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Pentecost 20



*Marriage is honorable among all.*  
Hebrews 14:4a

### Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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### Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 14.

**Pre-Service Devotion:** Marriage is honorable among all. (Hebrews 13:4a)

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](http://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:** 7 352 625 441:1-2 370

### Old Testament Reading ..... Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” <sup>19</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

### Epistle Reading ..... Hebrews 2:9-11

<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

## Sermon..... Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup>The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. <sup>3</sup>And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. <sup>11</sup>So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

**Sermon Theme:** God has given the blueprint for family life.

1. One man and one woman joined by God in a life-long commitment (marriage)
2. Children given by God brought to Jesus
3. Each and every sin forgiven in Christ Jesus

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel



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## *This Week at Messiah*

Sunday services are live-streamed/archived at [eauclairmessiah.com](http://eauclairmessiah.com).  
Service times for local care facilities are posted on the online calendar.

**Sun, 10/10** 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters G)  
10:15 am Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class  
11:15 am Sunday School Teachers' Meeting  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Class at Church

**Tues, 10/12** 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch at Perkins  
6:00 pm Outreach

**Wed, 10/13** 4:30 pm Wednesday Catechism Class  
6:30 pm Elders

**Sat, 10/16** 6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #7)  
7:45 pm Sunday School/Bible Class

**Sun, 10/17** 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters H)  
**School Dedication**  
10:15 am Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Class at Church

### Upcoming...

- October 23, Youth Group Fall Event – Colors!
- October 31, Reformation Service at 3:00 pm

## *Announcements*

**Sunday School and Bible class:** The usual schedule continues this weekend. Bible Class will take a look at Psalm 45, another Messianic Psalm.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** continues this Sunday at 6:30 pm. This week we are continuing our study of Matthew's Gospel with a look at chapter 25. Handouts from previous lessons are available in the narthex. Sunday evening class has two more weeks of study:

- Oct. 17 Chapter 26
- Oct. 24 Chapter 27 and 28



**A New Start-up** for the Ladies of Messiah is coming on Monday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Over the years, this group has been a vital part of our church. Come and join us for a Bible Study and learn the different ways the work of the Kingdom is supported by our group. More information will be coming soon!

## In the Congregation

**Welcome to Town:** Pastor Dave Fuerstenau has retired from the active pastoral ministry. He was serving in Ketchikan, Alaska. He and his wife Roxy have moved to town and be living at 1917 E. Clairemont. May the Lord bless their time in Eau Claire and their fellowship with us.

**Corrected Address Change:** Pastor and Eileen Tiefel – 3014 Fear St., Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Address Being Sought:** If you have Trysten Hallahan's current address, please forward that to the church office at [office.church@ecmessiah.org](mailto:office.church@ecmessiah.org).



**Last Call! Pictures for Pictorial Directory:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day you can submit your picture to be included in the pictorial directory.

**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, October 11** at 6:30 pm at the home of John and Sandra Fox - 2208 Crescent Ave. Eau Claire. They are discussing a booklet entitled "The 10 Commandments of Bible Interpretation." \* **On Wednesday, October 13** 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.

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

*Sermon Text – Proverbs 24:3-4*  
*Bible Class – Continuing Psalm series*

#### Christians Serving Us:

##### *Saturday 10/16 6:30 pm: Usher Team 7*

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

##### *Sunday 10/17 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 10/17– H

Jeff Bomber, James Harper, Randy Wirth

*Thank you!*

**The great gift of life – here and in eternity:** On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the LORD blessed Tim Friedrichs and his wife Jarad (Nicolai) with the gift of a baby girl. Imogen Kendall Rose Friedrichs was born at Marshfield Medical Center in Eau Claire. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Imogen was granted life to her soul through the washing of Baptism administered by Pastor Tiefel in a family ceremony held at the Tim Friedrichs home in Eau Claire. Kari and Stacy Behlmer are serving as sponsors. The baptism was witnessed by Imogen's parents, grandmother, two brothers and a sister.

May God's Spirit preserve the life He has created until the gift from the Lord Jesus of eternal life is finally given.

