



May 1-2, 2021
The Fourth
Weekend after Easter



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to him.” -Acts 8:35 (NKJV)

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 8.

Pre-Service Meditation: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him." (Acts 8:35 NKJV)

Hymns: 192:1-4 371 504 (tune of TLH 197)
442:2 192:5-8

Gospel Reading.....John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Letter Reading.....1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²² And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³ And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Sermon Text.....Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was

found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

“It’s All About the Savior”

1. And He’s all about communication.
2. And He’s all about the truth.
3. And He’s all about inclusion.



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



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Communion Announcement: Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

This Week at Messiah

Masks required indoors by government mandate.

Sunday services live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 5/2 9:00 am

Communion Service (Ushers #8,
Counters H)

10:00 am

Dove West

10:15 am

Bible Class/Sunday School/Young
Adults

11:15 am

Heritage

1:30 pm

Dove South

6:30 pm

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Mon, 5/3 6:30 pm

Hymnal Committee

Tues, 5/4 9:00 am

Koffee Klatsch

Wed, 5/5 1:45 pm

Lake Hallie - Care Facility Service

4:30 pm

Building Committee

4:30 pm

Afternoon Catechism

8:00 pm

Ruth's Retreat

Fri, 5/7 6:00 pm

Lord Wedding Rehearsal

Sat, 5/8 3:00 pm

Lord Wedding Affirmation

6:30 pm

Worship Service (Ushers #7)

7:45 pm

Bible Class/Sunday School

Sun, 5/9 **Mother's Day**

9:00 am

Worship Service (Ushers #2,
Counters A)

10:00 am

Dove West

10:15 am

Bible Class/Sunday School/Young
Adults

11:00 am

**Worship Service (Ushers
#Extra group)**

11:15 am

Heritage

1:30 pm

Dove South

2:00 pm

Veterans

Coming Up:

- May 13th, 6:30 pm Ascension Service
- May 23rd, 11:00 am Service - Messiah 8th Grade Graduation

Announcements

"The State of Christendom in the New Century" will be the topic of our Bible Class this weekend. If you would like to get a preview of this subject, there is a paper with this title in the back of the fellowship hall, or you may find it at tinyurl.com/lau-christendom. Join us for discussion!

Young Adults Bible Study: Join us Sunday morning for our continuing series based on *"Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully In a World of Difference"* by Timothy Keller and John Inazu. - Prof. Joel Gullerud

Birth and Rebirth: Teacher Andrew Roehl and his wife Angela (nee Brown) were blessed this past Thursday (4/29/21) with the

birth of a baby girl, Charlotte June Roehl, at Mayo Eau Claire. She was baptized by Pastor Caleb on May 1, at the Roehl residence in Altoona. Tom and Ashley Naumann are the sponsors. Adam and Jadyn Brown served as witnesses. With joy we think on the new clothing that this little one now wears. "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (**Galatians 3:27** NKJV).



The "Koffee Klatsch" is a weekly informal gathering of men of the congregation at the local Perkins restaurant. They are beginning to meet again, each Tuesday at 9 am. Come and enjoy good conversation and fellowship! For more information contact Walt Schreiber at (715) 835-5609.

Voters' Meeting this Sunday, May 2, at 6:30 pm - You may pick up a printed copy of the agenda, minutes, and reports for the meeting on our narthex kiosk. The Voters' Packet can also be seen online at tinyurl.com/vpacket-05-02. This packet is not only useful for our voters, it also provides a good snapshot of where Messiah has been during the first 3 months of 2021, and where we're going in God's care.

"Daily Rest" Subscription Renewal Time: This CLC daily devotional booklet provides timely encouragement and faith-building strength from God's Word. The annual subscription rate is \$15 for four issues during the coming year. You may send a check, made out to "Messiah - Daily Rest" to 2015 N. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703, or drop off your check or cash in the box on the narthex table under the cross. NEW - you may pay online via PayPal by sending \$15 to brucenaumann@gmail.com, and he will direct your funds to Messiah. The issues will be mailed directly to your home. The deadline for renewals or new subscriptions is May 31. If you do not receive your issue via the mail, please notify our office right away.

CLC Youth Camp (in Pillager, MN June 13-19) is opening 7th Grade registration, along with those we have received for grades 8-12. 7th graders can now register at: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>.

The Porkies Youth Camp-Out: will be held on August 11-15, For Grades 8-12. The camp fee is \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. Transportation will be provided. Check out the **Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out** Facebook page for pictures. Register to attend at www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021, or you can scan this code.



Plans for building project volunteers - Tom Beekman, our building project coordinator, is organizing a targeted approach for volunteer help over the coming months. In other words, he would like to have a list of volunteers to call on for specific projects as they arise. Please do let him know if you may be available for help with certain projects at 715-491-2025 or thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com.



**Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
God's Word Serving Us:**



Bible Readings - 1 John 4:1-11

Bible Class - Prospectus - Preview of Items for Convention

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 5/8 6:30 pm: Usher Team 7

Tom Joos	Charles Wittorp
Levi Wittorp	Jeremy Gurgel
Gerald Oster	Sam Oster

Sunday 5/9 9:00 am: Usher Team 2

Dan Sydow	Bryce Sydow
Ethan Sydow	Noah Sydow
Adam Schmid	Jerry LeDuc
Steve Mielke	

Sunday 5/9 11:00 am: Usher Team

Ross Roehl	Tim Noeldner
Barry Schlegelmilch	Brett Bailey
Jon Sandeen	

Counters for the week following 5/9 - A

Jim Lau, Gary Meyer, Dan Kelly

Thank you!

