



# The SPIRIT APRIL 2024

## Making Disciples

### Week 2: Bearing Witness in Everyday Life

At the end of March, we met for our first session of our adult education series, Making Disciples. In that session, we explored the meaning of discipleship, and came to a pretty simple answer to what it means to be a Christian disciple: it means to follow Jesus!

For our second session, on Sunday, April 28, we will continue our time together and explore the question of how we can invite other people to follow Jesus. Our mission statement calls us to *make* disciples. This is a calling for our church community to foster within ourselves a faith in Jesus Christ that empowers us to answer his call to follow him. It is a calling to make disciples of ourselves and of our neighbors, always guided solely by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. However, there is one very important thing we have to keep in mind: calling people to discipleship is not *our* job. It is only Jesus Christ who calls us, and it is only through the Holy Spirit that any of us can be made into disciples. So, with that in mind, what exactly is our role in this business of making disciples?

To explore such questions and to continue to grow in faith together, please join us for session 2 of our *Making Disciples* adult education series, even if you missed the first session! Join us on Sunday, April 28th, after worship (at around 11 am) in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,  
Vicar Samuel

### Making Disciples Schedule:

#### Looking Ahead

**April 28** - Session 2

**May 26** - Session 3

**June 23** - Final session

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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**From the Desk of the Pastor**

Dear Saints,

Easter Greetings in the name of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord and coming Savior Jesus Christ!

Every Lutheran knows the story of Martin Luther, the German Reformer. But some details we miss, like how he got his name or what he did before he was a pastor or about his father’s hope or his views on ritual or his teaching about what is essential when we gather for worship.

Luther was born to Margarethe and Hans on November 10, 1483. He was named Martin for the simple reason that the day on which he was born was called St. Martin’s Day in the Roman Catholic Church. Hans prayed when Martin was born that he would become known for learning and piety. My grandmother always cautioned: “Be careful what you ask for.”

In keeping with his father’s wishes, Martin studied Law at the University of Erfurt. In its library, his eyes fell on a Latin Bible for the first time. He had heard priests recite Scripture but never saw the Bible up close or read from it. As he read Bible stories, he found it to be an expansive and delightful book. He wished he had a copy of his own. Books were scarce and hard to get back then.

Probably the most significant shaping influence in Luther’s life was the sudden death of a dear friend. He pondered, “What would become of me if I were to die suddenly?” Then, in the summer of 1505, while returning to Erfurt from home, he was caught in a violent storm. Thinking that he would die, he prayed for protection. Saved, he felt the need to do something to show his gratitude. So, he entered the monastery and made a vow to become a priest.

Understandably, his father was upset because Martin had broken the fifth commandment: “Honor your father and your mother” (Ex. 20:12a). Having sacrificed for Martin’s education, he had hoped that Martin would become famous and rich.

Luther told his superior, “I do not know what will become of me.” Estranged from his father, in despair over his friend’s death, and trying hard to keep promises, Luther lamented, “I promise God I will do better, but I find it is useless to make promises to God because sin is stronger than I am.” Luther did not understand God’s ways but hoped to find peace for his troubled soul.

For Luther, Easter occurred when reading Romans 1:17, “The just shall live by faith.” With this discovery, Luther was so overjoyed that he felt as if his soul was released from a tomb. He was raised to life and his preaching changed. Easter and other church festivals came under scrutiny. Luther did not care for the pomp and circumstances. These were distractions that got in the way of the true work: “resurrection and developing a strong personal faith.”

As it was for Luther, Easter is not a prescribed day but happens whenever God opens a tomb wherein someone is held captive. Therefore, whenever lapsed members or visitors join us, we must make every effort to welcome them to worship. Keep in mind that they might be concerned, like Mary Magdalene and company, about what they will find at the tomb. Ease their fears and surprise them with a generous welcome. Be genuine like Vickie and Jeanie, learn their names, and prepare them to meet the risen Christ. He will show himself for salvation in Christ begins with genuine welcome and continues as a good work when each of us announce God’s saving grace and strengthen personal faith in Christ.

