

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Messiah Calendar

## Monday, February 26

- 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 5:30 pm PFLAG
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, February 27

- 12:00 pm QiGong
- 1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm Lay School
- 3:30 pm North Fourth
- 5:00 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:00 pm Lay School
- 6:00 pm Worship & Music

## Wednesday, February 28

- 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon/Worship
- 3:30 pm North Fourth
- 4:00 pm Swedish
- 5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper

## Wednesday, Feb 28 (continued)

- 6:00 pm Lenten Worship
- 6:30 pm Education
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:30 pm Tuba Quartet

## Thursday, March 1

- 9:00 am Quilting
- 11:00 am Women's Cursillo
- 12:00 pm Social Worker's Mtg
- 3:30 pm North Fourth
- 5:00 pm Building & Grounds

## Friday, March 2

- 8:00 am Men's Ministry

## Saturday, March 3

- 5:00 pm Worship

## Sunday, March 4

- 8:15 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:45 am Celebration Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship

## Community Meal

We look forward to seeing everyone at Messiah's March 7th community meal! The meal will start at 5:30 pm. Please join us for dinner!

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April Messenger is Monday, March 26, 2018.

## On Call

Pr. Don Ludemann & Pr. Allan Johnson - one of the two will cover each day. To be determined soon. Check weekly bulletins for daily on call coverage.

## Messiah's Newsletter

February 25, 2018  
Volume 100, Issue 3

Submissions for Weekly Announcements are due by 6:00 pm the Wednesday prior to publication

# February 25, 2018

## Second Sunday in Lent

**Flowers** To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...



My parents & brother from Joyce Peterson

**Radio** To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...



My parents & brother from Joyce Peterson

## March Is Here!

Interim senior pastor Don Ludemann begins work on Monday, February 26. Let's get ready to welcome him with expectation, and look forward to the adventure of these coming months!

Messiah is a strong and vigorous congregation, with exciting ministries and mission. We have been very well served by our pastors, and one convincing mark of that service is that these good things continue, led by lay people, made strong by volunteers.

Now we receive the gift of fresh eyes, a different range of abilities. A few months to look at our strengths and opportunities from new perspectives. Where this will lead us, it's impossible to know. That's part of the excitement.

Building on the good which we already see around us, so that it will be firm and lasting. Looking forward to new opportunities which God has not yet made known. May God give us these gifts in this next year.

Now Lent begins. Our annual journey into the heart of the Gospel, setting aside lesser things and following Jesus to the cross and resurrection. Here at Messiah part of our Lenten observance is midweek worship, on Wednesday at 12:30 and 6:00 p.m. This year's midweek services will include new music, and lots of opportunity for trying out being a reader. (If you'd like to try this, please speak to Inga in the church office – she's coordinating our list!) Our focus theme is "Jesus: a dangerous man." He will challenge our certainties, offer new vision, upset all false and easy answers and announce the coming of God's kingdom. "God's living Word, Jesus the Lord, follows where faith and love demand."

Our Lenten schedule also includes a four-session "Lutheran Course." This will be every Wednesday evening beginning February 21, starting shortly after evening worship. Welcome to people who aren't at all sure what this "Lutheran thing" is, and also to life-long Lutherans who would like a deeper understanding of their heritage. It's an exciting journey!

Your interim associate pastor, Allan Johnson

## **Save the Date!!**

Messiah's church council will hold a 'meet & greet' on **Sunday, March 18th** after the 10:30 am worship service. This will give Pr Don an opportunity to talk a little bit about himself and members can chat with him or ask questions of him. Cake & coffee will be served. More details on this event to follow in upcoming publications & Enews.

## **Pr. Don Ludemann's Email**

Pr. Don Ludemann will start his ministry at Messiah on Monday, February 26th. During his first week or so here, he and Pr Allan will be figuring out who is in the office when and who is on call when. If you would like to reach Pr. Don Ludemann by email, his address is [messiah.donl@gmail.com](mailto:messiah.donl@gmail.com) Please welcome him to our Messiah family!

