

EVANGELISM

Memorial Day Parade 2016 – Monday, May 30th

Messiah Lutheran Church will be marching in the Green Memorial Day Parade again this year! The parade will be held on Monday, May 30th. We are looking for donations of bottled water to pass out to the thirsty crowd. So keep your eyes out for sales at local stores and pick up a couple bottles or a case! We also received a \$250 grant from Thrivent for this event to help purchase labels (for labeling the bottles with our worship service times and VBS information), decorations for the float, or even more bottled water! If you recall, we give it ALL away and LOTS of it. We hope you will want to be part of this great outreach event in any way you can: help label bottles, lend us your coolers, decorate and/or ride our float, or march and pass out water and a smile to the thirsty crowd. Contact Evangelism Chair Bill Schmeidel if you have additional questions.

Messiah Lutheran Church – T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and more!

Ever want a t-shirt, sweatshirts, baseball cap, etc. with our church name and logo on it? Well soon you will be able to purchase one! We are working with a vendor to offer about a dozen different styles and colors for members of the congregation to purchase. Costs vary from around \$8 - \$30 depending on the type of item you order! More information and order forms will be available very soon!

College Student Care Packages – a huge thank you!

The college student care packages were delivered this past month to our college student members of the congregation! Thank you notes from them have started coming in. On behalf of them and the Evangelism Committee we thank you all for your generosity. The Youth had many yummy and fun items to sort, pack, and send on to the college students.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2016 – HolyWord Studios – *Where Kids Star in God's Story!*

The Christian Ed Committee is excited to announce this year's theme for Vacation Bible School...

... HolyWord Studios - Where Kids Star in God's Story!

It is obviously a movie / movie star themed event. We have yet to confirm the dates but anticipate it being held in late June! Look for more information to come. If you want to help in any way big or small – we could use your support! Contact Christian Ed Committee Chair Cristy Ludrosky or Pastor Eileen if you are interested in being involved.

The next **Men's Bible Study** is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome to attend!

The **Christian Ed Committee** will meet after church on April 10th. We will talk about Sunday School & VBS. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Or if you have any ideas or questions see Christian education chair Cristy Ludrosky or Pastor Eileen!

Join us for Tuesday **Bible Study** @ 10:00. We meet in the Old Social Hall. We are taking a Spring Break this Tuesday. Next Tuesday, March 29, we will be sharing lunch after our class. Come for enrichment, enjoyment, and refreshment.

Crossways is here!

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.

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.

YOUTH

March 2016

• 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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

This year's Women's Retreat will be Friday, April 22-Sunday, April 24! Please see Becky Pataki for details. It's a great time, and we hope you can attend!

GENERAL

TODAY is the last day 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!

Yearend financial statements and envelopes are available in the lobby.

Upcoming Events:

- **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, Larry Gwynn, Mary Coddington, Charlene Saurman
- From our community: Bruce, Bob, Betty Lou, Kelly Ann, Tricia, Brenda (Porter); Samara, Jerry, Joann, Mike, Earl, Ernie, Chelsea, Kim, Dave, Dave (Pataki); Seth; Jean, Mark (Ondecker); Lauren, liam, Jenny (Petrak); Allison and David, Jordan, Jean (McCloskey); Norma.
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende,

FELLOWSHIP

The Date has been set! Join us for our **annual church picnic on June 5th** after worship. Weather permitting, we'll be outside to enjoy the weather! The Fellowship Committee will provide Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Wear your picnic clothes and enjoy our church family for fellowship, food and games!

FELLOWSHIP SURVEY

The Fellowship Committee would like your opinion! Below is a list of potential activities that could be organized by the Fellowship Committee. If an activity is something that you would want to attend, let us know! If you are against an idea, let us know that too. If you have an idea for an activity or, if you would like to make improvements to an existing activity, write it down! We're open to suggestions! Our goal is to become more active as a church family. We would like to have some family events as well as adult only events. See Shandell Mooney with any questions or ideas.

_____ Progressive Dinner-a moving dinner party! Each course would be hosted at a different house. That way not one person is responsible for more than one course. (interested in hosting a course? write your name and number below)

_____ Spaghetti Dinner-join us for salad, bread and of course spaghetti and meatballs.

_____ Bowling night!

_____ Putt Putt afternoon

_____ Rubber Ducks Baseball Games

_____ Wine tasting night. Everyone brings their favorite bottle of wine to share along with their favorite appetizer.

_____ Movie Night. Either go and see a movie, or watch one here at church. Popcorn and punch provided if we stay at Messiah.

_____ Cake/Punch for First Communions, Confirmations and other significant events.

_____ Annual Church Picnic-we'll provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Everyone brings a dish to share.

_____ Annual Meeting/potluck

Your ideas/suggestions _____

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

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)*

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Monday, March 21 10:00 *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*
7:00 *Crossways (OSH)*

Tuesday, March 22 7:00 *Children of Alcoholics (MR)*
7:00 *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

Wednesday, March 22 11:00 *Not By Choice*

Thursday, March 24 7:30 *Maundy Thursday Worship*

Friday, March 25 7:30 *Good Friday Worship*

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD