



August 21-22, 2021

Pentecost 13



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

-Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 21.

Pre-Service Devotion: See bulletin cover.

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: 16 366:1,5-7 24 438:4-5 629

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 9:1-6 (CSB)

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has carved out her seven pillars.
² She has prepared her meat; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³ She has sent out her female servants;
she calls out from the highest points of the city:
⁴ “Whoever is inexperienced, enter here!”
To the one who lacks sense, she says,
⁵ “Come, eat my bread,
and drink the wine I have mixed.
⁶ Leave inexperience behind, and you will live;
pursue the way of understanding.

Gospel Reading John 6:51-58 (CSB)

- ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
⁵² At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day, ⁵⁵ because my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in

him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the manna your ancestors ate—and they died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

SermonEphesians 5:15-20 (CSB)

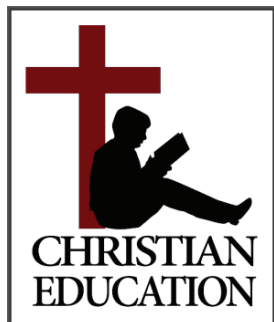
¹⁵ Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise— ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit: ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"ADMIRATION OF CHRIST"

1. Leads to deliberate choices that match the Lord's will.
2. Leads to building up the fellowship in thankful worship.



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



This is Christian Education Weekend.
New full-time teachers at Messiah School (Nathan Buck and June Schmid) will be installed during Sunday worship.



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This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 8/22

Christian Education Weekend

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters H)

10:00 am Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court	

3:00 pm ILC Opening Service at the Fieldhouse

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Mon, 8/23

ILC Opening Day

Tues, 8/24

9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins

Wed, 8/25

1:45 pm Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
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Fri, 8/27

5:00 pm Rehearsal for LeDoux/Ciokiewicz Wedding

Sat, 8/28

9:00 am Church Workday

1:00 pm LeDoux/Ciokiewicz Wedding

6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #1)

Sun, 8/29

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #2, Counters A)

10:00 am Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court	

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

- Upcoming Dates at Messiah:**
- 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 18-19 of Matthew’s Gospel (Who is the greatest? The parable of the lost sheep. Restoring a brother. The parable of the unforgiving servant. The question of divorce. Blessing the children. The rich young ruler. Possessions and the kingdom.) Handouts from previous lessons are available 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.

Immanuel's Opening Service: The opening worship service for ILC will be on Sun. Aug. 22, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This service will also include the installation of Professor David Schaller. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!

The Annual Garage Sale Was a Huge Success! Our annual sale is held privately by Messiah members. We were able to turn unwanted items (things that were probably on their way to a thrift store anyway) from approximately 20 families into \$3,638 over 2 ½ days. The money will benefit the family of Lila Schaller, the Messiah Building Project and the ILC Student Aid Fund, with a small amount being used to purchase items needed to run the sale. A huge thank you to all the members who donated items and to those who spent time helping prepare for and staff the sale! We are currently looking for a place to store items throughout the year so members do not have to hold onto unwanted things until the sale. Please contact Lori Mueller (715-563-4526) if you have an outbuilding or large shed available that might work. The goal would be for members to have a place to drop off items no longer needed instead of using other thrift stores. This sale has been a wonderful opportunity to do more work in God's kingdom and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

VBS in the Park Report: On Saturday, August 14 Messiah's Outreach Committee conducted a 1-day "VBS in the Park" at Riverview Island. Twelve children attended, with 1 non-member visitor. It was a beautiful day and a blessed event, where the children learned of Jesus miracles, His death for us, and His resurrection. See the photos at tinyurl.com/satvbs-aug14. Thanks to our teachers and helpers: Zach Franson, Barb Gurgel, Pastor and Paula Naumann, and Pastor and Eileen Tiefel.



Rescheduled Church Picnic: Please plan to come 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!

The Opening Day for Messiah School is Fast Approaching. Unless there are unexpected delays, our opening service and first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 7. **An on-time start date will be helped greatly if there is a good response to calls for volunteer building project help during the lead-up; please watch for opportunities!** Upper grade classes will continue in our sanctuary and fellowship hall while the new portion of our building project is being finished. We pray for God's blessing on our teachers' preparations, and on our incoming students. The 2021-22 school calendar can be seen at tinyurl.com/mlscal-2021.

Church/school janitor position - Once our building project is complete, there will be a need for additional custodial help. Anyone who would like to apply for this 20-30 hrs/week position may contact Property Chairman Jerry LeDuc at jerleduc@charter.net or 715-379-5020.



Messiah's Fall Mission Festival will be held on September 25-26. Our guest speaker for the services will be Pastor Em. Vance Fossum of West Columbia, SC. We will have a potluck meal after the Sunday service on the south lawn – Please plan to attend!