*"Let the children come to Me,  
And forbid them not;  
to such belongs the kingdom.  
Come to set your children free.  
Let the children come to Me."*

*"Let the children be reborn.  
Give them life anew  
by water and the Spirit.  
Free them from all wrath and scorn.  
Let the children be reborn." Amen.*

WS 753:1-2



**Youth Group Fall Event - Colors!** This is the theme of our next youth group event! Come join us as we tie dye a t-shirt with colors chosen by you and take a hike in some fall colors chosen by God! We will meet at church at **1 pm on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will have devotion and tie dye our shirts. Then we will head to Hoffman Hills around 2 pm for a fall hike (weather permitting). Families are invited to hike with us. We will plan to be at Hoffman Hills around 2:30 and we will return to church at 5:30 pm. Please contact Amanda Roth at 715-577-0190 to RSVP to this event or with any questions. Please respond with your shirt size and if you need transportation to or from Hoffman Hills. The cost to tie dye will be \$5 a t shirt. If you are able to help provide transportation please let Amanda know.

**Snack Request:** The Activities Committee at ILHS is hosting a Fall Party for the students on October 29th. The evening will offer a Scare House, games, and a movie. If you are able to provide snacks for this event, they would be very appreciated! Snacks can be dropped off at the office in the Academic Center the week of October 25th (office hours are 7:00 - 4:00). Thank you!



**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! Cards can also be ordered online or with your phone. 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, Target, and Menard's. On the table in the back of the narthex you will find: \* A step-by-step instruction page \* An updated list of Eau Claire Scrip businesses \* A paper order form for those using a check. Thank you!

## *Update on the Building Project*

**Next Sunday:** Dedication of our New Building  
(as part of the Sunday morning Service)

**Last week:**

- Unpacking and re-shelving the school library
- Cabinetry in the new classrooms
- Door jambs painted (Last week's urgent call was answered)
- Trim and more trim
- Lockers reinstalled

**This week:**

- A punch list of final projects by the contractor
- A punch list of final projects to be done by us including:  
retaining wall, landscaping, unpacking and moving school items to the right place

(to volunteer, speak to **Tom Beekman at (715) 491-2025**)

**Of special note:**

As part of the building project we resolved some long-standing issues and took care of other maintenance items both of which are not as easily identified as a new building is.

- Re-roofing of the old sanctuary
- New AC and heating for the east classroom wing
- A new roof over the first and second classroom additions  
(we hope this will prevent the perpetual leaks we had in the building)
- Repair of EIFS/siding of the new sanctuary
- Washing and painting of the exterior on the new sanctuary

Our updated building project photo album, including aerial views, can be seen at [tinyurl.com/m-build-pics](http://tinyurl.com/m-build-pics). Royal Construction is in the final stages of their work on our addition. There is work to be done to finish setting up classrooms in the new addition, which will take place during Teachers' Conference break, October 20-22. To help, you can contact Principal Schaller at [seth.schaller@ecmessiah.org](mailto:seth.schaller@ecmessiah.org).



## *Continuing Under God's Grace*

### **A Reflection on the Past 60 Years IX. Faithful Servants (part 1 of 2)**

**You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. Deuteronomy 6:7**

These timeless words of Moses remain as relevant today as when they were uttered so many years ago. After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, Moses had witnessed how the Children of Israel had rejected God and pleaded that they now would keep God's law in their hearts and teach their children to faithfully follow God's instructions in every area of life.

From the very beginning of Messiah Church, Christian Education has been a vital part of our work as a congregation. Sunday School was held right away and less than three years later our Christian Day School was established. Both were designed to assist parents in teaching their children to know their Lord and Savior. The members wanted to instill in the hearts of their youth that God is the center of everything, to place their trust in Him, and to honor Him as Lord and Savior in everything they do.

Secular world views have rejected God and influence nearly all aspects of our society today. What a blessing that by God's grace our school continues to provide a Christ-centered education. The Lord continues to bless our school with faithful teachers entrusted to help train our children during these important formative years. Many of our members have benefited from the solid foundation they received in God's Word while attending Messiah School. Principal LeRoy Hulke once shared these comments from Pastor Egbert Albrecht regarding Christian Education: *"As a parent I'm responsible for those thirty important hours that they spend every week in school. Some of the most significant training of my children takes place in the school atmosphere. How can I leave God out of the picture? I want my child to learn, from his earliest years, that all of life belongs to God and was made for Him"*.

**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58**

Following is a list of teachers the Lord has provided to serve in our classrooms through the years. Our school has grown from 31 students and 1 teacher in 1963 to our current enrollment of 132 students and a staff of 7½ teachers.

