

## **YOUTH**

### **March 2016**

- **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 \*\*\*date and time change\*\*\***

Youth vs. Adults Basketball 11:00a.m.

- **Sunday, March 20**

Regular Youthers meeting

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

## **GENERAL**

Do you like to read out loud? Do people say that you're a good speaker? Do you like to say hi to people you do and do not know? Are you welcoming? Please consider signing up to be a **Lay Reader or a Greeter**. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board near the front door. Help us worship God together!

Because of HIPA laws, hospitals are not allowed to contact your church when you are ill. Please inform the church office and/or Pastor Eileen when you are in the hospital, so your church family can be a part of your healing.

Yearend financial statements and envelopes are available in the lobby.

It's time to order Easter Flowers! Once again, we are offering Tulips, Hyacinths and Lilies. The cost \$10.95 per arrangement. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please mark you flower preference, and the person(s) you would like to honor or remember!

## **FELLOWSHIP**

There will be a short fellowship meeting March 13th after church in the FLC. If you have any ideas for a fellowship event, come to the meeting, or please feel free to call me and let me know. I will accept all the help that you are willing and able to give! Please call me if you have any questions! Shandell Mooney 330.607.6285

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Join us for Tuesday **Bible Study** @ 10:00. We meet in the Old Social Hall. We are studying Luther's Small Catechism. Come for enrichment, enjoyment, and refreshment.

## **The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study—**

The next Men's Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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.

## **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.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> 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 @ 9:15

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: Tania (Crane); Kathi (Looper); Lauren, Liam, Sallie, Jim, Grace, Carl (Petrak); Earl, Jerry, JoAnn, Mike, Samara, chelsea, and Dave (Pataki); Joan; Seth; Denis, Brandon, allison (McCloskey); Cheryl, Becky, Miriam, Richard, Sally, Allie, the More Family (Downing).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende,

### **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.**

### **This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:**

**Sunday, March 6**

9:00 Sunday School for All Ages (FLC & OSH)  
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)  
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 All Youth Games  
6:00 AA (OSH)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Monday, March 7**

10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)  
7:00 Crossways (OSH)

**Tuesday, March 8**

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

**Wednesday, March 9**

11:00 Not By Choice (OSH)  
6:00 Lenten Soup Supper (OSH)  
6:45 Lenten Worship  
7:00 Keeclar Basketball (FLC)

**Thursday, March 10**

9:00 Property  
7:00 Keeclar Basketball (FLC)

**Saturday, March 12**

8:00 Men's Bible Study (FLC)

**Sunday, March 13**

9:00 Sunday School for All Ages FLC & OSH  
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)  
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Cookie Sunday (FLC)  
11:00 Youth vs. Adult Basketball Game (FLC)  
11:00 Fellowship (FLC)  
6:00 AA (OSH)

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