

## YOUTH

### March 2016

#### • TODAY!

#### **Sunday, March 13**

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

## WORSHIP

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 5: Open My Life, Lord**

Moses presents us with a choice: death and adversity, or a life cracked open to the love of God. Writing to the Galatians, Paul tells us that we have died to the law so that we might live to God. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us. Consider inviting a member of the congregation to share one way in which God has opened his or her life.

During Lent we will be collecting Over the Counter medication and other medical needs for individuals receiving assistance at *the Domestic Violence Shelter (Laura’s info)* Our Love Offering will also go to this important project.

**Prayer Wall:** Come check out our Prayer Wall in the lobby/narthex. 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.

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.

## 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.

### **Crossways is here!**

## GENERAL

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. The last day to order is **March 20th!** Please mark you flower preference, and the person(s) you would like to honor or remember!

## FELLOWSHIP

There will be a short fellowship meeting TODAY, 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

### 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, Mary Coddington
- Venus; Bob, Bruce, Betty Lou, Brenda, Kelly Ann, Tricia (Porter); Jerry, Joann, Mike, Samara, Chelsea, Judy, Kelly, Rich and Kim (Pataki); Seth; Allison and David, Jean, Brandon (McCloskey); Jean (Ondecker); John and Billy (Schmiedel).
- 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 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)

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

#### **Monday, March 14**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 15**

10:00 Bible Study (OSH)  
7:00 Children of Alcoholics (MR)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)

#### **Wednesday, March 16**

6:00 Lenten Soup Supper (OSH)  
6:45 Lenten Worship

#### **Friday, March 18**

6:30 First Communion Potluck/  
Overnighter Begins

#### **Saturday, March 19**

8:00 First Communion Overnighter Ends  
3:00 Comisford Girl Scouts (FLC)

#### **Sunday, March 20**

9:00 Sunday School for All Ages  
(FLC & OSH)  
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)  
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)  
10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  
11:00 First Communion Reception (FLC)  
11:00 Youthers  
6:00 AA (OSH)

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