

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to all who completed the 2 Year **Crossways** Bible Seminar. We pray that your understanding of scripture has grown.

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.

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!

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.

GENERAL

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.

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!)

Today is **Cookie Sunday**. Join us for cookies and conversation in the FLC after worship.

WORSHIP

Our worship will begin with a “Prayer for Parents & Those Who Want to Be.” This prayer was written by the *Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters* .

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.

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.”

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ meeting in **Synod Assembly Friday**, May 13-Saturday, May 14 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Pastor Eileen and Charlene Saurman will be our representatives.

Coming Up at Messiah Lutheran Church:

- **Directory Pictures – May 12-14**
- **Synod Assembly – May 13-14**
- **Affirmation of Baptism -- May 15**
- **LOMO Day – Sunday, May 22**
- **Anderson Birthday Celebration -- Sunday, May 22**
- **Church Picnic – Sunday, June 5**

Youthers Schedule:

- **Sunday, May 8** - No meeting!
- **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

Messiah is holding a **rummage sale** on Saturday, June 11th! Start saving up your sale items! We are in need of many volunteers in the weeks before the sale, setting up for the day of the event, and working the event. There is a detailed sign up sheet in the Narthex. Take a look and see where you can help! If you have any questions, call Bob and Brenda Porter at 234.294.0013

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
- Melissa (Woyen); Jerry, Joann, Mike, Chelsea, Samara, Joan, Earl, Kim, Stephanie (Pataki); Lauren, Liam, Sal, Jim (Petrak); Cookie, Melissa, Steve, Betty, Marie, Krista Regina, Marion, Steve (Tait); KellyAnn, Tricia, Bob, Bruce, Betty Lou, Bonnie Jean, Barb, Brenda (Porter); Allison & David, Charlie, Vanessa (McCloskey).
- 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, May 8
 9:00 Sunday School for all Ages
 9:00 Choir (Choir Room)
 9:00 Confirmation (FLC)
 10:00 Worship
 11:00 Cookie Sunday (FLC)
 11:00 Confirmation Rehearsal
 11:00 Youthers
 6:00 AA (OSH)

7TH SUNDAY IN EASTER/MOTHERS' DAY

Monday, May 9
 10:00 Warm Up Portage Lakes (MR)
 7:00 Council

Tuesday, May 10
 10:00 Bible Study (OSH)
 7:00 Children of Alcoholics (Meeting Room)
 7:00 Boy Scouts (OSH)

Wednesday, May 11 11:00 Not By Choice (OSH)

Thursday, May 12 9:00 Property
 Directory Pictures (OSH)

Friday, May 13 8:30 Synod Assembly
 Directory Pictures (OSH)

Saturday, May 14 8:00 Bettie Goodwin (FLC)
 9:00 Synod Assembly
 Directory Pictures (OSH)

Sunday, May 15
 9:00 Sunday School for all Ages
 9:00 Choir (Choir Room)
 9:00 Confirmation Rehearsal
 10:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion and Affirmation of Faith
 11:00 Confirmation Reception
 11:00 Youthers
 6:00 AA (OSH)

PENTECOST