



Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Grand Junction, Co. 81501

(970) 245-2838

Services Times

Saturday, 5:00pm Contemporary

Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am Traditional

OUR PASTORS

Rev. John Knippenberg	1933-1940
Rev. Martin E. Mayer Jr.	1940-1948
Rev. Norman W. Heimsoth	1949-1955
Rev. M. F. Scheel	1955-1961
Rev. Henry Rische	1961-1963
Rev. Bernard Staake	1963-1976
Rev. Marcus Lang	1976-1981
Rev. John W. Meyer	1982-1992
Rev. Timothy R. Puls	1989-1992
Rev. Gary Buss	1993-2014
Rev. Bruce Skelton	1998-2004
Rev. Timothy D. Storck	2007-2015
Rev. Michael Redeker	2017

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRMAN - Matt Powell

BOARD OF ELDERS

Eli Agajanian (Chairman)

Dale Ryden (Brandhorst -Crinklaw)

Peter Chaney (Gookin - Jessen)

Chris Martin (Lerew- Monett)
Reece)

Duane Lofton (Reed - Sellenrick)

Jim Kenner (Troester - Zlomke)

Ray Seeley (A - Bradshaw)

Bud Neuberger (Curkovic - Gomez)

Wade Schultz (Johns - Lauritzen)

John Moseman Jr. (Moore -

Richard Lampitt (Seter - Treasure)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gage Peck

Mark Krizman

John Sigle

Billy Diaz

BOARD OF FINANCE

Jack Messenger (Treasurer)

Dale Rennels

Wes Lewis

Gary Korsmeyer

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Aaron Goetz (Chairman)

Marsha Brodak

Shelly Lewis

Linda Petersen

Illona Rennels

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Harold Larsen (Chairman)

Michelle Campbell

Ida Shrum

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Roxanne Lewis

BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION (SCHOOL BOARD)

Mark Ritterbush (Chairman)

Sarah Messenger

Sylvia Knight

Emily Dowling

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council is the elected officers of the congregation and is responsible to the congregation for the management of the affairs of the Church and care of the individual members under the guidance of the Pastor.

The Council is made up of seven Boards - the Board of Elders, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Parochial Education, the Board of Finance, the Board of Christian Education, the Chairman Board of Stewardship and the Chairman Board of Evangelism.

Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

To hold office one must be of legal age and have been a Communicant member for at least one year. To serve on the Board of Elders one must be a male of legal age. All must be willing to work with the Pastors for the extension of the Lord's Kingdom.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS

The duty of the Elders is to assist the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They shall for that purpose hold regular meetings to confer about the needs of the congregation and make such recommendations to the congregation as they deem advisable. They shall also assist in making calls on all the membership, sick calls and prospective new members. Elders meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees, directed and inspired by the Church Council, endeavors to attend to those unsightly things which become dull, burn out, wear down, break off, melt, smell or disappear within the walls of our church. Willing, helpful hands are always needed and most welcomed. Trustees meets as needed.

THE BOARD OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION

The concerns of this Board include the teaching staff of the Christian Day School and Pre-School and assisting parents in bringing up their children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”. Parochial Education meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The Finance Board is a group of individuals, each elected by the congregation to serve on the Church Council. The Board will prepare and present to the congregation the proposed budget of expenditures for the ensuing year; the collection, recording and depositing of gifts to the church in general. The treasurer will pay all bills properly incurred by the congregation and make proper accounting to the congregation and all properly concerned parties. The Board of Finance meets the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The concerns of this Board include Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Senior Youth, and Junior Youth. If anyone has an interest in helping teach in any area, we are always in need of names to add to our list of volunteers. The Board of Christian Education meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in the Library.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The chairman of this board will attend all church council meetings. This committee will reach out to visitors in our midst to make sure they are welcomed and encouraged to return. It is our desire to let them know more about our congregation and to know us better as servants of the Lord. This group is for ALL who want to further the work of the Lord, within and outside of the congregation.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

The Board of Stewardship chairman will attend all church council meetings. This committee will develop programs to promote sacrificial giving of time, talents, and treasures by congregation members out of love for their Lord. Mindful that good stewardship is not only the gathering of funds, but also their wise and judicious use.

