

Grace Note

The Seasonal Newsletter of Messiah Lutheran Church

Time After Pentecost

Fall Festival Season 2025

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SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

@ 10:00am

See website for all worship details:

<https://messiahlyndhurst.org/worship>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed & Fri 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Access to church by appointment only



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Dearly Beloved Church,

One of the gifts of living in this part of the world is the way the seasons change as our northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun and cools as the fall equinox approaches. Daylight slowly shifts, temperatures begin to drop, leaves turn, and we focus our attention toward the fall festivals of the faith: Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday.

These days each have their own appeal, but taken as a whole I appreciate the way they anchor us both in times past (the Reformation era and our ancestral saints in faith) and also beckon us to look ahead (the reign of God which is still not yet fully here). The tension of these times seems palpable, especially as the planet itself moves us through the ever-evolving movements of life. There's something rich to be found in such a movement, in such a dance. As autumn beckons, we get the chance to remember God's presence with us through it all.

And so as these specials days of our sacred calendar draw near, it is my hope that they would enrich our lives together and be a window for us to witness the love of God that undergirds each day. It is my prayer that through these festivals, we would find joyful inspiration and also a comfort that keeps us grounded when we need it most. More than anything, I trust that in them, we will continue to know that God is near.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

(ELW Vespers)

Pastor Paul



Social Ministry

- ♥ We typically meet on one Sunday of each month following the 10:00am worship service and subsequent fellowship hour – usually in Messiah's conference room. Contact Karen Dickerson with questions or to join us.
- ♥ We are updating the bulletin board by the back church entrance with advertising for Fall 2025 events.
- ♥ We will be supporting the Blessing of the Pets event on September 27 at 1:00pm in the church courtyard.
- ♥ We will be offering a Fall parenting seminar conducted by Carol Lapin; we will reach out to local schools to advertise. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Date/time TBD.
- ♥ Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Tri-C Eastern Campus Food Pantry will take place from November 2 - 23.
- ♥ Christmas deliveries (cards, plants, candy) to the homebound will take place in December.
- ♥ Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 21 at approximately 11:15am.

You Should Things Know

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:

Join the Hillcrest Interfaith Association as we gather for a Thanksgiving celebration – Sunday, November 23 at Messiah (3:00pm).



Worship Video Reminder:

Just a reminder that if you're not able to attend

worship or see the livestream at the time of worship, the video can be viewed three ways:

1. Via Facebook (rewatching the livestream):
<https://www.facebook.com/MLC44124/videos>
2. On our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTrTP_Ls2vXjt6D7tINccWrCaXelyo7GB
3. On our Website – see the Worship page:
<https://messiahlyndhurst.org/worship>

Please let Kristy Bohinc know if you have any questions or issues with access to any of these ways to participate.

Saturday

Sept. 27

1:00 pm

**MESSIAH
COURTYARD**



Our Pets Are a Blessing to Us...



...Join Us in Blessing Them!

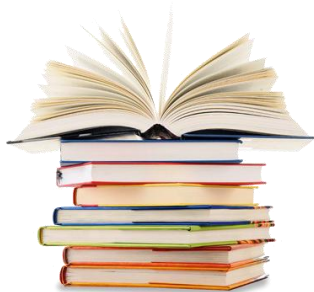


*Short program
at 1pm followed
by the Blessing.*

*All humans and
pets...or pet
photos...are
welcome.*

*Refreshments to
follow Blessing.*

What's Happening



Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the home of Nancy Pittard. Our upcoming meeting dates include September 9, October 14, and November 11.

Faith Circle meets at noon on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Messiah Conference Room for Bible Study, fellowship, conversation, and to watch an occasional faith-related film. Bring your own lunch, and our meeting hostess will provide a tasty dessert. Jill Snellman will be hosting on September 18. Additional sessions are scheduled for October 16 and November 20.



Choir Update
Choir begins with our annual dinner at the Lester's on 9/10 at 6:30. Rehearsal follows at 7:30. Contact Vicki

Lester bareboard@aol.com if you wish to join the choir. Anthems will begin on 9/14 with a gospel flair through Advent.

Pub Theology will meet on September 8 & 22, October 27, and November 10 & 24. Please contact Pastor Paul for more information and watch our blog for updates regarding the location and topics: pubtheologyeast.wordpress.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

♥	9/7	Su	God's Work Our Hands	9:00am
♥	9/7	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/8	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	9/9	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	9/10	W	Choir Begins at Lester's	6:30pm
♥	9/14	Su	Sunday School Begins	9:00am
♥	9/14	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/16	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	9/18	Th	Faith Circle	12:00pm
♥	9/21	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/21	Su	Social Ministry Mtg	11:15am
♥	9/22	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	9/27	Sa	Blessing of the Pets	1:00pm
♥	9/28	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	9/28	Su	Playground Play-Date	11:30am

October

♥	10/5	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am
♥	10/12	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/14	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	10/16	Th	Faith Circle	12:00pm
♥	10/19	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/21	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	10/26	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	10/26	Su	Reformation Potluck	11:30am
♥	10/27	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm

November

♥	11/2	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/9	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/10	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	11/11	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
♥	11/16	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/18	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
♥	11/20	Th	Faith Circle	12:00pm
♥	11/23	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am
♥	11/23	Su	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	3:00pm
♥	11/24	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
♥	11/30	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am

CONNECTIONS

FAITH | FRIENDS | FELLOWSHIP

Happy Birthday

God's Work Our Hands: Day of Service September 7, 2025

Join us for a great day of service and community. We'll be preparing 100 lunches for Project Hope. Register via the Messiah Website on the Sign-Up Genius.