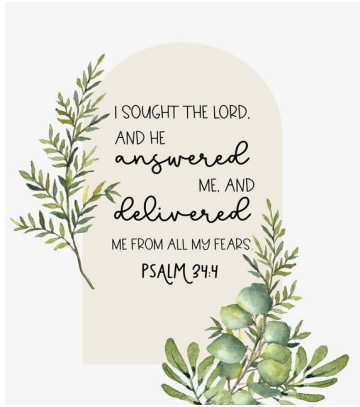
I have every confidence in you to be a bearer of good news as did the angel to Mary Magdalene and company at the tomb where lives are changed and faith is strengthened. We are Easter people. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Orin



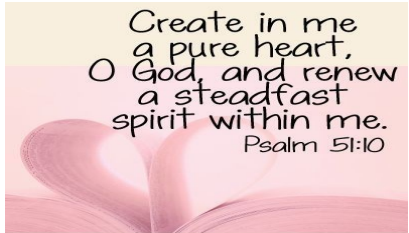
**APRIL Scripture Readings**

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
6/7	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 20: 19-31
13/14	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
20/21	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
27/28	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	Jon 15:1-8



**Mark Your Calendars**

- April 6—Women of the ELCA General Meeting 9 a.m.
- April 21—Youth Casserole Fundraiser April 20 & 21
- April 22—Jim Wilbur’s Celebration of Life Service at 11a.m.
- April 27—Ellen Lissant’s Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m.



*He restores my soul, He leads me in the paths of righteousness, for His name’s sake. Psalms 23:3*

## "Message from the Congregation Council President"

Last month's Spirit stated that the Congregation Council met on Saturday, February 10, 2024, to craft goals and potential action steps. As stated in Habakkuk 2:2 – And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it." With that said, your Congregation Council has worked diligently on setting 2024 goals. This task was without haste and not taken lightly. So, I gladly share with you goals for us as a congregation to work and strive for:

**Goal 1:** Practice inclusion and build diversity.

**Goal 2:** Strengthen the faithful, restore the lapsed, evangelize the lost, and build relationships with community partners.

**Goal 3:** Promote Intra-congregational communication and persuade all members to use their spiritual gifts for the common good.

**Goal 4:** Give youth responsibilities to actively participate in Messiah's Ministries.

**Goal 5:** Bring together people and gifts to improve proficiency and progress.

**Goal 6:** Support the vulnerable and connect them with community resources.

As stated in Proverbs 24:27, "Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that, build your house." Thus, the next step is to allocate the potential action steps to the committees. Then, the real building begins!

Completing these goals will be challenging as some actions may be complex, others may not be feasible, and the Lord may lay new steps for us to take in this process. In so doing, "let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season, we will reap if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). In other words, the real work will come from the congregation and the committees. Let us be diligent and encourage each member to contribute to fulfilling these goals. With all humbleness and grace, the underlying message is in the details. You are called. Will you answer?

Lindsey Dillion

## First Communion

**And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Luke 22:19-20**

Waylon Atchison, Alexis Bergin, Nora Dimond, Henry Wallrichs Ojeifo, and Lucy Weaver received their First Communion on Thursday, March 28, during the Maundy Thursday service. Pastor Orin and Vicar Samuel instructed the class, Linda Michael helped them bake Communion bread, and Terry Michael walked them through the process of preparing Communion cups. The class concluded with painting their own chalice at Artistree Pottery. The chalice is a memorial of their First Communion.



## Meet New Church Member



Marilyn was born and raised as an ALC Lutheran in the Minneapolis area of Minnesota. She says that as an adult, she attended a MO Synod church in St. Paul. Her son was a student at St. John's Lutheran School in Chaska, MN.

He presently lives in Lonsdale, MN, and she has two grandsons in Cottage Grove, MN.

Marilyn then lived here in Springfield, became a widow, and relocated to California for three or four years to be close to a friend. Marilyn moved back to Springfield after her friend died.

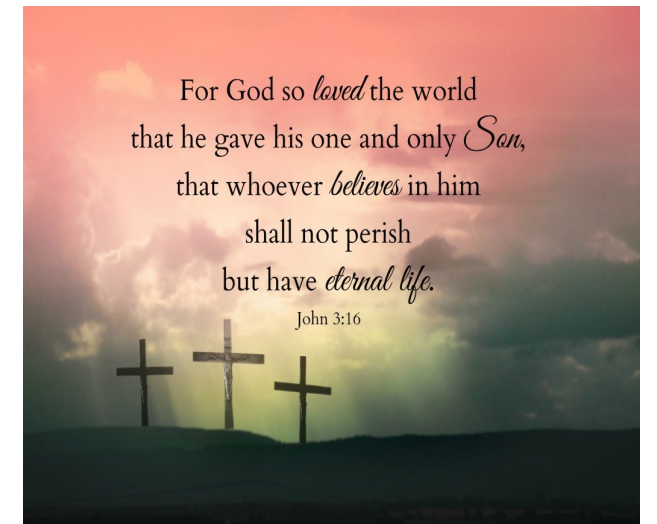
Marilyn spent 40 years of her work life in the insurance industry. In her leisure time, she works on puzzles with other residents at her apartment complex, walks her dog, and enjoys adult coloring books.

