

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!

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.

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.

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.

The Last day of Sunday School is May 22nd. Beginning May 29th, we will go to **summer hours** with worship continuing at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume in the Fall.

GENERAL

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.

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.

Youthers Schedule:

- **Sunday, May 1**
The Youthers will lead games for all youth in grades 1-12 (lunch will be provided)
- **Sunday, May 15** Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Friday, May 20 – Saturday, May 21** Lock-In
8:00 pm – 8:00 am
Come to the church for a night of games, movies, and group building activities. Sleeping is optional. See Youth Director Tim Cover for a list of what to bring.
- **Sunday, May 22** Regular Youthers meeting
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Monday, May 30** Memorial Day Parade

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.

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

- Simply click on the link on our church website to sign up.
- 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!)

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.

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
- **Church Picnic** – Sunday, June 5

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: Lindsey (Keasling); Marion, Marie and family, Regina, Betty (Tait); Cad, Bridget, Beth (Conley); Shirley (Jasso); Allison and David, Charlie, Lisa and Jeff (McCloskey); Scott, Earl, Joan, Ernie, Samara, Chelsea, Jerry, Joann, Mike (Pataki)
- From our world: Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Allende

This Week at Messiah Lutheran Church:

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	
Monday, May 2	10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)
	7:00 Crossways (OSH)
Tuesday, May 3	10:00 Bible Study (OSH)
	7:00 Children of Alcoholics (MR)
	7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)
Wednesday, May 3	11:00 Not By Choice (OSH)
Saturday, May 7	10:00 Mothers' Day Breakfast (FLC)
Sunday, May 8	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)
7TH SUNDAY IN EASTER/MOTHERS' DAY	