## **Support for Victims of Human Trafficking**

If you suspect someone is a victim of trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1.888.3737.888 to obtain information and to access supportive services through the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA). This hotline can help victims safely and securely begin to rebuild their lives by connecting them to basic services including housing, health care, immigration assistance, food, employment and legal assistance. Victims of human trafficking who are not U.S. citizens are eligible to receive benefits and services through the TVPRA to the same extent as refugees. Victims who are U.S. citizens may already be eligible to receive many of these benefits. For more information about human trafficking, visit [www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking).

## **Lay School 2018**

The Winter/Spring season of the Lay School classes is going on now and you may join at any time.

The earlier class is on Reformation History led by Pr. Doug Norquist and is from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm. The last session of this class will be on February 27th.

The later class is on the New Testament led by Pr. Allan Johnson and goes from 6:00 pm until 8:15 pm. The last session of this class will be on March 13th.

You are welcome to one or all of the Lay School classes. They just ask that you sign up on the sheet on the welcome table or get in touch with Pr. Geier at 486-4351 or [pastor@bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:pastor@bethanyishpeming.org) to register.

## 4 By 4 for 2018!

Messiah's 4 by 4, a small group ministry at Messiah, aims at helping people get to know one another better. Groups meet at least four times during the calendar year. Most groups choose to meet in each other's homes for dinner. However, some have chosen to share meals at restaurants or arrange picnics at parks, or attend sports or other events together. Our 4x4 groups have been formed for 2018. They are:

### **Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist\***

Erik and Kathy Bergh  
Lesley Williams  
Whitney Buchan & Trevor Schampers  
Bev Evans

### **Dave and Jill Luoma\***

Myra Zyburt  
Maria Rodriguez and Gina Fortin  
Andrea Wash  
Allan and Sara Johnson

### **Fred and Kathy Maynard\***

Carl and Lynne Hammerstrom  
Judy Quirk  
Linda Carlson

### **Jan and Frank Summersett\***

Helen Steinhoff  
Al and Gail Edgar  
Lori Nelson

### **Mike and Emily Coyne\***

Ruth Robb  
Kerry McGinley and Karen Burkman  
Shelley and Kevin Johnson

### **Boli and Milt Soderberg\***

Grant and Kathy Soltwisch  
Susan Shaver and Tiki  
Kathy Peters

*\*indicates group leader/facilitator*

## Welcome Bags

They're not just for looks. These overflowing green plastic bags are for new visitors to our church, our community, our businesses, and our neighborhoods. If you know there is someone new to our community, please offer a welcome bag to them. A small supply of bags is located on the table outside the office, plus we have plenty more stored in the office and ready to go!

## Qi Gong

A Qi Gong class meets each Tuesday from 12-12:45 pm in Messiah's Magnuson Hall. Qi Gong is a gentle movement type of class. It allows us to move slowly and aids in relaxation, balance and breathing. Chairs are available to help with balance. We do not lie on the floor. This is a drop-in class and there is no fee. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned or boxed food item for the food pantry. If you have questions please call Betsy Little at 345-9237.

## In Our Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers at this time: Calla, Darcelle, Donna Johnson, Jeanie Kenney, Noah Gannon, Brian Johnson, John Kiltinen, Mike Orhanen, Betsy Little, Lu Swanson, Pat Frenn, Kay Murto, Grace Chien, Bev Ojala, Betty Hartman, Linda Leach, Richard Leathers, Liz Kro, Marilyn Boce, Jamie, George Radcliffe, Oral Sutliff, Nancy Peterson, Wes Van Kley, John Collins, Lance, Laurie Strokes, Jonathan Hewitt, John Wagner, Terri Dillion Wagner, Spencer Bergh, Jeff Kampe, Intern Katelin Bingner, Deacon Lisa Johnson, Pastor Amanda Kossow, Pastor Dave Van Kley.

