



The Messiah

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Messiah Lutheran Church

Park Ridge, IL

Messiah Lutheran Church is an ELCA congregation that was incorporated on May 7, 1954.

Worship:

Worship is at the heart of what we do together at Messiah. We meet every Sunday for in-person worship at 10:15 am. Our service of Holy Communion is live streamed and all are welcome to the Lord's table! For those who do not want communions, they can feel free to come forward for a blessing. Both our live stream and all previous worship services are available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/holzerp>.

Ministries and Activities at Messiah:

Messiah's campus is active with various ministries and groups every day. Ministries include Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center, Assistance Ministry, Park Ridge Place Group Home, and MLCW Quilts & Kits – for descriptions go to our website.

For a complete calendar of events and activities at Messiah, please visit:

tinyurl.com/mpr-calendar

Join the Email List

If you'd like to receive email from Messiah, go to
tinyurl.com/mpr-join-email-list

How to Give:

You can support Messiah's ministries by giving a one-time or recurring donation online. Please visit our website, www.messiahparkridge.org and click the *contribute* tab, or jump to the giving page by using this QR code:



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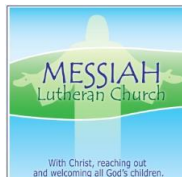
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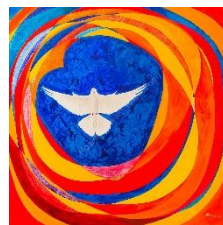
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Pentecost

As of June 8th, we entered the longest liturgical season of the year: For Christians, the Day of Pentecost takes place fifty days after Jesus' resurrection and ten days after Jesus' ascension into heaven. The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the fulfillment of Jesus' post-resurrection promise.



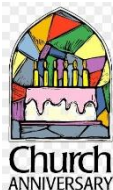
Thus the Church celebrates its "birthday" and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Pentecost season is the concluding and longest cycle in the church year. The number of Sundays in this season may vary, anywhere from 24 to 28, depending on when Easter occurs, and concludes with Christ the King Sunday, which generally occurs in late November.

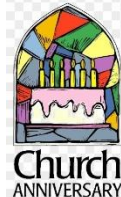
The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is red, but green is used throughout the remaining weeks of the cycle to signal the season as a time for growth and renewal. While the Day of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, the remaining weeks call the Church to focus on the Spirit's power and to make Christ known through its life and mission, carrying out Jesus' mandate to "go to the people of all nations"

Christians are now called to discipleship, empowered by the Holy Spirit to tell everyone about Jesus. (excerpted from About Pentecost - American Bible Society)

SUMMER AT MESSIAH



Happy Anniversary Messiah!
May marked the 71st anniversary of Messiah!



LSSI Sunday



On Sunday, June 1st, we were honored to welcome David Novak from LSSI, the Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director, Cornerstone Foundation to the pulpit. We were happy to have David with us today for worship and for the Park Ridge Place Open House!

To learn more about LSSI and their programs, go to their website at www.lssi.org

Park Ridge Place Open House

On Sunday, June 1st there was an open house that officially dedicated the parsonage as the newest LSSI group home: Park Ridge Place!

Members of Messiah, LSSI and local clergy and residents attended. A plaque was placed in the garden in memory of Pastor Lynne Morrow since the seeds of this project were planted when she was Messiah's pastor. Her husband Larry and daughter Julia attended. Thanks to Pastor Aneel and the Parsonage Committee for all their work with LSSI to bring this project to fruition!

LSSI will begin efforts to staff the home, as well as identify the home's new residents.

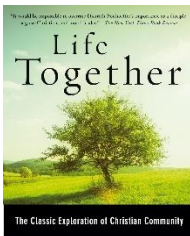


July 3rd – Park Ridge Fireworks!

Come on out for fellowship and to see spectacular fireworks from Messiah's campus!!

Check with the church to see if any parking spaces are left for either tailgating (for church members and CCC families) in the front lot or for parking in back lot.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so come on out to support Messiah and enjoy the fellowship and fireworks! We're always looking for additional volunteers to help with traffic in the parking lots. See Pastor Aneel if you're able to help!



Summer Education Series

Join us this summer as we read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Life Together" as a congregation.

You can still join the discussion!

We will meet weekly on Sundays following worship (11:20) in the Friendship Place beginning June 15th through July 30th (off July 6th)



Happy Anniversary Pastor Aneel!!

August 1st marks Pastor Aneel's 3 year anniversary with Messiah! We're glad you're here!



August 3, 2025 Congregation Meeting

Please plan to attend our second annual congregation meeting!

As usual, we need a quorum to conduct the business of Messiah!

If you cannot be here in person, you can join virtually – watch for details on how to connect!



Coming Sunday, September 7th Day of Service

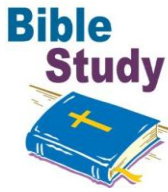
Save the date for the
Back to School Celebration!

We'll include a blessing of CCC staff and backpacks (everyone is invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing!)

Next, we'll assemble LWR school kits and enjoy a special coffee hour!



