

YOUTH

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 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.

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.

GENERAL

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.

Upcoming important Messiah Events:

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

Please keep in your prayers the following:

- From our church family: Virgil Hicks, Don Starnier, Dan Hentosz, Jeanette Looper, Gladys Crane, Darlene DiCato, Ken Schrader, Irma Studer
- From our community: Jerry, Joan, Mike, Chelsea, Samara, Sue, Giana (Pataki); Jethro (Woyen); Seth Michael; the Family of George; the Family of Don (Spear); the Family of Connie (Petra); Brandon and Kate (McCloskey).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende.

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, **TODAY**, 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!

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

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

Monday, January 18 10:00 *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*
5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*
7:00 *Crossways (OSH)*

Tuesday, January 19 11:00 *Bible Study (OSH)*
5:00 *Manchester Youth Basketball (FLC)*
7:00 *Children of Alcoholics (Library)*
7:00 *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

Wednesday, January 20 11:00 *Manchester Women's Club (OSH)*
5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*

Thursday, January 21 5:30 *Green Youth Basketball*

Friday, January 22 5:00 *Manchester Youth Basketball*

Saturday, January 23 10:30 *Green Youth Basketball*

Sunday, January 24 9:00 *Sunday School for All Ages (FLC & OSH)*
9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
10:00 *Choir (Choir Room)*
10:00 *Worship*
11:00 *Annual Congregational Meeting w/ Potluck*
11:00 *Youthers*
6:00 *AA (OSH)*

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.
Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen.