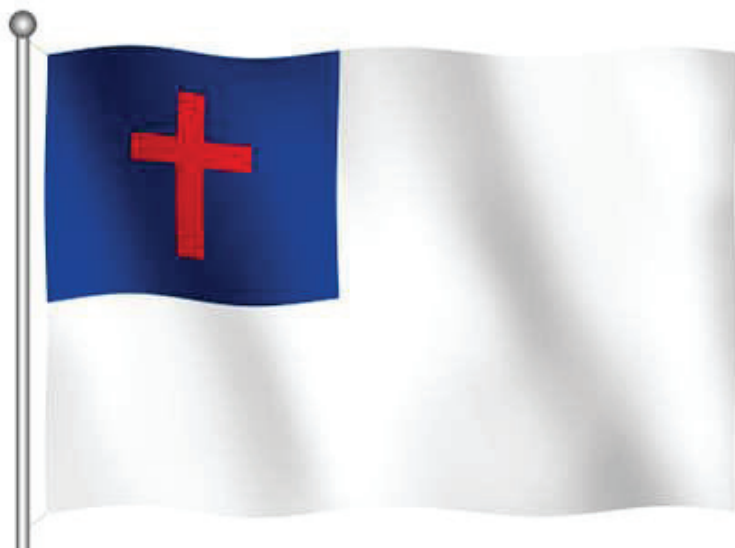




September 25-26, 2021
Mission Festival



*Therefore do not be ashamed of the
testimony of our Lord.
2 Timothy 1:8*

Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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Today's Worship

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

Pre-Service Devotion: You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:3)

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: 496 501 452 438:4-5 507

Old Testament ReadingIsaiah 55:1-11

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. ⁴ Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”
⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Epistle Reading2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. ⁷Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. ¹²If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. ¹³If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Sermon..... Mark 14:51-52

⁵¹Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, ⁵²and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

"Our Lord Wants Flag-bearers and Soldiers!"

Guest Preaching Today: Pastor Vance Fossum



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Communion Registration – During next week's services, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is our opportunity to participate in the blessed sharing of Jesus' real body and blood, with the bread and wine, with His believers. By this we "proclaim the Lord's death until He comes," 1 Cor. 11:26. You may register for the sacrament on the sheets provided on the table in the narthex or fellowship hall.

This Week at Messiah

Sunday services are live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.
Service times for local care facilities are posted on the online calendar.

Sun, 9/26

Fall Mission Festival

School Choir Sings "Make a Joyful Noise"

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #2, Counters E)
10:15 am Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class
11:00 am Special Voters' Meeting
11:30 am Potluck Meal
6:30 pm Evening Bible Class at Church

Tue, 9/28 – Thur, 9/30 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Joint Conference with the South East Pastoral Conference) – Milford, OH

Tues, 9/28 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins

Thur, 9/30 – Oct, 10/3 ManUp! Retreat – Wyalusing State Park, WI

Sat, 10/2 6:30 pm Communion Service (Ushers #3)
7:45 pm Sunday School/Bible Class

Sun, 10/3 9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #4, Counters F)
10:15 am Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class
6:30 pm Evening Bible Class at Church

Upcoming...

- October 17, School Dedication Service
- October 23, Youth Group Fall Event

Announcements

Sunday School and Bible class follow our worship services. Our Bible class hour on Saturday evening will feature a live video interview with Pastor Raju of the HCLC in Nepal, who will tell us about the LORD's work in that country. On Sunday we will visit with Pastor Jyothi in India. Then, after a brief voters' meeting, we will have a potluck meal - please plan to attend! (The Young Adults Bible Study meet with the regular Bible class this Sunday for the Missions' presentation.)

A Special Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26, after Bible Class. The agenda will include membership matters and calling a teacher to replace Mrs. Hammett.

Sunday Evening Bible Study continues this Sunday at 6:30 pm. This week we are continuing our study of Matthew's Gospel, around chapter 23. Handouts from previous lessons are available in the narthex. This Sunday evening class will continue until we are through the end of Matthew.