Marilyn began visiting Messiah a few months ago, and found our church to be "very friendly and welcoming." She thinks Pastor Cummings is "wonderful." She usually attends the Saturday night service.



## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## Library News

The Library is getting a *Facelift!* Over the next several months, the Library will undergo a transformation as we remove outdated, damaged and unused books, rearrange the shelving and digitize the catalogue system. As you can imagine, this is not an overnight process so please bear with us while "**Under Construction!**" Upon completion the library will focus more on Lutheran and Biblical reference, children's lit, and select Christian / religious non-fiction.

Moving forward, we'd like to let you know that all other books that members leave for donations will be forwarded to the Library Center for the *Friends of Library* book fairs throughout the year and not placed on the shelves. We thank you in advance for your patience and ask for your prayerful support.

If you have questions or want to help in any way, please do not hesitate to ask any one of us. Your Library volunteers, Debbie Corlett, Steve Grochowsky, Ilene Kendall, Sue Polly, and Jane Schwab.



## Meet New Church Members



Ben was born and raised in Bartlesville, OK. His only church experience back then was the presence of a “fire and brimstone” Pentecostal preacher who came on weekends. After high school, Ben taught school for a short time, and then joined the Navy, attending boot camp in San Diego. He furthered his education by completing both electronics and submarine schools. He served as a submariner on the USS Rasher. After his stint in the Navy, he worked for IBM in San Diego; Rochester, MN; and the St. Louis area. He was a widower when he met Pat in Jefferson City, MO. Pat was born and raised in a small town near Jefferson City called Loose Creek. She was brought up in the Catholic faith, attending parochial school through the eighth grade. After high school, she completed nursing school, and she and Ben married in 1983. Pat spent a total of 28 years as a clinically trained nurse.

The couple has also lived in Pomme de Terre, MO; Joplin; and Harrison, AR., where they attended an Episcopal church. They visited Messiah a couple of times before deciding to become members. Ben says he originally learned about Lutheranism from a Navy buddy, and both of his children from his first marriage were born in Lutheran hospitals. Ben’s son, Russell, died of pancreatic cancer at age 59. Ben’s daughter, Lisa, lives in Webb City, MO. He also has a stepson who lives in MN. Ben has a total of four grandchildren. Pat has two daughters, Michelle, who lives here, and LaDonna, who resides in Indiana, MO.

Ben says that he used to enjoy fishing and golf, but now appreciates our Tuesday morning men’s Bible class. Pat does needlework, and has spent time volunteering in the past. Pat has become a member of Martha Circle. She says that she and Ben truly like our church, and that Pastor Cummings has been “so good to us”.

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7



Kevin was born and raised near St. Louis in a town called Ellington, MO. His dad was an Assembly of God minister. He has attended an Episcopal church in the past. After college, he worked in the admissions department for several technical schools. When he finished his masters, he became certified to be a school counselor. Presently, he serves in that capacity at Carver Middle School.

Kevin says that he recently visited his mom who still lives in Ellington. His older sister, Kim, and her family reside in Ellington too. He is quite musical, playing guitar and some keyboard. He was in band and choir in school. He is a fan of D.C. and Marvel comics and movies. He also spends time walking his dog.

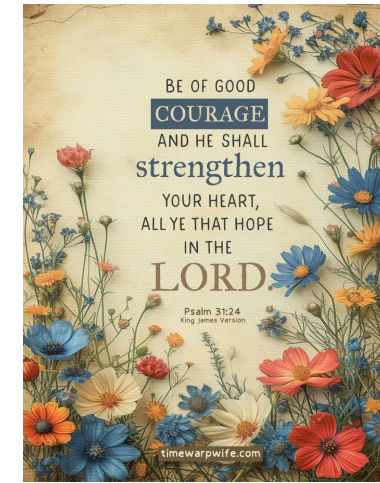
Kevin began visiting our church about three months ago. He states that from the beginning, “Everyone was so kind and nice.” One of our members, who lives in Kevin’s apartment complex reached out to him as well.



