

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LOMO—Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio—IS COMING SUNDAY, MAY 22! Jenny Frantz, from LOMO, will be our guest. She will be leading our End of the Year Sunday school Event at 9:00. She will also be sharing information about our wonderful Lutheran church camps. Kids and adults will certainly want to be here for the fun!

Crossways is here!

HolyWord Studios VBS Dates Confirmed

This year's VBS – HolyWord Studios will be held in the evening Sunday, June 26th – Thursday, June 30th. More information and how to register a child will be coming soon! If you would like to get involved please contact Cristy Ludrosky or Pastor Eileen.

Last Day of Sunday School is May 22nd – Hope to see everyone there!

Join us for Tuesday **Bible Study** @ 10:00. We meet in the Old Social Hall. We are looking at the lessons for the coming week in worship. Come for enrichment, enjoyment, and refreshment.

GENERAL

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.

There are people within our community who have low immunities. 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.”

Synod Assembly will be Friday, May 13-Saturday, May 14 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Messiah Lutheran has 2 delegates. If you would like to be a delegate, please see Pastor Eileen.

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.

Lifetouch Photography – New 2016 Church Directory – Calling ALL members and friends of Messiah Lutheran!

Church Directories are valuable tools to members and visitors to continue to build community and encourage one another. The simple act of coming out to be photographed contributes immensely to this and other

ministries here at Messiah. Please make every effort to be included. Be a part of our new directory.... It is FREE!

Lifetouch will be at Messiah on **May 12th, 13th , and 14th** to photograph members for our new 2016 church directory!

Every family photographed will receive a free 8x10 and a printed directory! To truly be a success, we need EVERYONE to come out and be photographed.

We had 40 members sign up so far! Did you?

A few things you should know about Lifetouch and the program:

- You can sign up for a photo time after church April 10th, 17th, & 24th OR on line! Simply click on the link on our church website.
- If you can't make the dates at Messiah you can get photographed at a nearby church or submit a photo – see Cristy Ludrosky for details.
- This is free! And you are under NO obligation to purchase additional photos unless you want to!
- Lifetouch encourages fun and creativity: Bring meaningful items with you like instruments and sports equipment. Invite others to pose with you at no cost, like extended family and friends. Consider bringing your pet!
- The last day to schedule a photo session appointment is May 2nd.
- Don't forget to check/update your contact information with Messiah (address, phone numbers, emails, anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) when signing up for a picture date! We would like our roster data to be as accurate as possible in our new directory!

The Evangelism Committee also could use volunteers!

- To serve as a “host or hostess” on the days of photography. (A volunteer to greet families and help with a small amount of paperwork for a 2 or 3 hour shift on one of the photography days)
- To help “create” and “gather” pictures for the group and activity pages. (Do you love to scrapbook and use photo software? We need you!)

YOUTH

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 24**
Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP

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! Bishop Allende will be here!

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.

Please keep in your prayers the following:

- From our church family: Don Starner, Dan Hentosz, Jeanette Looper, Gladys Crane, Ken Schrader, Irma Studer, Leslie Coddington
- From our community: Earl, Scott, Joan, Kim, Chelsea, Samara, Jerry, Joann, Mike (Pataki); Seth; Lauren, Sal, Jennifer (Pettrak); Bob, Bruce, Bonnie Jean, Betty Lou, Brenda, Barb, Kelly Ann, Tricia (Porter); Corey, Tim (Schmiedel); The Family of Don Cope
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende

Coming Up at Messiah Lutheran Church:

- **Mother's Day Brunch – May 7**
- **Directory Pictures – May 12-14**
- **Synod Assembly – May 13-14**
- **LOMO Day – Sunday, May 22**

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

Sunday, April 24

WOMEN'S RETREAT ENDS

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)

5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Monday, April 25

10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)

7:00 Crossways (OSH)

Tuesday, April 26

10:00 Bible Study (OSH)

7:00 Children of Alcoholics (MR)

7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)

Wednesday, April 27

11:00 Not By Choice (OSH)

Thursday, April 28

6:00 Halligan BB (FLC)

Saturday, April 30

1:00 Cain (FLC)

Sunday, May 1

9:00 Sunday School for all Ages

9:00 Choir (Choir Room)

9:00 Confirmation (FLC)

10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion

11:00 Youthers

6:00 AA (OSH)

6TH SUNDAY IN EASTER