The Lord and Giver of Life: In the Nicene Creed, we confess that it is a peculiar work of the Holy Spirit to create life. Within a twelve-hour time frame last week, the Holy Spirit was very active in creating life. Mid-afternoon on Thursday September 23, the Spirit delivered the 9-month creation He had been working on when Imogen Freidrichs was born. We join the Tim Friedrich's family in thanking the LORD for the safe labor and delivery granted to Jarad and baby. Psalm 139:14-16 *¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.* **A few hours later**, just after midnight the Spirit was active again in giving Mae Noeldner the very special gift of eternal life. The Spirit Who had blessed Mae with physical life and spiritual life through the rebirth of Baptism and had preserved both the life of body and soul for 88 years ended Mae's earthly pilgrimage with Victory over death. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 *⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* **These two souls** passed very briefly in this life and never even met one another. We might even be tempted to say that life ended for one just as it was beginning for another. It appears that Imogen has her life in front of her, while life for Mae is over. That is what we see and sense. But with the eyes of faith reading God's Word, the situation is entirely different. Imogen is in dangerous territory, and is desperate need of nourishment and strength from God's Word and the support of her immediate family and her church family. There will be days of joy and sorrow ahead, laughter and tears, hopes fulfilled and dashed, good days mixed with heartache and a whole bunch of questions and wonder of how life will unfold. Oh, if we could only erase all that causes grief and get rid of every doubt, trouble and worry, life would be great. All that is exactly what God has done for Mae. She started out in 1933 with all the mixed bag now facing Imogen. But the Spirit brought her to Jesus and carried her through all the ups and downs of this life. And now for Mae there is only the joy and happiness of life in heaven with Jesus, free from every sin, sorrow, and all tears. So we thank the Spirit for His gift of life – for Mae, we rejoice in her final and complete victory over this life and death – and for Imogen, for a safe arrival, followed up with our determination to teach her about her Savior and with confidence that she too will have her day of final victory in and through Jesus.

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved," Mark 16:15. On September 18, Jack Boyea received the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism. Pastor Naumann conducted the service at the home of Jack and his wife, Leanne, with family and friends present. Later that evening, at our Saturday worship service, Jack was received into communicant membership at Messiah. We welcome him as a member, and pray for God's continued blessings on the Boyea's life in Christ! (See Jack and Leanne's picture on our new member photo board, or the online new member gallery at tinyurl.com/m-newmem.)

Messiah Home Bible Studies Fall Relaunch: There are two groups that have set dates and times to meet, and two others that intend to begin before long. You are invited to attend: * **On Monday, September 27** at 6:30 pm at the home of John and Sandra Fox - 2208 Crescent Ave. Eau Claire. They are taking up a booklet entitled "The 10 Commandments of Bible Interpretation." * **On Wednesday, September 29** at 6:30 pm at the ILC Academic Center Library. Shadows and Substance," a comprehensive overview of Bible history and teaching, is being presented by its author, retired Pastor John Schierenbeck.

CLC Call News: + Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran, Eden Prairie, MN.

Daily Rest Devotionals Available: In the narthex you'll find a supply of *Daily Rest* devotion booklets. Please take a complimentary copy for your own personal use or to share with someone else. *Daily Rest* can be ordered through the CLC Book House website or by calling (715) 836-6623. The cost is \$18/yr.



Youth Group Fall Event! We are making tie dye T-shirts and going for a hike. Plan to attend October 23rd at 1pm. More details to follow!

Sunday School Teachers Were Installed last weekend. Those serving this year are Becky Rodebaugh and Paula Naumann (Saturday night), Kathy Oster (PreK 3-4 year olds), Nathan Lau (K), Eve Naumann (1st-2nd), Kay Knutson and Becky Buck (3rd-4th), Henry Lau (5th-6th), Walt Schaller (7th-8th), Joel Gullerud (High School). Please pray that our teachers will be built up and encouraged in their faith as they teach the Word of God to our youth. - Pastor Caleb

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

Sermon Text – To be decided
Bible Class – Psalms

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 10/2 6:30 pm: Usher Team 3

Gary Meyer Blane Knutson
Luke Knutson Tom Beekman
Jon Oster Jack Mielke

Sunday 10/3 9:00 am: Usher Team 4

Dave Johannes Joel Gullerud
Kevin Hulke Jeff Rutz
Brent Rutz Britten Rutz
Carter Rutz

Counters for the week following 10/3 – F

Andy Buck, Mark Franson, Josh Gurgel

Thank you!

90th Anniversary at Our Savior's, Jamestown, ND - All are welcome to help Our Savior's give glory to God for 90 years of gospel preaching and teaching in Jamestown this October 17th. The Anniversary Service begins at 10 am, with a meal and program to follow.