Logan was born and raised in the Atlanta area, but has lived in Springfield for 30 years. He first visited Messiah about four months ago. Logan was a member of the Catholic church until age 20. He then was unchurched for 10 years, and “came back to the faith”, attending an Episcopal congregation.

Logan’s primary job is in the produce department at a Walmart. He also handles groceries at a Kum and Go. Logan’s parents live here, and he has an older sister who recently moved to Boulder, CO.

Logan says he doesn’t have much free time, but he enjoys reading, and both playing and watching baseball. He has found Messiah to be welcoming and promoting a casual atmosphere. He appreciates the clear preaching of the gospel, and feeling part of a community. He is interested in finding out about our adult confirmation program.



## Graduating Seniors

Messiah would like to acknowledge your accomplishment during the service on May 5. Following the service there will be a cake reception in your honor.

Whether from high school, college, or other schooling we would like to hear about you.

Send a picture of yourself and a short bio of where you graduated from and what your future plans are to the church office. It will be published in the May Spirit.

These are the seniors we are aware of:

### HIGH SCHOOL

Samuel Cummings, Grace Everett, and Zachary Hudson

### COLLEGE

Christina Carlson, Janelle Joswick, Megan Melgren, Joseph Morris, and Karly Ott

### CULINARY SCHOOL

John Paul (JP) Szesny

Are there others? Let the church office know.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Kimsey Family, I want to thank the ladies of Messiah Lutheran Church and all who assisted in making Tracy’s Celebration of Life Service special and meaningful to her family in our grief.

Vera Kimsey

## CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

Save the date, April 27th.

Join us for our Annual Auction fundraiser. We will be having a semi-formal event at

The Farm & The Odd Fellows,  
205 W Second St Minneapolis, KS,  
while the auction will be held online

April 22nd - 27th.

<https://camptomahshinga.com/upcoming/2024/1/30/annual-auction>

Doors open at 6:00p.

\$50 per couple. \$35 for individual.

There will be food and drinks available. We can't wait to see you there!

CTS Team, #ForTheKids



## Crosslines

At Crosslines on March 7, Sandra Carlson, Marilyn Dial, Linda Elliott, Carol and John Flanders, Mary Anne Johnson, Susan Lane, Martha Morris, and Becky Roark served 56 families/112 individuals.

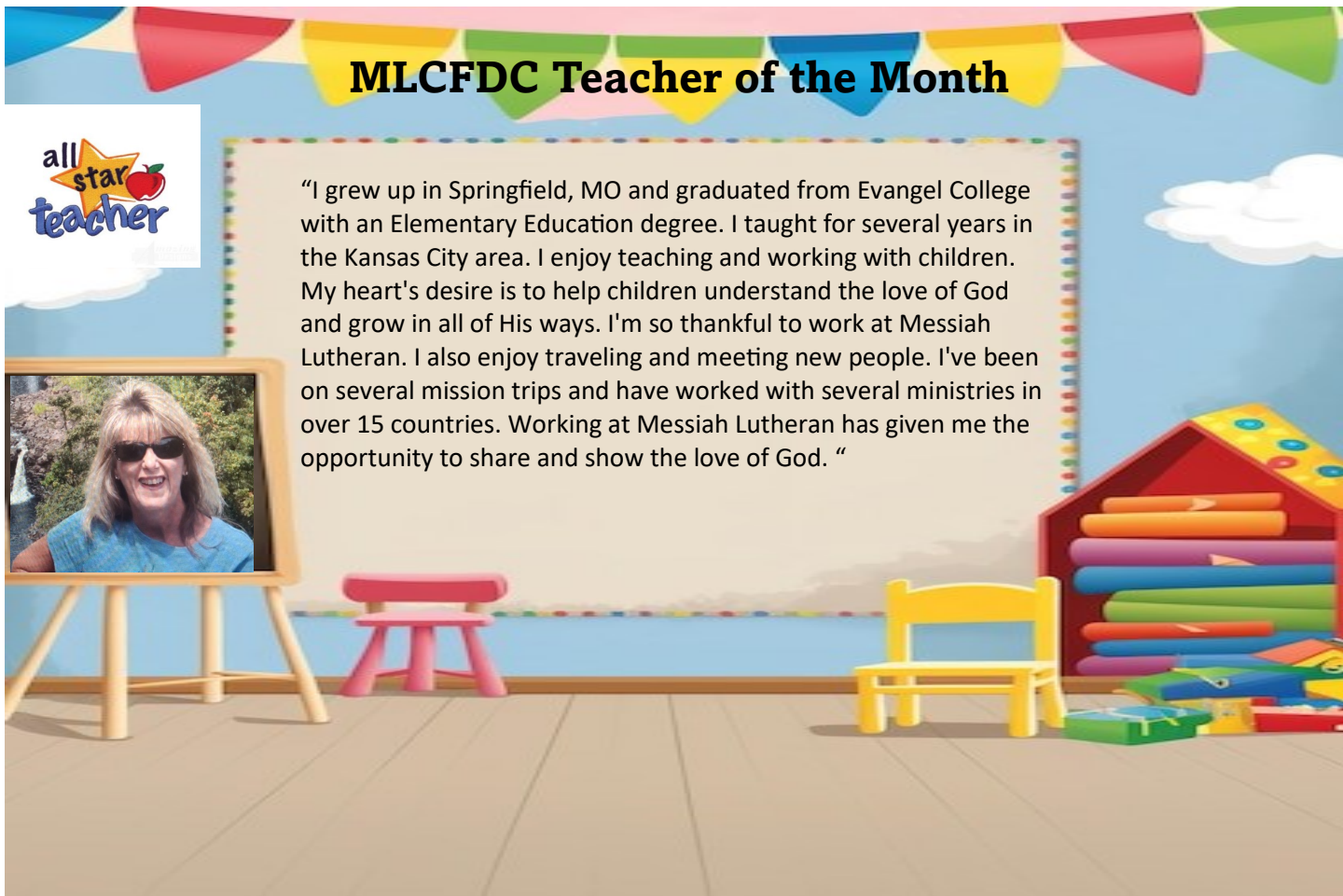
There are also other opportunities to help at Crosslines. Mary Keidle volunteers at the welcome desk. Vickie Donnell registers clients who have come in for food. And Ed Donnell stocks shelves. Just talk to any of these people and join us!