*You may call the church office if you would like a person listed in the prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will remove names from time to time. We also appreciate updates as to how people listed are progressing. Thank you!*

## Stewardship

Your stewardship committee is thankful for the many ministry teams of Messiah Lutheran and for the work that they do to involve our members in the life and ongoing activities of the church. Our goal is to increase the visibility of these teams and inform the congregation of the ministries they are involved in. Participating in these missions can help our members live their Christian faith in their daily lives.

We are featuring one or more teams the second weekend of each month. The team(s) of the month will be asked to have a member or two present in the Atrium before the Saturday service & between services on Sunday as well as after the 10:30 am service to inform the congregation of what they do, who they are, when they meet and to invite others to join their team(s).

The tentative schedule for the involved teams is: Building and Grounds, March 10-11; Faith Formation, April 14-15; Fellowship and OWLS, May 12-13; Welcome and Outreach, June 9-10; Worship & Music and Social Action, July 14-15; Youth Support and Publicity, August 11-12; Global Mission and MOPS, September 8-9. Commitment Sunday is planned for October 21, 2018.

We are encouraging team members to contact Ally Lancour regarding their weekend (almarkstrom@gmail.com or (906) 440-3760). We are encouraging the members of Messiah to visit these teams, learn more about them and consider becoming involved in their ministries.

The Stewardship Team

## Online Giving

Remember that you can give on line— just visit our website at [messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org) & follow the instructions.

## Digital Projection Update

The big news in our projection project this month is that we're installing a monitor on the back wall of the balcony, which will be visible to our worship leaders. The screen has been delivered & installed. This will make it much easier for worship leaders to keep track of what's visible to the congregation.

Over the last few weeks, we've tested out a very simple projection script for Saturday evening and 8:45 am Sunday worship; the introductory announcement loop, and a hymn board. Do you find this useful? We welcome your feedback.

Your interim associate pastor, Allan Johnson

## Hospitalized

When you or a loved one are hospitalized at Marquette General, Bell Hospital, or anywhere else, please inform the church office so that Pr Don Ludemann or Pr Allan Johnson can visit. They have no way of knowing because the roster is not available to clergy for review. Pr Don & Pr Allan want to visit & pray with you.

## Devotions Link

[www.prayfaithfully.org](http://www.prayfaithfully.org) is an on-line devotional reading service maintained by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and written by various pastors and laypersons.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a member of Thrivent and you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, they must be directed or assigned by March 31, 2018.

## Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact pharmacist Barb Salmela at [salmela432@yahoo.com](mailto:salmela432@yahoo.com) or by calling 906.250.1016. All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives. Also, if you need assistance signing up for Medicare, please call Barb for an appointment. She would be happy to help you through this process.

# Lectionary Readings for March 2018

## March 4 -- Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading.....*Exodus 20:1-17*

Psalm.....*Psalm 19*

Second Reading.....*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

Gospel Reading.....*John 2:13-22*

## March 11 -- Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading.....*Numbers 21:4-9*

Psalm.....*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Second Reading.....*Ephesians 2:1-10*

Gospel Reading.....*John 3:14-21*

## March 18 -- Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading.....*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Psalm.....*Psalm 51:1-12*

Second Reading.....*Hebrews 5:5-10*

Gospel Reading.....*John 12:20-33*

## March 25 -- Palm Sunday

First Reading.....*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Psalm.....*Psalm 31:9-16*

Second Reading.....*Philippians 2:5-11*

Gospel Reading.....*Mark 14:1--15:47*



# Northern Great Lakes Synod

Dear Partners in Ministry, Grace and peace to you as the light of Christ grows in brightness!

I thank God for you, and the light of Christ that you shine in the world through your generosity.

There is no question that our world can be a dark place, and yet with your financial gifts to the ministry efforts of our work together as the Northern Great Lakes Synod, and our work together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you help to make a difference in Jesus' name.

