



April 28, 2024

WELCOME! We're glad you joined us! Some things you might like to know:

This bulletin can be viewed online where all the gray, underlined sections of text are web links to contacts, event registrations, websites for our mission partners, and other useful information. View the online version at messiahchurch.org/bulletin.

Let us know you worshiped with us. If you joined us in person, you should have received a Connect Card from an usher. Online, click on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)" at the bottom of your screen to register your attendance. You can also share a prayer request; our Prayer Team prays through these requests each week. Watching on demand? You can register your attendance, send a prayer request, and give online, just like on Sunday!

First time here? We'd like to thank you with a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Select the organization of your choice by checking a box on your Connect Card, or during online attendance registration by clicking on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)," and selecting a recipient from the list at the bottom of the form. You're making an impact in this community just by being here today!

Thank you for financially supporting Messiah Church! There are many ways to give: A secure offering box is available as you enter or leave the sanctuary; give online by clicking on "[Give](#)" at the bottom of your online worship experience; mail a check to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447; or give through our new Messiah Church app. Thank you!

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

(8:30 AM)

MGN - Messiah's Good News
 Prelude *Praise and Thanksgiving* (Gieschen)
 Welcome / [Attendance](#)
 * Hymn #145 (vv 1-3) *Morning Has Broken*
 * Congregational Prayer
 Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release
 Prayer Hymn # 92 (vv 1-3) *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 Pastoral Prayer
 Mission Moment - Avenues for Youth
 Anthem *Look at the World* (Rutter)
 Scripture: [Romans 8:19-25](#) Sheila Gronemann
 Message *Facing Creation's Brokenness*
 * Hymn #62 (vv 1-4) *All Creatures of our God and King*
 * [Offering](#)
 * Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
 * Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* (Blersch)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

(10:30 AM)

MGN - Messiah's Good News
 Gathering Music *Bless the Beasts and the Children* (DeVorzon)
 Welcome / [Attendance](#)
 * Praise Song *For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr. BarlowGirl)
 Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release
 Mission Moment - Avenues for Youth
 Prayer Song *Oceans* (Crocker)
 Prayer
 Scripture: [Romans 8:19-25](#) Darrell Kula
 Message *Facing Creation's Brokenness*
 Anthem *All Creatures Lament* (Zach)
[Offering](#)
 Commissioning
 * Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
 * Postlude *Oceans*

* Please stand as you are able

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 4/29	Romans 8:19-25
Tuesday 4/30	Isaiah 24:4-5
Wednesday 5/1	Nehemiah 9:6
Thursday 5/2	John 1:3
Friday 5/3	Genesis 41:46-57
Saturday 5/4	Genesis 9:13

Find the weekly GPS online at MessiahChurch.org or [here](#). To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org.

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:

Donna B, Brenda B, Delphie E, Johnna H, Muriel J, Dennis L, Ed P, Bill S, Ralph V

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Grant C, Jin J, Matthew M, Nicholas P, Tyler W, Haden W, Elisabeth W

This morning we welcome **Kevin Kjonaas, Avenues for Youth Associate Director of Development & Communications**. Kevin will share stories and information about this important organization during worship, and will be available at a table in the atrium after each service. For more information on Avenues for Youth, visit avenuesforyouth.org.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer several Sunday morning classes: Children in **pre-K through 5th grade** gather for KID Street Sunday School at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and can be picked up downstairs after worship. **Youth in grades 6-8** will gather in the Youth Room for Sunday School during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services. Youth begin in worship and are dismissed with the kids mid-service. The nursery, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is available at both services, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in KID Street HQ before worship begins. *All children and youth are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.*

For those with t-coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants, an **induction hearing loop** is installed for use in our sanctuary.

COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at www.MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email. To receive our weekly emails, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email list.

All Messiah women are invited to **Women's Night Out** tomorrow, Monday, April 29 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Robert's Craft Kitchen in the Medina Entertainment Center ([500 Hwy 55, Medina](#)). Come and enjoy a glass of wine or some food (whatever you wish to order) and good conversation with Messiah friends old and new. This group meets on the last Monday of every month (except when the Monday falls on a holiday). Feel free to bring a friend or invite someone new! All are welcome. Please RSVP by 5 pm today to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org so enough tables can be reserved.

Next Sunday, May 5 we will be **celebrating all Messiah servants** who share their time and talents both here at Messiah and outside in our community and beyond. Join us for a Bagels, Bacon & Fruit Brunch between worship services

(9:30-10:30 am) in Heritage Hall. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend! If you would like to help host and serve at this event, [click here](#) to sign up. For questions or help signing up, contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 114.

Join us next Sunday, May 5, between worship services (9:30-10:30 am) for Sunday Funday! Our Creation Care ministry team has Earth Day craft projects for the kids in the atrium and everyone is invited to the Bagels, Bacon & Fruit Brunch in Heritage Hall to celebrate our Messiah servants. The first Sunday of every month we take advantage of the time between services to enjoy special treats, engage in service projects, connect with friends who attend the other service, get creative with craft projects, and just take extra time to mingle! Come early (if you plan to attend 10:30 worship), or stay later (if you plan to attend 8:30 worship). Everyone is invited! Would you like to help plan and host an upcoming Sunday Funday? Contact Heather Felt, Director of Community Engagement, at hfelt@messiahchurch.org.

On **Sunday, May 12**, join us for ONE combined worship service at 9:30 am. We'll celebrate Mother's Day together as one big family with

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one special service. Save the date, note the worship time, and remind others you usually see on Sundays!

