictured from left to right: Kathy Gruber, Judy Neidermer, Vickie Dansbury, Sue Kolander, Chrissy Behl, Pastor Dan, Teresa Behl, Doris Reinfleisch, Dick Reinfleisch, Garnet Bauling and Harold Bauling. All took a tour of the Family Promise Homeless Shelter located in the old St Johns school. The facility was renovated with a \$200,000 grant to serve as a temporary shelter to help people find permanent housing. Thank you, St Johns for hosting our group.



Messiah Lutheran received a major upgrade in audio equipment on Saturday, October 21. Brad, Caleb and Alex from Knapton Muzik in Janesville helped Messiah's audio crew install new system which includes new mics and speaker lines along with a new audio mixer and amplifier. All the equipment was approved for purchase at the June 11th Congregational Meeting. The old audio mixer and amplifier was retired after 30 years of use. We praise the Lord for her years of service. Thanks to the Messiah crew for all their fantastic help: Eldon Kolander, Joe Goff, Zach Anderson, Joel Steinke, Garrett Cook, Joe Laidig and Virginia Cook. We thank God for improved sound in the Sanctuary and on-line for our streaming. A second installation phase will happen soon that will include sound downstairs and a new speaker in the room next to the Narthex. Also, the video monitor will be hooked into our system.



TRUNK OR TREAT



Over 125 children and adults attended Messiah's Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 21 from 2-4pm. The event was hosted by our Evangelism Committee. We had over 8 cars that showed off their "trunks." Also free food and games for adults and children. And each person received a special bookmark with a Christ centered message about Pumpkins and Pumpkins seeds. Thank you to all who helped or participated in any way.







Messiah Lutheran Church had its own booth at the Beloit Farmer's Market in the Downtown Beloit on Saturday, October 29. Over 500 people visited to pick up free pumpkins and stickers to decorate their pumpkins. Kids and adult had their picture taken with photo cutout props painted by member Paige Stageman. Kids were able to decorate their own cookies. And people received flyers with a Christ centered message on pumpkins and they gave out pamphlets for Kids "learning how to pray" from the Lutheran Hour Project Connect. And lots of candy was handed out.



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



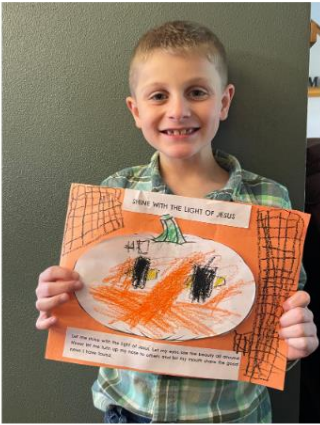
Naaman had to trust God and follow some strange instructions, even though he was skeptical. When he did, his leprosy was cured! We have to trust and obey the Lord. When we believe in Jesus our sins are forgiven and just as Naaman was cleansed from leprosy when he dipped in the Jordan River 7 times, our sins are cleansed from us



We acted out the story by using baby powder to make it look like we had leprosy, and dipped in the dirty river 7 times.



Messiah Sunday School Students made these fall treasures for our Homebound members. The cross with "God never leaves you" is from Hebrews 13:5. According to Pastor Dan these gifts brought joy to our members who can't always make it to worship. God's blessings to our Sunday School teachers and children.



We listened to the story The Pumpkin Patch Parable, and decorated pumpkin cookies. We talked about how we should be like pumpkins and shine with the light of Jesus, and made a Shine with the Light of Jesus pumpkin craft.



Messiah's Sunday School Children rang their handbells at the 11am service on Sunday, October 22. They played "Jesus Loves Me" under the direction of Tiffany Koenitzer. Thank you all for making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

