



August 14-15, 2021

Pentecost 12



Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 18.

Pre-Service Devotion: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... (Colossians 3:12-13)

At this time, offering plates are not passed during the service. The plates are located on a stand at each church entrance. You may also give electronically – see the “eGive” button at eauclairemessiah.com

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)



Hymns: 19 421 409 788:1 412

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:3-8

³ And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!” ⁵ Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶ Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

Gospel Reading John 6:41-51

⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting

life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

SermonEphesians 4:30-5:2

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

"I Just Want to Be Like My Father"

I. By living a *HOLY* life

II. By living a *FORGIVING* life

Preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann



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Luther Writes About the Value of Imitating God

"We teach that to make peace with God, to sanctify, and to abolish sin are works so sublime, so great, and so glorious that only Christ, God's Son, must do them. They are in reality the specific and special works of the one true God and His grace, for which our own efforts are and can be of no use. But to say that good works are therefore worthless, or are "worth a mere penny" – who has ever heard anyone teach this except the lying lips of the devil? . . . I consider what God has done in me to be of greater value than the life of my own body, which, after all, is and should be dearer to a person than the whole world. For if it is a good work, God has done it through me and in me. If God has done it and it is God's work, what is the whole world in comparison with God and His work? Now although I certainly do not become righteous through such works (for this must have taken place previously, through Christ's blood and grace, without works), yet I do them for the praise and honor of God and for the benefit and welfare of my fellowman."

(From the 1-volume edition of "What Luther Says," pg. 1508)

This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 8/15	9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters G)						
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Tues, 8/17	9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins						
	5:00 pm Board of Education						
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	6:30 pm Church Council						
Sat, 8/21	Christian Education Weekend						
	12:45 pm Messiah Motorcycle Ride						
	6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #7)						
Sun, 8/22	Christian Education Weekend						
	9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters H)						
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	3:00 pm ILC Opening Service at the Fieldhouse						
	6:30 pm Evening Bible Class						

- Upcoming Dates at Messiah:**
- August 23, First Day of Classes at ILC
 - Sunday, Sept. 5 – **Rescheduled Church Picnic**
 - September 7, Tentative Opening Day at Messiah

Announcements

Sunday evening Bible study – continues this Sunday at 6:30 pm. This week we are looking at chapters 17-18 of Matthew's Gospel. Study materials are available on the table in the narthex.)

Messiah "2nd Family" program for new ILC students:

Messiah is once again organizing a way for new ILC students to experience a little "home away from home." Messiah families can sign up to sponsor a student or students. On Sunday, September 12, the Messiah families will meet the students by taking them home for Sunday lunch, following the worship service. Please sign up online at tinyurl.com/2ndfam-21, or on the sheet on narthex kiosk. You may also call or email Pastor Naumann.



In need of housing: A CLC family is hoping to move to town and needs a modest house both in size and price. If you know of something that might work, please speak to Pastor Tiefel 715-829-2000.

Rescheduled Church Picnic: Our original Aug. 8 date was cancelled due to (expected) inclement weather. Please plan to come instead on **Sunday, September 5** to Mount Sim on Park, beginning at noon. You may bring a main dish [or meat to grill] along with a side dish or dessert to pass and your own plates and utensils. Volunteers will grill any meat you bring. Beverages will be provided. Games and fellowship time will follow – please come!



Our “Messiah School Builders” Scrip program is an additional way to help our building fund. It’s easy once you get in the habit of making everyday purchases of gas, groceries and other items with scrip, and it makes a big difference for our school (more than \$7,000 for our Building Fund so far)! You can see step-by-step instructions at www.tinyurl.com/mls-scrip. Cards can be ordered online, with your phone, or by the paper form from our office or at tinyurl.com/scrip-orderform. Come and browse our stock of cards for instant purchase in our church office, before or after any Saturday or Sunday church service. We have cards in stock for Woodman’s, Walmart, Kwik Trip, Festival, and Menard’s.