USHERS

Ushers will prepare handouts for parishioners, fill the railing for Holy Communion, assist in gathering the offering, and perform close of service duties.

Eighth grade boys being confirmed will assist with usher duties for one month. Any adult male member who is interested in serving their Lord in this manner may contact the Chairman of the Elders to volunteer.

ACOLYTES

All confirmation students from the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will assist with the acolyte duties and are under the training and supervision of the Pastor. This is a privilege and honor to be able to serve your Lord.

ADULT CHOIR

The purpose of the Adult Choir is to enrich and help beautify worship and devotions for all members. We need All voice ranges, no need to know how to read music, practice is each Wednesday at 7:00pm. Sing praises unto the Lord!

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild prepares and cleans up Holy Communion, changes the paraments, tends to the altar linens and baptismal napkins, polishes the silver, brass and woods of the sanctuary and orders the supplies for Holy Communion. Many hands are needed to serve our Lord in this way. Please volunteer to assist in preparation or cleanup of Holy Communion. Eighth grade confirmation girls will assist with Holy Communion for one month. To volunteer contact Anita Neuberger, 263-4251 or Linda Romersberger, 242-7111.

PRAYER CHAIN

"They all joined constantly in prayer" Acts 1:14a and "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42. Messiah is fortunate to have a telephone prayer chain and a cyberspace prayer chain. Marilyn Kivett is the contact for the telephone prayer chain, should you be interested in passing the prayers on or requesting prayers, please give Marilyn a call at 243-6704. Marion Anderson is the contact for the cyberspace prayer chain, should you be interested in passing prayers on via email or requesting prayers, please contact Marion at m-anderson-messiah@charter.net. These are 2 different lists, contacts are not duplicated, and the church office and the pastor are contacted.

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

This class meets every Wednesday at 12:15pm to 1:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and enjoy a great study of God's Word! For more information, contact the church office.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies meet on Monday mornings at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We enjoy digesting God's Word and fellowship.

GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY

Friday Mornings, 9:30am at the home of Marilyn Seeley, Mesa View Retirement, 601 Horizon Place #309. We use the Good News Magazine to study the Bible.

Monday Evenings, 7:00pm at the home of Bud and Anita Neuberger, 2818 ½ Village Park Drive. We use the Good News Magazine to study the Bible.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The library is located in the Fellowship Hall. It features Bibles, Concordances, commentaries, study helps and other books dealing with current problems. Sight-saving hymnals and other materials are available. Books are loaned for two weeks and then may be renewed.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Christian Education is a process through which God reveals Himself to His people and is the primary function of the home. It is our goal to assist the family in this purpose. The Gospel message is the main focus of our teaching. We strive to prepare each child for Christian living, teaching them to reflect Christ's love in a changing world.

Any child from the age of three, by July 15th, to those not yet in kindergarten is encouraged to enroll in one of our sessions:

Preschool	2 days/wk	Tuesday/Thursday
8:00am-11:00am	3 days/wk	Monday/Wednesday/Friday
	4 days/wk	Afternoon Monday - Thursday
	5 days/wk	Monday-Friday

MESSIAH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Messiah Lutheran School aids the home in its primary responsibility of training its children in a Christ-centered life. Our school provides the opportunity all day long to come to know the Savior in a close and personal way. We educate our children not only for this life but for the life to come.

We are blessed with dedicated Christian teachers who seek to develop close personal relationships with their students to share with them the love of their Savior. Our teachers are all graduates of accredited teacher education colleges.

We teach the traditional subjects in the traditional way in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. Please call the church office for more information.

“Let the little children come to me” Luke 18:16

Our Teachers

Preschool Director - Tessa Miller

Preschool teachers - Erin Ratliff and Layla Stone

Kindergarten - Karen Skoog

1st & 2nd grade - Tessa Miller

3rd & 4th grade - Enid Miller

5th & 6th grade - Karen Mead

7th & 8th grade - Corky Miller

Principal - Steven Hobus

Music - Lonni Karly

CONFIRMATION

Each year Messiah provides the opportunity for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to grow in their Christian faith and knowledge. Classes are held from August to May. The 5th and 6th graders will meet on Sundays at 9:30am. The 7th and 8th graders will meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. This is a vital time of growth in which our young people are led to confirm their baptismal vows and in which they show the knowledge and understanding of their Lord and His church necessary before taking part in the Lord's Supper. The materials used are the "Holy Bible" and

“Luther’s Small Catechism”. All youth are expected to take part. It is our fervent prayer that parents and youth take this seriously and make sure God’s young people are present to grow in their Lord. Classes are led by Pastor. For information, contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is our goal to reach and teach our children at Messiah the love of Jesus Christ and to learn to walk with Christ each day. We have an excellent Sunday School Staff which begins with the nursery and continues up to high school students.