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

Sermon Text – Ephesians 5:21-31
Sunday Evening Bible Class – Gospel of Matthew, Lesson 8

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 8/28 6:30 pm: Usher Team 1		Sunday 8/29 9:00 am: Usher Team 2	
Joel Carstensen	George Carstensen	Dan Sydow	Bryce Sydow
Dennis Oster	Jason Zimmerman	Ethan Sydow	Noah Sydow
Ryan Zimmerman	Rich McGeorge	Adam Schmid	Jerry LeDuc
		Steve Mielke	

Counters for the week following 8/29 – A
 Dan Kelly, Jim Lau, Gary Meyer

Thank you!

Reintroducing Mrs. June Schmid, who writes: *"I grew up in Onalaska, WI. I am the youngest of 6 children. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 2005. I have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with an Emphasis in At-Risk Child and Youth Care. In 2006, the Schmid family moved to Eau Claire. Shortly after we arrived in Eau Claire, we had the first of our 4 children, Bethany (now 14). Jacob (12), Bailey (10) and Aubrey (6) came along in the following years. When Bethany was in Pre-School, we found Messiah. A few years later the Lord led me to begin working towards my teaching degree at Immanuel. I graduated from the program in May of 2019. I love to paint, read, kayak, play basketball in my driveway, and I love going to the beach with my kids! My first year out of Immanuel, I worked in the church office and subbed in the classrooms whenever I could. Last year was my first year teaching part-time in the 4th grade classroom here at Messiah. This year, I am excited to be transitioning to full-time in the 1st grade. It will be a great honor and blessing to serve the Lord teaching your little ones!"*



Address Change: Stacy and Kari Behlmer and family
4836 Hawkins Dr., Ladson, SC 29456-6741

CLC News: ●Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, MO. ●Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church of Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. ●Mrs. Louise Mayhew has received the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. ●Michael Sprengeler has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD.



Highlights from the August 18th, 2021 Church Council Meeting

<> **The meeting began** at 6:32 pm with a devotion based on Psalm 31:1-5. There were 8 members present, including church officers, board chairmen, and pastors. <> **Elders:** They are encouraging all members in return to worship together. Membership matters: Motions passed to accept

Doreen Iverson by transfer from St. John's, Okabena, MN and David and Sarah Schaller, with their children Laura and Simeon by transfer from Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. A motion passed to recommend to the voters the termination of DeAndre & Alyse Harvey according to Bylaw 2.08a, along with their children Trenton, Trevionte and Aniyah, according to Bylaw 2.03. They do not wish to continue as members. Weddings: Morgan Lone and Jamison Irvine on July 31st by Pastor Naumann in Fairchild; Kendra Naumann and Nathan Rodebaugh on August 7th by Pastor Schaller at Messiah. Several adult instruction classes are completed and receptions into membership are coming, God willing. The pastors have been asked to prepare a discussion document on the role of women in the church and how it is practiced in our congregation. The Elders will then discuss the topic. <> **Deacons:** At present we are not making any changes to services for COVID safety measures. Messiah's Security Team will receive CVTC security training in September/October, at a cost of \$4,000. There will be up to 18 participants, including a number of MLS faculty. The Hymnal Committee is currently evaluating the *Lutheran Service Book*. The Tech Committee is wiring the new addition and finalizing the new phone system. Their budget is exhausted & they still have expenses coming (~\$3K) to properly equip our school expansion. A motion passed to allocate up to \$3,000 from the Messiah School Fund for wiring and infrastructure-related items. <> **Pastors:** We are almost done with pastoral vacations. An additional wedding (LeDoux/Ciokiewicz) coming up on Aug. 28. The Porkies camping trip went very well (about 40 attended), and presents unique

opportunities to connect with our youth. <> **Outreach:** Our 1-day VBS in the park was successful, with 12 students (1 non-member). "Here We Grow Again" is coming up with Messiah providing church information for 500 bags to participants. <> **Property:** We had 22 volunteers at the last church workday on July 31, and got a lot done around the property and in the teacherage. We completed the "BoP Responsibilities" document and other outside tasks. The garage fascia is now finished. Hovland's replaced the AC at Pastor Schaller's house. New items: leak at the teacherage, narthex roof above exit door to pastor offices, wasp nests, sand in the parking lot, quote cost for half-curb along parsonage driveway to stop erosion, options to relocate garbage and dumpster for snow removal, outside benches, electrical panel at the teacherage, church carpets. Pending items also include: kitchen refrigerator repair, fabric on 2 pews and repair of another (covered by warranty), fill 2nd school and church custodial position, attic venting problems at Schaller parsonage, "no parking" signs for 1 or both sides of Harrison St, gutters & fascia problems at Schaller parsonage & teacherage, carpeting at the Schaller parsonage, upper field driveway improvements, clearing yard space to the right of Schaller parsonage/garage. The next church workday is planned for August 28th (last Saturday of the month). <> **Board of Education and Principal:** COVID restrictions have been removed for this school year. The 2nd VBS session went well with 50 attending (45 members and 5 non-members). We plan to restart Sunday School Sept 11-12. Fall coaches and sports schedules are in place. We are working on painting lockers and the fall work day list. We have a few changes in enrollment, which is now projected to be 132 students. Volunteer help for getting the school ready has been light, and may put the start date for school in jeopardy. <> **Treasurer:** A motion passed to approve the current list of bills for payment as presented. Recent generous donations to various funds have provided much-needed help to our General Fund, our Building Fund, and various non-budgetary needs. The totals will be reflected in next month's financial report. *"Praise to the Lord for the blessings on our membership!"* <> **Building project** – Major work continues to get the renovated portion of the project ready for school, prior to Sept. 7. Church and school offices are being moved to temporary locations to make room for the 5-6 class in the fellowship hall. Personal loans for the building have all been received. The CLC-CEF mortgage has been signed. **Miscellaneous:** * A motion passed that the offering for Mission Festival be split between Kinship and the CLC Mission Development Fund. * The Chairman asked boards to discuss potential topics for them to study at a retreat this fall. * Current Projects List: the only project currently on the list is new hymnals. Council will be considering other items to be added to this list. <> **The next Council meeting** is scheduled for September 15th at 5:30 pm. <> **The meeting adjourned** at 8:14 pm.

