

NEWSLETTER



From the Desk of Pastor Mark

Acts 4: 1-4

“And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of men came to be about five thousand.”

The beginning of Acts 4 testifies to the Apostles Peter and John preaching and teaching the word publicly, boldly. They were testifying to Jesus Christ crucified and risen from death to life! There was nothing, even arrest that was going to stop them from proclaiming this truth, from sharing it with the world. This is why we are worshipping Jesus in 2024 in churches in Barret, Hoffman, and Elbow Lake! It was because of this bold preaching and testifying of the Apostles.

The preaching and testifying to the Good News of/about Jesus of Nazareth, is vital to the world. The salvation of Jesus is transformative. We, the church, are called to this work every day of our lives. It doesn't take much to invite a person we meet to come worship with us at Peace, Messiah, or United. In a real sense, we are simply (but powerfully) inviting a person to “come and see”, like Jesus invited Peter and Andrew to do one day when he “saw” them.

What (who?) do we “see”? It is divine love that invites another human being to come and see Jesus, with us through worship and hearing God's life giving Word. I think the challenge is we don't think we can be bold enough to invite, but its simply that—an invitation. It's the number one reason a person ends up in a church worshipping the God of Jesus the Christ. It's number one. It isn't even close to any other method of outreach. Invite! Share the Good News! Testify to it in the way of word and deed! Let's do it!

Peace In Christ

Pastor Mark

Happy Birthday!

Sophia Lanners	5-1	Mary Haagenson	5-10	Allison Jacobson	5-20
Reba Mathews	5-1	Willa Giese	5-11	Landon Long	5-20
John Starner	5-1	Sandra Koehntop	5-11	Donna Huntley	5-21
Connie Hohn	5-2	Cody Johnson	5-12	Jack Christopherson	5-22
Gabbi Beuckens	5-3	Brielle Frovarp	5-13	Michelle Fick	5-23
Nicole Bruns	5-3	Michael Telkamp	5-13	Jayce Puchalski	5-23
Carol Hulzebos	5-5	Rosie Ellingson	5-14	Ivy Mahoney	5-24
Lance Johnson	5-5	Paul Hedstrom	5-14	Kenneth Sanstead	5-24
Scarlet Erickson	5-6	Phil Hermes	5-14	Melissa Bergman	5-26
Elmer Anderson	5-7	SJ Mettler	5-14	Debbey Johnson	5-26
Justin Puchalski	5-7	Jordan Meyer	5-15	Myla Christopherson	5-27
Rachel Persons	5-8	Ashley Froemming	5-16	Emily Johnson	5-28
Lori Olson	5-9	Claire Stark	5-16	Brian Sylskar	5-29
Christen Onstad	5-9	Gabe Westrom	5-17	Camron Frykman	5-30
Michael Starner	5-9	Ashley Coleman	5-19	Isola Smith	5-31

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Roger Derby,

Elacian Kaiser,

Landon Rost,

Donn Olson

BAPTISM:

Charlotte Sawatzke

MESSIAH MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Accounts:	Messiah Offering Income
*General \$38,614.70	\$17,349.33
*Churchmen \$3,085.20	
*Sunday School \$884.71	Messiah Expenses
*WELCA \$8,945.74	\$18,395.41
*Youth \$5,655.61	
***WELCA Savings \$3,729.49	

Remembering the Saints in Light

Recognizing members who have gone before us during the month of their passing

Betty Wilberg	05-22-22	Lexi Rost	05-13-20
Dorothy Carlson	05-14-20	Leslie Bruns	05-17-20
Ed Persons	05-20-19	Scott Dalum	05-29-20

Messiah Council Meeting

April 15, 2024

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Heidi Johnson. Present Heidi Johnson, Becky Meyer, Steve Strunk, Jim Kloos, Dan Person, Pastor Mark, Janet Olson, absent Liza Long, Andy Westrom, Shane Olson.