Thank you for the work of Christ made possible through your gift to one or more of the following designated ministry efforts:

7/10/17 World Hunger - \$343.00

8/11/17 World Hunger - \$50.00

9/11/17 World Hunger - \$615.00

10/2/17 World Hunger - \$90.00; Hurricane Disaster Relief - \$2,545.00; International Disaster Relief - \$25.00

11/8/17 World Hunger - \$1,149.67; Domestic Disaster Relief - \$500.00; Always Being Made New - \$1,530.00

12/11/17 World Hunger - \$1,145.00; Always Being Made New - \$100.00

1/14/18 World Hunger - \$399.00; Always Being Made New - \$325.00

Your gifts truly make a difference in the world! Yours in Christ, Bishop Katherine Finegan

## Council Highlights for February, 2018

- New officers: President: Paul Marin, Vice President: Jeannie Wagner, Secretary: Rachel Skaw, Treasurer: Doug Morton.
- Getting a quote from JP electric to add additional outlets in the front of the sanctuary for the musicians.
- Negotiations for the sale of the Habitat house continue. Thanks to Adrienne Wolf for her leadership with this.
- Meet and greet with Pastor Don scheduled for March 18 after the second service. Coffee and cake will be served.
- Messiah Lutheran will be hosting the summer shelter from May 20-June 9.

## Radio Broadcast

We have many openings for radio broadcast sponsors in March & April. The cost for a full broadcast is \$110 per week for this worthwhile ministry. You may pay for half if you would like. Thank you!

# Messiah's Birthdays

## March 2018

- Thursday 1 Joshua Magnuson
- Friday 2 Darlene Dreisbach, Johannes Dreisbach, Josh Elsenbroek, Austin Gauthier, Cadyn Grim, Landon Hewitt, Dave Luoma
- Saturday 3 Kathryn Ward
- Sunday 4 Alexis Armstrong, Gabriel Armstrong, Aaron Cherry
- Monday 5 Kathy Maynard, Nancy McCombie, Sara Moyle
- Tuesday 6 Camden Fitzpatrick, Mark Forsberg, Kirsten Salmela
- Wednesday 7 Josie White
- Thursday 8 Alesia Braund, Sam Bray, Jacob MacPhee, Zehydan Wash, Matt Wiese
- Friday 9 Kevin Johnson
- Saturday 10 Truman Langlois
- Sunday 11 Julie Blemberg, Sarah Janda, Kristopher Shirtz
- Monday 12 No birthdays
- Tuesday 13 Courtney Fries, Ray Hasenauer, Fred Maynard
- Wednesday 14 Sara Miller
- Thursday 15 Beth Krznarich, Kathy Strazzinski
- Friday 16 Johathan Kniskern, Lori Nelson, Emma Peterson, Jacob Wolf
- Saturday 17 Patty Roose, James Shirtz, Sheri Trotochaud
- Sunday 18 Dave Gilbert, Kristen Gordon, Jennifer Groleau, Isaac Larson
- Monday 19 Keith Abraham, Josie Braund, Marybeth Marin
- Tuesday 20 Leah Heron
- Wednesday 21 Bernard Olds
- Thursday 22 Morgan Matthews, Brad Muscoe, Michael Sauer
- Friday 23 Bruce Gauthier
- Saturday 24 Dan Niemi

Sunday 25	Karrie Abraham, Kristine Fjeldheim, Herb Grenke, Allan Johson, Drew Peterson
Monday 26	John Lindholm
Tuesday 27	Ryan Voskuhl
Wednesday 28	Richard Balding, Jared Carroll, Gerald Godec, Emily Paupore, Sam Zyburt
Thursday 29	Jack Mendelin
Friday 30	Jeff Dodge
Saturday 31	Janet Skytta

## Lent & Easter at Messiah

After evening worship each Wednesday during Lent, we will offer a “Lutheran Class” from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. If you are thinking about membership at Messiah, or would like to learn more about what makes Lutheran churches what they are, I hope you’ll find this class helpful. There’ll be lots of time for discussion and questions!

Lent ends on Palm Sunday, March 25. We’re planning a full Holy Week schedule, with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 pm, Good Friday we will have our mid-day “Words from the Cross” service, 12:30 to 3:00 pm, and evening Tenebrae at 6:00 pm. Saturday brings us to the Easter Vigil at 6:00 pm; then our Easter Sunday celebration begins with sunrise worship at the beach at 6:30 am, followed by 8:45 and 10:30 services.

## Lent in February & March

**February 28** - We will have a Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm with a worship service to follow at 12:30 pm. We will have our soup supper at 5:30 pm with a worship service to follow at 6:00 pm. The 6:30 pm education will be on Lutheran beliefs and practices.

**March 7** - We will have a Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm with a worship service to follow at 12:30 pm. We will have our community meal at 5:30 pm with a worship service to follow at 6:00 pm. The 6:30 pm education will be on Lutheran beliefs and practices.

**March 14** - We will have a Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm with a worship service to follow at 12:30 pm. We will have a soup supper at 5:30 pm with a worship service to follow at 6:00 pm. The 6:30 pm education will be on Lutheran beliefs and practices.

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## **Thank You from Child & Family Services!**

January 29, 2018 -- Dear Pastor Johnson & staff, I am writing to express my gratitude to your staff and to the couple who meets with community members who are in need of financial assistance (I apologize for being unable to remember the name of this couple).

A few weeks ago, I brought in a woman for whom I've been serving as a peer recovery support coach. She was in need of funds to assist her with getting her own apartment. After a brief and gentle interview process, she was given a promise note to show her potential landlord to demonstrate that she has the funds for a rental.

In my nearly six years of working as a peer recovery coach for Child and Family Services of the U.P., I have brought many women to Messiah for financial help. Their needs have been as varied as the women themselves. Every woman has been treated with respect and compassion. This means so much to women who are trying to get back on their feet, manage their recovery, and find their self-respect again.

I cannot thank you all enough for providing this assistance. Gratefully, Deb Pascoe, Peer Recovery Support Coach, Child & Family Services of the U.P.

## **Always Being Made New-Thanks You!**

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gift given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in December 2017.

With these gifts you are providing education and advocacy, water and sanitation, livestock and agriculture, health care and microloans.

With your gifts you are making possible ministry and projects that are transformative, holistic and integrated. With your gifts you are working here and in 62 countries around the world. With your gifts you are walking with communities to address hunger and poverty in a way that barriers are broken down, inequality is decreased, and relationships are whole and flourishing.

Thank you for this gift and all your gifts. Thank you for your faithful generosity and for encouraging others to join ELCA World Hunger in the fight against hunger and poverty. Thank you for living into God's words of justice and mercy and for joining with the whole church to love and serve one another. In God's grace, Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal

## Journey

The Confirmation (Journey) classes during February met at North Fourth on February 11 and 18. Each class discussed equality and the ways in which we are called to show Christ's love to others.

On February 11, we discussed Racial Reconciliation. Mike Davis was our guest speaker. We had great discussion as we focused on the ways that we can shine the light of Christ in every situation (even the difficult ones).

On February 18, we discussed 'differentabilities'. (In my mind, there are no dis'abilities... just 'different' ways to do things.) Pam and Judy came to talk to us about what it is like to be in a wheelchair. We also talked about how Christ calls us to relate to those who have differentabilities.

During March we will continue to focus on equality as we talk about gender, sexuality, love and family. We will stress Jesus' openness to all. "All are welcome".

Confirmation has been well attended, averaging eight students for each class. What a joy to be part of each student's journey of faith. I thank God for this opportunity.

My husband, Jason and I are grateful that we have such a great space (North Fourth) to offer the youth of this church and community. If anyone is looking to donate anything to North Fourth we can always use granola bars and K-cups (for the Kerig). Thanks to everyone for the generosity that has been shown to our program!!

Thanks, Jen Elsenbroek

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

*Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp has two events coming up this spring:*

The first is their camp's annual meeting. It will be held on Sunday, April 15th and will begin at 3:00 pm CENTRAL time. You can check-in and get a camp tour between 2:00 and 3:00 pm central time.

The second event this spring is the Elementary Retreat. This event is for all 4th - 6th graders interested in attending a fun Friday overnight at FLLC. They will feature Bible study, games, food and fellowship with some of your favorite summer counselors!

