



Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 4

8:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship/Communion
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 5

8:30 am – 2:30 pm Preschool
12:00 pm Noon Day Prayers
6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 am – 2:30 pm Preschool
12:00 pm Noon Day Prayers
7:00 pm Council Meeting



Wednesday, October 7

8:30 am – 2:30 pm Preschool
12:00 pm Noon Day Prayers
6:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 8

8:30 am – 2:30 pm Preschool
12:00 pm Noon Day Prayers
1:00 pm Mountie Backpack
7:30 pm NA

Friday, October 9

8:30 am – 2:30 pm Preschool
5:00 pm Niven/Beattie
Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 10

12:00 pm Noon Day Prayers
12:00 pm Niven/Beattie Wedding

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“Pray then this way... ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’”

Jesus



We’ve perhaps begun to answer the questions, “*What is prayer?*” and “*Why should I pray?*”—at least in a rudimentary fashion—but one serious question still remains: ***How do I pray?*** Some will try to waive this question off by saying, “*It doesn’t matter ‘how’ but only that you do...*” but many of these same people will come back with their own dogmatic answers to the question. “*You have to say ‘The Sinner’s Prayer.’*” Is one answer. Those who call themselves “Pentecostals” will answer that “true prayer” is made in some sort of angelic, private, “*Prayer Language*” that only God can give and understand. Some will argue that you need to assume a specific posture or orientation, perhaps have a “mat” or “shawl” or other accoutrement to wear or kneel on or whatever. Ironically, the further you get from ‘*The Great Tradition*’ of the Church, the more complicated and rigid things tend to become.

For Lutherans, and Christians in general, there is good news. Jesus Christ himself **TEACHES** his followers **HOW** to pray, so our best course is to start there. Found in **Matthew 6** (as part of “***The Sermon on the Mount***”) and **Luke 11**, Jesus himself teaches his followers a Prayer. We traditionally call this Prayer “***The Lord’s Prayer***” and it follows this pattern:

Our Father, who art in heaven; (“*The Introduction*”)

Hallowed be thy name. (“*The 1st Petition*”)

Thy Kingdom come. (“*The 2nd Petition*”)

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (“*The 3rd Petition*”)

Give us this day our Daily Bread. (“*The 4th Petition*”)

Forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us. (“*The 5th Petition*”)

Lead us not into temptation, (“*The 6th Petition*”)

But deliver us from evil. (“*The 7th Petition*”)

Just a quick note, the “*Doxology*”—***For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever***—is not actually part of the prayer itself, but a much later addition. A good addition, to be sure, but we’ll cover it at a later point.

These are the words Jesus himself teaches his followers and so we do well to begin with them. This is why we teach ***The Lord’s Prayer*** to those who desire Confirmation. Martin Luther argued that, along with the ***Ten Commandments*** and ***The Apostles’ Creed*** that ***The Lord’s Prayer*** was essential for every Christian to know. Luther argued that these words should be the “first” things out of our lips in the morning and the “last” words we utter before we sleep. On an ecumenical note, this Prayer is one of the things, as a Hospital Chaplain, I could assume we, as Christians, all had in common—“Baptist” to “Catholic”—and I prayed it often in calls where I might not know the exact background of people. Often I was surprised to find that people, who were not otherwise “responsive” would move their lips along with the words of the prayer.

Pax Christi;
Pr. Jerry Kliner, STS

SERVICE ASSISTANTS	9:30 AM	<u>Sunday, September 27</u> Attendance: <i>In Church: 89</i> <i>Online: 2</i> Offering: \$1,753.00
Ushers	Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Paul Ulrich, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner	
Lay Assistant	Janet Stroble	
Communion Assistant	Fred Harbaugh	
Altar Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt	<i>Articles for the Messenger/Bulletin are due in the office by Monday at noon!</i>
Greeters	Kim Brofee, Doris Butt	
Flower Delivery	Susan Bryan	
Cantor	Dave Bausinger	

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Howard and B.Z. Goodbrod and Raymond and Hazel Rosenbaum with love by Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Hammaker on the anniversary of her birthday, October 9th.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Kelley on the anniversary of his birthday on October 6th, with love from his family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Dorothy Artman on the anniversary of her 97th birthday, with love from her daughters Emily Bausinger, Connie Hess and families.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 4: *Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*

Monday, October 5: *Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10*

Tuesday, October 6: *Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Wednesday, October 7: *Psalm 144; Song of Songs 8:5-14; John 11:45-57*

Thursday, October 8: *Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14*

Friday, October 9: *Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10*

Saturday, October 10: *Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22*



The Library Corner



Children - **Touch-and-feel Creation** - This beautiful touch and feel board book teaches children about colors and textures and variety in the created world, and about the God who made them. This book is in the board book section of the library.