In the hospital: ● **Anne Koch** continues her recovery from surgery at Mayo Eau Claire. ● Prof. Emeritus Paul Sullivan was diagnosed with lung cancer and will be receiving treatment.

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).

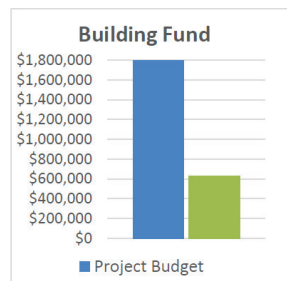
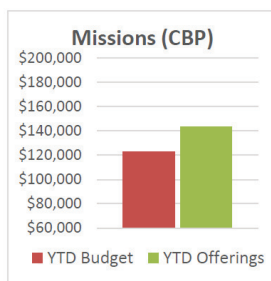
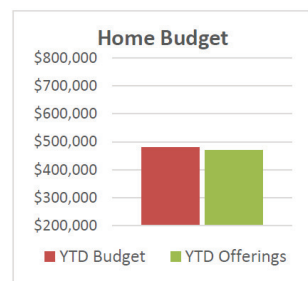
Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ August 14-15, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 80 – Sun. 198) 278 Weekend Online: 135
 Sunday Evening Bible Class: 13
 Dove West: cancelled Heritage Court: 20 Dove South: cancelled
 Heritage Assisted: 7 Lake Hallie: 20 Our House: 9

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)



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.

Photo Board: Building Project, Porkies Youth Group Trip and VBS in the Park



Youth Group Trip – Porcupine Mountains



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 23-28, '21

Mon Proverbs 9:1-6 The Bible is full of picture language, and we understand that here Wisdom is being personified—described as a person who is productive and practical (1-2), hospitable and generous (3-5), offering a life-plan that will serve us well (6). Godly wisdom is no stranger to us, but a valuable companion at our back when our boots are on the ground (10).

Tues John 6:51-58 Bread doesn't serve its purpose until it is ingested and digested; then its food value does some good. Eating Jesus does not mean cannibalism or the Lord's Supper, but is picture language for appropriating His person, letting Him provide support from the inside-out. Verse 35 is the key; eating and inwardly digesting Jesus = becoming united with Him and receiving His accomplishments in humble faith. Simple enough.

Wed Ephesians 5:15-21 Now, when we have appropriated/ingested Jesus in our hearts, what is He going to do inside there? He's going to re-configure our mother board, change our default settings, and enlarge our parameters – so that we can maneuver around life's low spots (15-18) and take the high road, devoted to godly messaging and loving devotion to one another.

Thurs Psalm 1 [We knew it was coming] This psalm describes how Christians conduct themselves when rubbing elbows with raw humanity. First, we don't fall for the spiel of ungodly people; they don't have God's blessing. Second, we take the high road, not the low road. Third, we don't set ourselves down on the bleachers of the opposing team. Rather, in contrast, we enjoy Bible study because that's how God gets us to grow and prosper—while losers stay losers (4-5). Lord, have mercy on our generation!

Fri John 7:37-43 What Jesus calls "*living water*" can hardly be cistern water, nor even river or lake water, for He says that it is *living*—lively and bubbly. Artesian water is bubbly, naturally purified and germ free; Jesus can pipe it into a person's heart, where it continues to bubble up inside that person and floats him/her along all the way to heaven. Now, what IS this life-giving and life sustaining water? What fits better than God's Spirit-empowered Word?

Sat Psalm 103:2-3 The psalmist makes a generous assertion when he says that the LORD *heals all our diseases*. Though our bodies are fragile, our health compromised by ailments, our lives mortal, and medical/hospital care does what it can, the bottom line is that God has programmed our blood to combat infection, our endocrine system to regulate all biological processes, and our immune cells to suffocate Covid 19 mutations, etc., etc. That's how God heals us from the inside-out. Then Jesus heals us from the virus of sin; that's His -- specialty. Thank You, dear God, for healing us in body and soul.