Little Church Libraries - We have three ready to put up. These little libraries have a variety of good Christian books free for the taking. If you would like one, please contact Josh Gurgel (715-379-7917) or Pastor Naumann (715-864-3465) or Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000). There is a crew that will dig the hole and set everything up.

Address/Phone Changes:

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CLC News: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. ● Education graduate Ben

Hanson has accepted the call to St. John's, Okabena, MN. ● Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has been called by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD.

In the hospital - Several of our members underwent surgery during this past week: <> **Darlene Diede** had a successful operation on Monday, and returned home Tuesday <> **Maxine Culver** was admitted to the hospital for gallbladder surgery on the 27th, and is recovering at home. <> **Rich Jacobson** underwent shoulder surgery on the 28th, and has returned home. <> **Heath Williams** is at Luther Mayo Hospital. <> We pray for the LORD's healing as our fellow believers recover! *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

Messiah Shut-ins: Ida Drews (2455 Sawgrass Place #213, Altoona), Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

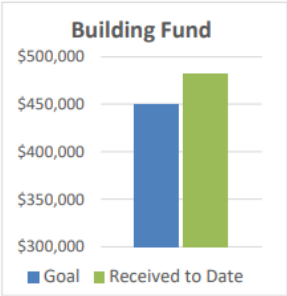
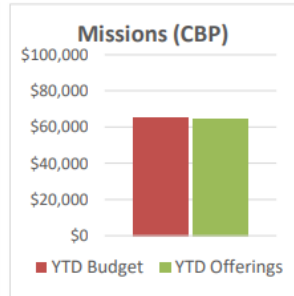
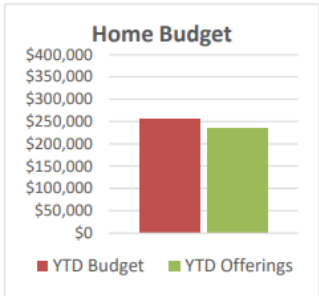
Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ April 24 & 25, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 139 - Sun. 136) 275
Bible Class: (Sat. 34 - Sun. 47) 81 Sunday School: (Sat. 2 - Sun. na) na
Young Adults: 20
Dove West: 8 Dove South: 10 Lake Hallie: 13
Online: (Worship: 187, ILC Streaming: 9, Bible Class: 65)

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$254,346.00	\$65,385.00
YTD Offerings	\$234,652.58	\$64,674.50
Weekly Need	\$15,524.00	\$3,866.00

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$481,995.04	Received to Date
\$3,440.00	Last Week (4/25)



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 3-8, '21

Mon Acts 8:26-39 God's Holy Spirit threw out the lifeline and pulled this Ethiopian cabinet official aboard so he could learn that God included him in His search-and-rescue-mission. He had already been brought to understand God's methodology (a Substitute would suffer and die for sinners), and he wanted to know more specifics (34). What a flood of blessings God showered on him before the sun went down that evening (36-39)!

Tues John 15:1-8 As the parent vine supplies nutrients to its branches, in due season they sprout, blossom, and develop fruit. But did you know that the life span of each fruiting branch is limited to one season and must be pruned away so that next spring a new twig will sprout in its place? Pruning phases out the old and activates the new. God grant that our children fill in the gaps we leave behind, sprout, and bear their fruit in due season!

Wed 1 John 3:18-24 *In deed* is the opposite of *in word*, just as the gridiron athlete outclasses an armchair athlete. Does not our conscience condemn us for not loving our neighbors in their needs? We know we fall short, and so does God—but He understands us and still loves us (18-21).

BTW, *commandments* means directives for God-pleasing conduct.

Thurs Psalm 67 First things first: "God, be merciful to us and bless us, smile upon us and our efforts to laud you at home and abroad as Savior (1-2). God, apply Your skills and muscle to rescue souls so that people of all nations will come around and praise You as the Judge whom they will face from behind the protecting shield of Jesus (3-5)." That's the Christian stance, the very stance which promotes many collateral advantages (6-7). Praise the Lord!

Fri John 15:7 deserves more than passing attention, so we ask, "What's the importance of the qualifier: '*If My words*'

abide in you'? It's the crucial factor of being bonded to Jesus **when we are bonded to His Word**. Jesus repeats this in ch. 14:23-24, also in ch. 17:6,8,14,17, and John summarizes his entire Gospel enterprise in verses 30-31 of ch. 20. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God, hold onto it in their hearts, and live according to it! Amen!

Sat Acts 24:14-27 The crux of Paul's case was his commitment to the Bible teaching of Resurrection (15). Felix, the civil magistrate, adjourned the court proceedings in order to summon Lysias, the Roman officer who had rescued Paul from the mob back in Jerusalem. During those weeks of waiting, the Holy Spirit nudged Mr.&Mrs. Felix to pay attention to Paul's theology—which set them back on their heels (24-26). Two years later Paul's case was still on the docket (27), but being under house arrest did not stop him from telling the truth about Jesus, God's gift to humanity. Stay tuned.