

Messiah's Mission

Statement:

"Touching Lives With Christ"

**June
2022**

PASTORAL MUSINGS

June 2022

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts and write them on their minds.” then he adds, I will remember their sins no and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:15-18)

Dear Saints of the Messiah,
Glory to Jesus forever!

On Sunday June 5th we will celebrate the Feast of the Day of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to His Church. This begins the season of Pentecost, the long-green season. It is the time of the Church year when the readings focus on the application of the Word of God into the Christian life. Blessed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism, we are empowered to live Christ-like lives.

It was the Holy Spirit who had inspired the Prophet Jeremiah to speak of the establishment of the New Covenant in Christ. This New Covenant would lead to an inner conversion of the heart rather than only an outward observance of God's laws. This inner conversion brings the divine promise: ***“I will be their God and they shall be my people” (Jeremiah 31:33b).***

The will of God Father, accomplished through the work of the Son on the cross of Calvary, is the complete and total forgiveness of sins for all mankind. Therefore, there is no more need for the sacrifices of the Old Testament as there has been, but one all-effective sacrifice made by Christ Jesus. This forgiveness brings more blessing.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the

curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

The sacrificial work of Jesus Christ, as the final priest, has given all believers in Christ access to the heavenly sanctuary. We enter through prayer, with all boldness and confidence, finding a listening compassionate Lord who hears and answers our prayers. In the Divine Service, God first comes to us with forgiveness, then, through our worship with sincerity of heart and full confidence that in Christ our sins are forgiven, we thank and praise God.

Therefore, we are urged to remain faithful to the One who always remains faithful to us. We are called to be concerned for each other as love and good works for our neighbor are the natural fruit of true faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Finally, especially during the long, hot, humid months of summer, we are encouraged to continue in the practice of coming together with our brothers and sisters in Christ for worship and fellowship in Word and Sacrament ministry. The unity manifested and displayed in the assembly of believers around the altar of God, gathered to partake of the Holy Supper, is the Church's greatest weapon against Satan. St. Ignatius of Antioch comments in chapter 13 of his *Epistle to the Ephesians*:

“For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith.”

It is in the assembling of God's people in worship around the Word and Sacraments where the bond of Christian love and concern is maintained, strengthened, and exercised. It is there where the prayers of all Christians in all times and places unite and are made powerful by the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and through us to the world. It is there where the hope in the promise of everlasting life with God is renewed and kept strong. It is there where we receive the knowledge of truth, with which we go out into the world, bringing God's love and forgiveness to all.

As we now go forward into the summer of 2022, and all the vacations and outdoor activities, let us be ever diligent in attending to the feeding of our spirits in worship around God's Word and Sacraments. God bless and keep us all.

**In the Messiah's Service,
Pastor Scott**



Choir Practice

Choir will be vacationing during the summer. We will try to bring it back in September. If you would like to do special music, please contact Sharon Schrader or Pastor depending on your needs.

2022 Graduates

Messiah is pleased to recognize our 2022 Graduates. Graduating are: **Taylor Crozier** will be graduating from Bishop High School on May 20, 2022. His tentative plans are to attend Texas Tech University and major in Kinesiology.



Erica Larson will be graduating from Calallen High School on May 21, 2022. She plans to attend Texas A&M Corpus Christi and major in nursing.

In recognition of their graduation the Women of Messiah are giving each student **A Devotional Companion**, Blessings and prayers for College Students.



Women's Bible Study

We will take some time off this summer. Please check the August newsletter for date to start the next study and what we will be studying.

LWML

Our monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm**. Please make plans to attend! Thank you.



Continue Giving Your Offering While On Vacation!



My Weekly
Tithes and Offerings

Amount \$ _____

Summer means vacations and absences from your home church. Did you know that you can make one-time or on-going offering donations through our church website or the Vanco Mobile app? On the homepage of our church website

<https://messiahlcms-cc.org/> just click on the red give button and follow the instructions.



Sunday School

Children's Sunday school is taking a vacation this summer. The adult Bible Study will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45. This allows the children to sleep in during the summer. Please continue to bring your children to church this summer and plan to bring them this fall after Labor Day.

VBS

Save the Date! Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting VBS **June 20 – 24** from **9am – 11:45am**. Please join us for a fun filled week of Vacation Bible School! We are accepting registration for 3 year olds (mostly potty trained) through 5th grade. We are also accepting volunteers to work in this activity. Please go to <https://vbsmate.com/MessiahLutheranChurchCorpusChristiTX21> to register your child or volunteer to help or scan the QR code above with your camera app.





Lutheran World Relief Packing

Come help us pack Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits **June 28th** in the narthex of the church at 7:00 pm. Personal Care kits provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools for people around the world experiencing poverty, disaster, conflict and more.

Spotlight on Mite Grants

Your first Sunday of the month mite giving helps support these projects.

Sharing Jesus' Love in India Lutheran Braille Workers — \$100,000

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). This verse is important to the individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired as they seek to know the love and light of Christ. This is especially true in India where there are over 62.6 million people who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and most do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) already produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches. This grant would help fund the formation of a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials and train workers on the equipment.



Mission & Outreach to the Least of These Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community — \$51,356

Christ has charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor. Victory Lutheran Church is an inner-city church located in the unincorporated area of the K.I. Sawyer Community in Gwinn, Michigan. This inner-city church is a means of providing mercy ministries that spread His Word to all people, especially "the least of these." The purchase of a new and larger van will allow them to bring children to hear the love of Jesus and provide a safe place to learn. The church needs a safe haven for the congregation and the unchurched to attend worship and Bible study.

Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus Belize Mission Society — \$100,000

The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic in a multipurpose building that is located in the village. This grant money would fund the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it will lead people to the Church and connect them with the missionaries. The BMS is intent on "strengthening their cord" (a reference to Ecclesiastes 4:12) with the Belize FORO (forum), the missionaries, and the local residents. By building relationships with children, they also reach their extended family with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Mercy House — Belize Mission Campus will further the mercy work and relationship-building of the BMS while providing a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church.

Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

President Noe Lopez called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Present were Noe and Marg Lopez, Judy Kunkel, Sharon and David Schrader, Evelyn and John Polen, Pastor and Janis Herbert, Jerry Ellison, and Laura Lopez.

Pastor opened with a devotion and prayer.

Minutes of the March meeting were given to each attendee to read. Minutes were approved as submitted.



Pastor's report: Full report attached. Pastor requested that everyone RSVP for the Congregational Planning Retreat – April 30, 2022. Very few RSVP's have been received.

Financial Secretary: report attached.

Treasurer's report: attached. It was noted that the Missionary budget line item was missing and Pastor & Judy will meet with Javona Karnei to correct going forward.

Evangelism report: Janis Herbert has the magnets finished and will distribute at the Congregational Retreat.

Education report: VBS help needed. Volunteers needed for many open positions. Sharon is working on getting the Registration form online, and will also have them available in hard copy. Pastor will announce the request for help at Sunday Service. MDO – there will be a need for a teacher for the older 2 year old class. Please let Sharon know if you have someone that maybe interested. Currently, there are 27 enrolled for the fall.

Trustees report: Larson Plumbing has been testing the Water Back Flow Preventors that is mandated by the city. Martin Water Wells fixed the water well pump.

Fellowship report: Marg thanked everyone for the Lenten meals. There will be a Potluck dinner on May 15, 2022 right after the Voters meeting.

Stewardship report: none

Youth report: none

Elder's report: Justin Perkins will be moving to Florida. His vacancy will need to be filled, as well as 1 more elder position.

Vice President's report: none

President's report: Dev Brewer is getting ready to start the Auditing.

Old business: The nominating committee has been busy. They have 4 positions still open at this time. Pastor Scott said there will be a communication in the service bulletin regarding the open positions.

New Business: none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectively Submitted,
Laura Lopez, Secretary



Voter's Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Noe Lopez. There were 23 members present. The main purpose for the meeting was to announce the Nominating Committee.

Pastor Scott opened with prayer.

The Minutes for the last meeting were read, with one minor corrected. Approved as amended.

Financial Secretary's Report, Judy Kunkel reported that funds were a little over last year. Already behind for Jan. 2022. Motion was made by Sharon Schrader to accept report, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report – See attached.

Evangelism Report – No report.

Education Report – Sharon Schrader reported that she is looking for a Director for this year's Vacation Bible School. It's looking like VBS will be the last week in June.

Trustee Report – Jerry Ellison is looking for someone to haul off the old church sign. Ideally to go for scrap metal. Doug Wilson said he knows of a man that could take it away for us.

Fellowship Report – Marg Lopez said that planning is underway for the Retreat. Asked for a headcount of those that will be attending for meal purposes. Also the Mid Week Lenten dinner will be held.

Stewardship Report – No report.

Youth Report – Alana Larson reported that this Sunday was the last day to order the Subs for Super Bowl Sunday. Delivery will be on 2/13.

Elder's Report – David Schrader said that any Ladies that would like to serve as Ushers, please see him and he will provide a brief training.

President's Report – Please consider a position when the Nominating Committee calls you. Auditing committee is: Dev Brewer and Tom Griffith.

Pastor's Report – Asked all to prayerfully consider a call and request to hold and serve an office, from the Nominating Committee. Pastor also suggested that a Couple can consider serving on the Altar signup. Child care will be provided for the Church Retreat. Our Circuit 27 will be having a TreOre Service on Good Friday, hosted by Messiah. It will be from 12noon – 3pm., divided into 7 parts with all the Pastors from the circuit helping. Pastor said that they are looking for Choirs, Soloists, etc. from our local churches. Messiah will still have their Good Friday evening service. Lenten season begins on March 2nd with Ash Wednesday Service. Confirmation will be on Palm Sunday with one confirmand – Whitney Larson. Pastor also thanked Whitney for her continued service as Candle Lighter. Next confirmation class will begin in September.

Old Business – None

New Business- The Nominating Committee members are: John Polen, Judy Kunkel, and Sherry Ellison. Motion was made by John Larson, seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Judy Kunkel to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Laura Lopez

OUR MILITARY

Cheyenne Wilson, HS3 – Camp Lejeune, NC
Dillon Anderson, PFC – Fayetteville, NC
Brandin Diamond, SSG – USAF – Deployed, Japan
Cristopher Diamond, PV2 – USAC – Deployed, Korea



MEETINGS

<u>ELDER'S:</u>	Monday, June 6 th – 7 pm
<u>ELDER STUDY:</u>	Monday, June 13 th – 7 pm
<u>LWML:</u>	Tuesday, June 28 th – 7 pm
<u>COUNCIL:</u>	Thursday, June 16 th – 7pm

June Servers

Elder:	James Richter
Acolyte:	Whitney Larson
Altar:	Robbyn Birnbaum

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45am Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School-Children 10am Divine Service w/Sign, Stoles, & Christ Candle Holder Dedications	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 8:45am Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School-Children 10am Divine Service	6 7pm-Elder Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:45am Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School-Children 10am Divine Service	13 7pm-Elder Study	14	15	16 7pm-Council Meeting	17	18
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26 8:45am Adult Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School-Children 10am Divine Service	27	28 7pm-LWML Meeting	29	30	1	2

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