



### End of Internship

We have reached the end of another internship year. It feels unbelievable that our time together is over and it is time to say goodbye. Throughout this last year we have learned from one another, we have blessed each other, and we have shared in the good news of the Gospel message together.

Soon I will be starting my final year of seminary and beginning to discern my first call to a church. When I leave Messiah, I will take with me all the love, the confidence, the advice, and the lessons that you have given to me. I have been formed and shaped by this congregation and that growth will follow me for the rest of my life and my career.

I am so sad to be leaving this wonderful church, but I am also excited for everything that God has in store for my life next. I also leave knowing that God has wonderful things in store for this church. You have blessed me and I have no doubt that you will continue to be a blessing to one another and everyone that you meet. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Messiah Lutheran Church has been blessed by God and God has a plan for your work, ministry, fellowship, and worship.

Let us end this year looking toward the future with hope, excitement, and wonder. Although our paths may take us in different directions, God is with us and we will be together again in the eternal kingdom.

Yours in Christ,  
Vicar Abbey

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## **From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Saints,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our crucified, risen, ascended, and coming Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Do Not Be Afraid! Does That Mean You Should Be Fearless?**

The recent interruption of worship because of a storm reminded me of a familiar saying: "Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child." Those words capture an important truth about the Christian life. While we often pray for God to remove our troubles, He frequently sustains us through them with His presence and promises.

In the Gospels, Jesus never hides the cost of discipleship. To follow Him is to take up the cross. It means living in a world that may oppose us, enduring hardship, and entrusting our lives to God even when the future is uncertain.

Yet in the midst of these realities, Jesus repeatedly says, "Do not fear." Why? Because your heavenly Father knows you and cares for you. The One who watches over the sparrows watches over you. The One who numbers the hairs on your head has not forgotten you.

There is an even greater reason not to fear. Jesus is not merely a teacher offering encouragement. He is the Savior who gave Himself for sinners. He carried our sins, bore our judgment, died our death, and rose again in victory. Therefore, our confidence does not rest in ourselves, but in Him and in His saving work.

This is also why Baptism is such a profound comfort. In Baptism, God acted. He joined you to Christ's death and resurrection, forgave your sins, and claimed you as His own. You belong to Christ. You are a child of God.

That identity does not depend on your circumstances, your feelings, or the approval of the world. It depends on God's promise, and God does not make empty promises.

So, when fear arises, remember your Baptism. Remember whose you are. Remember what Christ has done for you. Remember that the crucified and risen Lord continues to hold you in His care.

For the same Jesus who calls you to follow Him is the Jesus who promises never to leave you nor forsake you. In that promise, we find courage, comfort, and peace.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Orin

## From the Desk of Council President

Remember this song ?

*I found out long ago It's a long way down the holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Jack be nimble, Jack be quick Take a ride on the West Coast kick*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*I found out long ago It's a long way down the holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

*Holiday road*

Song from the 1983 *Vacation* movie starring Chevy Chase. It tells the story of the Griswold family on a cross-country trip to an amusement park and various locations as accidents and mishaps occur along the way. I just got back from my summer trip which included 10 states, 2 fantastic concerts, 3 Branson-type shows, 1 fantastic pirate dinner show, 2 outdoor drama's, Niagara Falls and experienced Buffalo wings at the Anchor Bar where Buffalo Wings were created in 1963. Plus, I got to spend time with my son and daughter-in-law in their new home since September in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. What a trip!

The 1950s ushered in America's golden age of family vacations. The post-war boom meant more cars, more leisure time, and more opportunities to explore. From beachside adventures to cross-country road trips, families packed their hopes and sunscreen into station wagons and set off to make memories. In Missouri, many families went to and camped at the river. Time was also spent visiting Missouri show caves. The river provided a great place to float, float, and swim.

Also, many people in Springfield had summer picnics at local parks. Doling Park in Springfield was a private park with amusement rides, a roller-skating rink, a lake for swimming, a cave tour and spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks shows. Sequiota Park could be reached by train and offered a cave to tour by boat. It added a State Fish Hatchery in 1920. Clear Creek Park west of town offered a huge spring that was dammed up for a large very cold swimming pool, Dickerson Park Zoo opened in 1923 and initially became home to zoo animals previously housed at Phelps Grove Park. Hope you get to take a vacation this summer!!!

## Crosslines

On June 4th, we served 76 families/186 people at Crosslines. Thank you to our volunteers Dean McDowell, Becky Roark, Linda Elliott, Donny McKinney, Frances Crawford, Patty Hagen, John and Carol Flanders, Sheila Schaefer and Susan Lane.

As most of you may know, the Council of Churches of the Ozarks changed its name nearly a year ago to Crosslines Community Outreach. While it remains Christian faith-based, CCO works with people from all walks of life to serve people facing poverty. CCO offers emergency relief and strategic support to over 50,000 neighbors annually. With a new name and logo, CCO is eager to welcome the next generation of donors, volunteers and community partners.

## Parish Life

Come join us **Sunday, July 12** following worship for a breakfast potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in Mission Hall. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity.

