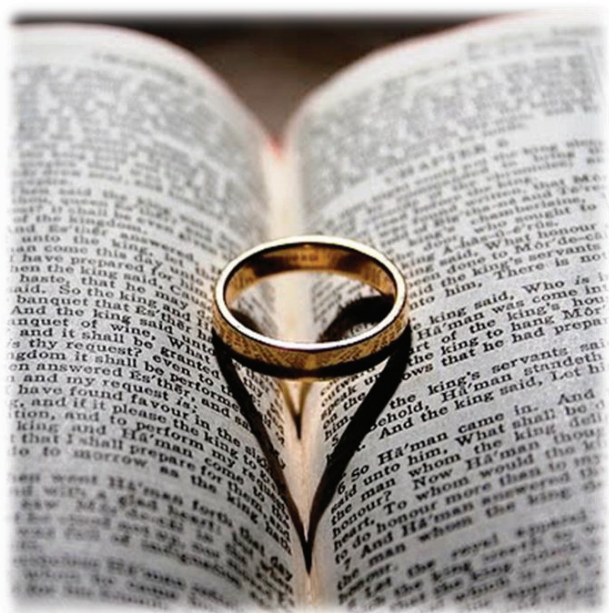




August 28-29, 2021

Pentecost 14



"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ"

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV84)

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 28.

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: 29 625 790 789:1,5 23:2-4

Old Testament ReadingJoshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (CSB)

¹ Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and summoned Israel's elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ...

¹⁴ “Therefore, fear the LORD and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the LORD. ¹⁵ But if it doesn't please you to worship the LORD, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the LORD.”

¹⁶ The people replied, “We will certainly not abandon the LORD to worship other gods! ¹⁷ For the LORD our God brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery, and performed these great signs before our eyes. He also protected us all along the way we went and among all the peoples whose lands we traveled through. ¹⁸ The LORD drove out before us all the peoples, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We too will worship the LORD, because he is our God.”

Gospel ReadingJohn 6:60-69 (CSB)

⁶⁰ Therefore, when many of his disciples heard this, they said, “This teaching is hard. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to observe the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who

gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.⁶⁴ But there are some among you who don't believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning those who did not believe and the one who would betray him.)⁶⁵ He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted to him by the Father."

⁶⁶ From that moment many of his disciples turned back and no longer accompanied him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, "You don't want to go away too, do you?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Sermon Ephesians 5:21-31 (NIV84)

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—

³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

"CHRIST IS THE REASON WHY WE KEEP OUR MARRIAGE VOWS"



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



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This Week at Messiah

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

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	

1:00 pm Messiah Building Project – Moving Help Needed!

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Tues, 8/31 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins

Wed, 9/1 1:45 pm Lake Hallie 2:30 pm Our House

8:00 pm Ruth's Retreat

Thurs, 9/2 2:00 pm Youth Group Committee

Sat, 9/4 6:30 pm Communion Service (Ushers #3)

Sun, 9/5 9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #4, Counters B)

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

12:00 pm Rescheduled Church Picnic at Mount Simon

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- Sept. 7, Tentative Opening Day at Messiah
- Sept. 25-26, Fall Mission Festival

Announcements

Sunday Evening Bible Study continues this Sunday at 6:30 pm. This week we are beginning with chapter 19 of Matthew's Gospel. Handouts from previous lessons are available in the narthex.

Messiah Building Project...Help Needed this Sunday to Start School! - The Messiah Building Project has reached the final steps for Phase 1 that allows Messiah School to start. Contractors are applying the epoxy floor finish to three classrooms and the new restrooms Wednesday through Friday of this (past) week. The flooring will be ready by Sunday afternoon for our final step of moving student desks, teacher desks, cabinetry, and all the boxed-up items into those classrooms to make them ready for teachers to make final preparations. We are in need of members to help move these items. There are also bulletin and white boards that also need to be hung up in several classrooms. It is estimated that with 10-15 people, we can have it taken care of within less than an hour. But if we only have 2-3 people, it will take many hours to accomplish. We are planning to start at 1 pm on Sunday. This is a critical step to give the teachers in those rooms time to get their rooms ready for the start of the school year. Please come and help! If

you have any questions, please contact Messiah Building Project Coordinator Tom Beekman at (715) 491-2025. See the updated building project photos at tinyurl.com/m-build-pics.

Ruth's Retreat is a relaxed Bible study hour (for high school age) held at the home of Ruth Gullerud, 347 Heather Road, near the ILC campus. The first fall session will be held Wednesday, September 1, at 8 pm. Come join us. - *Pastor Caleb and Ruth G.*



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.

Rescheduled Church Picnic: Plan to come on **Sunday, September 5** to Mount Simon 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. **We still need help for kids' games;** please contact Dan Sullivan if you might be able to serve, at daniel.sullivan.978@gmail.com or (646) 388-1716.

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.

Youth Group Porkies Trip: Another successful trip to the Porcupine Mountains!!! 40 campers and 7 chaperones. We had kids from Fridley, Mankato, Fond Du Lac, and Eau Claire areas. Perfect weather, massive waves, and stars galore made for a great trip. Laughs were had, stories were shared, tears were shed, and the Gospel was preached. Thank you to everyone who precooked food, loaned equipment, and helped to make the trip go smoothly. A huge thank you to Gerald Oster for 12 years of dedication and hard work!! Mark your calendars for August 6-10, 2022! --In the service of our King, *Adam Schmid*



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!

