

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL
2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Week and Easter are the week of April 9-16. Please make sure you join us at Messiah this week for our special worship and fellowship opportunities. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday, April 9, 9:30 A.M.

Palm Branches Processional For Kids
Praise Band, Organ & Choir
Message - *"A Time Of Being Positive"*
Potluck Brunch For Everyone – 10:30 A.M.

First Communion Training, Wednesday, April 12, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Parent(s) And Child (Around 3rd Grade)
Learning About Passover; Communion; How To Do It?
Supper Provided
Craft—Making A First Communion Banner

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 6:00 P.M. (Fellowship Hall)

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper With His Disciples
Meal & Fellowship Together
Reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises
Worship & Holy Communion Around Tables

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 14, 7:00 P.M.

Beautiful Service Remembering Jesus' Cross
Jesus' 7 Last Words & Prophecy Spoken
Choir; Praise Band; Organ
Special Meditation On Christ's Death

Easter Breakfast – April 16, (Served By Messiah Men)

Breakfast For The Whole Community (8:00-9:15 A.M.)
Great Time Of Easter Joy & Fellowship

Easter Celebration Worship, April 16, 9:30 A.M.

Exciting Worship Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection
Praise Band; Choir; Great Easter Hymns On The Organ
Children's Message
Holy Communion
Message - *"We Are Easter People"*

Please reach out and invite neighbors, friends and family to come and worship at Messiah on Easter! It will be celebration of Jesus' new life and resurrection that will truly impact your whole reason for living!

God Is So Good! Pastor Nathan

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sunday—9

9:00 am

Outreach Team

Wednesday—12

8:30 am

Executive Team

TBA

Education Comm.

Wednesday—19

7:00 pm

Messiah Council



PASTORAL ACTS:

BAPTISM 2-12-17 Mason Nelson, son of Pat and Amber (born 12-19-16)
 3-12-17 Brielle Frykman, daughter of Jared & Tracy (born 1-16-17)
MARRIAGE 3-04-17 Heather Smith and Jason Ahrens
FUNERAL 3-10-17 Lloyd Christopherson (passed away 3-6-2017)

BABY SHOWER

Kyle and Crystal Halloway
 Saturday, April 8, 2017 10:00—12:00
 Messiah Lutheran Church

BRIDAL SHOWER

Sam Richards and April Nelson
 Saturday, May 6, 2017 9:00-11:00
 United Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Lord gave His life on the cross for us!

AN ETERNAL GIFT!

Jesus Christ has Risen!

Give Him praise and glory!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Blessings to our Messiah Family

Your Stephen Leaders, Sandy and Ardis

LIVESTREAMING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each week Messiah's worship service is livestreamed all over the U.S. and the world! All you need is a computer and internet access, and you can watch! If you would like to sponsor our services for a month in honor or memory of a loved one(s), the cost is \$50. Please stop in the office and talk to Becky if you are interested.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation of Messiah for all your prayers, thoughts and concerns. Your support and visits are very helpful while Janet and I work hard to overcome this illness. We also want to say a big thank you to Pastor Nathan for all of his visits. God has certainly blessed us and we thank Him for all of you. God really does love us.

Vernal and Janet



Happy Birthday!



Carol Anderson	4-1	Susie Ziemer	4-10	Alex Coleman	4-19
Joel Nelson	4-5	Cindy Hohnwaldt	4-11	Morgan Sanstead	4-19
Vern Yochim	4-5	James Gades	4-12	Lorraine Bredy	4-21
Kay Persons	4-6	Bret Oelke	4-12	Irma Nordquist	4-21
Jessica Oelke	4-7	Sydney Winter	4-12	Kali Johnson	4-22
Adilyn Lesnau	4-8	Rick Stark	4-13	Derek Korzendorfer	4-22
Abby Solemsaas	4-8	Adriana Dominquez	4-14	Leroy Thorstad	4-22
Marlys Thorstad	4-8	Gideon Morrow	4-15	Paige Sierakowski	4-25
Elijah Bergman	4-9	Earl Thorstad	4-15	Carol Thorstad	4-25
Connie Bye	4-10	Jennifer Rose	4-17	Nels Onstad	4-26
Gerald Erickson	4-10	Dana Yochim	4-17	Desiree Hohnwaldt	4-28
Tracy Hedstrom	4-10	Laurie Gulbrandson	4-18	Mayson Trinka	4-28
Grace Stier	4-10	Tina McGrath	4-18	Sophie Sanstead	4-30

WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR MAY... If you are in the May/November group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in May. If you do not sign up, a duty will be assigned to everyone to fill the spots needed. This is your chance to choose a date that works best for you. You can also call the church office to sign up. Thank you for your help.

Howard Anderson, Dick & Val Arnquist, Scott & Sue Blehr, Steve Engelby, Gerald & JoAnn Erickson, Terry & Faye Giese, Andrew & Kelsey Giese, Gary & Dianne Johnson, Brian & Sheila Lanners family, Dana & Deb Nelson, Pat & Amber Nelson family, Bernie & DiAnne Nord, Don and LaVerne Olson, Donn & Brenda Olson, Greg & Marisa Sabolik Family, Shirley Sampson, Ken & Paula Sanstead, Heather Smith family, Isola Smith, Bob Spaulding, Erick & Addie Stark family, Rick & Ardis Stark, Grace Stier, Jon & Tanya Winter family

Remembering the Saints in Light

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Recognizing members who have gone before us during the month of their passing

<i>Russ Stier</i>	<i>4-13-10</i>
<i>Dena Gran</i>	<i>4-20-14</i>
<i>Rodger Anderson</i>	<i>4-26-15</i>
<i>Evelyn Giese</i>	<i>4-28-10</i>

Messiah Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, February 15, 2017– 8 pm

Present: Pastor Nathan, Jacki Anderson, Jared Frykman, Jim Hanson, Jen Hermes, Brian Randt, Marisa Sabolik, Duane Samuelson, Curt Stark

Absent: none

Guest: Donn Olson, Farmers State Bank – Hoffman Insurance Agency

Insurance Coverage (Donn):

Donn provided a summary of Messiah's current insurance coverage. An insurance adjuster is due to come to Messiah this spring to review the property – this happens every five years.

- I. Call to Order by Marisa
- II. Prayer by Pastor 1 Corinthians 13 Love is patient...
- III. Approve agenda with flexibility – motion by Duane, Jared seconded, motion carried.
Secretarys report – motion by Jacki, Curt seconded, motion carried.
Treasurers report – motion by Brian, Jen seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Three heat pumps are being donated by Curt Anderson from the Dew Drop. Lent will be fun! "What Makes You Happy?" is the theme this year of Messiah's Mid-Week Lenten "faith growing" opportunities. Each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Andy Stanley will instruct us via video about how to find true happiness for our personal lives; families; for our world. Following the video there will be breakout discussion groups. The Call Committee will be interviewing a pastoral candidate on Monday, February 27.

Committee Reports:

Youth and Family – Addie Stark is the new youth leader.

Executive Committee (Marisa, Duane, Jim) – Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee (Jen) – Valentine's Day Dinner proceeds of \$875 will be given to the local food shelf – will donate in March so there can be matching funds. Kaitlin Bruns and Dean Bergerson are joining the Outreach Committee.

Property Committee (Brian) – Curt Anderson is donating three heat pumps from the Dew Drop. They hope they will qualify for the rebates through Ottetail Power. The condenser was replaced on the kitchen refrigerator.

Memorial & Bequest Committee – Nothing to report.

Education Committee (Jared) – There will be 1st Communion classes during Holy Week.

Stephen Ministry – Six new people are being trained – five from Elbow Lake and one from Messiah. They meet every week and the class requires 50 hours of training.