Devotions by Pastor Mark from Paul's letter to the Corinthians , Chapter 15. Secretary's report was reviewed with no corrections or additions, motion to approve by Jim, second by Becky, M/C. Treasurer's report was reviewed/discussed with Heidi pointing that giving was down, motion to approve by Dan, second Janet, M.C

Old Business: Messiah's contract for ONE Youth director with United has been signed by Jon Winter. Natalie Hanson was hired by United. The books from our library will be boxed and delivered to the Elbow Lake Public Library. The Sunday School/Education committee is continuing to search for volunteers. The administrative assistant position has been filled by June Franzen with a motion by Heidi Johnson, second by Becky, M/C. A summer leadership retreat has been scheduled for August 17 with details to be announced later. Also a conference will be attended by council members at Calvary in Golden Valley on May 16. Office software has been installed with training and conversion to be completed.

New Business: Discussion in regards to the IMPACT/Youth Director and some possible reorganization of grades for the upcoming year; a congregational survey is in the process of being developed to be included in an upcoming newsletter, Pastor reviewed the details of the Joint Vision Committee for the tri-parish to keep the progress of Peace, United and Messiah moving forward; Council members recommended passing of the offering plate at services on Easter and Christmas services as well as the services of Confirmation and Graduation recognition.

Reports: Pastor Marks report had been covered in previous discussions.

Committee reports: Outreach – Andy – no report; Property – the office locks have been changed with access to the sitting room open; Memorial and Bequest – Steve reported that the music monies were approved and that a retreat at Mt Carmel will be attend by Viv, Faye and Madeline; Education – continuing to ask for volunteers for the upcoming year; Vision – no report; Youth and Family – Jim meeting upcoming; WELCA – Janet – meeting Thursday, good turnout for visit at Rolling Hills in Barrett, ladies organizing for Confirmation and Graduation, Spring conference to be held in Ashby on April 27 with Patty Wetterling as speaker; Men's - Steve reported the balance as \$2600 and donations of \$500 to the Food Shelf and \$300 to ONE Youth; Worship – Dan – monies had been received from Memorial and Bequest for music.

Motion to adjourn by Heidi, Becky second, M/C. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Janet Olson, Secretary

Sunday Serving Team for April

	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>
Communion Prep		☺		☺
Communion Servers	Faye Giese	☺	Andy Westrom	☺
Welcome Center				
Ushers/Greeters	Darlene Samuelson Dean Bergerson	Ardis Stark		
Reader		Ardis Stark		
Pre-Service Coffee (OUTREACH)	Deb & Stu Schmidt	Deb & Stu Schmidt	Deb & Stu Schmidt	Deb & Stu Schmidt
Acolyte			Andy/Gabe Westrom	

Youth Families serving Coffee: May 12th– Jared & Tracy Frykman Family

Nurture Committee & Education Committee serving Coffee– May 26th

Churchmen Fellowship: May 19th-Mike Mueller

Thank you in advance for your dedication in keeping Messiah flourishing.



May Council Lead-Shane Olson

Curt and Cindy Anderson 320-760-5152
 Dean Bergerson 320-305-3601
 Lorraine Bredy 320-815-4103
 Jerry and JoAnn Erickson 320-288-8429
 Jim and Pat Hanson 320-760-7087
 Mike Krusemark

Shane and Kristel Olson 218-770-3689
 Dan and Kay Persons 320-760-4696
 Darlene Samuelson 320-965-2469
 Ryan and Stacy Saurer 320-808-3122
 Curt and Heidi Stark 320-760-2080

June Council Lead– Andy Westrom

Paul & Carol Anderson 320-760-6051
 Scott & Kari Anderson 218-731-9561
 Tad & Kathy Dunlap 218-799-1368
 Jim & Terry Erickson 320-986-2535
 Dennis & June Franzen 701-361-7912
 Wanda Stark 320-795-2469
 Grace Stier 320-986-2075

Wanda Hohler 507-530-1416
 Ken & Joan Johnson 218-639-6806
 Jerry & Deb Krusemark 320-760-3542
 Mark & Reba Mathews 218-537-7309
 Mitch & Kris Sanstead 701-640-2188
 Mark & Laurie Torkelson 320-491-4054
 Andy & Emily Westrom 701-367-7689

Summer Bible Camp

There are camp scholarships available for Messiah youth to attend a Christian Bible Camp of their choice. Camp families will be expected to pay for 25 percent of the total cost of the camp. Messiah will cover the rest. The Bruns scholarship also offers a donation to a non-member friend attending with a Messiah youth. Please fill out the camp form located on the Welcome Center and return to Joan Johnson by June 1, 2024.