In the Hospital: Adam Barthels was admitted to the hospital early last week. He reports improvement, and hopes to be discharged soon. Shirley Johnson was released from the hospital, but will need further treatment next week.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), 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 ~ September 18-19, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 146 – Sun. 252) 398 Online: 167 (current views)
 Bible Class: (Sat. 32 – Sun. 68) 100 Sunday School: (Sat. na – Sun. 56) na
 Sunday Evening Bible Class: 12
 Dove West: 12 Heritage Court: 24 Dove South: cancelled
 Heritage Assisted: 7 Lake Hallie: 21 Our House: 9

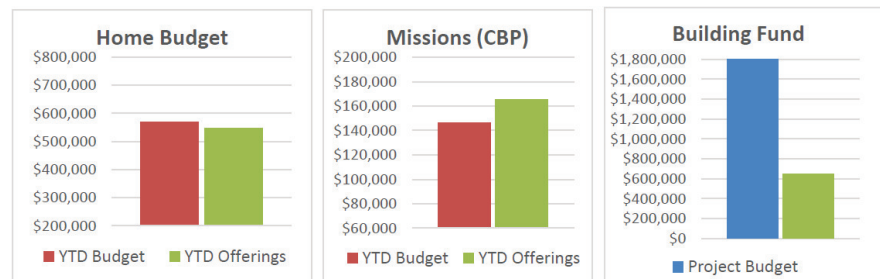
Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$568,538.00	\$146,154.00
YTD Offerings	\$547,761.78	\$165,684.61
Weekly Need	\$16,446.00	\$2,451.00
Last Week (9/19)	\$12,322.00	\$3,289.00
Amount Still Needed	\$230,238.22	\$34,315.39

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$645,525.71	Received to Date
\$2,115.00	Last Week (9/19)

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250.00 Messiah Building Fund
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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Sept. 27-Oct. 2, '21

Mon Jeremiah 11:18-20 God informed Jeremiah of the evils which Jews had done to themselves (such as worshiping with satanic cults, 17), and he found out later that he had been blacklisted by those same cultists. Suffering at the hands of idolaters is not out-dated; it happens with Christians in other lands—just as Jesus faced bloody opposition by setting His face toward Jerusalem. In such straits, we need to test our own minds/hearts so that we be God-pleasing in our motivations and in pursuit of God's business (20).

Tues Mark 9:14-29 Their discussion/argument centered on the right method for exorcising the demon who controlled and tortured the lad. His father—almost in despair—begged Jesus: "If you can, do something to help us!" Jesus fed his weak appeal back to him (What do you mean when you say) "*If you can!?*") and then opened the gates of heaven *via faith in Him*. We join that father in responding: "Lord, I believe you are my Savior; help me overcome my weakness of faith in moments of crisis. Thank You!"

Wed James 3:13-18 The Holy Spirit uses James to ~~hold our feet to the fire~~, i.e., to self-examine our motives. Are they godly, or are they selfish? Is our basic character meekly wise, or is it aggressively stupid? It's not only God who looks for godly wisdom in our demeanor, but our fellow Christians depend on us to *treat them gently, be willing to yield, full of mercy and good conduct, impartial and solid*. What goes around . . . comes around.

Thurs Psalm 31 If verses that are bright with reverent devotion were color-coded, vv. 1-5, 14-16, and 19-24 would be sunshine yellow. When David was about to collapse (9-13), God came to his rescue (14-16) with goodness (18) and *sheltered him in the secret places of His presence* (20). *Oh, love the LORD, you saints! Be of good courage, for He shall strengthen your heart* (21).

Fri Mark 9:30-37 If we hesitate to ask questions in Bible Class, it's because we don't want to look foolish (32), and when Jesus faces us with His own questions, we get embarrassed (34), for we are selfish. Further, let's pay close attention to how we treat the younger generation, for they depend on us to nurture them in God's Word and daily godliness.

Sat James 4:1-6 Evidently James lived in a violent world, and Christian Jews in such a world got sucked into that black hole. They prostituted God in order to feed their pleasures (2-3), cheated on Him by loving His enemies, and frustrated the Holy Spirit's yearning to sanctify them. Even with all that going against their best interests, God did not disavow them but kept them close to His heart. God is good! Amen!