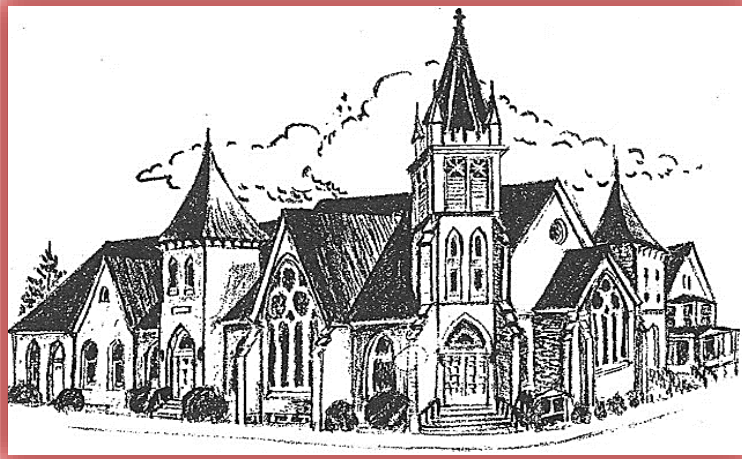


THE MESSIAH HERALD



MAY 2021

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

3 South Third Street

Mifflintown, PA 17059

717-436-6213

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

VICAR SAMUEL LEISTER: sleister@gmail.com

CHURCH WEBSITE: mlcmifflintown.org

OFFICE EMAIL: mlchurchoffice@gmail.com

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WORSHIP & COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERMONS OFFERED EVERY 1st AND 3rd SUNDAYS!!

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear Messiah Family,

May the blessings of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit be with you all! In addition to completing our journey through the days of Easter, we celebrate several special events in May this year. With each of these, I have some assignments for you.

First up on Thursday, May 13 we celebrate Ascension Day. Jesus' ascension is the fifth major milestone of his life and ministry on this world. What would you guess are the other four? Christmas is not one of them. Read Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-12 to learn more of the Ascension of Jesus. What was promised to his disciples and to us?

On Sunday, May 23 we celebrate Pentecost; remember to wear red when you come to church that Sunday. What does "Pentecost" mean literally and how many days after Easter is Pentecost? Read John 15:26-27; 16:5-15 as well as Acts 2:1-21 to get a handle on the perspective of what happened and to the disciples. Since we are also disciples of Jesus, what does Pentecost do in us and through us?

On Sunday, May 30 we celebrate The Holy Trinity. Two readings for this day are John 3:1-17 and Romans 8:12-17. You will recognize John 3:16 within these readings. What do you find to be the theme of these readings as well as that of Trinity Sunday? Additionally, why do you suppose we celebrate the season of Trinity and what carries throughout this time of the church calendar and why? Finally, what Sunday makes the ending of the season of Trinity?

And now, we begin to read through the Gospel of Mark in May for Messiah's Book of the Month Club. Mark is made up of 16 chapters. You may read the entire book or chose to read one chapter each week; this takes us through the end of August. I've chosen Mark in part because our current liturgical year (Year B) focuses on Mark for the primary Gospel readings. As you read these first four chapters, feel free to read them aloud to others. Think about these questions as you read. How does this Gospel begin and how is that different from Matthew and Luke? Name the disciples – what verses? What does Jesus do with the unclean spirits and what does he tell them that may seem a bit unusual?

Please remember that we broadcast all services on AM1700 for parking lot and local neighbors. Facebook live and YouTube are ways to connect over the internet. We continue to record audio CD's as well. If you or someone you know would like to receive an audio CD, please call the church office. These are ways in which we share our worship services each week.

Let us continue to serve others in need during these extreme times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in your faith in the Love of Jesus to bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you. Find ways to carry God's Love to others whom we must for now remain physically at a distance but can and must embrace with our spiritual arms and our souls.

May the Lord be with you all!