If you have an OTC benefit with your Medicare advantage plan that you have extra of, consider using it for hygiene items to donate to Crosslines. A big thanks to Carol and John for their donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, band-aids, and chapstick and passing on the idea.

## MLCFDC Teacher of the Month



"I grew up in Springfield, MO and graduated from Evangel College with an Elementary Education degree. I taught for several years in the Kansas City area. I enjoy teaching and working with children. My heart's desire is to help children understand the love of God and grow in all of His ways. I'm so thankful to work at Messiah Lutheran. I also enjoy traveling and meeting new people. I've been on several mission trips and have worked with several ministries in over 15 countries. Working at Messiah Lutheran has given me the opportunity to share and show the love of God. "



## MLCFDC Daycare

The Messiah Lighthouse Childcare and Family Development Center currently has openings for infant and three years olds. If you have a need for daycare then consider MLCFDC. They give the children lots of love and spiritual guidance through Chapel. You can call the Church Office to speak with Jessica Phillips our Center Director for more information.



## Security Team

### Security Team Parking Sign



Many of you may wonder about these signs in our parking lot. Do we have a "Security Team"? No, but we do have a Safety and Security Committee.

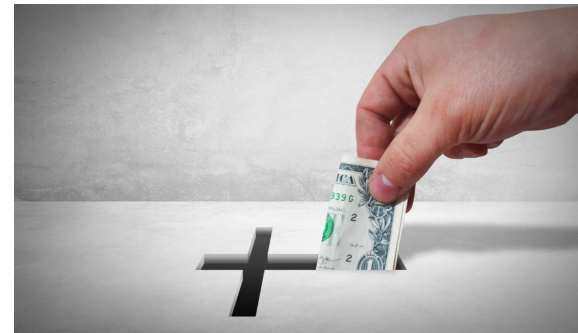
They learned at a conference that placing these signs in our parking lot and having ANYONE PARK THERE will make our church appear protected. Churches and schools are soft targets for those who want to cause a great deal of harm, so this is one way to make us look less soft. **So please, when you come to church at any time, park in these spots!** As always, be aware of your surroundings, even in our church parking lot.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

