

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.

Every Wednesday in Lent, we will be joining in **Fellowship and Worship**. A simple Soup and Salad **dinner** will begin at **6:00** (Please sign up to share your soup). We will join in **Worship at 6:45**. We are using the Theme: **OPEN MY LIFE, LORD**. We will be musically led by Jim Six and Mike Unger. As we worship and study God's Word, we will also have interactive moments.

THIS WEDNESDAY:

Week of Lent 3: Open My Ears, Lord

Ancient Greek philosophy notes that we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Jesus reminds us that we sometimes hear but don't listen, listen but don't understand. Opening our ears isn't as easy as it sounds.

During Lent we will be collecting 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.

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!

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.

YOUTH GROUP

March 2016

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

- **Sunday, March 6, All youth in grades 1-12**

The Youthers will lead games for all youth in grades 1-12

(lunch will be provided)

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 13**

Regular Youthers meeting

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- **Sunday, March 20**

Youth vs. Adults Basketball 3:00 pm

- **Wednesday, March 30, Game night**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Bring friends, snacks, and your favorite board/card games

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.

Yearend financial statements and envelopes are available in the lobby.

Upcoming Events:

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