Vicar Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

All Front Line Workers,
including medical personnel
in all areas

Pray for peace among nations and
among nationalities of mixed
race and color

The Family of Kitty Walters

The Family of Ken Geedey

The Family of Donald Speece

Shirley Aumiller

Tyson Aurand

Carole Baker

Donna Barton

Lindsey Barton

Donna Bell

Andy Berrier

Julie Berryman and Gary Bechtold

Nick Beward

Roxanne Boyer

Wanda Boyer

Dan Brown

Charlotte Burd

Andrea Cameron

Pam Campbell

Dan Carlin

Isaac Carlson

Ruth Cisney

Curtis Clark

Randy Clark

Terry Coder

Jean Compton

Leann Crimmel

Will DeLancy

Guy Dillman

Fred & Dot Dowling

Renee Dzikowski

Tom Ernest

Neil & Pat Fisher

Janie Fogleman

Jerald (Jerry) Foltz

Bentley Fulkroad

Joan Fulkroad

E. Michal Gayer

Terri Gayer

Edie Kay Gill

Sam & Dianne Goshorn

Paul Goss

Beth Harris

Amy Hart

Harry & Jennifer Heikes

Sue Henderson

Nox Hepburn

Jason Hockenberry & Family

Curt & Judy Houtz

Dean Hutchinson

Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson

Brenda Imes

Annie Ingle

Doc Johnston

Guy Kerstetter

Denny King

Darvin Krause

Pam Lawson

Linda Leister

Michael Lozano

Carol Lyter

Anthony Martin

Zayden Mabey

Carlen McClure

Alice McClure

Charlie, Amanda & Isabel Meinsler

Messiah Mutual Ministry

Cecilia Miller

Elwood Miller

Larry Miller

Shirley Miller

Jim Minick

Claire Mummah

Landon Musser

Carole Nace

Darve Nace

Austin Parker

Noel Peachey

Rick & Audrey Peters

Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine

Dave Phelan

Butch & Sandy Pines

Betty Ranck

Keith Ranck

Mike Rhoades

Mackenzie Shearer

Ronald Shearer

Bobby & Eva Sieber

Mike Sparks

Andy Spigelmyer

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair

Sieber Stoner

Pastor Charlie Stump

Alice Swartz

Dorothy Towsey

Rich Walters

Dr. Glen Webb

Erma Williamson

Jim Woltman

Mackenzie Wray

George Zimmerman

Linda Zimmerman



WELCA will begin meeting again on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in the Youth Area. Everyone is reminded that masks will be mandatory! See you then!

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

BROOKLINE MANOR

(2 MANOR BLVD., RM. 226, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Gail Henderson

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(3 ALEX CIRCLE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Carol Simonton

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108,
THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

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Max Ernest Margaret Guss
1099 William Penn Hwy. 20 South Third Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflintown, PA 17059

Mona Lawson Minnie Minick
2792 William Penn Hwy. 187 JAM House Road
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflin, PA 17058

Edith Nipple Sieber & Ona Stoner
1482 William Penn Hwy. 23591 Route 35 North
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ken Stuck
66 Eighth Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let the church office know at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at

sleister@gmail.com. Also, if anyone has any needs or concerns, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

"MISSION OF THE MONTH"

May's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for our local Summer Backpack program held annually at the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the food pantry for this cause. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

April 26 to May 30 Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith
May 31 to June 27 Kay Varner & Kim White

LECTORS

May 2 Slone Smith
May 9 Andrea Cameron
May 16 Cynthia Smith
May 23 Barb Geedey
May 30 Diana Wise

ACOLYTES / OFFERING PRESENTERS

May 2 Julia & Paige Martin
May 9 Gabby & Nick Reed
May 16 Hannah Ehrisman & Haley Mummah
May 23 Braedon Walton & Slone Smith
May 30 Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah

FLOWERS

May 2 to 23 OPEN
May 30 Barb and Don Geedey

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE

Join our family! We are always looking for a few more good volunteers!
If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; SHAMPOO, DEODORANT;
CLEANING SUPPLIES: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP, ALL-PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS
Donations of cash/checks are also APPRECIATED!

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059
Phone: 717-436-9718 Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12



*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.
(CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations. Cash, checks, or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot. *Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!

2021 CAMP MOUNT LUTHER UPDATE

Kate Swailes is serving as our congregation's camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail.

For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15th so that we receive the early registration discount.

