

## **GENERAL**

**Pastor Eileen's Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm. Feel free to call her at 330/962-9492, Email her at [pastor@messiahlutheran.cc](mailto:pastor@messiahlutheran.cc), or friend her on Facebook.

### **Worship Responsibilities for April 3rd:**

Greeter: Open

Lay Reader: Bob Porter

Acolyte: Audrey Johnson

**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.

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.”

### **Do you see someone new? Is there a guest sitting next to you?**

Please show your Christian hospitality and welcome them to the Messiah family. Help out with our worship and make sure they know where everything is (i.e. restroom, nursery, FLC).

Messiah will be hosting the Spring Bishop's Gathering on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00. This is certainly an honor to host our brothers and sisters in the synod. The theme is “Being Christ for the Sake of the World.” We will need some help on that day to provide and serve refreshments and to provide child care for our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Please sign up to help in the narthex/lobby.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Join us for Tuesday **Bible Study** @ 10:00. We meet in the Old Social Hall. This Tuesday, March 29, we will be sharing lunch after our class. We are looking at the lessons for the coming week in worship. Come for enrichment, enjoyment, and refreshment.

**Crossways is here!**

## **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!

## **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!

## **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.

## **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!

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, Mary Coddington, Charlene Saurman
- From our community: Dave, Kim (Keasling); Seth; Jean, Mark (Ondecker); Lauren, Liam, Sallie, Jim (Petra); Bob, Bruce, Bonnie Jean, Betty Lou, Brenda, Kelly Ann, Tricia, Conor, Chris (Porter); Beth (Conley); Allison and David, Jean, Brandon (McCloskey); Dana, April and Lilly, (Lilly).
- 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!

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

Messiah will host a Rummage Sale June 11th. More details will follow! Start saving up those rummage sale items! See Bob Porter!

## **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. Please return completed surveys to the office.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:**

**Sunday, March 27**      9:15 Easter Egg Hunt (FLC)  
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)  
10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  
6:00 AA (OSH)

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**Monday, March 28**      10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)  
7:00 Crossways (OSH)

**Tuesday, March 29**      10:00 Bible Study (OSH)  
12:00 Bible Study Lunch  
7:00 Children of Alcoholics (MR)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)

**Wednesday, March 30**      6:00 Youther Game Night

**Sunday, April 3**      9:00 Sunday School for all Ages  
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)  
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)  
10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  
6:00 AA (OSH)

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTER**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + forgives you of your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**