

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, or friend her on Facebook.

Messiah will be hosting the Spring Bishop's Gathering on Sunday, April 10th 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.

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.

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 (Pettrak); 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 Communion, 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 _____

YOUTH

April 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, April 3**

Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- **Sunday, April 10**

Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- **Thursday, April 21**

Movie Night
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Popcorn and drinks will be provided

- **Sunday, April 24**

Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

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*
 11:00 *Youth Group*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

2nd SUNDAY IN EASTER

Monday, April 4 10:00 *Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)*
 6:00 *Halligan BB FLC*
 7:00 *Crossways (OSH)*

Tuesday, April 5 10:00 *Bible Study (OSH)*
 12:00 *Bible Study Lunch*
 7:00 *Children of Alcoholics (MR)*
 7:00 *Boy Scouts (OSH)*

Saturday, April 9 8:00 *Mens' Bible Study*

Sunday, April 10 9:00 *Sunday School for all Ages*
 9:00 *Choir (Choir Room)*
 9:00 *Confirmation (FLC)*
 10:00 *Worship*
 11:00 *Youth Group*
 6:00 *AA (OSH)*

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.