Ministry Updates



Bible Study & Worship at Sunrise Senior Living

(Sunrise Senior Living – 1725 Ballard Road, Park Ridge)

Pastor Aneel leads a bible study and short worship service at Sunrise Senior Living in Park Ridge about once a month on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30-3:30. Please join us! We're always looking for some folks to help lead worship, too. The carpool leaves Messiah at 2:15 pm. Check out church schedule for dates.

Assistance Ministry

Assistance Ministry was blessed to add another source of food donations from Chick-Fil-A. This is added to the food donations we receive from Costco, Panera and Amazing Bread & Cakes. We appreciate these partners who help supply food for our guests!



Quilts & Kits

Even though the school year isn't over yet, Back to School sales have already started! We'll be looking for supplies to fill School Kit Backpacks for Lutheran World Relief on September 7th Day of Service so please be on the lookout for these items:

- 70 page, single subject spiral notebooks (4 per kit)
(*notebooks are our one of our biggest needs*)
- Blunt end scissors (1 pair per kit)
(*also a big need*)
- 24 pack crayons (1 box per kit)
(*another big need*)
- Pencil sharpener (1 per kit)
- Eraser (1 per kit)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils (5 per kit)
- Ball point pens (5 per kit)
- Ruler – with cm (& inches ok too)
- \$\$ Donations also welcome to cover costs of materials! (checks can be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church and designated as a donation for Quilts & Kits)



Please stick to the specifics described for each item. These kits are often given out to large groups of children so it's important that each child gets identical items. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex and outside the church office/CCC entrance in July.

LWR has distributed Quilts & Kits all over the world to areas in need, including the SE United States since being struck by hurricanes and areas of California affected by the devastating wildfires.

FOCUS ON MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

Messiah Child Care Center

Messiah's largest ministry, the Child Care Center (CCC) began with a congregation vote in 1965 and opened in 1966 as a nursery school. Eventually pre-school and day care programs grew under the CCC umbrella and remains a strong, dynamic school today. Our current director, April Mosier will be entering her fourth year at Messiah. She is part of GOAEYC, a regional affiliate to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). April was asked to make a presentation for a workshop for Early Childhood Educators called "Wheels on the Bus" and the NAEYC has asked to use a portion of her presentation that focused on CCC's Atelier (Art Studio). Way to go April! The CCC has a great staff (see Staff Appreciation) and the current CCC board, Erik Grove, Connie Kaufman and new members, Trudi Handzel and Julie Jensen.

Many good things continue to happen at Messiah CCC:

- A scholarship program has been implemented and our first student has been the beneficiary and is graduating this year! If you know of any family in need of help to attend CCC, have them contact the center for scholarship application information. Donations for future scholarships are welcome.
- As we've reported previously, the CCC was expanded to include 2 year olds. This classroom has been very successful and clearly meets a need in the community.
- Last year, funds raised from a Fun Fair in May were used to develop a "STEM" room. This special room has been completed and is used by small groups for exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The children enjoy discovering new things!
- And now there is an Outdoor Classroom in the early stage of development! This was just approved and work has begun to develop it. Watch for details in the future!

The 2025 Summer Camp is underway and registration is open for 2025-26 school year:

- 2025 Summer Camp began June 9th for children ages 2-9 years old. It will include field trips such as a trip to a water park and Wagner Farm. In addition, there will be "in-house" special events such as animals on site and a marionette show. Summer campers always look forward to many outdoor activities, including "Water Days"! There are approximately 120 children enrolled!
 - 2025-2026 school year will begin August 20th for ages 2-5 year olds. Registration has begun!
 - Families interested in enrolling their children in should contact the CCC Office at 847-825-3767 or check the website at www.messiahchildcare.com, Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors about this wonderful school!
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CCC Staff Appreciation



As the 2024-25 school year comes to an end, we want to extend an **EXTRA BIG THANK YOU** to these dedicated CCC staff members:

Aolani Barrera
Nicole Calderon
Bette Hagstrom
Deanna Mugnolo
Elizabeth Rosa

Jessika Berrum
RoseMarie DiVito
Laura Hauser
Jessy Pettway
Diane Wojda

Emily Calderon
Sylvia Falendysz
Terri Hogan
Quanita Robert

April Mosier, Director

Diana Slepownski, Asst Director

Rita Kotowski, Bookeeper/Librarian

Celebrating Graduation

Caitlin Levy

This year we honor Caitlin Levy who is graduating May 10th from Illinois State University with a bachelor degree in elementary education and an ESL (English as a second language) certification! Caitlin started her academic career at none other than Messiah's Child Care Center from 2005-2007 (3-5 years old).



Young Caitlin with Miss Betty as a student and last year as a co-worker!



After working as a teacher aide at CCC during Summer Camp 2024, Caitlin student-taught 2nd grade at Apollo Elementary in Niles during the 2024-25 school year. And she will return to CCC during Summer Camp 2025 as a teacher this year. And then to continue her career in education, Caitlin has accepted a full-time teaching position as a 1st grade teacher at Mark Twain Elementary school in Niles for the upcoming school year. Congratulations Caitlin!



