



The Messiah

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS
OF MINISTRY

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.

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

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73983233>

Join the Email List

If you'd like to receive email from Messiah, go to
<https://www.messiahparkridge.org/join-the-e-mail-list.html>

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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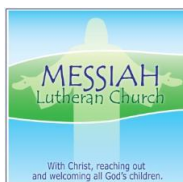
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FROM THE PASTOR

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” - Hebrews 13:8

Happy 70th anniversary to the people of Messiah Lutheran Church! It’s a joy and a pleasure to be a part of God’s work in and through this community – work that has spanned seven decades and impacted thousands of people.

Anniversaries are great opportunities for congregations to look back and reflect on good times and remember beloved friends who have joined the Saints in heaven. I hope you can join us on October 6th to celebrate and share stories of the amazing ways that the Spirit has moved in and among this community over the past seventy years.

But anniversaries can also be a chance to revisit our purpose and discern where the Holy Spirit may be leading us forward. Change is always difficult, and worshipping communities, perhaps more than any other, are notorious for wanting to “get back to the way things were.” It’s wonderful to celebrate what once was, but if our goal is to simply relive the glory days, we almost certainly will miss the still, small voice of the Spirit leading us out toward the needs of a rapidly changing community.

Messiah, our context has changed and will continue to change, perhaps more rapidly in the coming years than ever before. But the source, center, and ground of our being remains the same as it was in 1954, 1984, and 2004.

Christ is the same. God’s love is the same and will remain the same forever.

Messiah, we are blessed to have been the hands and feet of that love in this community for the last 70 years, and God willing for another 70 more. But trust that God’s transformational love doesn’t rely on the survival of this community. So as we celebrate God’s work here at Messiah this month, may we remember that it is God’s work, not our own. And may we follow the Holy Spirit wherever she may lead.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Aneel



Congratulations to Pastor Aneel!

Pastor Aneel was given the Center of Concern Excellence of Leadership Award on September 9th. This annual award recognizes a community member who has exemplified leadership through invested involvement with the Center of Concern and has assisted our agency envision the future, identify paths to success, and carry out our mission to help those in need.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MESSIAH!

Time for the Celebration!

We'll celebrate 70 years of Ministry on Sunday, October 6th!
We start with a celebration worship service at 10:15 am,
followed by a reception in the Friendship Place
to mark this joyous milestone in Messiah's history!



Join us for this special occasion!
Share your special memories and reconnect with former
members and friends!



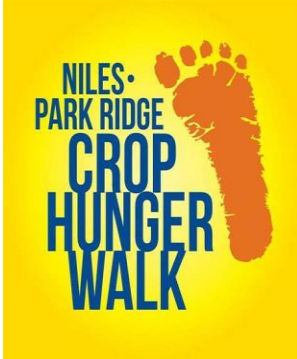
Gloria Dei Choir

All those who would like to sing with the Gloria Dei choir on Sunday, October 6--Messiah's 70th anniversary--are welcomed to join us prior to the service at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. We will rehearse two pieces of music. Current and former singers are invited.

Thanks for participating, Bill Decker

COMING IN OCTOBER

Niles/Park Ridge CROP WALK

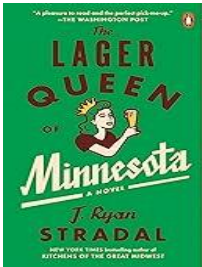


Please mark your calendars. Messiah will once again be participating in the Niles/Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk this year. It will be held on Sunday October 20th. CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service and take place nationwide for the purpose of fighting hunger both locally, (25% of the funds raised will go to the Maine Township food pantry) as well as worldwide. If you are interested in participating either by becoming a walker/member of our fundraising team, want to make a donation, or just want to find out more information about the CROP Hunger Walks go to tinyurl.com/mpr-cropwalk24 or see Larry Ryczek or Trudi Handzel.

Crop Walk Fundraisers

In addition to raising funds through Messiah's walking team, the CROP Walk organizers have worked with local restaurants to host give back nights where each participating restaurant will donate a portion of each order to the Niles/Park Ridge CROP Walk. There are several dates planned and you are welcome to participate in as many as you like.

- Wednesday, October 2nd – 5 pm – 8 pm at Portillo's, Niles
- Thursday, October 17th – 11 am – 9 pm at Harp & Fiddle, Park Ridge



Messiah Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 pm in the Friendship Place.

The next selection is *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal.

Summary: A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub.

All are welcome to join the discussion. Please see Paul Holzer with questions



Men's Brotherhood Breakfast IS BACK!

Men's Brotherhood Breakfast has found a new location at Sunrise Grill, 1930 E. Touhy, Des Plaines! The first meeting will be Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 am. Contact Rich Seggeling or Paul Holzer if you have questions.