It is very important that we as adults continue to learn what great things God has done and is doing in our lives. So, join one of our Adult Sunday School Classes or Bible Studies.

If you are interested in helping teach in any area, please contact the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is held during the summer for one week. Classes begin with the three-year olds and continue up to 5th grade. This is a great opportunity to reach a child who may have never stepped foot into a church or heard the Gospel. We are always in need of volunteers to help with crafts, music, snacks and activities.

YOUTH GROUP

Messiah Youth Group is an organization that includes 5th - 12th graders. We try to blend social activities within a Christian framework. In the past, we have had such activities as hiking, movie nights, and pizza parties. We raise money to attend the National Youth Gathering. We invite and encourage any youth, as well as their parents, of our congregation to join us.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD (LWML)

Our purpose is to promote Christian growth and fellowship among all the women of our congregation and to support the mission projects and charitable endeavors within the Lutheran Church. We are affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, an official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Guild meets every other month September thru May, on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join in the unlimited opportunities to "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

LADIES CIRCLES

Dorcas: The Ladies are mostly of the golden age and honorary members of the Ladies Guild. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month September thru May at the church at 1:00pm for Bible Study in the Library. Our object is to study God's Word and to serve the congregation where we can.

Lydia: This circle was first composed as a young mother's group so they could become better acquainted with each other and with each young family's needs and questions. They meet each month September thru May on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in each other's homes for Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

Ruth: These ladies meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month September thru May at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. For our spiritual growth we have a Bible Study by one of the ladies and share an hour of Christian fellowship.

Joy: This circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month September thru May at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

STAMP MISSION

Over \$10,000 a year is raised for mission projects from stamp receipts. Please follow the simple guidelines:

1. Remove stamps from envelopes, postcards and packages by **CUTTING OR TEARING AROUND THEM** - leave at least ¼ inch or more of paper around stamp.
2. **DO NOT** pull or soak stamp from paper. This makes them **WORTHLESS.**
3. Encourage friends and business associates to save stamps for you.
4. **DO NOT SAVE** pre-printed or metered mail stamps.

For more information please contact Romaine Webb at 243-7879.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Lutherans for Life applies God's Word, both His Law and His Gospel, to all the life issues-abortion, chastity, assisted suicide and euthanasia, and biotechnology. Reaching out with the hope and help of the Good News of Jesus Christ to those suffering from abortion, untimely pregnancies, disabilities or terminal illnesses. Come and take a stand for life.

THE QUILT LADIES

We meet every Tuesday at 9:00am in the quilt room to sew and assemble quilts. The quilts are then sent to the Orphan Grain Train. If you enjoy simple sewing, cutting and Christian fellowship, come and join us.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Any member of the Lutheran faith can be insured - life, health, and retirement, with this “insurance company” within the Lutheran Church. Thrivent also sponsors fund raisers for those with hardships within the congregation. For more information please contact Thrivent, 800-847-4836

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The mission of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

LCEF is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, a unique ministry-through-investment organization that offers Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod members the opportunity to invest their money, earn interest, and help build churches and schools at the same time.

Investments in LCEF serve a dual purpose: to earn a fair rate of return for investors and to provide low-cost loans to LCMS ministries that wish to spread the Good News of Jesus. Your dollars (invested or gifted) also earn the “ministry dividend,” the return you receive knowing that your dollars are helping ministries support the Great Commission.

More information, including interest rates, can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway to the school library.

Our Office Staff

Senior Pastor - Rev. Michael Redeker - pstrredeker@aol.com

Office Manager - Glacia Peck - glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org

School & Church Receptionist -Becky Hartbauer-
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If you have any questions or concerns please call the church office 245-2838. Office hours during the school year are 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday, and in the summer from 8:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday.