

GENERAL

Calling all members! Council is searching for people to **serve** in their unique way on our **Congregational council**. We are in need of at least one more person. Please see Council President Bill Schmiedel or Pastor Eileen if you are interested or have any questions.

Tired of making the same old New Years Resolutions to diet and exercise? Join us on a **"10 day 'Real Food' Pledge"** to jump start your healthy habits in a new way in 2016!

What is it?

A pledge to prepare and consume ONLY 'real' unprocessed food for just 10 days.

What benefits might you expect?

- Improved health: more energy, weight loss, regularity, less bloat, a general feeling of wellness. Many more benefits are possible if continued long term.
- An eye opening understanding of the amount of processed food we typically consume throughout the day.
- The realization that packaged, processed food does not taste nearly as good as fresh, real food.
- And hopefully with the knowledge gained, it will spark in you a lifestyle change to continue eating real food!

If you would like to participate, there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. There will be a short informational meeting after church on January 17th. Please make sure to sign up if you plan to attend. The actual pledge will begin on January 25th and end on February 3rd. See Kelsey (Suloff) Brooker with any questions!

Capital Campaign Update! As of 12/18/2015, we have received pledges for \$153,000 with many members still to donate. I feel confident that we will be close to \$200,000 when all is said and done. As for annual giving, we are at \$143,000. Our goal is \$151,000 which I feel certain we will eclipse! It's not too late to make a pledge if you haven't already done so. Please turn your pledge into the office as soon as possible. Thank you so much to those who have already pledged!

Bob Porter

Capital Campaign Committee

The **Offering Envelopes** are in! Please pick yours up today!

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to **Terri Lilly** for all the children's step stools around the church in the bathrooms and near the drinking fountains. These help our congregation be more welcoming to little ones.
- Thank you to **Bill Schmiedel** for decorating our outside for Christmas.
- Thank you to **Richard Moore** for always changing our outside sign.
- Thank you for all the Christmas cards and presents!

WORSHIP

The **Prayer Chain** is available for all who desire and need prayer. However, we can't place anyone on the prayer chain without their consent. Please notify Judy Hunter at 330/644-1540 to request prayer and she will share the request with our prayer chain.

YOUTH

Messiah Lutheran Church is thrilled to introduce our new **Youth Director, Tim Cover**. Tim Cover has wonderful Youth Ministry Experience and has a Masters in Lay Ministry with an emphasis in Youth Ministry from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Tim will be starting on January 1st. Please pray for Tim and our ministry and welcome Tim and his wife Jet, to our Messiah family.

January 2016

The Youthers (all youth in Confirmation and older) will meet after church on Sundays for lunch, discussions about life and faith, and games.

Youthers Schedule:

Sunday, January 3	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, January 10	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, January 17	Movie Night 3:00-7:00 pm
	3:00-5:00 all youth-grades 1-12 Veggie Tales
	5:00-7:00 youthers movie (confirmation class-grade 12)
Sunday, January 24	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, January 31	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Any questions? Email our youth director Tim Cover at: youth@messiahlutheran.cc

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekly Bible Study occurs every Tuesday at 10:00. Come enjoy interesting discussion, uplifting fellowship, and yummy goodies! We are currently looking at the assigned Bible texts for the coming Sunday.

The next **Men's Bible Study** is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 8:00 am. We continue with the program "gods at war". All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend. Breakfast is served followed by the Bible study. Please plan to join us.

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting **Crossways**. Crossways is an in depth two year journey that moves through the entire Bible chronologically. The classes meet on Mondays at 7:00 in the Old Social Hall. Messiah...Learns!

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

Sunday, January 3
9:00 Sunday School for All Ages (FLC & OSH)
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)
9:00 Choir (Choir room)
10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
6:00 AA (OSH)

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Monday, January 4
10:00 Warm up Portage Lakes
5:30 Green Basketball (FLC)
7:00 Crossways (OSH)

Tuesday, January 5
10:00 Bible Study (OSH)
5:00 Manchester Basketball (FLC)
7:00 Children of Alcoholics (Library)
7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)

Wednesday, January 6
11:00 Evangelism
5:30 Green Basketball (FLC)

Thursday, January 7
5:30 Green Basketball (FLC)
6:00 Steps Beyond

Friday, January 8
5:00 Manchester Basketball (FLC)

Saturday, January 9
10:30 Green Basketball (FLC)

Sunday, January 10
9:00 Sunday School for All Ages (FLC & OSH)
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)
9:00 Choir (Choir room)
10:00 Worship
6:00 AA (OSH)

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