Please call Joan Johnson with any questions. Home: 320-986-2816 Cell: 218-639-6806



THE CHOSEN

The Chosen series explores Jesus through the eyes and lives of those close to him.

Join us for **The Chosen** in the room behind the kitchen at 10:15, **Sunday May 12 & May 26** Most episodes are 45-60 minutes. Closed captioning will be available. If you have questions, call Becky at 320-815-1713.

Blessing of the Bikes

Bring your friends and your summer transportation, with 1, 2 or 3 wheels (with an engine, pedal, or foot powered) and join us for the first annual ***Blessing of the Bikes***, a blessing and prayer for safe travels. Join us after the service on Sunday, **May 19th at 10:00 AM** in the church parking lot for the blessing and a picnic style lunch with sandwiches, chips and dessert. There will be bike races, games and fellowship. Bring your chairs/blanket. A free donations will be accepted.



Lands Cemetery Cleanup



May 3rd at 9:00 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Choir Practice:

May 5 at 10:30

May 19 at 10:30



Praise Band Singing:

May 12 at 9:00 service

May 26 at 9:00 service

Messiah Giving:

We have implemented a new software program for the office. Those who currently use Vanco, please update to the new system. You can access the web site:

onrealm.org/MessiahLutheran57654/Give

Or Text: **73256** type **MLCHOFFMAN** and you will be sent a link to complete online giving.


Please remember to use the **“Give Multiple Times”** for ongoing weekly contributions. If you have any questions please stop in the office. Thank you.



**WORSHIP
SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1ST AT 7PM**

All are Welcome,
please join us!!



**MEMORIAL
DAY**

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED


Monday, May 27th
In Honor of Memorial Day

There will be NO Bible
Study classes

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

At Messiah on Tuesday, May 14th 1-6PM

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Barrett Hoffman



American
Red Cross

Together, we can save a life



Congratulations 2024 Graduates:

Conner DeNoble
Jaime Johnson
Madi Krusemark
Maya Krusemark
Landon Long
Teagan Winter



**Newsletter deadline:
May 17th**

**Newsletter Assembly:
May 23 at 8:30 AM**

“For I know the plans I
have for you, declares
the Lord, plans for wel-
fare and not for evil, to
give you a future and a
hope”

Jeremiah 29:11

WELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR MAY, 2024

Mission of the Month: Global Health Missions

Items to Bring: Items for Hospice Kits

Group 5 Leaders are Faye Giese and Ardis Stark

Altar Flower Assignments: Vivian Bentley and Faye Giese

Thursday	2	Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:00 PM
Sunday	5	Fellowship Coffee- Group 5 at 10 AM
Thursday	9	WELCA Women will be visiting the Hoffman Senior Living at 2PM
Thursday	16	Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:00 PM
Sunday	26	Fellowship Coffee-Christian Nurture Committee serves and Education Committee provides treats to honor Messiah Graduates and Parents.

News Notes for May, 2024 from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

Thank you to all that contributed to the purchase of flowers for the sanctuary for Easter. Feel free to take them home if you wish or we will dispose of them soon.

We had 4 students confirmed on April 28 this year. They are Kaylyn Hedstrom, Piper Kaiser, Sophia Lanners, and Hannah Olson. WELCA will keep them in our prayers during this important time of their church lives.

Messiah Quilters have been busy preparing our traditional jean quilts for our 6 graduates. We plan to display our quilts on Sunday, May 19th and then give them to the graduates on Sunday, May 26th during their recognition ceremony. They are Conner DeNoble, Jamie Johnson, Madi Krusemark, Maya Krusemark, Landon Long, and Teagan Winter.

We did not have enough items to send boxes to Lutheran World Relief or Global Missions this spring. We will continue to build on our kits for the Fall shipment. We are thankful to our Thrivent members who apply for Thrivent Credit Cards that can be used for quilting supplies, Mission Kit items or groceries towards the Farmers Market meal. Each card needs a specific cause for use.

The "Mission of the Month" for May is items for Hospice Kits. The items that are needed are: 1 regular size bath towel new or gently used and 48 to 52 inches in length, 1 washcloth, 1 bath size bar of Ivory or Dove soap in original wrapping, 1 new toothbrush in original individual packaging, 1 new "pick" style comb, 1 new nail clipper, 6 band aids, 1 jar of petroleum jelly (4 oz. size or more) 1 pair of heavy duty household gloves, (kitchen type) size medium, Pack items in the towel and label what the kit is for. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Items for any of the mission kits may be dropped off any time. Kit items are listed in your WELCA book. Please mark what kit you are donating to when you drop them off. We can also use used but good light weight bath and hand towels for most of our kits.