Motorcycle ride - Calling all motorcyclists! We're planning our group ride on Saturday, August 21, at 1:00 pm. We'll meet in the parking lot off of Harrison around 12:45. Feel free to invite a friend. If you know anyone in nearby congregations that might be interested, please invite them. The more fellowship, the better! Rain date is Sunday, 8/22. If you need more info contact Matt Kelly at 715-497-4222.

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Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend

God’s Word Serving Us:

Sermon Text – Ephesians 5:15-20

Sunday Evening Bible Class – Gospel of Matthew, Lesson 7

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Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 8/21 6:30 pm: Usher Team 7

Tom Joos Charles Wittorp

Levi Wittorp Jeremy Gurgel

Gerald Oster Sam Oster

Sunday 8/22 9:00 am: Usher Team 8

Paul Heinze Seth Schaller

Christian Schaller Tim Schaller

Jim Sandeen Peter Reim

Dave Cavanaugh

Counters for the week following 8/22 – H

Jeff Bomber, James Harper, Randy Wirth

Thank you!

CLC Financial Report - July

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2021
General Fund	0	82,414	113,916	104,952	– 31,502
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	76,086	136,961	120,676	– 60,875
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	575	292		124,873
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	815	0		1,097,531
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	6,576	5,324		133,565
Kinship	182,119	20,335	16,350		186,104
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	20,504	3,660		3,544,729
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	5,458	880		138,163
CLC Reserve Fund	300,222	0	0		300,222
Total	\$5,497,430	\$54,263	\$26,506		\$5,525,187

General Fund – July offerings: \$82,414 **VS** disbursements: \$113,916. Offerings were \$22,538 short of the budget and disbursements were \$8964 over budget, resulting in the -\$31,502 net loss for the 1st month of FY22. The General Fund deficit of \$35,112 at the close of FY21 was paid from the CLC Reserve Fund. Note: Positive year end balances of the CLC Boards go into the Reserve Fund, negative year end balances come out of the Reserve Fund, resulting in an opening balance of \$0 for the new fiscal year, and a starting balance of \$300,222 in the CLC Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund does have some earnings during the fiscal year from being invested in the Investment Pool.

The FY22 General Fund budget is the subsidy to fund our 4 Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) & totals \$1,259,430 for the fiscal year, or \$104,952/month. *It needs our regular support!*

ILC Operations – July revenue of \$76,085 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$136,961, resulted in a budget deficit of -\$60,875, which is not unusual for a summer month when school is not in session. That deficit will recover with student revenue when school begins August 23.

ILC Building Projects – July revenue: \$815 in offerings **VS** \$0 disbursements. July earnings (Div/Int) were \$4,648 and will be booked with August receipts. The Convention Proceedings will report the resolutions of the delegates for this project and other Convention actions when it is published soon.

CEF – July revenue: \$20,504 (incl \$65 offerings) **VS** disbursements: \$3,660 admin expense. Over the next few months the Trustees will fund new CEF congregational building loans of \$1.25 million.

MDF – July revenue: \$6,576 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$5,324, including \$3,100 Africa outreach; \$1,200 bicycles/motorcycles, & \$1,024 admin expenses.

SAF – July receipts: \$5,458 (\$3,753 SAF loan repayments & \$1,705 gifts) **VS** \$880 admin expenses.

Kinship – July Offerings: \$20,335 (\$13,261 offerings, \$6,045 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: \$16,350 (\$7,410 orphanages, \$8,850 Sem students, \$90 widows).

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC News: Pastor Aaron Ude, of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rapid City, SD has the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO • Pastor emeritus John Schierenbeck has received *and* returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, to serve as their vacancy pastor. • Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church., Eden Prairie, MN.