CCC Recognition Celebration

On Wednesday, May 28th, at a special chapel service with their families, the Child Care Center celebrated the following children as they move forward in the next step of their education:

Luka Milanovic	Emry Lackage	Natalie Engle	Madeline Belt
Hailey Belt	Liam O'Hara	Adira Tamura	Charles Curry
Owen Moore	Maeve Hughes-Bluemke		Tyler Magnus
Maisie McKenna	Evelyn Mlekodaj	Raghav Kumar	Stasia Smee
Kira Sugihara	Kenna Brady	Zara Shinas John	Daniela Ross
Stella Cirrincione	Willow Coker	Minerva Bisaccia	Dana Thorsen
	Maverick Johnson-Craft		

Important Dates At a Glance:

- We worship every Sunday at 10:15 am.
- We feed the community every Monday from 11 am – 12:30 pm.

Thurs. July 3	Fireworks at Messiah
Fri. July 4	Independence Day – CCC & Church office closed
Sat. July 12	Brotherhood Breakfast, 9am at Sunrise Grill
Sun. July 13	Summer Adult Ed – Living Together Chapter 3 11:20 Friendship Place
Wed. July 16	Bible Study & Worship at Sunrise Senior Living 2:30
Thurs. July 18	7-18 to 7-29 Carol off
Sun. July 20	Summer Adult Ed – Living Together Chapter 4 11:20 Friendship Place
Sun. July 27	Summer Adult Ed – Living Together Chapter 5 11:20 Friendship Place
Thurs. July 31	Quilts & Kits – 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
Sun. Aug 3	Congregation Meeting following worship
Fri. Aug 8	CCC Last Day Summer Camp
Sat. Aug 9	Brotherhood Breakfast, 9am at Sunrise Grill
Mon. Aug 11	8-11 to 8-15 CCC Closed for Fall Flip
Wed. Aug 13	Quilts & Kits – 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
Mon. Aug 18	8-18 to 8-24 Pastor Aneel off
Wed. Aug 20	CCC First Day 2025/26 School Year
Wed Aug 20	Bible Study & Worship at Sunrise Senior Living 2:30
Mon. Sept 1	Labor Day – CCC & Church office closed
Thurs. Sept 4	Quilts & Kits – 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
Sun. Sept 7	Day of Service – Back to School Celebration, Backpack blessing, LWR school kit assembly & coffee hour

Watch weekly Message Board and Sunday announcements for additional dates and updates!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for each other, our congregation, our families, our community, our state, our country and the world during these challenging times.

Our prayers go out to the families of our former members who has gone to their heavenly rest: Lee Anderson, Diane Wilson

Those who are ill, in recovery, or facing adversity:

The Dumerer Family The Hauser Family Aly Allemeier Dave Hanson
Mary Jane Kovach Trudi & Jim Handzel Richard Levy Carol Hrodey
Carole & Jerry Johnson The Bonilla Family Sandy and Bill Downie
Bill Decker and Family David Swanson
Kavita Taylor (*sister of Pastor Aneel*)
Rebekah Dembowski, Eric Forss and Sarah (*family & friends of the Deckers*)
Katie Brandon and Carol Rudy (*friends of Dotti Burger*)
Ted, Kathy, Jack (*friends and family of the Jensens*)
Sandy, Pat, Nancy & Jay, Ed, J.T., Bev, Mark, Jane, Louie, Glenda and Tom (*family & friends of the Handzels*)
Patrick Brennan & son Nicholas (*family of Patti Daniels*)

Those who are homebound:

Arlene Baranowski Barb Loverme Christine Ruterschmidt

**Those serving in the armed services and first responders:
(those known to us & all those who serve)**

Brandon Ajyek Tim David Tyler Daye Jenni Hanson
Bobby Hanson Matt McGannon Jason Koesler David Nagel
Eric Nagel Brian Nagel Joey Rosequist Claudine Ward
Andreas Johnsen

Those attending college and graduate school:

Haley Lippert Kyle Hauser Kevin Kovach Evelyn Allemeier
Mikey Hanson Noa Trivedi



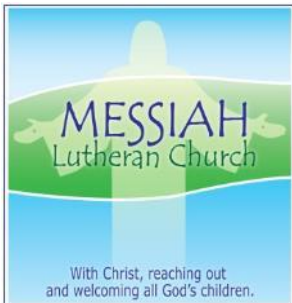


Give thanks that
God teaches us
love, mercy and
radical hospitality
through the
example of Jesus,
the wisdom of
Scripture and the
encouragement
of our siblings in
Christ.

— *Prayer Ventures*



*May the love of God abound in
you; the grace of Christ fill your
hearts; and the life of the Spirit
bless you and give you peace.
Amen.*



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Worship begins at 10:15 am Sunday mornings.
All are welcome!

Child Care Center

Year- round 2-K

Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 5:30 pm

Other Schedules

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday by appointment

Church Office

By appointment only

Assistance Ministry

Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



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