If you are interested in either of these two events, please contact the FLLC office manager, Mary Ryan at 906-214-2267 or at [officemanager@fortunelake.org](mailto:officemanager@fortunelake.org)

# March 2018 Worship Volunteers

## **Saturday March 3- 5 pm**

Ushers - Chris Kotila, Ron Tervo

Reader -Kathy Godec

Communion Assistant- Peggy Letvenow, one needed

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

## **Sunday March 4 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- David Dill, Frank Summersett

Reader-Judy Quirk

Communion Assistants-Judy Quirk, Fred and Kathy Maynard

Greeters- Ted and Ruth Koehler

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

## **Sunday March 4 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- Hannah Ruuska

Ushers- Nancy Hoover, Dave Luoma

Reader-Jeremy Bower

Communion Assistants-Rachel Skaw, Sandy Lindberg, Liz Beyne

Greeters- Phil Hoover, Myra Zybur

Assisting Minister- Mike Hill

Video Technician - Brent Skaw

## **Saturday March 10 - 5 pm**

Ushers - Virginia Olson, Billie Johnson

Reader -Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant- Kathy Godec

Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

## **Sunday March 11 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Bruce Robertson, Sam Elder

Reader- Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants- Carl Hammerstrom, Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager

Greeters- Penny Streecher, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister- Karen Nelson



**Sunday March 11 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte-one needed

Ushers- Liz Beyne, Dave Luoma

Reader- Sarah Janda

Communion Assistants- Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman, Mike Hill

Greeters- Jill Luoma, one needed

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway

Video Technician - Mark Petrie

**Saturday March 17 - 5pm**

Ushers- Barb Salmela, one needed

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistant- one needed

Communion Set-Up- one needed

**Sunday March 18 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Tom and Amy Froiland

Reader- Karen Nelson

Communion Assistants- Karen Nelson, Judy Quirk, Beth Krznarich

Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister - Grant Soltwisch

**Sunday March 18 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Mark Petrie, one needed

Reader- Susan Shaver

Communion Assistants- Michael and Jenny Broadway, Sandy Lindberg

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Dave Luoma

Video Technician - Joan Hill

**Saturday March 24 - 5 pm**

Ushers - Chris Kotila, Phyllis Aurich

Reader - Carol Bell

Communion Assistant-Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

**Sunday March 25 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka

Reader- Katie Purmal

Communion Assistants- Beth Krznarich, Terry Langenberg, Grant Soltwisch

Greeters- Barb Avery, Pat Nebel

Assisting Minister - Larry Pagel

**Sunday March 25 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Jason Elsenbroek, one needed

Reader- Jen Elsenbroek

Communion Assistants- Liz Beyne, Gayle Van Osdol, one needed

Greeters- Phil and Nancy Hoover

Assisting Minister- Gayle Van Osdol

Video Technician - Myra Zyburt

**Saturday March 31 - 6:00 pm Easter Vigil**

## **Special Events in March & April**

*March 7* - Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm, worship at 12:30 pm & our community meal at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:00 pm & Lutheran beliefs & practices at 6:30 pm

*March 11* - Soup luncheon fundraiser for youth traveling to Colombia following the 10:30 am worship. They will also be holding a silent auction for any donated crafts, art, pies.

*March 14* - Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm, worship at 12:30 pm & soup supper at 5:30 pm, worship at 6:00 pm & 6:30 pm education on Lutheran beliefs & practices

March 18 - Meet & Greet Pr. Don Ludemann following the 10:30 am worship. Coffee & cake will be served.

*March 21* - Lenten luncheon at 12:00 pm, worship at 12:30 pm & soup supper at 5:30 pm, worship at 6:00 pm & 6:30 pm education on Lutheran beliefs & practices

*March 25* - Palm Sunday with a Soup luncheon fundraiser for the youth who will be traveling to Houston, TX in June for the National Youth Gathering.

*March 29* - Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:00 pm

*March 30* - Good Friday worship service 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

*March 30* - Evening Tenebrae 6:00 pm

*March 31* - Easter Vigil worship service at 6:00 pm

*April 1* - Easter Sunday with a sunrise service at McCarty's Cove at 6:30 am followed by our regular 8:45 am & 10:30 am worship at the church

# Building to Serve & Messiah Properties

## Moveable Altar Rail

Our moveable altar rails have been built & upholstered. They are currently in place in the sanctuary. Please try them out. They will remain in the sanctuary through Easter.