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This fall, we will have a re-launch of our Messiah Home Bible Studies program in various neighborhoods of the greater Eau Claire area. There are currently three groups that have definite plans to begin soon, including a study at the ILC Academic Center Library on Wednesday, September 8, beginning at 6:30 pm. We would like to assist new group start-ups! Please contact Pastor Naumann for information on starting a group. You may see some answers to frequently asked questions at tinyurl.com/mhbs-faq.

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!



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In the hospital: Last Saturday **Anne Koch** returned home to recover from surgery.
Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (Prairie Point), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (Heritage Court), 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).

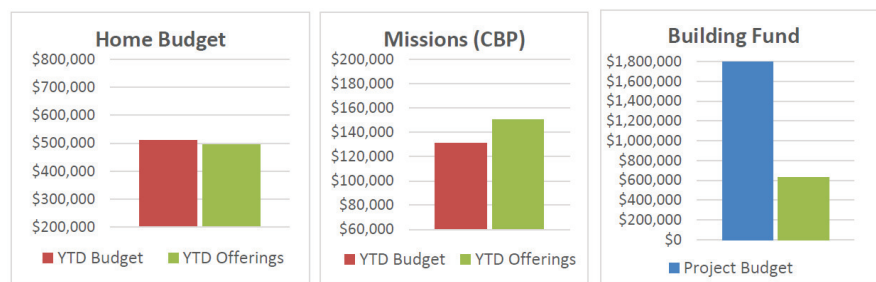
Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ August 21-22, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 123 – Sun. na) na Weekend Online: 151
 Sunday Evening Bible Class: 22
 Dove West: cancelled Heritage Court: 16 Dove South: cancelled
 Heritage Assisted: 6 Lake Hallie: 15 Our House: 8 Veterans: cancelled

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$508,692.00	\$130,769.00
YTD Offerings	\$494,073.23	\$150,401.86
Weekly Need	\$15,774.00	\$2,755.00
Last Week (8/22)	\$11,748.00	\$3,660.50
Amount Still Needed	\$283,926.77	\$49,598.14

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$630,081.72	Received to Date
\$1,130.00	Last Week (8/22)



Call Received By Pastor Caleb: Dear Members of Messiah Congregation, I have received the call to serve as pastor at Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO. Whenever the Holy Spirit asks you to consider a call it is a time of prayer, personal evaluation, and searching for the Lord's will. Please join me in this. Pray that we may find the Lord's will and follow that. If you have thoughts that will help me in considering this call, please share them with me as you see fit.

In His service, -Pastor Caleb Schaller

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Next weekend is Communion. Martin Luther's "Christian Questions" are meant to help communicants prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper. You can find a copy of these at <https://tinyurl.com/5bab7h6t>.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 30-Sep. 4, '21

Mon Joshua 24:1-18 God had a lot to say (2-14), and nobody snoozed during this review of how God had kept His finger on them over the centuries; sixteen times [check it out] God reminded them of what He had done, and based on His loving care for them, God awaited their positive response--to serve Him. They were moved to pledge their loyalty (16-18)--a good step.

Tues John 6:60-69 Baby steps come before grown-up steps in religion, too. If the toddler sits down (60-66), it may take Father's hand to inspire confidence (65) and support His toddler—to believe and know that he is in safe hands. Jesus provides security for eternal life; we admit it and thank God for it.

Wed Ephesians 5:21-31 The Holy Christian Church is like a body, where arms and legs respond appropriately to signals from the brain. If the signals are garbled, disability and disaster follow. Same with Christians (the body of Christ), who willingly submit to signals from their Head, who is Christ Himself.

Great picture language for an awesome and wonderful reality.

Thurs Psalm 71 [Paraphrase] "Lord, since You are the basis for my prayer (1-3), deliver me as You did in the past (4-6), are doing in the present (7-8), and will do in the future (9-11). My life has a dark side (12-13), but I will continue to be humbly proud (14-16). My life history (17-18) demonstrates that You are for me (19-21) – and therefore I am for You (22-24). Amen."

Fri John 7:1-9 Jesus did not disdain His brothers and sisters, for He had come to save them also – but His siblings made home-life difficult with snarky remarks like this one (3-5). Jesus took it in stride, for He understood what they did not understand, and He marched to a different drummer (6-8). He may have left Nazareth, but not His favored country. Stay tuned.

Sat Leviticus 18:1-20 [A follow-up on Wednesday's reading] God was training His people to revere Him, respect His regulations, and submit to His house rules. For instance, males should not have sex with female relatives, and God spelled it out (8-18) to cover all circumstances.

If you have ever puzzled over the wording in v. 16: *it is your brother's nakedness*—it simply means that the woman's body belongs to her husband; by right of marriage her body is **his**; her nakedness belongs to her husband, and not to anybody else—including her brother-in-law.

Such a simple and direct way to make the point that God intends to protect husband and wife from being adulterated; marriage means fidelity, and fidelity includes sexual fidelity.

Lord, have mercy on this perverse generation! Amen.