9:00am -- Service Project
10:00am -- Worship Service
11:00am -- Parade Line Up / Front Lawn Prep
11:30am -- Light Lunch Served
12:00pm -- Parade Step Off
1:15pm -- Clean-Up / Wrap Up

Come early for the service project and stay for the parade and community fun!



Reformation Lunch & Learn Potluck

Exploring "The Reformation and our Civic Life"

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Conversation Led by The Rev. Jim Kulma

Children's activity available during presentation

More Details TBA



September

2nd Jen Lenz
9th Jason Woide
13th Corrine Halberg-Lindway
13th Lyle Saterlee
17th Drinda Kiner
17th Matt Rubenstahl
20th Sarah Dellinger
22nd Lisa Halberg
25th Christopher Halberg
26th Karen Dickerson
27th Blair Blanchard
28th Fred Moser

October

1st Katie Moody
2nd Suzie Milner
6th Kathy Johnson
8th Jon Paulus
11th Allison Schreiber
13th Levi Johnson
14th Dan Decker
16th Dan Safko
22nd Adam Dellinger
23rd Barb Decker
26th Jen Butler
29th Alexa Tsevdos

November

1st Carmen Blanchard
1st Sharon Richardson
12th Stephen Karaffa
11th Cherish Bohinc
16th Michael Lester
23rd James Makee
25th Michael Pierce
26th Cameron Halberg

STRONGER TOGETHER

Faith & Community



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome Back to Sunday School – Classes Resume on September 14!

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year. Our core classes are as follows:



- Allison Schreiber: PreK & K
- Lisa Halberg: 1st – 3rd Grade
- Kathy Johnson: 4th – 7th Grade
- Sarah Dellinger: 8th – 12th Grade



Just a reminder that Sunday School starts at 9am and ends at 9:50am. Please plan to drop off and pick up your students promptly.

We will be continuing “Youth Sundays” during our 10am Worship Services the first Sunday of each month. Students are encouraged to participate by singing, ushering, reading and being acolytes. We are also inviting any students (whether they attend Sunday School or not), to bring their musical talents to Youth Sundays! We would love to incorporate as many students as we can in the various aspects of the worship service.



This fall, the adult Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Revelation. Join us in discovering what this book is all about. Sundays at 9:00am. See Pastor Paul for more info.



Please pray for our siblings in Christ:

Lila Boehler, Sue Freed, Tonyia Greanoff, Diane Kosovich, Addison Miano, Preston Miano, Lisa Perry, Karen Zak, as well as all those in need of comfort and healing.

Attendance & Offering

June 1	Attend: 45	Offering: \$3,213
June 8	Attend: 50	Offering: \$4,651
June 15	Attend: 53	Offering: \$3,639
June 22	Attend: 50	Offering: \$5,077
June 29	Attend: 52	Offering: \$1,837
July 6	Attend: 58	Offering: \$4,312
July 13	Attend: 63	Offering: \$3,328
July 20	Attend: 41	Offering: \$4,207
July 27	Attend: 60	Offering: \$2,887
Aug 3	Attend: 73	Offering: \$2,557
Aug 10	Attend: 42	Offering: \$3,705
Aug 17	Attend: 49	Offering: \$3,812
Aug 24	Attend: 57	Offering: \$3,760

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Pastor – Paul Moody

Choir – Vicki Lester

Office Admin – Steven Liss

Organist – Adam Dellinger

Social Media – Kristy Bohinc



President – Ben Johnson

Vice President – Dale Veres

Secretary – Twyla Lucas

Treasurer – Chris Butler

Member – Sarah Dellinger

Member – Becky Dinnen

Member – Kristine Frelich

Member – Robin Karaffa

Member – Jen Lenz

Member – Dan Safko

Ex Officio – Pastor Paul Moody

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Altar Flower Chart

Sign-up on the calendar in the church main hallway.
Contact Karyn Schmidt for more info: 216-382-7397.



Social Ministry Habitat for Humanity Luncheon June 2025



1: consisting of diverse subjects, things, or members.

Happening @

MLC



See future editions of the Bulletin and Messiah Missive for more info!

- ♥ **Playground Play-Date**
(September 28)
- ♥ **Stewardship Campaign**
- ♥ **Thanksgiving Food Drive**
(November 2 - 23)
- ♥ **Annual Congregational Mtg.**



BoilerUpdate

As we draft this newsletter, we can hear the installation team banging away in the Boiler Room getting the new equipment ready. We hope by the time of publication that the new boiler will be installed and ready to fire! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS THAT HAVE MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE.** We look forward to many warm winters to come.