## Hearing Loop System

The hearing loop system will be installed during the week of April 23rd. This will be a really nice addition to our worship space.

## Screen in Balcony

We have purchased an additional screen that has been mounted on the back wall of the balcony. This screen is in place to help the worship leaders during worship. Now they will see what the congregation sees on the two screens in the front.

## Habitat for Humanity House

Messiah is currently working through negotiations for the sale of this house. It should be finalized sometime this spring.

# A Letter from Our Interim Senior Pastor

Greetings from frigid Minnesota!

Let me take this quick opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to joining you in ministry later this month! I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit to Marquette in December. I saw your lovely church and met many members of your church council. It is obvious that Messiah Lutheran Church is a welcoming, vibrant congregation, filled with loving, caring people.

My task as your interim senior pastor will be to shepherd you through the transition period that lies ahead. It's natural that you might be grieving Pastor Dave's retirement and are perhaps a bit anxious about what lies ahead. My goal is to help you envision and embrace a future that both builds on the past and is open to new ministry opportunities. I trust, as do you, that God will travel with us and guide us in that journey.

I thank Pastor Allan for his extraordinary service and gentle spirit. I look forward to working as his colleague. I thank the other staff members and volunteers who are already helping as I prepare to move and get oriented. And I thank all of you for your dedication and passion in "answering God's call to love."

In Christ,

Pastor Don Ludemann

## High School Youth Events!

**March 18** - The high school youth group will be going to the escape room for their monthly youth activity after the second service.

**March 25** - The high school youth group will be putting on a soup luncheon after the second service. They are looking for volunteers to bring soup or desserts. A sign-up sheet for soup is on the welcome table. Desserts will be available for purchase at the luncheon. All proceeds will go toward the high school youth trip to the National Youth Gathering being held in Houston, TX in June.

## Thank You!

JJ Packs sends its thanks to Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous donation of \$1,500.00. 100% of your contribution helps feed children on weekends when they are away from school. We want to recognize that without people like you, JJ Packs wouldn't be able to provide food every week to over 200 children in the Marquette Area Public Schools. On behalf of our program, and our community's children, thank you!

## Messiah Endowment Fund

Have you updated your will recently? Please consider adding to the list of recipients the Messiah Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. When this fund reaches the \$100,000 threshold, annual distributions of money will begin—supporting Messiah's special projects, the work of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Lutheran World Relief, and other ministries of crucial importance. Through the Endowment Fund, we can be generous even after we die, as our gifts spread God's blessings to future generations. At this point, there is \$32,507 in the Endowment Fund.

## Did You Know?

Did you miss a Sunday worship service? Or did you want to listen to that choir anthem once again? Do you prefer listening to a sermon rather than reading it on line? Every week Sunny 101 archives our worship services so you can listen to them on their website. The following address will take you to the page: <http://wkqsfm.com/sunday-church-services-on-sunny-fm>. Or you can go to their website and search for church services and follow the links from there.

## Personal Care Kits

In March and April the Ruth Circle will be collecting contributions to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. These kits are a reminder to them that someone cares for them in their plight.

### Items needed for each kit are:

- 1 Bath towel, dark color preferred
- 1 Toothbrush, adult size, in original wrapper
- 1 Comb, sturdy, large tooth preferred
- 1 Metal nail file
- 2 Bath size bars of soap

Donations can be placed in containers in the narthex. Monetary donations to purchase items are also welcomed. Contact Amy Froiland if you have questions. Thank you for your help.

## Colombia Trip Fundraiser Sun. March 11

A group of eight people will be visiting our sister congregation, Luz y Vida, in Bogotá, Colombia, this June. They are: Mike Hill, Dave Dagenais, Liz Beyne, Linda Carlson, Amelia Cole, Jamie Dodge, Eric Banitt, and Inga Banitt. We will be holding some fundraisers in the next few months to help Jamie and Eric with some of the expenses. (Jamie is a sophomore at Michigan State and Eric is a senior at Marquette High School.)