Our committee continues to supply refreshments for coffee hour following worship. If you are interested in contributing towards that with your own baked goods, you are more than welcome to.

## 50-Year Celebration for Marilyn Boston



Come join us for a special worship service, meal, and program Saturday, July 25. Worship will start a half hour early at 5:00 PM, followed by a catered meal and program. Please indicate on your payment that this is

for Marilyn's celebration since there is a special account set up for this.

There will be a sign-up sheet ahead of time for folks to indicate their choice of:

1. mostaccioli (with meat)
2. spaghetti with meat sauce
3. fettuccini alfredo (vegetarian), and gluten free.

There will also be salad, rolls, and desserts.

**The cost will be \$8.00 per person** so please note that on your check or online giving since we have a special account set up for that.

**Please come join us for this special time.**

## Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the lovely cards, kind words, and best wishes on our 70th wedding anniversary. It was a beautiful day with family and we are so blessed by our Messiah family.

Love and God Bless,  
Bud and Jane Schwab

## Lunch & Scripture

Everyone is welcome to join us at MaMa Jean's on the corner of South Campbell and Sunshine for Lunch and Scripture on **July 14 at 12 noon**. If you have any questions please reach out to Ileen Kendall.

## Women of the ELCA Osage Cluster

In the midst of a stormy morning on June 13<sup>th</sup>, eleven women from Messiah traveled to Camdenton for the Osage Cluster Event. A total of forty-three women attended the event at Our Savior's Lutheran. The meeting opened with group singing led by the awesome Our Savior's Praise Team! The theme for the day was *Vessels of Grace*.

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller from Cole Camp led the Bible Study based on Ephesians 2:8— "**For by grace you have been saved...**". She also shared excerpts from her recently published book, *Small Steps*. The offering for the event totaled \$869.00, with the majority going to the Lynn Starr Education Scholarship Fund.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Pastor Jenny Jackson from First Lutheran in Topeka. Jenny traveled with others from the Central States Synod to the Kotte District of Papua New Guinea, our companion synod in November 2025. It was a delightful conversation with her sharing memorable events of the trip, with some interesting adventures included.



## Congregational Care

Our eyesight is one of God's greatest gifts. It allows us to read Scripture, recognize loved ones, enjoy His creation, and remain independent as we age. Because many eye diseases develop gradually and without obvious symptoms, regular comprehensive eye examinations are essential for maintaining healthy vision throughout life. Many serious eye conditions can begin without pain or noticeable vision changes. By the time symptoms appear, permanent vision loss may have already occurred. Regular eye exams allow eye care professionals to detect problems early, when treatment is often most effective. Adults should generally have routine eye examinations as recommended by their doctor, especially after age 40 and for those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of eye disease.

Dry Eye occurs when the eyes do not produce enough tears or when tears evaporate too quickly. Symptoms of dry eye may include burning or stinging sensations, redness, blurry vision that fluctuates, excessive tearing, or a feeling of sand or grit in the eyes. Dry eye becomes more common with age and can often be managed with treatments such as artificial tears, prescription medications, and lifestyle changes.

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) affects the macula, the central part of the retina responsible for sharp, detailed vision. Symptoms may include difficulty reading, distorted or wavy lines, blurred central vision, or trouble recognizing faces. AMD is a leading cause of vision loss in older adults. Early detection through regular eye exams can help preserve vision and identify treatments when appropriate.

Glaucoma is often called "the silent thief of sight" because it typically causes no symptoms in its early stages. Risk factors include increasing age, a family history of glaucoma, African American or Hispanic heritage, and elevated eye pressure. Glaucoma damages the optic nerve and can lead to permanent vision loss if left untreated. Regular eye examinations are the best way to detect glaucoma early.

A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens. Common symptoms include blurred or cloudy vision, increased glare from lights, difficulty driving at night, fading colors, and frequent changes in eyeglass prescription. Cataracts are very common with aging and can usually be treated successfully with modern cataract surgery.

You can help protect your vision by scheduling regular comprehensive eye exams, managing diabetes and blood pressure, eating a healthy diet rich in leafy green vegetables and fruits, wearing sunglasses with proper UV protection, avoiding smoking, and reporting any sudden changes in vision immediately. Many causes of vision loss can be prevented, slowed, or treated when detected early. Even if your vision seems fine, routine eye examinations are an important part of maintaining your overall health and quality of life. As we care for our bodies and our health, let us also remember to care for the precious gift of sight.

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## Little Debbies

The Little Debbies Circle had a goodbye party for Vicar Abbey surprising her with the very special gift of a rainbow-colored stole. Its hand knit, made of wool with beaded crosses. It was knit in two continuous pieces that were joined at the collar. Many hands assisted, either knitting a row, or praying for the knitters. It took several weeks and multiple handoffs between Karen Grochowsky and Karen Bowman to complete.