In the hospital: <> **Anne Koch** underwent abdominal surgery at Mayo, Eau Claire on Thursday.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (Prairie Point), 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 ~ August 7-8, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 63 – Sun. 2970) 360 Weekend Online: 160

Communion: (Sat. 18 – Sun. 56) 74

Sunday Evening Bible Class: 20

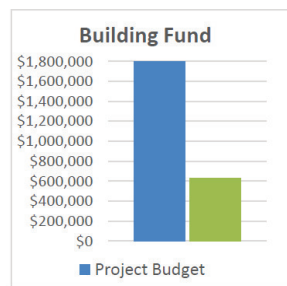
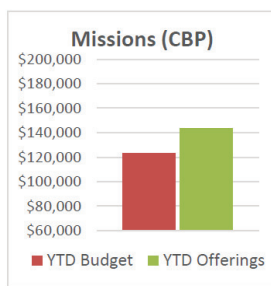
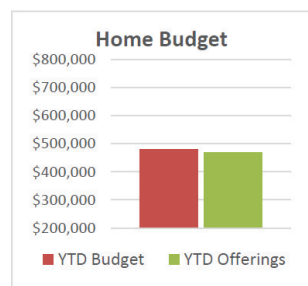
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Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$478,769.00	\$123,077.00
YTD Offerings	\$468,945.48	\$143,316.61
Weekly Need	\$15,453.00	\$2,834.00
Last Week (8/8)	\$12,046.50	\$3,866.00
Amount Still Needed	\$309,054.52	\$56,683.39

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$627,906.72	Received to Date
\$1,131.00	Last Week (8/8)



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 16-21, '21

Mon 1 Kings 19:1-8 Devilish Jezebel was the power behind the throne, and since she knew Elijah was God's servant, she gave him 24 hours to get out of town; he *ran for his life* (1-3). A few days later, exhausted and ready to call it quits, Elijah asked God to relieve him from his ministry (4). God had other plans. After getting Elijah jump-started, (5-7) God sent him to the well-known religious retreat at Sinai (8), where God would continue the meeting.

Tues John 6:41-51 Jesus could talk religion with anyone, including the home-town skeptics (41-42). But how to get through to them? Perhaps by using the picture language that nutritious bread = Himself. So when Jesus said, "*I am the bread of life*," it was picture language for Himself being nutrition for one's soul unto eternal life (36).

Wed Ephesians 4:30-5:2 proves that the Holy Spirit of God is not a cosmic force nor an abstraction, but a Person—and a sensitive Person at that, with tender feelings. Keeping that in mind, we treat others in ways that suit His love for us humans (30-32). *Therefore*, as children of the heavenly Father, our pattern of life/living will mirror Jesus' life (1-2). Right?

Thurs Psalm 34 The Holy Spirit has loaded this psalm with spiritual manna, so we roll His Word around on our tongues and *taste* (see and experience for ourselves) that the LORD is good (8), that we have His good reason for our good life (11-14), that the LORD is attentive to our contrite spirit (17-18), that our afflictions are temporary (19), and (last but not least) that He redeems our soul via Jesus from the condemnation we deserve (22). Praise the LORD!

Fri Proverbs 1:8-19 Solomon is speaking to his son, as he does in many other Proverbs (cf. 5:1, 7:1, 10:1, 12:1, 13:1). Solomon was intent on sparing his son from mistakes that youngsters are apt to make—and boys who are princes tend to get away with a lot—such as joining a gang in criminal activity like grand larceny (10-14). Dear reader, choose your friends carefully lest you become a victim also, for there's no honor among thieves (15-19).

Sat Matthew 13:24-43 Since God's ways are heavenly and therefore foreign to human minds—Jesus helps us slow learners by using homely illustrations—that is, parables (34-35). When Jesus revealed that God's kingdom can be infiltrated by cheats, He laid it out in terms of gardening/farming (24-33) like this: Although Christianity is God's plantation, some greens among God's plants are worthless weeds (hypocrites), and it is beyond our skill to weed them out from among the repentant children of God. That's the job of God's good angels on the last day. Praise the LORD! [See you there!]