Because Camp Mount Luther is accepting a lower number of campers this summer, Chad Hershberger recommends that families register their campers as soon as possible. Registration will not be accepted within the two weeks prior to each camp week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MAY 1 – Claire Grimm
MAY 18 – Mary Grimm
MAY 21 – Nick Beward
MAY 23 – Bria Beward
MAY 25 – Mona Lawson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

MAY 12 – John and Kim White
MAY 23 – Jim and Brenda Bahorik
MAY 29 – Glenn and Jean Compton

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MAY 1 ----- JOHN 14:8-14
PASTORS WHO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE

MAY 2 ----- JOHN 15:1-8
THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION

MAY 3 ----- GALATIANS 5:16-26
ALL WHO ARE HOMELESS

MAY 4 ----- ISAIAH 32:16-20
PEACEMAKERS AROUND THE WORLD

MAY 5 ----- ISAIAH 65:17-25
FARMERS, WHO FEED THE WORLD

MAY 6 ----- PSALM 98
CHURCH MUSICIANS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

MAY 7 ----- ACTS 10:34-43
ELCA World HUNGER

MAY 8 ----- MARK 10:42-45
CONGREGATIONAL SERVANT LEADERS

MAY 9 ----- JOHN 15:9-17
SCHOOLTEACHERS

MAY 10 ----- 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-12
HOSPICE CARE WORKERS

MAY 11 ----- 1 TIMOTHY 6:13-16
THOSE WHO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER THE COST

MAY 12 ----- DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21
PARENTS WHO PASS ON THE FAITH

MAY 13 ----- ACTS 1:1-11
FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ENCOURAGE US EACH DAY

MAY 14 ----- ACTS 1:15-26
BISHOPS IN THE ELCA

MAY 15 ----- JOHN 16:4-11
SEMINARY TEACHERS AND STAFF

MAY 16 ----- JOHN 17:6-19
PREACHERS

MAY 17 ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11
THOSE IN ANY KIND OF ISOLATION

MAY 18 ----- PSALM 115
THOSE FOCUSED ONLY ON SELF

MAY 19 ----- JOHN 16:16-24
THOSE WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND FEAR

MAY 20 ----- PSALM 33:12-22
FOR GREATER ACCEPTANCE IN SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

MAY 21 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57
THOSE WHO LIVE IN FEAR OF HELL

MAY 22 ----- JOHN 7:37-39
THOSE SPIRITUALLY THIRSTY OR LACKING SAFE WATER TO QUENCH PHYSICAL THIRST

MAY 23 ----- JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND HELPERS

MAY 24 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11
THOSE WHO ARE LONELY

MAY 25 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27
THOSE WHO ARE EXCLUDED

MAY 26 ----- JOHN 20:19-23
THOSE LIVING WITH ANXIETY

MAY 27 ----- ROMANS 8:1-8
THOSE WHO FEEL CONDEMNED BY GOD

MAY 28 ----- ROMANS 8:9-11
CAREGIVERS AND CARE RECEIVERS

MAY 29 ----- PSALM 29
DISASTER RELIEF WORKERS

MAY 30 ----- JOHN 3:1-17
TEACHERS OF THEOLOGY

MAY 31 ----- LUKE 1:39-45
FAMILIES ANTICIPATING CHILDBIRTH

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO...

Deb Walters and Cyndi Stiles on the passing of their mother, Sara “Kitty” Walters, on April 2, 2021 at her home. Please keep Deb, Cyndi and their families in your prayers.

Also, please pray for Barbara P. Geedey and family on the passing of husband and father, Kenneth Geedey, who passed away at Geisinger-Danville on the morning of April 28, 2021. Keep Barb and her family in your prayers.

Finally, please pray for Cheryl Pinkerton and family on the passing of her father, Donald Speece, who passed away on April 28th. Keep Cheryl and her family in your prayers.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS – APRIL 2021

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
April 2	31	\$335.00	\$160.00	SUMMER CAMP -- \$50.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$125.00
April 4	68	\$4,245.00	\$3,665.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$215.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$125.00 FLOWERS-- \$30.00 CONFIRMATION CLASS -- \$10.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$100.00 SUMMER CAMP -- \$100.00
April 11	41	\$2,632.00	\$1,882.00	SUMMER CAMP -- \$425.00 BENEVOLENCE -- \$75.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$200.00 MEMORIAL FUND-- \$50.00
April 18	45	\$3,855.00	\$2,785.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$95.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$35.00 SUMMER CAMP -- \$100.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$840.00