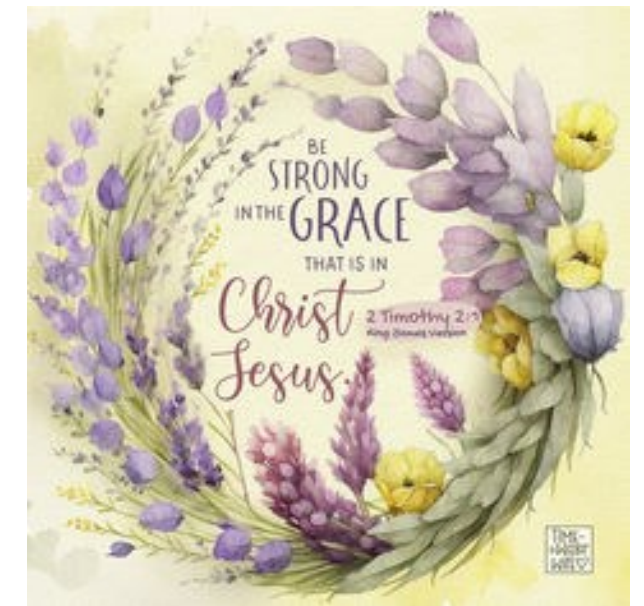
Psalms 4:1

## Lenten Offering

It continues to be the custom at Messiah to designate Lenten Offering to a worthy cause. In the past, we have given to The Watershed Center here in the Ozarks. Also, we have given to Holland Elementary School in support of mentoring and learning. This year we identified Ukrainian Ministry to be the recipient of these funds.



It is difficult to imagine our country being invaded although at the southern border it feels that way. However, the difference there is that we have control. In Ukraine, Russian forces have invaded and unleashed a violent force that has resulted in massive displacement and significant loss of life and property.



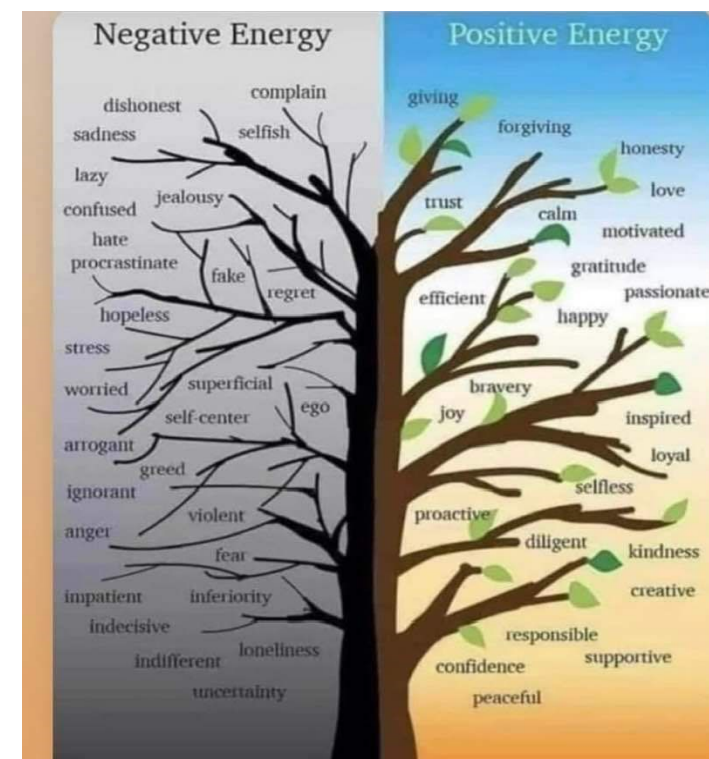
## Lenten Offering Cont'd

To hear a visitor and new friend say, "I want to be here because Messiah has acted to support Ukrainians" is so pleasing to me for the simple reason that we are living out our Mission Statement that begins and is sustained with "Welcome all." Hospitality can take many forms and we have chosen to welcome and support to displaced strangers by offering healing and care in their time of need.

I am humbled by your generosity and compassion for our Ukrainian sisters and brothers. In this ministry, you have been examples of Christ-like love that has not gone unnoticed. Most importantly, the recipients of our love and care are very grateful and daily give thanks to God for Messiah Lutheran Church.



## Something to Think About





## Wine, Wit, & Wisdom

Ladies, if you are looking for a group of ladies to fellowship with, the ladies of Wine, Wit, & Wisdom meet every fourth Thursday of the month at a restaurant. In April 25, they will be meeting at 5:30 pm at Big Whiskey's 1440 W Republic Road (near Leong's). They would love it if you would come and join them.