Adult - **The Shoes of the Fisherman** - In a last desperate effort to prevent WWII, a secret meeting is arranged. One man is called upon to succeed where all the world leaders have failed. That man was once a prisoner in a Russian labor camp. He is now the pope. This adventure book is in our Adult Fiction section.



FALL NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Messiah's Nominating Committee has been working diligently through the summer months to find interested members to serve on Council. This committee's responsibility is to provide the name{s} of any member who would be interested in serving on Messiah's Congregation Council for a three-year term beginning January 2027.

As we look toward our fall elections, we invite you to pray and seek the Lord about serving His church. We have several important positions open:

- * Congregation Council – members to serve a three-year term
- * Audit Committee – three members to serve a three-year term
- * Nominating Committee - three members to serve a one-year term

If you feel called to serve or would like to nominate someone, please contact Sue Christ, Chuck Luppert, or Rita Strickler, or reach out to the church office.

WE NEED YOU!

Have you considered joining a church committee? It is a wonderful way to support our church mission and share your gifts. Committees meet monthly to discuss ideas, make decisions, and work together in their area of ministry. Interested???

To join a committee, please contact the chairperson listed below.



- * Fellowship Committee – Alice Morrison & Georgette Copp
- * Life Long Faith Formation (Christian Ed/Youth) – Kathryn Pratt
- * Property Committee – Dave Bausinger
- * Mission Outreach Committee – Ron Yeagle
- * Finance Committee – Joanie Jackson
- * Worship and Music – Jody Fullmer
- * Preschool Committee – Mary Schultz
- * WELCA Committee – Ruth Doran

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!





Our next Saints in Song Sunday will be on October 11. If you like to sing and could add your voice to praise God, please plan to join us for a short rehearsal after church this Sunday, October 4 and/or before worship at 8:45 on October 11 in the music room. The anthem is “This Is my Father’s World”. It is easy to sing and will have piano and bell accompaniment. We’d love to have you sing with us.



Wedding Banns: Holly Niven and Kurt Beattie have announced their intention to be married on October 10th. Your prayers are encouraged.



Harvest Home and Blanket Sunday is this Sunday, October 4, 2026. Worshippers will be invited to bring forward their gifts of canned goods, boxes of pasta, or monetary offerings for the hungry during the singing of the Offertory.

***ALERT* Due to a funeral -** Decorating for Harvest Home will take place on **Saturday, October 3 at 3:00 pm instead of 10:00 am.**



Blanket Sunday: Donated blankets and quilts will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Please place clean blankets or quilts in the **gray bin** located in the elevator entrance **no later than October 4.**



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Tickets for the Preschool “Gift Card Bingo” on Saturday, October 24th, at 11:30am are now available before and after worship on Sundays in the Narthex, in the church office or by contacting Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021. We are still taking donations of gift cards, themed baskets and baked goods for the event. The deadline is October 16th for the gift cards and themed baskets. Baked goods are due Friday, October 23rd by noon in the church office or bring to Independent Fire Company on the day of the event.



Handicap Parking Reminder

Keeping our Welcome accessible to all as part of our commitment to hospitality, please remember that our designated accessible parking spaces are reserved strictly for individuals with valid handicap placards or license plates.

For some of our members and visitors, having a spot close to the doors is what makes attending services possible. Please leave these spaces—and the striped access aisles beside them—open at all times, even for a quick drop-off.

Thank you for your kindness, consideration, and for helping us ensure that everyone can enter our church safely and comfortably!



BECAUSE WE CARE...

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH:

- When your home phone number or address changes. Church records need to be updated. There is a small fee from the USPS every time a newsletter comes back because of an incorrect address.
- When a baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- When a member of your family is sick or admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- When a member of your immediate or extended family dies.
- When a family member leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When something good happens to you or your family that you would like to share.

Please note: If you have been in the hospital or have been ill and have not been visited by the Pastor or anyone from the church, or if your name is not on the prayer list, it may be because no one notified us. You or a family member should notify the church of illness or hospitalization. Please also get permission before sharing information with the church if the person is NOT a family member. Thank You!!



The next closet will be open Saturday, October 23, 8:30-11 a.m.

Did you know ... that Messiah accepts clothing donations year-round for Daniel's Closet? Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need. Clothing and accessories may be placed in the large blue bin inside the alley entrance at Messiah on Sunday mornings or whenever the

church is open for other functions. Please bag all clothing in kitchen size trash bags or smaller so that our volunteers can handle them ... clothing is heavy!

Items accepted by Daniel's Closet: Gently used clothing in good repair and suitable to wear; accessories (belts, ties, scarves, shoes, boots, hats, gloves/mittens, purses); duffel bags, backpacks, suitcases; coats and outerwear. ***Especially needed: children's clothing. All are welcome to "shop" the closet, too! Please take only what you can use personally or share with a friend. All are welcome!***