<b>Christian Day School Teachers</b>			
Miss Shirley Wendland	1963-1968	Mr. Dean Carstensen	1997
Mrs. Lois Mackensen	1964	Mrs. Ann Libby	1997-2001
Prof. Paul Koch	1964	Mrs. Barb Gurgel	1997-2017
Mrs. Valborg Radichel	1968-1974	Mrs. Lynette Roehl	1997-2011
Mrs. Eunice Roehl	1968-1971	<b>Mr. Seth Schaller</b>	<b>1998-present</b>
Mr. Paul Eserhut	1970-1971	Mrs. Anya Oster	1999-2000
Miss Connie Bernthal	1971-1972	<b>Mrs. Eileen Tiefel</b>	<b>2000-present</b>
Mrs. Dorothy Lau	1972-1973	Mr. Scott Wuerch	2001-2006
Mrs. Agnes Schierenbeck	1972-1973	Mrs. Mary Ryan	2003-2015
Miss Miriam Duehlmeier	1973-1980	Mrs. Beth Sydow	2005-2011
Mr. LeRoy Hulke	1974-1995	Mr. Paul Tiefel III	2006-2021
Mrs. Ruth Bernthal	1975-1976	Mrs. Kelly Beekman	2007-2009
Mrs. Valborg Radichel	1976-1977	Mrs. Susan Hulke	2007-2015
Mrs. Debbie Ude	1978	Mrs. Rebecca Buck	2007-2009
Mrs. Eunice Roehl	1979-1981	Mrs. Lori Wirth	2009-2011
Miss Ann Sprengeler	1981-1988	Mrs. Kathleen Oster	2009-2019
Mrs. Barb Hulke	1980-1998	Mr. Daniel Sullivan	2011-2013
Mrs. Renee Wuerch	1984-1985	Miss Jill Tiefel	2010-2013
Miss Joleen Beekman	1985	Mr. Joshua Ohlmann	2011-2013
Mrs. Betty Oster	1988-1992	Mrs. Carrie Reim	2012-2021
Mrs. Carla Pelzl	1988-2000	Mrs. Kelly Beekman	2014
Mr. Joe Lau	1990-1991	Mrs. Heather Thompson	2014-2018
Mrs. Sara Nolting	1992-1996	<b>Mrs. Lori Wirth</b>	<b>2014-present</b>
Mrs. Janelle Hein	1992-1993	Mrs. Naomi Oster	2015
Mrs. Marcie Schierenbeck	1993-1994	<b>Mr. Andrew Roehl</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
Mrs. Marion Dommer	1993-1997	Mrs. Amanda Bailey	2017
Mrs. Amy Mielke	1994-1995	Mrs. Valerie Hammett	2017-2021
Mr. Dan Roehl	1995	<b>Mrs. Samantha Kelly</b>	<b>2018-present</b>
Miss Beth Tiefel	1995-1997	<b>Mrs. Amy Mielke</b>	<b>2018-present</b>
Mr. Ted Thurow	1996-1997	<b>Mrs. Rachel Rosendahl</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
Mrs. Renee Wuerch	1996-2005	<b>Mrs. June Schmid</b>	<b>2020-present</b>
Mr. Don Brandt	1997	<b>Mr. Nathan Buck</b>	<b>2021-present</b>

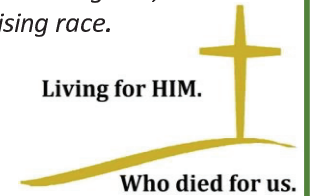
In addition to our Christian Day School and Sunday School, a Vacation Bible School (VBS) was started about 35 years ago. It began as one week, then grew to two and later three sessions during the summer. With the addition of God's Kids Bible Camp, VBS has returned to two weeks during the summer and a recent Outreach effort has added a day of VBS in early December.

All these programs have involved "calls" as the congregation empowered members to serve on its behalf. While the list of those who have served for these programs is too long to record here, we are thankful that the Lord of the Church has supplied teachers for these efforts at Christian Education as well.

Please remember our teachers, staff and students in your prayers.

*Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger years we saw, and which our fathers told.  
Make unto them His glories known, His works of power and grace;  
And we'll convey His wonders down through every rising race.  
LH 629:1-2*

Messiah Stewardship Committee  
October 2021



## *News From Around the CLC*

**CLC Call News:** Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **has received** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. • Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, **is still considering** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat:** A women's retreat is planned in Myrtle Beach, SC, from November 5-7. The theme is "Walking with Jesus." The registration fee is \$40, plus the cost of transportation and hotel. Details on hotel reservations and presentations can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. Contact Amy Osborne: 651-329-3662 or [newyorker13@hotmail.com](mailto:newyorker13@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**Fall Mission Webinar:** The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – [marktiefel@hotmail.com](mailto:marktiefel@hotmail.com). The webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>



**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).

*If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love? Amen.*  
TLH 528:1

### Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ October 2-3, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 148 – Sun. 239) 387 Service Online: 228 (current views)  
Bible Class: (Sat. 28 - Sun. 76) 104 Sunday School: (Sat. na - Sun. na) na  
Bible Class Online: 46 (current views) Ruth's Retreat: 19  
Young Adults: met with Bible Class Sunday Evening Bible Class: 14  
Dove West: 12 Heritage Court: 18 Dove South: 11  
Heritage Assisted: 6 Lake Hallie: 20 Our House: cancelled

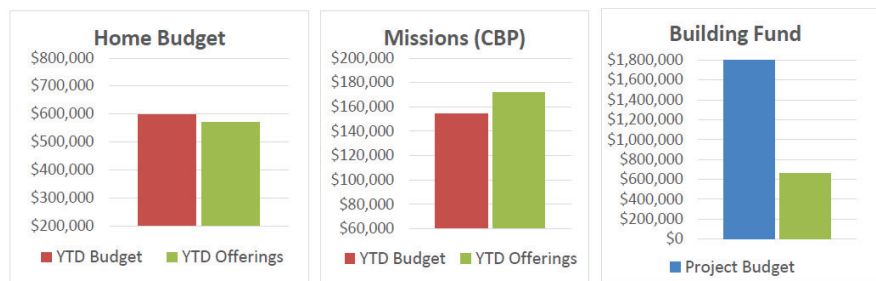
### Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$598,462.00	\$153,846.00
YTD Offerings	\$571,302.84	\$171,677.61
Weekly Need	\$17,225.00	\$2,360.00
Last Week (10/3)	\$13,142.50	\$2,995.50
Amount Still Needed	\$206,697.16	\$28,322.39

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$655,340.71	Received to Date
\$8,075.00	Last Week (10/3)

Given in memory of...

James Gullerud 250.00 Messiah Building Fund  
LeRoy Hulke 150.00 Mission Development Fund  
Mabel Noeldner 235.00 Messiah Building Fund  
Mabel Noeldner 60.00 ILC Student Aid  
Orville & Mabel Noeldner 5,000.00 Messiah Building Fund



### Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 11-16, '21

**Mon Genesis 2:18-24** Adam had a lot going for him: life, liberty, and a pleasant environment, but after reviewing all the animals, he arrived at the conclusion that no mate for him existed in the animal kingdom (19-20). Since he lacked a mate (and family), God created Eve—whom Adam received as his counterpart, his companion, and his life-long partner (23-24).

**Tues Mark 10:2-16** Humans are fickle, questioning God's good judgment (2-5) when He created humans as male and female, separate in personhood and distinguishable from one another—yet when conjoined in marriage, fused in body and spirit (7-9). Humans often mess up this fine arrangement without God's approval (10-12), so He starts over with the next generation (13-16).

**Wed Hebrews 2:9-11** Here's a secret revealed: God's Son joined the human race for the express purpose of countering humanity's sin syndrome, taking the bite out of death—which wasn't easy but brutal and bloody. *Tasting death for everyone* offers a brief reminder that Jesus' descent into the hellish nightmare He suffered was done to spare you and me from hell.

**Thurs Psalm 139:7-12** Humans are stupid enough to try to get away from God—but not even the grave turns out to be a good hiding place (7-9). God is not only inescapable but also omnipresent; in love He doesn't let His children fall through the cracks. Though we live in a cracked world ready to fall apart at the seams any day now, our Father holds us in His hands. Safe at last!

**Fri John 8:3-11** Since God despises sex sins—including adultery, those who are living in such sins deserve to be executed. Right? Yes, that's right—but God has provided the escape clause of repentance and forgiveness (6-11). Actually, since all are guilty of sins that deserve the death penalty (6-9), everyone should remove themselves from jury duty and allow God to do what He does best: forgive repentant sinners and send them on their way.

**Sat Ephesians 5:22-33** puts us to shame, for too often Christian wives do not *submit themselves to their own husbands as (they submit) to the Lord Jesus Himself* (20-24)—and too often husbands do not *love their wives as Jesus loves His bride*, the holy Christian Church of all believers (25).

Note: Jesus worked at His/our marriage (26) so that His bride/we would be proud to stand at His side (27).

Dear husbands and wives, don't let another day go by without renewing your vows/love to one another!

God help us to do so – in service to our Savior also!