## Pub Theology

Men, we didn't forget about you! The men meet at Uncle Bentley's on fourth Thursday of each month. You never know what theology they will be discussing, but I have heard about some pretty good discussions. If you want some fellowship, a theology lesson, and meet other members of the group they would love it if you would join them at 7 p.m. at Uncle Bentley's 4123 S National Ave.

**TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD**  
*is the greatest romance...*  
**TO SEEK HIM**  
*the greatest adventure...*  
**TO FIND HIM**  
*the greatest human achievement.*  
 - AUGUSTINE

## Do you Sew, Quilt, Knit or Crochet

Ladies do you sew or quilt? If you love to sew and have a heart for giving we have Piecemaker's Quilting group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. They make beautiful quilts. If you would like more information reach out to Linda Michael.

If you would like to be a part of Lutheran World Relief they meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. They make baby diapers, baby blankets, they also personal care kits together for babies and adults, school kits, etc. These items are then taken to the Central Synod where they are donated to third world countries. If you would like more information reach out to Vickie Donnell, or Rose Hobein.

Maybe you enjoy crocheting or knitting, then you might like to join the ladies on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 2 p.m. They meet in Mission Hall and visit while the knit or crochet. They do prayer shawls, baby blankets etc. If you are interested in this group reach out to Marilyn Dial.

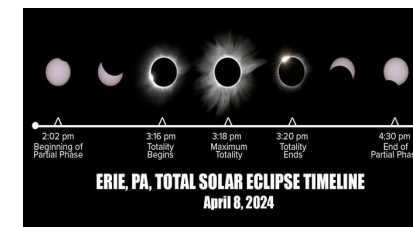


## Total Solar Eclipse

On April 8th, 2024 a total solar eclipse will cross North America, our location in Missouri happens to be in it's path. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Safety is the number one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse:

- 1. Use Proper Eye Protection:** Always use specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing, such as solar viewing glasses or handheld solar viewers that meet ISO 12312-2 international safety standards. Regular sunglasses are not safe for viewing the sun. **Glasses are available at Hy-Vee, Lowes, & Amazon.**
- 2. Inspect Eye Protection:** Before using your solar viewing glasses or handheld viewers, inspect them for any damage such as scratches or cracks. If they are damaged, do not use them.
- 3. Timing:** Only remove your eye protection during the brief period of totality when the moon completely covers the sun. Before and after totality, or during partial phases of the eclipse, keep your eye protection on.
- 4. Keep Children and Pets Safe:** Ensure that children and pets also have proper eye protection if they will be viewing the eclipse.
- 5. Use Pinhole Projectors:** If you don't have access to proper eye protection, you can still indirectly view the eclipse using pinhole projectors.
- 6. Avoid Looking Directly at the Sun:** Never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection, even during a total solar eclipse Doing so can cause serious eye damage or blindness.
- 7. Be Mindful of Surroundings:** Pay attention to your surroundings, especially if you're in a crowded area or near roads. Eclipse viewing can be exciting, but safety should always come first.

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## Sunday School

Sunday School is going strong and the kids are such a joy! Our last class will be May 19. It will be a SWEEET party upstairs in the Youth Loft, celebrating our theme "Life is sweeter with Jesus!"

## Meet Your Council Members



Sometime in 2021, my husband Ken and I walked down our street and around the corner into Messiah Lutheran Church, a place we'd visited occasionally in our years in Springfield. Homeless, sad and lonely after leaving our church of 27 years following Ken's

retirement as Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, we approached each congregation we visited with hope and expectation, looking for our next church home. Sunday after Sunday, Shepherds and other laity (as well as Pastor Orin) greeted us warmly, engaged us in conversation and encouraged us in our search.

Due to Ken's leadership responsibilities in parishes in Kentucky, New York and Missouri, I was prohibited from Council or Vestry participation. I found ways to serve God and the church in other ways. But I always wanted to bring my skills as a social worker, artist, administrator, supervisor and business analyst to the inner workings of a church. I believe I bring a unique perspective to church life and most importantly, I care about the church and its relevancy to its worshippers and to the world. When asked to serve on Council, I was touched and grateful for the opportunity to give back to the body that had given so much to me and Ken in such a short time.

If you have a need or question about the Council, or just want to talk about art, children, grandchildren, books, travel, current events and life in general, I'm your person. I look forward to meeting you and to serving you on Council.

In Christ,  
 Penny Gordon-Chumbley

## Neighborhood News

Three Hoods Neighborhood Clean Up will be at Meador Park on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 –12 noon. Messiah will have a resource table with banner and handouts as well as members to assist with the ‘work’ as needed.