Messiah Child Care Center

Please Join Our
**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

Celebrate the season with family and friends at our vibrant Harvest Festival! Get ready for a fun-filled time packed with exciting activities—Trunk or Treat (costumes encouraged), bouncy house, pumpkin patch, live entertainment by DJ Jules, and refreshments.

**Harvest Festival is Saturday, October 26th!!
11:00 am – 1:00 pm**



*Trunk
or Treat*

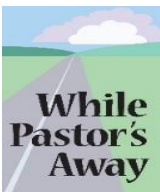
It's a fun event and Messiah members are invited to participate by bringing your family, decorating a car (think of all the possibilities!) or helping with the food table, or just be there to represent the church and welcome our guests. Donations are also welcome!

If you would like to be a part of the Harvest Fest, please reach out to the Child Care Center office (847-825-3767).

Please plan to come out for some **FALL FUN!!**

If you want to sign up to bring your car for Trunk or Treat go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A5AC2EA2FBC43-51887112-trunkortreat>



Pastor Aneel will be away Monday, October 7th thru Sunday, October 20th. We will welcome guest preacher Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson (from LSSI) on 10-13 and Pastor Chrisida Anandan on 10-20.

If there are any pastoral emergencies, please reach out to carol@messiahparkridge.org for assistance.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Wednesday, October 2nd – Crop Walk Fundraiser at Portillo’s, Niles 5-8:00 pm
- Sunday, October 6th – 70th Anniversary Celebration Service & Reception beginning at 10:15 am
- Monday, October 7th thru Sunday, October 20th – Pastor Aneel away
- Saturday, October 12th – Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00 am,
- Sunday, October 13th - Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson (from LSSI) will preside
- Wednesday, October 17th – Crop Walk Fundraiser at Harp & Fiddle, Park Ridge
- Sunday, October 20th - Pastor Chrisida Anandan will preside
- Sunday, October 20th – Crop Walk
- Monday, October 21st – Council Meeting 7:00 pm Friendship Place
- Thursday, October 24th – Quilts & Kits 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, October 24th – CCC Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thursday, October 24th – Book Club 7:00 pm Friendship Place
- Saturday, October 26th – Harvest Festival with Trunk or Treat 11 am – 1:00 pm
- Sunday, October 27th – Reformation Sunday



Remember – Assistance Ministry – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm every Monday!

COMING IN NOVEMBER



Derek Webb Concert!

We're excited to announce that Messiah will host a Derek Webb show on Saturday, November 2nd. We'll enjoy some of his music before/after worship over the next few weeks. Get your tickets now at tinyurl.com/mpr-derekwebb

All Saints Sunday – November 3rd

We will observe All Saint’s Day on Sunday, November 3rd, by giving special thanks for those in our Messiah family who have graced our lives for many years with their presence but have gone to their heavenly home this past year. Watch for the Remembrance Book in the narthex to add names of your loved ones to be read during the worship service.



Stewardship Drive

Watch for details on our Stewardship Drive for 2025!

Time to Fall Back!

At 2:00 am, Sunday, November 3rd, it's time to set our clocks back!
And what a perfect weekend to do that – attend the Derek Webb concert
on Saturday night and gain an hour Sunday morning!



MESSIAH MINISTRIES

Quilts & Kits



We received an exciting notice from Martha Piedrasanta, Senior Manager of the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry:

"The news I'm about to share with you is BIG and full of LOVE.

The LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry is expanding to reach neighbors in need in the United States. This means that quilts and kits will now comfort families

here in the U.S. and abroad.

In fact, LWR Quilts and Kits are already on the way to partners in the U.S., with the first distributions expected to happen later this year.

The Quilt & Kit Ministry is our longest running program, born in 1945 — the same year as Lutheran World Relief. Over these last 80 years, the Ministry has grown considerably, which means we can now expand our reach to comfort and care for more of our neighbors, both near and far.

Together, we serve a God of incredible abundance! Thank you.

You'll be happy to know that our U.S. partners are thankful, too. Humanitarian and social services organizations are eager to share your gifts of care and comfort with children, women and men in their communities. These organizations reach people who are affected by disasters, coping with crises or struggling in poverty.

We are tremendously grateful to you and the entire Quilt & Kit Ministry community for making this significant and historic expansion possible. Please continue to make quilts and kits for neighbors in need around the world, including at home in the U.S.

Joy & Blessings," Martha Piedrasanta

Since receiving this notice – we've already received word that quilts and kits are starting to be sent to victims of the devastating hurricane Helene!

If you want to check out the Quilts & Kits program at LWR, go to <https://lwr.org>.

And come join us once a month to help create more quilts & kits and enjoy the fellowship!

Trudi Handzel & Carol Hrodey

*Our next Quilts & Kits Wednesday will be **Thursday, October 24th** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us and stay a couple of hours or bring your lunch and stay for a few!*

Assistance Ministry

Every Monday morning, something special happens at Messiah. Volunteers arrive and start making sandwiches and putting together sack lunches "to go". Bakery donations are sorted and displayed to be distributed. Drinks are chilled, main dishes are kept warm, desserts are cut up and plated, and napkins and silverware are placed at the tables. The food pantry is opened up and toiletries, etc. are put on display. The doors are opened at 11:00 and...our guests arrive! We usually have 24-36 guests who not only enjoy a nutritious lunch, but a time to visit with old and new friends.

This month we had a visit from the Des Plaines Police Chief and Social Worker. They know that we serve many Des Plaines residents and wanted to see our ministry first hand. They enjoyed talking with our guests and seeing what happens on Mondays at Messiah. They were very complimentary about our program.

It's fall and winter is around the corner. Please remember that sweatshirts, sweatpants, sweaters and winter outerwear are appreciated.

Once again, this program needs a lot of volunteers to make it work. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment and you can choose what you'd like to assist with. You could even make sandwiches, boil eggs, bake cookies, etc. from home. We are flexible!

With thanks,

Connie Kaufman (on behalf of the Assistance Ministry Team)

Monday Lunch: Assistance Ministry meets every Monday from 11 am - 12:30 pm, and serves a hot meal to the surrounding community. Whether you're in need of a meal or just looking for fellowship and a way to give back, come be a part of this important ministry. Reach out to Pastor Aneel if you'd like to know more.



Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

Check out the information about this fall's Harvest Festival on 10-26-24 (page 6)! Plan to decorate your car or come out and help with this school/community wide event! It's a fun event enjoyed by the whole family – check out the details!

Also – check out our Scholastic Book Order page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/GWW9T>
Orders are due October 14th.

For more information on CCC Activities and Programs contact CCC Office at 847-825-3767 or see the website at www.messiahchildcare.com



Thanks!!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to providing supplies for the LWR School Kits and to those who came out for the Sunday, September 8th Back to School Celebration!!

We were able to exceed our goal of 170 by assembling 186 kits!!



Center of Concern "Lunch With Us":

Lunch with Us is a senior lunch program run by the Center of Concern that promotes the health and well-being of older adults in the community. The meal is available to all people 60 years of age and older, and to their spouses regardless of age. A suggested

donation of \$2.00 per meal is greatly appreciated! Join us in person for lunch Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday each week from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please pre-register for your meal here: <https://centerofconcern.org/lunch/>



Moments Of Peace In Worship

This summer, in our all-congregation book read, we spent four weeks discussing what it means that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. We imagined how the world might be changed through sharing the peace of Christ – a peace that is not just calm, quiet, or still, but one that always sacrificially picks up a cross, and one that never picks up a sword.

In our last session together, we brainstormed how to reflect our learning and passion in the Sunday liturgy. The group decided that we should pause before the passing of the peace, and ask a member of the congregation to share a “moment of peace” – an example from their lives or the community that reflects Christ’s movement toward the cross, and away from the sword.

Now it’s your turn! Keep your eyes out for examples of the peace of Christ in your life and the world around you, and then courageously share those stories in worship on Sunday. We hope that in regularly sharing these stories of the peace of Christ in worship, we might more meaningfully experience and understand both the gift and the calling of God’s peace.

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.

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

The Dumerer Family The Hauser Family Diane Wilson Aly Allemeier Dave Hanson
Mary Jane Kovach Trudi & Jim Handzel Richard Levy Carol Hrodey Carole Johnson
The Bonilla Family Sandy and Bill Downie David Swanson Pastor Lynne Morrow
Rebekah Dembowski, Martha Jacobs, and Eric Forss (*family & friends of the Deckers*)
Katie Brandon and Carol Rudy (*friends of Dotti Burger*)
Ted, Gordon, Char (*friends and family of the Jensens*)
Sandy, Steve & Pat, Nancy, Ed, J.T., Donna, Mark, Carmelina, Bev, and Mark (*family & friends of the Handzels*)
Patrick Brennan & son Nicholas (*family of Patti Daniels*)
Kurt Wilson (*son of Diane Wilson*)



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)**

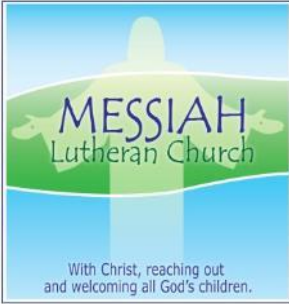
Brandon Ajyek Tim David Tyler Daye Jenni Hanson Bobby Hanson
Matt McGannon Jason Koesler David Nagel Eric Nagel Brian Nagel
Joey Rosequist Claudine Ward Andreas Johnson

Those attending college and graduate school:

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

Those who celebrate in October :

Happy Birthday: Sandy Downie 10/6, Kai Trivedi 10/11, David Kaufman 10/26



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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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