

October 16-17, 2021

Pentecost 21

Dedication of Messiah's School Addition



Jesus said "Feed My Lambs" John 21:15c

Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 25.

Pre-Service Devotion: I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. ... 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts." (Haggai 2:7b, 9c)

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: 798 628 634:1-3,5,7 788:1 644

Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-8

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶ That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, ⁷ That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; ⁸ And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:22-33

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So

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husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

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

Old Testament Reading......1 Kings 8:22-66

May this temple/school be a sanctuary for our youth when:

- right and wrong needs to be revealed
- relief from the chastisement of sin is needed
- natural disasters strike
- non-members join
- difficulties arise
- sin occurs and repentance and forgiveness are needed
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Dedication Prayer Lord's Prayer Benediction

Closing Hymn: The Doxology

Opening the doors of the new school wing

Messiah's Building Committee

Tom Beekman (Messiah's On-site Foreman)

Blane Knutson Dennis Oster

President Gerald Oster Principal Seth Schaller

Dan Sydow (Chairman)

Jim Sydow Tony Sydow Pastor Paul Tiefel

River Valley Architect

President Jamey Bowe Architect Mark Lane Architect Brendon Hall

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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, 10/17	10:15 am	Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters H) School Dedication Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class Evening Bible Class at Church				
Mon, 10/18	6:00 pm	Board of Education Hymnal Committee Deacons				
Tues, 10/19		Koffee Klatsch at Perkins Outreach				
Wed, 10/20-Fri, 10/22		CLC Teacher's Conference – Hales Corners – no school				
Wed, 10/20-	Fri, 10/22	CLC Teacher's Conference – Hales Corners – no school				
	4:30 pm	CLC Teacher's Conference – Hales Corners – no school Wednesday Catechism Class Ruth's Retreat				
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Upcoming...

- October 25, Ladies of Messiah at 6:30 pm
- October 31, Reformation Service at 3:00 pm
- November 7, Quarterly Voters' Meeting at 6:30 pm
- November 13, Fall Mission Webinar at 3:00 pm

Announcements

Weekend Bible class will continue studying in the Psalms. This week we'll be looking at Psalm 45. Join us in God's Word!

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 26.



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

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

In the Congregation

A New Start-up for the Ladies of Messiah is coming on Monday October 25th 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.

Stewardship Opportunities: Time and Talent. In preparation for our November 7th Voters' Meeting, Messiah's Nominating Committee (Gus Falkenberg, Garv Meyer and Fred Radichel) will be seeking out voting members willing to be nominated to serve on our various boards and committees. The Lord has blessed us with many opportunities - the fields are white for harvest and laborers are needed. How has the Lord been preparing you for His kingdom work? What talents has He either knowingly or unknowingly (to you) been perfecting in you?

If you receive a phone call, please take it. If you are left a message, please return it promptly. To those of you who are contacted, thank you for your prayerful consideration of how best to use the gifts God has blessed you with. To those of you who are completing your terms of service in His Kingdom work, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." (Matthew 25:21)

~ In His Service, Gerry Oster, President

Messiah Home Bible Studies:

On Monday, October 18 at 6:30 pm at the home of John and Sandra Fox On Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm at the ILC Academic Center Library.

Youth Group Fall Event - Colors! 1:00 pm on Saturday October 23rd. Come join us as we tie dye a t-shirt and take a hike to Hoffman Hills. • RSVP with shirt size and if you need transportation to/from Hoffman Hills. Contact Amanda Roth at 715-577-0190 for more information and to RSVP.



Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend Christians Serving Us:



Saturday 10/23 6:30 pm: Usher Team 1 Joel Carstensen Dennis Oster Ryan Zimmerman

George Carstensen Jason Zimmerman Rich McGeorge

Sunday 10/24 9:00 am: Usher Team 2 Dan Sydow Bryce Sydow Ethan Sydow Noah Sydow Jerry LeDuc

Adam Schmid Steve Mielke

Counters for the week following 10/24— A Dan Kelly, Jim Lau, Gary Meyer

Thank you!

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Snack Request for a Fall Party for ILC students on October 29th: If you are able to provide snacks they 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!