Looking ahead the Messiah Women will be serving for the Farmer's Market in July or August this year.

Hope you all have a blessed and Happy Mother's Day on May 12th!

Churchmen: Adopt-A-Highway cleanup Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm

Meet at the storage shed on the north side of the church

Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm Churchmen: Adopt-A-Highway cleanup

ONE YOUTH

* Confirmation is quickly coming to an end with our last day on April 24. It has been an amazing year of learning, connection, and relationship-building. We are so grateful for all the youth who have attended and to all of the amazing small group leaders. Confirmation will resume in September so stay tuned for details.

* Breakfast club—We have one more Breakfast Club on Friday, May 17. Thank you to all of the groups who have so generously contributed time and food to support this awesome out-reach ministry. A big thanks to Messiah Lutheran Church for serving food in April.

* HS Mission Trip—we are gearing up for our HS Mission Trip this summer, July 28-August 3, to the Cheyenne River Reservation. In addition to pre-trip gatherings, we are planning several fundraisers throughout the summer. One of those fundraisers includes offering service work to our members who would in turn donate funds toward the trip. See information below:

Service Work Fundraiser for Church Members: In addition to serving a few meals and concessions to raise money for the trip, we are inviting church members to "hire" our youth to do work they have around their homes, such as cleaning windows, raking yards, tending to gardens, or any other odd jobs. You can call Natalie Hanson at 701-730-6760 to sign up or there will be a sign-up sheet at church inviting members to write down the number of youth needed, the work to be done, and the estimated hours of work. Please note, we can't guarantee work within a certain timeframe, but will certainly do our best to coordinate with you and the youth. We are looking forward to serving our members who have so graciously supported the youth throughout the years.

ONE Youth Summer Schedule—please stay tuned for details on summer activities. We are hoping to plan some events to stay connected throughout the summer!

Vacation Bible School
will be held in August
at United...stay tuned
for more info!!



YOUTH

Messiah is in need of Sunday School Committee Members in order to continue Children's Sunday School Ministry!

Impact Youth Group
Will be meeting:
May 8th at 3:30

New Staff



June Franzen has accepted the position as Office Assistant for Messiah. June and her husband Dennis moved to Barrett in June 2023, after spending 12 years in Lake Havasu City, AZ. June and Dennis are both North Dakota natives and grew up on farms in northeastern North Dakota. June was baptized and confirmed in the very small town of Dahlen, ND.

Dennis & June's daughter, Emily Westrom, lives in Hoffman and they desired to be closer to their daughter Emily, her husband Andy and grandchildren Gabe and Calla. June and Dennis have another daughter Sarah who lives in Wales, UK with her husband Andrew.

June is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and has opened a small clinic in Barrett. She will be sharing her hours between Messiah and her clinic.

June enjoys the small town life and is looking forward to working with Pastor Mark, the church council and all of the current and hopefully new members of Messiah.

June will be in the church office Monday-Wednesday 8-12:00 and Thursday from 8-4:00. Please stop in, say HI and introduce yourself. New suggestions are always welcome.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint". - Isaiah 41:31



Thank you Wanda

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thank you for all your support, patience, and guidance throughout my time here at Messiah. I have genuinely enjoyed working with and for you all. I have learned so much being here, not just about my duties and this church, but also about myself. God has taken me on an unimaginable, incredible rollercoaster ride thus far, and I am eternally grateful for all who rode along side me. As I am feeling pulled into a new challenging career, I will carry with me the multitude of things I have learned and the incredible memories I have experienced. Thank you all for the love you have shown and given me. When asked where the best place you have ever worked is, I will proudly say at Messiah Lutheran Church. God's blessing on you all! Wanda Hohler

Community Events

UNITED LUTHERAN COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, May 15th From 5-6:30 p.m.

Menu: Hot Dogs, Brats, Beans & chips

Donation: Grant County Social Services for kids 12-18 years of age

Please come join us for wonderful food and conversation.

