

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us for Tuesday **Bible Study** @ 10:00. We meet in the Old Social Hall. We are studying the texts for the upcoming Sunday worship. Come for enrichment, enjoyment, and refreshment.

Crossways is here!

Our **First Communion Overnighter** will be Friday, March 18 – Saturday, March 19. We will begin with a family potluck at 6:30. Children may be picked up Saturday at 8:00. The Overnighter is for anyone interested in learning about Holy Communion. Our young people will then receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 20. If you know someone interested in attending, talk to Pastor Eileen.

The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study—

The next Men's Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th 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.

GENERAL

Yearend financial statements and envelopes are available in the lobby.

Back by popular demand!

Cookie Sunday hosted by **Not By Choice** will resume on the Second Sunday of each month beginning in March. Join us!

YOUTH

February 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, February 21, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, February 28, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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."

During **Lent**, the sanctuary will not be adorned with flowers to reflect the starkness and sobriety of Lent. We also did not have anyone sign up for flowers during Lent. There are still a lot of dates open to provide flowers for our worship and our homebound.

During Lent we will be collecting Sippy Cups, Over the Counter medication, and other medical needs for individuals receiving assistance at *the Domestic Violence Shelter*. Our Love Offering will also go to this important project.

Prayer Wall: Come check out our Prayer Wall in the hallway to the Family Life Center. You have the opportunity to add your prayers and see what God can do. Thank you to Ray Tait and Bill Freund for their carpentry skills.

Upcoming Events:

- **1st Communion Overnighter**—Friday, March 18-Saturday, March 19
- **Palm/Passion Sunday**—March 20 @ 10:00
- **Maunder Thursday Worship**—March 24 @ 7:30
- **Good Friday Worship**—March 25 @ 7:30
- **Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration Easter Worship**—March 27 @ 10:00

Please keep in your prayers the following:

- From our church family: Don Starner, Dan Hentosz, Jeanette Looper, Gladys Crane, Darlene DiCato, Ken Schrader, Irma Studer, Ernie Maschmeier, Larry Gwynn
- From our Community: Earl, Jerry, Joann, Mike, Samara, Sue, Chelsea and the family of Heidi (Pataki); Tim and Diane (Schmiedel); Seth (Johnson); Margie, Steve, Regina, Ronnie, Marie, Julie, Gary and the family of Jeff (Tait); Allison, Joellen and Brandon (McCloskey).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende.

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

Sunday, February 21 9:00 *Sunday School for All Ages
(FLC & OSH)*
 9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
 9:00 *Choir (Choir Room)*
 10:00 *Worship*
 11:00 *Youthers*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

Monday, February 22 10:00 *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*
 5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*
 7:00 *Crossways (OSH)*

Tuesday, February 23 10:00 *Bible Study (OSH)*
 5:00 *Manchester Youth Basketball (FLC)*
 7:00 *Children of Alcoholics (MR)*
 7:00 *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

Wednesday, February 24 11:00 *Not By Choice*
 5:30 *Green Basketball (FLC)*
 6:00 *Lenten Soup Supper (OSH)*
 6:45 *Lenten Worship*

Thursday, February 25 5:30 *Green Youth Basketball*

Friday, February 26 3:00 *Oddo Wedding Reception Set up*

Saturday, February 27 4:30 *Oddo Wedding Reception*

Sunday, February 28 9:00 *Sunday School for All Ages
(FLC & OSH)*
 9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
 9:00 *Choir (Choir Room)*
 10:00 *Worship*
 11:00 *Youthers*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ALL LENT)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful Father,

we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ. You are forgiven of all your sins and made a new creation.

Amen.