The Messiah STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) club is meeting in person on Fridays at 6:00 pm. The club meets to let students explore STEAM activities they find interesting. If you need to attend virtually, let us know and we will work to make it happen. Contact: lmsbade@gmail.com

CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat: Myrtle Beach, SC, November 5-7. Details on the kiosk in the narthex.

Fall Mission Webinar: November 13 webinar theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios.

In the Hospital: Linda Larson at Sacred Heart. • Lila Schaller had successful eye surgery at Rochester and has returned home.

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 ~ October 9-10, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 142 – Sun. 266) 408 Service Online: 180 (current views)

Communion: (Sat. 22 – Sun. 60) 82

Bible Class: (Sat. 19 - Sun. 65) 84 Sunday School: (Sat. 3 - Sun. na) na Bible Class Online: 40 (current views)

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Young Adults: 29 Sunday Evening Bible Class: 12

Dove West: 8 Heritage Court: 18 Dove South: 6 Veterans: Cancelled Heritage Assisted: 6 Lake Hallie: 23 Our House: cancelled

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)							
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00							
YTD Budget	\$613,423.00	\$157,692.00							
YTD Offerings	\$585,602.84	\$174,898.11							
Weekly Need	\$17,491.00	\$2,282.00							
Last Week (10/10)	\$14,300.00	\$3,220.50							
Amount Still Needed	\$192,397.16	\$25,101.89							

Building Fund							
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget						
\$657,499.99	Received to Date						
\$1,530.00	Last Week (10/10)						

Given in memory of... Mabel Noeldner

50.00 Messiah Building Fund

Coordinating Council Summary Fall 2021



The CLC Coordinating Council met on September 22.

This is only a summary of the reports and decisions. For full information please read the full Coordinating Council report that will be available from your pastor and online at www.clclutheran.net.

President (Pastor Michael Eichstadt)

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to hold our postponed 2020 Convention in June. Much work was accomplished. The boards and committees are already working with a view toward next summer's 2022 Convention. The convention tasked me with appointing a "recruiter for the public ministry" to encourage more of our young people across the CLC to prepare for the public ministry of the Word. Pastor Sam Rodebaugh has accepted the appointment.

Board of Doctrine (Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck, chair)

A careful reading of John's epistles portrays God's eternal and redeeming love for sinners in Christ Jesus as being the epicenter of the Christian faith and life. Among the outflows of God's love are His children's "walking in truth" (2 John 4) and "walking in love according to His commandments" (v.6). These go hand-inhand as we seek in faith to follow Him in all areas of our lives. A subcommittee has been at work classifying CLC documents as to their status, governing agencies and usage in our midst. The Board and our Joint Committee have begun working to create a confessional document that clearly and concisely identifies what Scripture teaches regarding admonition and termination of fellowship, including the rejection of false teaching, and they are formulating what would be required of the WELS/ELS before fellowship could be established. The Board has also finalized its revision of our Colloquy procedure.

Board of Education and Publications (Pastor David Naumann, chair)

As directed by the 2021 Convention, we are encouraging other CLC Boards to work toward a common CLC look and feel on their respective websites. The Board of Missions and the chairman of the BOEP have met to discuss the convention directive to develop and implement a Christian Day School program as an outreach tool in domestic subsidized congregations. We continue in the work of updating current online Sunday School lessons to God's Hand in Our Lives, and adding new lessons. In addition, many teaching videos have been submitted by volunteers. These videos will eventually lead to virtual Sunday School classes for every lesson and level. Work has begun on publishing David Lau's Church History, an 80-chapter work, on one of the CLC websites in PDF format. A volunteer came forward with an offer to work on developing Catechism lessons which include videos and interactive Internet-based learning geared toward $1^{\rm st}-6^{\rm th}$ grade.

Board of Missions (Mr. Joel Krafft, chair)