Graduation Sunday is June 9 - the day we'll celebrate Messiah's Class of 2024. Messiah celebrates our high school graduates with a gift of a new *The Message Bible* filled with notes from the congregation as support and encouragement for their next chapter. A display of senior pictures and a table full of these Bibles is in Heritage Hall. Take a minute to write a note, share some inspiration, or write a favorite verse or memory on a card and place it in the Bibles. (Please do not write directly in the Bibles.) Please leave your notes by Wednesday, June 5. Notes can be dropped off in Heritage Hall on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm), OR mailed to Messiah Church, attn: Sami Tierney, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth MN 55447. Congratulations to Messiah's Class of 2024: Rachael Carson, Addison Dahmer, Carley Felt, Ella Freeman, Joe Pucel, Stella Stern, and Drew Thonander.

Join us June 10-14 for music, interactive stories, games, science and more at **Scuba Summer Vacation Bible Camp!** Kids preschool-5th grade will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. "Scuba" will immerse kids in five mornings (9 am-12 pm) of faith-building fun! Registration is now open! Please register by Monday, May 20 to guarantee your child's t-shirt size and your family's music gift preference (digital download or music CD). Online registrations will be accepted through Monday, June 3 (as space permits), but we appreciate early registrations to help us plan. Visit vbspro.events/p/events/

[messiahcamp2024](https://vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2024) to register & for all the details. We are offering optional extended afternoon camp (for children already attending Scuba Summer Camp) Monday-Thursday until 4 pm. Kids eat lunch at camp then continue their camp adventures through art, service projects, and games. Sign up for the extended day as part of camp registration (optional afternoon care space is limited). (Please note: Afternoon extended camp is NOT offered on Friday, June 14.) If your child is staying for extended afternoon camp, late pick-up (as late as 4:30 pm) is also available. Please indicate if you need late pick-up when you register. Please note: All children must be picked up by 12 pm on Friday, June 14. Scuba Summer Camp is just \$40/child (\$80 family maximum). Optional extended afternoon camp is an additional \$50/child. Scholarships are available - we believe that no child should miss this! Summer Camp requires a lot of volunteer support! Adults and youth finishing 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer for this high-energy week. Register today (at the same link above)! For more information or questions about this exciting week, visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2024 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Messiah is a church of compassion and outreach. We serve through mission, locally and internationally. For a complete list of opportunities visit www.MessiahChurch.org/community/make-an-impact.

Our Second Mile Offering recipient for April and May is Avenues for Youth. For more than 28 years, Avenues has supported youth ages 16-24 in Hennepin County. Whether a young person needs someplace to stay for just one night or for a year,

Avenues supports youth to find their path out of homelessness (which disproportionately impacts black, indigenous, youth of color, and the LGBTQIA+ communities). They do that by providing a stable home, building trusting relationships, and navigating the youth's education, career, health and wellness, and housing goals. For more information on Avenues for Youth, visit avenuesforyouth.org. You can offer your support for Avenues for Youth with a monetary donation, donating much needed items, and/or volunteering. **Give:** Give [online](https://avenuesforyouth.org) by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "Avenues for Youth" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. **Donate:** Shop their [Amazon Wish List](https://avenuesforyouth.org) and have your donations sent directly to Avenues for Youth, or view their list and bring your donations to the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah. Donations will be collected through Sunday, May 26 and can be dropped off on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm). **Volunteer:** Gather your own group to serve by helping with yard work, assembling welcome baskets, organizing closets, or cooking meals at Avenues for Youth. To schedule, contact Kevin Kjonaas, at kkjonaas@avenuesforyouth.org or (612) 522-1690 ext 117.

Since 2003, the **Messiah Living Ministry Endowment** has made 79 grants totaling more than \$250,000 that funded a variety of projects not in the regular church budget. This year Messiah has \$20,000 available. If you have a ministry idea in need of initial funding or a missional need that you would like Messiah Church to support, please complete a grant application. Forms are available in the church office and atrium or can be downloaded at

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messiahchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/MinistryGrantApplication.pdf.


Drop off completed applications in the church office today or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm) or mail to : Messiah Church, attn: Endowment Committee, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. The deadline is Wednesday, May 1. For questions or to learn more, contact Pastor Tami at (763) 473-6968 or tluckhardt@messiahchurch.org, or Doug M, Chair of the Endowment Committee, at dgmjmcdonald@msn.com.

We are looking for additional members of the **communion prep team**. These servants shop for bread and juice, prepare for

communion (cube bread and fill cups) and clean up after the service the first Sunday of each month. If you're interested in joining the team, contact Joy Ann Harmon at jharmon@messiahchurch.org. You can serve for just the 8:30 or 10:30 service, or both. We are particularly in need of help in August. Training will be provided!

Can you help with some much-needed items for **Simpson Shelter**? Simpson is currently only accepting these specific items: men's boxers and t-shirts; women's bras and briefs; hair ties; personal care items (especially hair care products for natural, textured, or curly hair and baby oil; please no full-size items - travel sized only); ketchup; pickles; salad dressing (especially Ranch); drink mixes (canister size); and

sugar/sweetener packets. Donations can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm), or email Lavinia P at lpottios@aol.com to schedule a contactless pick-up. Lavinia can also answer questions about appropriate items to donate. Simpson is also looking for groups to make sandwiches in their kitchen. (Food items must be made/ assembled at their site and cannot be prepared off site.) Gather a group, or serve individually. To schedule, contact Lavinia. For more information on Simpson Shelter, visit simpsonhousing.org.

 New items in the bulletin this week.

Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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