MAY 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, MAY 2: -10:30 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MAY 3: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 5: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MAY 9: -10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!
- MONDAY, MAY 10: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 12: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- THURSDAY, MAY 13: -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, MAY 16: -10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MAY 17: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 19: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MAY 23: **PENTECOST SUNDAY / WEARING OF THE RED**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MAY 24: -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 26: -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- FRIDAY, MAY 28: **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, MAY 30: **HEALING SERVICE / HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, MAY 31: **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA

WEARING OF THE RED



Just a reminder to everyone that **Sunday, May 23rd** is Pentecost Sunday, which means everyone should **WEAR RED** wherever you are gathered for our worship service on this Lord's Day!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up in the church office or in the Adult Sunday School Room and are FREE!

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE



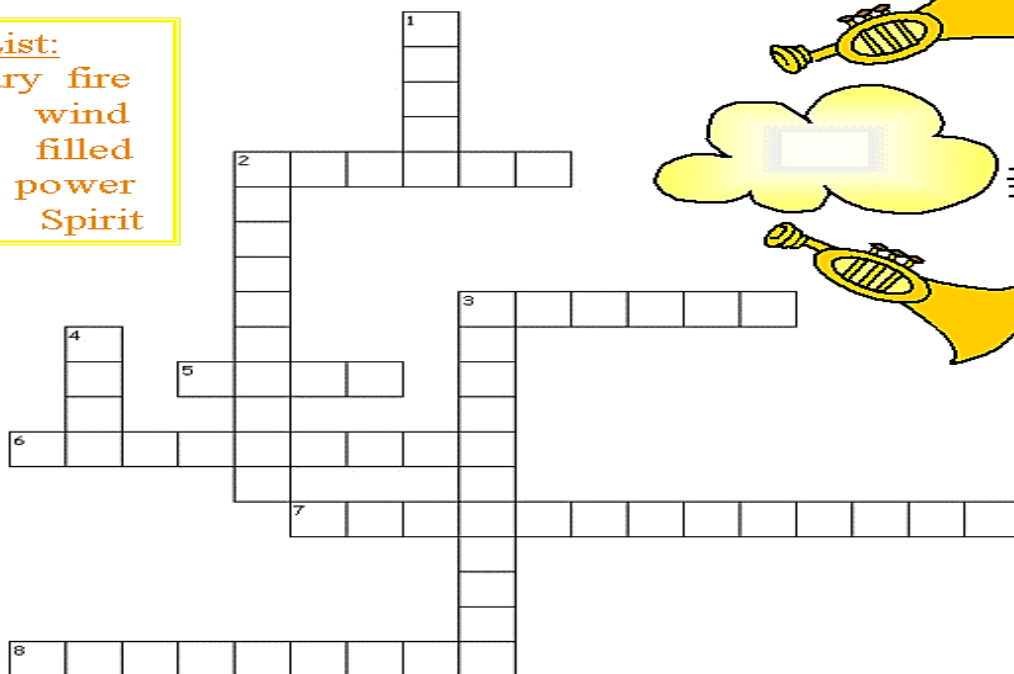
Summer is right around the corner, which means our Sunday worship service time will change for the next three months. For June, July, and August, worship services begin at 9:15 AM each week and there will be no Sunday School classes.

STORE GIFT CARDS

Weis and Giant gift cards are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

Pentecost Crossword

Word List:
 extraordinary fire
 languages wind
 symbolized filled
 firstfruits power
 Pentecost Spirit



Across

2. This Pentecost was special because the Holy ____ filled the disciples.
3. Only after they were ____ with the Holy Spirit did the disciples speak in tongues.
5. A violent ____ from heaven suddenly came into the house where they were gathered.
6. This is the Greek word for fiftieth (the fiftieth day after Easter).
7. The day of Pentecost was a very special day, not ordinary but ____.

Down

1. Because of the Holy Spirit now the believers had this to be witnesses to everyone.
2. The fire from Heaven ____ the new power and presence of the Holy Spirit in them.
3. Pentecost was also called the day of this, when the people brought an offering.
4. It looked like tongues of this separated and came to rest on each of the disciples.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers we received from Messiah and to Don and Barb Geedeey for delivering them. Thanks also to Vicar Sam for his visits at the hospital. All was greatly appreciated during Ken's illness.