Our first fundraiser is a soup luncheon and silent auction following the 10:30 worship on Sunday, March 11. We hope to include artwork, baked goods, and gift baskets in our silent auction.

In past years people have offered a wide variety of talents to Messiah's auctions including home-cooked meals, singing telegrams, poetry writing, and more. If you would like to contribute something for our silent auction, please sign up on the sheet on the welcome table, or contact Inga in the church office. Thank you!

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

We have all the remaining 2018 offering envelopes in the office. Stop in to pick up your packet of envelopes. Thank you!

# What You Should Know About Lutheran Disaster Response

Our church is involved in the world in many ways via World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) efforts. The two are separate funds and programs. ELCA World Hunger is really about creating sustainable development, while LDR is relief and rebuilding of infrastructure. Sometimes there is overlap. This past year was a busy time for both. Lutheran Disaster Relief responded to the following disasters in 2017:

*Flooding in Peru*

*Fires and Mudslides in California*

*Oroville Dam Spill in California*

*Refugee Crisis in Myanmar*

*Hurricanes in the Caribbean*

*Tropical Storms in Central America*

*Hurricanes and Floods in Texas*

*Earthquake in Mexico*

*Hurricane Irma on the Atlantic Coast of the US*

*Famine in South Sudan*

Generally, World Hunger giving exceeds that of giving to LDR each year, but so far in the fiscal 2017 year, giving to disaster relief has reached nearly 21 million; while giving to World Hunger is at 17 million. Both deserve our support as they are the mission outreach arm of the ELCA. Our synod sent \$32,386 to Lutheran Disaster Response and over \$102,000 to the ELCA World Hunger fund in 2017. We are generous people!

The Global Mission Committee

## Thank you from Room At The Inn!

Dear People of Messiah Lutheran Church, The winter of 2018 is upon us, and with it comes the reinforced realization that life is not easy for a particularly vulnerable segment of our society. The homeless of our community are dependent on the goodwill of all of us just to survive. The Room At The Inn shelter houses between 15 and 20 people each night, while the Warming Center feeds many more throughout the day. These services are only possible because of the generosity of the churches, organizations, and people of this area, both through donated time and financial contributions.

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$150.00 on 12/31/17, check #15385. We cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are for your continued and frequent support. Sincerely, Lorna Addison for Room At The Inn

## **Messiah's Social Action Team**

The Social Action team meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4pm at Messiah. There are about 7 members with a couple of others who help out when they are able. We cooperate with global mission and the assistance committee since many of our goals overlap with theirs.

Our goal is to promote social justice for all who are homeless, hungry or marginalized both locally and internationally. We join with Bread for the World to promote legislation which helps to end hunger. Resources from ELCA Advocacy provide information which the team shares with the congregation for use in advocacy. Adult forums are held to address these and other issues.

Along with the MGH blood bank, a blood drive is held annually. Members participate in the Crop and Alzheimer's walks. Organizations which the team supports include The Women's Center and Harbor House.

We welcome new members. For more information the following team members can answer any questions you may have: Judy Quirk, Betsy Little, Susan Shaver, Emily Coyne, Ron Tervo, Sandy Grenke or Anne Weaver.

## **North Fourth Update**

Hello all! North Fourth is still up and running. We had a bit of a lull for a couple of months but things have been slowly building, as of late. We have about four regulars at this time plus Messiah's confirmation class uses the space two Sundays of the month plus confirmation make-up days on Wednesdays. We are open to students on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Kids have been enjoying playing pool, doing puzzles, playing piano, and playing board games. We have lots of legos too. Kids have also come to get help with their homework when they need it. Thanks to generous donations from Messiah's members and neighbors near and far, we have school supplies, snacks, books, games and more. We also have experienced tutors available. If you need or want a form for signing up you can get them at the back of church or at Bothwell Middle School. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Jason & Jen Elsenbroek

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