## Hymn Sing Service

The music staff hopes that you were blessed by the hymn sing service on June 13-14. It was our privilege to take all your requests and put them into a cohesive service that joyfully represented all the liturgical portions of our service. Some members have asked for the list of all the hymns that were included that weekend, so here it is:

Prelude: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"  
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"  
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Gathering Hymns: "How Great Thou Art"  
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins:  
"Beautiful Savior"  
"Amazing Grace"  
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Kyrie: "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

Hymn of Praise: "Canticle of the Turning"  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Gospel Acclamation: "Awesome God"  
"I Love to Tell the Story"  
"Lift High the Cross"

Hymn of the Day: "On What Has Now Been Sown"

Creed: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Communion: "This is My Father's World"  
"In the Garden"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Blessed Assurance"  
"Here I Am, Lord"

Post-Communion and Sending:  
"O God, Beyond All Praising"  
"Praise God, From Whom  
All Blessings Flow"  
"I'll Fly Away"

It was a joyful time singing with all of you! Let's do it again next year!

In His Name,  
Marilyn Boston  
Karen Bowman  
Sheryl Hansen



## Messiah Book Club

**We will meet July 09 at 2:30 p.m. in the Library at church.**



The Secret Chord, published 2015, by Geraldine Brooks, reimagines the life of King David through the eyes of the prophet Nathan, his constant companion. This book makes us think about what qualities a leader needs to have.



We invite the women of Messiah to join us for Wine, Wit and Wisdom gathering for great food and fellowship.

Watch the Midweek Messenger for more information. For more information, please contact Debbie Corlett at 417-848-9426 or [debbiecorlett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debbiecorlett@sbcglobal.net)

## Directory Updates

We will be doing directory updates in **July** after the new members are received the end of June. Please call the church office with any changes such as addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. , during the month of June so we can make the changes before we print.

## Notes from the Treasurer

We are incredibly blessed by the ongoing generosity of our Messiah congregation. Because of your faithfulness, Messiah has been able to continue its ministries, both in our church, and in the community.

However, at the end of May, Messiah Lutheran has a \$13,380.09 deficit, year to date.

Historically, pledges and donations are low during the summer months, which will further increase our deficit and put our ministries in a difficult financial position.

We encourage our members to review their planned giving, and for those that are able, to increase their pledges this summer, and throughout the remainder of the year. Many of our members use Tithely.com for their monthly giving, which helps provide a more consistent and predictable month-to-month financial planning guide for Messiah.

Should you have questions on how you can better plan your financial giving in support of Messiah and our ministries, please contact Pastor Orin, or our business manager, Nathan Carlson.

## Red, White, & Blue Cheesecake Salad

### INGREDIENTS

- 3.4 ounces cheesecake instant pudding
- 8 ounces cream cheese softened
- 8 ounces whipped topping
- 1 cup milk
- 10 ounces mini marshmallows
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup fresh raspberries

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk cheesecake pudding mix cream cheese whipped topping and milk together until smooth
2. Add mini marshmallows and stir evenly
3. Fold strawberries gently into the cheesecake mixture
4. Fold blueberries gently into the mixture
5. Fold raspberries gently into the mixture
6. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour before serving
7. Serve chilled and enjoy

### NOTES

- Fold berries carefully to prevent breaking
- Crushed graham crackers make a delicious topping
- Store chilled until ready to serve

## Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is currently accepting applications for grants, and we'd love to hear from you. The Endowment Fund exists specifically to support mission work that goes beyond what the congregation's regular operating budget can cover. Donations to the fund are invested, and the earnings from those investments are awarded as grants — while the principal stays intact, ensuring the fund continues to serve Messiah for generations to come.

So what kinds of projects qualify? The short answer is: a lot. Grants have supported everything from equipment for the daycare and supplies for students at Holland Elementary School, to contributions to Messiah House, Safe to Sleep, and school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Broadly speaking, eligible projects fall into three areas: outreach into the community and Synod; ELCA missions in the U.S. and worldwide; and capital improvements outside the main building program. Those categories are intentionally wide open, because we believe the best ideas often come from the pews.

The one guiding principle to keep in mind: endowment grants aren't meant to replace items that belong in the normal budget process. Think beyond the routine — and get creative.

**Applications are available now in the church office or in the Narthex and will be accepted through July 31, 2026.** We encourage anyone with an idea — big or small — to pick one up and put it in front of us. That's exactly what this fund is here for.

## July Flowers

	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26
<b>Vase 1</b>	Linda Goodson	Vic & Peggy Shelton	Hoeman Family	Katie Dogwiler
<b>Vase 2</b>	Linda Goodson	Gene Chrisman	Dave & Patty Hangen	Katie Dogwiler

### 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.



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

## July Scripture Readings

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
4/5	Zechariah 9:9-12	145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
11/12	Isaiah 55:10-13	65:[1-8], 9-13	Romans 8-1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
18/19	Isaiah 44:6-8	86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
25/26	1 Kings 3:5-12	119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-43, 44-52

## Mark Your Calendars

- 07/03 Church Office & Child Care will be closed
- 07/04 250 years of Freedom
- 07/14 Lunch & Scripture
- 07/22 Seminole Holland Board Meeting
- 07/25 Marilyn Boston 50 yr Celebration
- 07/30 Marilyn Boston Student Summer Piano Recital