--THE FAMILY OF KEN GEEDEY

CONGRATULATIONS, MAJOR REED!!

A huge round of congratulations is extended to one of our own, Robert G. Reed, III, who was promoted from Captain to Major of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, located in Horsham, PA. The ceremony of promotion took place at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 9th, 2021, and included remarks by Colonel Jon D. Farr, reading of the orders as well as pinning of the insignia by Bob's family. Finally, there was the reaffirmation of oath followed by closing remarks by Major Reed.

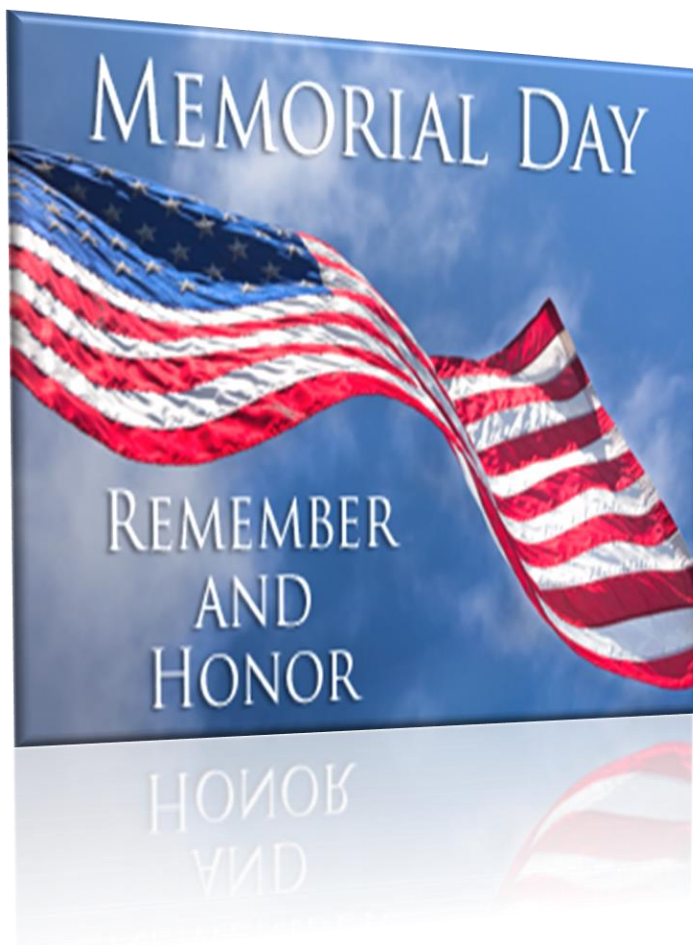
We, at Messiah Lutheran, are proud to announce Major Reed's promotion as well as having a member of such stature within our congregation and community. Congratulations are also extended to Bob's family, for whom we are also thankful - his wife Jessie, children Nick, Gabby, Sofia, and Stella.....and, of course, the family's loyal companion, Hazel, their Labrador Retriever.

Again, **CONGRATULATIONS MAJOR REED and FAMILY** on this wonderful announcement and promotion!!!!



IMPORTANT CHANGE BEING CONSIDERED AT MESSIAH!!!

Our Worship & Music Committee at Messiah has begun talks about possibly changing the starting times of all Sunday services to an earlier time. Discussion centered around possibly starting services at 10 AM at the beginning of 2022, with the Sunday School hour then being adjusted as well. **HOWEVER, we need your input!!** Is 10 AM a time which would seem a good time to have all Sunday services? (Please remember that we now have air conditioning in our building. The lack of A/C in the past was a huge reason why we started having summer services at 9:15 AM.) What do YOU think about a 10 AM start time? Would you prefer another, earlier time? What time would you like to see the Sunday School “portion” of the morning to begin?? Again, **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** Please take the time to talk to any of Worship & Music Committee members – Vicar Sam, Bob St. Clair, Diana Wise, Michelle Stoner, Andrea Cameron, or Jamie Miller – and share any ideas you may have concerning our start time in 2022. Remember, whatever time is selected will be that same start time all year round. But, as you may have heard, **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!** Reach out to one of the committee members today!



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