ALL ARE WELCOME



May 6th and 15th at 6PM

United Lutheran Church
215 10th Ave SE
Elbow Lake

ALL ARE WELCOME!



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT UNITED

Meet on May 9th, at 9:00 a.m.
in the Fireside Room.

Family Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, May 28th at 10:00AM

United Lutheran church

Caring for the Caregiver



At United

CIRCLE OF HOPE:

Meet on Tuesday, May 21st at
7p.m. at 814 1st St. SE.
Elbow Lake.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Meet on Thursday,
May 23rd at 9:30 a.m.
in the Fireside Room.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Peace Lutheran Book Club

May 22nd at 1:00 PM

AT THE KNOTTY PINE

I 
Book Club

(You are invited to
Join us at noon
For lunch)





May 2024

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Church Office: 320-986-2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM Worship Service	2 1:00 Quilting 6:30 pm Adopt-A-Highway cleanup	3 9:00 AM Lands Cemetery Cleanup	4 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00 Coffee-Welca 10:30 Choir Practice	6 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study on Facebook	7 7:00 Spiritual Growth Support Group	8 3:30 Impact Youth Group	9 2:00 WELCA going to Hoffman Sr. Living	10	11 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
12 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Coffee-Youth 10:15 The Chosen Happy Mother's Day	13 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study on Facebook	14 1-6pm Blood drive 7:00 Spiritual Growth Support Gr.	15	16 1:00 Quilting, missions, fellowship	17 7:10AM Breakfast Club Newsletter deadline	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
19 9:00 Holy Communion/Baptism 10:00 Coffee-Churchmen 10:00 Blessing of the Bikes 10:30 Choir Practice	20 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 PM Bible Study on Facebook 7PM Council Meeting	21 7:00 Spiritual Growth Support Group	22 3:30 Impact Youth Group	23 8:30 AM Newsletter Assembly	24	25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
26 9:00 Worship Service Graduation Sunday 10:00 Youth-Coffee 10:15 The Chosen	27 OFFICE CLOSED No Bible Study	28 7:00 Spiritual Growth Support Group	29	30	31	



May 2024

Tri-Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SATURDAY
			1 <i>9am Quilters meet-United</i>	2 1pm Quilting-Messiah <i>8a.m. Men's Group Gathering-United</i>	3	4 7:30am Men's Bible Study-Messiah
5 WORSHIP 9am Messiah & <i>United</i> Communion 10:30am Peace-Communion	6 10am Bible Study-Messiah <i>6pm MOPS-United</i> 6pm Bible Study on Facebook-Messiah	7 9am Bible Study-Peace 7pm Spiritual Growth Support Group-Messiah	8 <i>9am Quilters meet-United</i>	9	10	11 7:30am Men's Bible Study-Messiah
12 WORSHIP 9:00 Messiah & <i>United</i> 10:30am Peace	13 10am Bible Study-Messiah 6pm Bible Study on Facebook-Messiah	14 9am Bible Study-Peace <i>9am Stephen's Ministry-United</i> 7pm Spiritual Growth Support Group-Messiah	15 <i>9am Quilters meet-United</i> <i>5-6:30 Community meal</i>	16 <i>8a.m. Men's Group Gathering-United</i>	17 7:10 Bkft Club-Peace 5th-12th Grade	18 7:30am Men's Bible Study-Messiah
19 WORSHIP 9am Messiah <i>United-</i> Communion 10:30am Peace-Communion	20 10am Bible Study-Messiah <i>6pm MOPS-United</i> 6pm Bible Study on Facebook-Messiah 5:30pm Ruby's Pantry-Peace	21 9am Bible Study-Peace <i>7pm Circle of Hope 814 1st St. SE-United</i> 7pm Spiritual Growth Support Group-Messiah	22 <i>9am Quilters meet-United</i> 1pm Book Club @Knotty Pine-Peace	23 <i>9:30 am Women's Morning Circle Mtg.-United</i>	24	25 7:30am Men's Bible Study-Messiah
26 WORSHIP 9am Messiah <i>9am United-Communion</i> 10:30am Peace	27 Memorial Day No Bible Study Office closed	28 9am Bible Study-Peace 7pm Spiritual Growth Support Group-Messiah	29 <i>9am Quilters meet-United</i>	30	31	Messiah-Bold <i>United-Italicized</i> Peace-Regular

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