

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 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.

Crossways is here! Crossways, a two-year Bible study, meets Mondays at 7:00 in the Old Social Hall.

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.

During this cold and flu season, please do not feel pressured to share the peace with a handshake. The peace of the Lord may be shared in a smile, fist bump, or even the "peace sign."

GENERAL

Thank you to Everyone who made our "Today's Vision; Tomorrow's Mission" a Success!

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.

Love Offering Thank you for your support of our Youthers adoption of a local family for Christmas. We donated over \$700 of gifts to our family. God bless you.

We are looking for someone to pick up Florence Putz from Wyant Woods Care Facility once a month for worship. This would include a small stipend. Please see Pastor Eileen or Brenda Porter if you are interested.

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!

Upcoming important Messiah Events:

- **Sunday, Jan. 24 – Annual Congregational Meeting**

Please keep in your prayers the following:

- From our church family: Virgil Hicks, Don Starner, Dan Hentosz, Tod Lilly, Jeanette Looper, Gladys Crane, Darlene DiCato, Ken Schrader
- From our community: Jerry, Joann, Mike, Julie, Sue, Chelsea, Samara, Kim, Elaine (Pataki); Robert (Ludrosky); Seth (Johnson); Deanne, Dave (Keasling); Bruce, Lauren, Sallie, Connie (Pettrak); Family of Don, Sylvia (Spear) Family of Lisa (Schwabero).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende.

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

Sunday, January 10 9:00 *Sunday School for All Ages
(FLC & OSH)*
 9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
 10:00 *Worship*
 11:00 *Youthers*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Monday, January 11 10:00 *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*
 5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*
 7:00 *Crossways (OSH)*

Tuesday, January 12 11:00 *Bible Study (OSH)*
 5:00 *Manchester Basketball (FLC)*
 7:00 *Children of Alcoholics (Library)*
 7:00 *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

Wednesday, January 13 11:00 *Not By Choice (OSH)*
 5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*

Thursday, January 14 5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*

Friday, January 15 5:00 *Manchester Basketball (FLC)*

Saturday, January 16 10:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*

Sunday, January 17 9:00 *Sunday School for All Ages
(FLC & OSH)*
 9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
 10:00 *Choir (Choir Room)*
 10:00 *Worship*
 3:00 *Movie Night (1st-6th Grade)*
 5:00 *Youthers Movie Night*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
Calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river you son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us a daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
though Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.