

## **GENERAL**

**Are you on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram?** Let your “friends” and “followers” know that you are at Messiah Lutheran Church. Share what’s happening whenever you walk in our doors and share the Good News of Jesus.

**Do you see someone new? Is there a guest sitting next to you?** Please show your Christian hospitality and welcome them to the Messiah family. Help out with our worship and make sure they know where everything is (i.e. restroom, nursery, FLC).

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.”

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Crossways** is here!

### **Care Packages for our College Students!**

Back by popular demand... we will be collecting items to send our college students care packages. We have 8 college students we will be sending items to. If you’d like to donate something (even 1 or 2 small things would be appreciated) please bring it to church no later than February 14th. Gum, hard candy, post it notes, pens, etc. are greatly appreciated! We are accepting monetary donations as well to help defray mailing costs! You can provide a personal note if you like, or sign the card from the congregation that will be in the narthex soon! Just be sure to label any personal notes for the student who needs to receive it! Thanks for contributing to this project and letting our college students know they are missed and thought of often at Messiah!

## **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.

Lent is coming soon! **Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up to receive email devotions in the lobby.

**Upcoming important Messiah Events:**

- **Sunday, Jan. 24** – Annual Congregational Meeting
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10** – Ash Wednesday

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, Joann, Mike, Samara, Chelsea and Kim (Pataki); Dave and Dianne (Keasling); Lauren, Liam Grace, Sallie and Jim (Pettrak); Marion, Gary, Betty, Margie, Steve and Julie (Tait); Brandon, Allison, and Kate (McCloskey); Miley (Lilly).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende.

## **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.**

**This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:**

**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 (FLC)*  
11:00   *Youthers*  
6:00    *AA (OSH)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Monday, January 25**      10:00   *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*  
5:30    *Green Basketball (FLC)*  
7:00    *Crossways (OSH)*

**Tuesday, January 26**      5:00    *Manchester Youth Basketball (FLC)*  
7:00    *Children of Alcoholics (MR)*  
7:00    *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

**Wednesday, January 27**      11:00   *Not By Choice (OSH)*  
5:30    *Green Basketball (FLC)*

**Thursday, January 28**      5:30    *Green Youth Basketball*

**Friday, January 29**      8:30    *Lifeline Health Screening (FLC)*

**Saturday, January 30**      10:30   *Green Youth Basketball*  
4:00    *Girl Scouts (FLC)*

**Sunday, January 31**      9:00    *Sunday School for All Ages  
(FLC & OSH)*  
9:00    *Confirmation (FLC)*  
10:00   *Choir (Choir Room)*  
10:00   *Worship*  
11:00   *Worship & Music (Library)*  
11:00   *Youthers*  
6:00    *AA (OSH)*

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**