Subsidized Mission Congregations: Living Hope (Appleton, WI) is investigating a new church building. The current building fits their current needs, but they have many children and are looking to the future. Gift of God (Mapleton, ND) will become a self-supporting congregation in January. We rejoice in the blessings that the LORD has provided which have enabled them to do so! The Board of Missions has created a committee to begin work on investigating the matter of starting Christian Day Schools in CLC congregations as requested at our recent Convention. The Board will be considering this information and will prepare a plan for consideration at our upcoming Convention. The Committee on Domestic Fields is preparing a "Mission Myths" simulcast for Saturday, November 13th. This presentation can be joined by individuals or congregations and could be used as a Mission Festival event. More information will be made available soon. Missionary Todd Ohlmann was forced to cancel or postpone most of his scheduled trips over the past six months due to pandemic-related issues. He is planning a trip to Tanzania and Zambia in October and November. Missionary Peter Evensen continues his work as resident missionary in Togo. He continues his work of teaching at the Bible College as well as editing and translating the Online Theological Studies courses into French for use in Togo. Pastor Michael Gurath, part-time Missionary to Kenya and Uganda, will not be making his annual visitation this year due to travel restrictions. Pastor John Hein, part-time missionary to Liberia, may not be able to make his annual visit this year due to travel restrictions. Retired Teacher Ted Quade is serving as Christian Schools Instructor Supervisor. He will be scheduling an initial visit to make a starting assessment of the needs of the children and the staff of the schools in Mois' Bridge and Etago. Foreign Affiliates - The LORD continues to bless the work in India as evident by the BELC's request to help establish yet another district. Myanmar, under the military coup, remains closed, but Nepal's restrictions are lifting slowly allowing work there to begin again. Differing restrictions in Africa make the resumption of work there difficult since there is no uniformity with regard to travel visas, vaccinations and whether or not groups are even allowed to meet. Togo is continuing a building project which will allow for the training of new pastors in that country. A Mission Helper Trip to East Africa is being planned for next summer. For more information, please visit https:// mht.lutheranmissions.org/. Kinship - Kinship's efforts have been primarily focused on providing COVID and medical assistance in our foreign fields with the continued support of sponsors and congregational offerings. Kinship continues to recruit sponsors for orphans and seminary students with the goal of having a waiting list of sponsors ready for future needs.

Immanuel Lutheran College Board of Regents (Pastor John Hein, chair) Enrollment

High School			College						Seminary					
Class	2020-21	2021-22	Class	2020-21	2021-22	AA 2020-21	AA 2021-22	BS 2020-21	BS 2021-22	BA 2020-21	BA 2021-22	Class	2120-21	2021-22
Fresh.	21	24	Fresh.	4	7	1	3	1	3	2	1			
Soph.	20	24	Soph.	4	3	1	1	3	1	0	1	Junior	1	1
Junior	30	22	Junior	2	4			1	4	1	0	Middler	1	1
Senior	27	31	Senior	2	2			2	1	0	1	Senior	1	1
Part-Time			Special	2	2									
			Online	1	1									
TOTAL	98	101		15	19	2	4	7	9	3	3		3	3
TOTAL FULL-TIME	98	101		12	16	2	4	7	9	8	3		3	3

There are 122 students (120 full-time, 2 part-time; 2 non-member students). There are 51 resident students (27 in men's dorm / 21 in women's dorm / 3 in West Hall). At the ILC opening service, Prof. David Schaller was installed as the new professor. Marcy Gurgel replaced Kelly Beekman as the high school art instructor. Courntey Agenten is now the girls' dorm supervisor and Paul Agenten is the boys' dorm supervisor. We have hired a Resident Assistant as a night monitor in the boys' dorm so that there is constant supervision in both dorms at all times. April Sydow accepted the call as the female mentor for our high school students. We pray that the LORD will provide these servants with wisdom and guidance as they serve in their new positions. This school year we have returned almost entirely back to normal and are back in our regular classrooms. Face masks are optional at school. We are able to host home games. We are following the quarantine requirements of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department as well as using free, on-campus testing by Prevea when it may be necessary. The Limited Ministry Program is a program for experienced laymen who have a desire to be of greater assistance in the ministry of the church. Work has begun on promoting this program. A newly produced informational pamphlet on CLC Teacher Certification will be sent out to CLC day schools and their principals. This past June a hailstorm went through Eau Claire. Damage to our property included some of the professor homes as well as other campus buildings. We have received an insurance payment of \$34,578.67 for the cost of the repairs to the professor homes. We are waiting on resolution on the other campus buildings. Both tuition and room & board rates will increase for FY 2023. A plan is being developed to offset these increases, potentially through income-based SAF grants. Our goal is to attempt to increase the total out-of-pocket student cost for tuition on average by no more than \$100/year.

