

WORSHIP

The Worship and Music Committee will meet after worship. See Steve McCloskey if you are interested in serving on this committee. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

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.”

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 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

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, with set up on June 10th. Please see the sign up poster(thank you Brenda Porter!) in the Narthex. There are many spots to fill, so we'll need lots of help to make this a success! Start saving up those rummage sale items! See Bob Porter!

Messiah will be hosting the **Spring Bishop's Gathering** on TODAY, 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 to serve refreshments and to provide child care for our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. Please sign up to help in the narthex/lobby.

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.

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!

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 **Christian Ed Committee** will meet after church on TODAY. 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!

Coming Up at Messiah Lutheran Church:

- **Women's Retreat – April 22-24**
- **Mother's Day Brunch – May 7**
- **Directory Pictures – May 12-14**
- **Tom and Nancy Anderson Birthday celebration-May 22**

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: Family of Don, Joan, Scott, Jerry, Joann, Mike, Chelsea, Samar and Earl (Pataki); Corey(Schmiedel); Jean, Mark (Ondecker) Seth Michael (Johnson).
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende,

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.

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

Sunday, April 10
9:00 Sunday School for All Ages
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)
10:00 Worship
11:00 Worship & Music (Library)
11:00 Christian Education (OSH)
11:00 Youthers (FLC)
3:00 Bishop's Gathering
6:00 AA (OSH)

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, April 11
10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)
7:00 Crossways (OSH)

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

Wednesday, April 13
11:00 Not By Choice
6:00 Halligan Basketball (FLC)

Thursday, April 14
9:00 Property

Friday, April 16
6:00 Soccer Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17
9:00 Sunday School for all Ages
9:00 Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 Confirmation (FLC)
10:00 Worship
11:00 Youthers
6:00 AA (OSH)

4th SUNDAY IN EASTER