Come to Meador Park on Saturday, April 6 and meet our neighbors, build friendships, and support healthy neighborhoods including our own Holland/Seminole Neighborhood. Pastor Orin will be there!



## Youth & Family Ministry

### Youth and Family Committee Upcoming Events

**April 1** - Final payment for the Youth Gathering attendees is due.

**April 14** - Youth and Family bowling - watch for more info in the Midweek Messengers and April Spirit!

**April 21** - Casserole sales return!

Back by popular demand  
**Sat 4/20 and Sunday 4/21**

\*proceeds go to summer camp and youth gathering

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**Camp Tomah Shinga sign up**

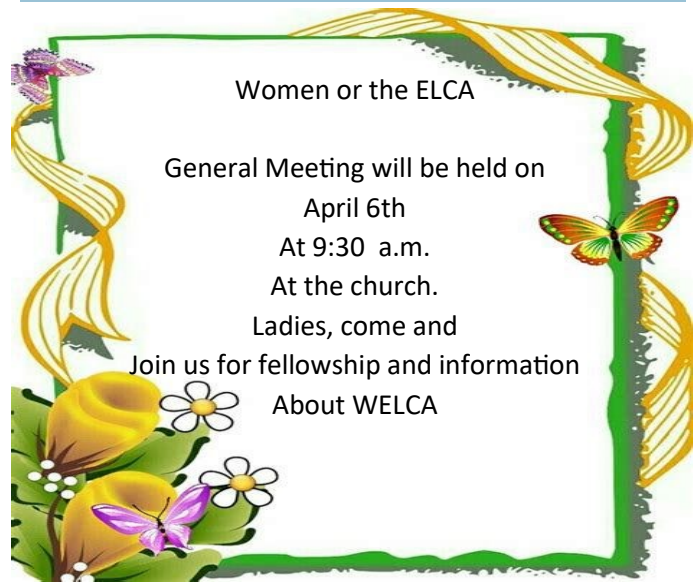
**When: 7/14-7/19**

Who: kids entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

How: contact the church office to sign up (**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE 3/27**)

What: email with more detailed information has been sent to families with further details.

## Women of the ELCA



Women of the ELCA

General Meeting will be held on

April 6th

At 9:30 a.m.

At the church.

Ladies, come and

Join us for fellowship and information

About WELCA

## Save the Date

Women of the ELCA —June 1, 2024

1st Annual OZARK CLUSTER Meeting

Dear Fellow ELCA Ozark Cluster Women,

The 1st Annual Ozark Cluster Meeting will be on June 1, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO. The theme will be "Just Love." The day will begin with a registration and a light brunch time at 9:00 a.m. and end in the early afternoon. There will be speakers, devotions, a Bible Study, an offering, a Central States Synod update, a delicious meal, singing and games.

We welcome and encourage you to join us for a fun and exciting day.

Ozark Cluster Planning Committee:  
Becky Verslues, Coordinator  
Leania Carter Mick Friberg  
Gloria Sharp, Central States President  
Janice Gerken, Central States Treasurer



## April Flowers

	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28
Vase 1	Michael & Nancy Hoeman	Rex & Mary Anne Johnson	Vic & Peggy Shelton	Vic & Peggy Shelton
Vase 2	Harlan & Sheila Schaefer	John & Linda Charles	Susan & Michael Lane	John & Linda Charles



### Flower Vase Costs

Cost per vase is \$20. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, and then in the memo line, write "Altar Flowers" and the date for which you are paying. If you are using an offering envelope, you will find a line for "Altar Flowers" and the amount.



You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalms 16:11



## April Birthdays

1 April Gebken	9 John Flanders	14 Kelby Ann Carlson	22 Richard Gebken	30 Tyler Hudson Linda McConnell
3 Chuck Ryan	10 Alicia Abels Bob White	16 Melissa Melgren Scott Murrell	23 Laura Johnson Sara Nervig	
4 Carol Mahoney	12 Margaret Peterson John Wilson	20 Andrea Hangen	27 Rachel Bergin	
8 Hudson Gebken	13 Tom McConnell	21 Becky Roark	29 Carol Bickel Terry Dunham	

If you have a birthday please email the church office at officemanager@messiahmo.org so that we can get your name and birthday added to the birthday list. We would love to recognize you in the monthly Spirit newsletter.