Board of Trustees (Mr. Tom Lentz, chair)

The Year-to-Date General Fund deficit is \$52,922—about \$20,000 greater than the previous fiscal year. The Church Extension Fund (CEF) has approved applications for Messiah, Eau Claire, Existing outstanding promissory notes will be renewed at 2% unless request is made for payment. New promissory notes are not currently being accepted. Current and future rate on mortgage notes is 3.50%. There are no delinquent mortgage loans other than payment timing, several are paid ahead. The Trustee's budget no longer includes debt service as the final professorage loan has been paid in full. The 4.0% COLA increase in compensation is historically large, which is why the Board of Trustees is **not** recommending an additional \$75 per month increase. The Trustees are currently working on these additional items: 1) We are delaying separation of asset ownership due to accounting issues, 2) We anticipate stock market volatility and are working with Alerus to manage through this risk, 3) We are working to implement the convention-approved General Fund Endowment, 4) CEF convention-approved policy is being implemented and the cash reserve is being monitored.

FY22 Proposed Budget for CBP Estimates

			FY23
	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	Proposed
CBP Estimates	886,000	925,000	TBD
CBP Received / Budget	998,765	1,259,430	1,262,400
Reserves Used / (Surplus)	38,805		
ILC Revenue / Budget	715,544	708,120	765,500
Total	1,753,114	1,967,550	2,027,900
Operations Spending			
Extra Budgetary	40	0	0
Education	14,245	18,000	18,000
Trustees	70,316	75,000	75,000
Missions	347,299	426,430	429,400
Regents - General Fund Subsidy	605,669	740,000	740,000
Regents - Student Revenue	715,544	708,120	765,500
Total	1,753,113	1,967,550	2,027,900
Reserve Investment Income	44,935		
Year End Reserves	300,222		

The Spring 2022 Coordinating Council meeting is set for April 27, 2022 —Boards meet April 25-26. The 2022 Convention is set for June 23-26, 2022

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 18-23, '21

Mon Amos 5:10-15 has the most intense admonition to be found anywhere in the Bible. Now, <u>who</u> should *seek the LORD and live*? People sliding into immoral muck and religious heresy, whose personal and national values were spiraling down into a black hole (10-13). To them Amos made this urgent appeal: *seek good and not evil, that you may live; it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant* who return to God not just in theory but in genuine, unconditioned repentance. It can happen.

Tues Mark 10:17-27 The wealthy fellow arrived cheerfully but departed disheartened. He seemed eager for more homework, for he was faithful in his daily duties, but Jesus' new assignment was very challenging. Now then, since graduation (to heaven) was still out of his reach, Jesus in compassion prescribed a task that could turn the tide. Was the fellow dedicated enough to accept and fulfill the tough assignment? God could make it happen.

Wed Hebrews 3:1-6 Jesus never fudged on His assignment but was flawless. Since He never cut corners, He is 100% dependable, and as long as *we hold fast to Him*, we enjoy His accomplishment *firm to the end. Our High Priest was faithful to His Father*'s assignment, which puts even Moses in the shade. Jesus is superior by reason of being the Son, having jurisdiction over God's family circle, including you and me. Jesus has made it happen.

Thurs Psalm 90 Moses, trusty servant in God's household, praises God for His time<u>less</u>ness (1-2), in contrast to the time<u>li</u>ness of human life (3-6). As for ourselves, *all our days have passed away in God's wrath*—whether 70, 80, or more years—*it is soon cut off, and we fly away*. That's why we plead with God to *have compassion on us* and allow us to get the big picture—the *beauty of the Lord our God. The work of our hands* follows. It does happen.

Fri Mark 10:23-25 Are kingdom of heaven and *kingdom of God* identical? Right after Jesus dealt with the rich fellow who wanted to enter eternal life, He laid it out to His disciples, using the term *kingdom of God* (three times). Actually, being subject to God's dominion while living on Earth is necessary and proper prelude to living in the kingdom of God in heaven.

God's kingdom has one foot on Earth and the other in Heaven. It figures.

Sat Hebrews 3:7-4:9 presents the fatal consequences of being a disbeliever of God's promises—to jolt us out of any complacency about the inheritance God has waiting for us. God has promised eternal *rest* to those who seek it via Jesus, and His invitation is still on-line. So let's take the warning to heart and also trust God to have a *rest*ing place reserved for us. See you there.