Vision and Task Force (Marisa) – Moving toward hospitality vs. ushering. Designing a 15 week plan for the new pastor.

Technology – Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting update – all went well. There was one question from the floor regarding Memorial & Bequest dollars.

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Leadership Retreat – nothing scheduled yet. Deb Hengel from Elbow Lake is a potential speaker. Pastor asked who might be interested in visiting Calvary in Alexandria to visit with Pastor Hans and his staff.

NEW BUSINESS 2017 Committee and Council Duty Assignments:

February – Brian	September – Jen	Outreach – Jen will get them organized
March – Marisa	October – Duane	Property – Brian
April – Curt	November – Jacki	Memorial & Bequest – Duane
May – Jim	December – Jared	Education – Jared
June – Jen	January – Marisa	Vision Task Force – Marisa
July – Brian	February – Jacki	Youth & Family – Jacki
August – Brian		Technology – Curt
		Executive – Duane, Jim, Marisa

March Executive Meeting – Thursday, March 9, 8:30 am

March Council Meeting – Monday, March 13 7 pm

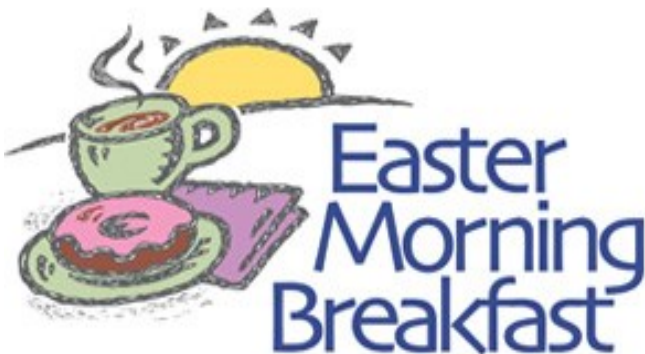
March Communion & Offering – Marisa

Adjourn – motion by Jared, Brian seconded, motion carried.

Closing Prayer Respectfully submitted by Jacki Anderson

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Messiah's First Communion Class will be on Wednesday, April 12th, from 5-8:00 pm. The child and parents will have supper then class with Pastor. Suggested age is 3rd grade and older. Please contact Tracy Hedstrom or the church office if you feel your child is ready to receive this sacrament.



SUNDAY APRIL 16TH

8:00-9:15

Menu: Scrambled Eggs,

Ham, Muffins

Juice, Coffee, Milk

FREE WILL OFFERING

EASTER DECORATIONS

WELCA has placed an order for Easter flowers for the church for April. If you would like to donate money in memory of loved ones or just to make a donation. Please sign your name on the sheet at the Welcome Center. Easter Lilies are about \$15-\$20 per plant. Checks are to be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church. Thank You!



MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 2017

Mission of the Month: Someplace Safe in Elbow Lake

Mission Items to bring: Baby Care Items, Layettees, Clothing and Kits

Sunday	2	Fellowship Coffee – Group 4
Monday	3	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Wednesday	5	Lenten Meal (Men) 5-6:15 PM
Thursday	6	Quilting, Mission Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Sunday	9	Palm Sunday Brunch - Potluck
Thursday	13	Mary Bible Study at 1 PM
Thursday	13	Maundy Thursday – Lenten Supper – Group 4 serves
Sunday	16	Easter Sunday – Men's Breakfast Brunch
Thursday	20	Quilting, Mission Fellowship at 1 PM
Thursday	20	WELCA General Meeting at 2 PM
Saturday	22	Spring Conference 8 Gathering – Good Shepherd, Wheaton 8:30-12 Noon
Wednesday	26	LWR Boxes delivered to Osakis
Sunday	30	Fellowship Coffee – Group 4

WELCA NEWS from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

March was a busy month with the beginning of the Lenten season and preparing and serving at several of the Lenten meals along with a funeral. Thank you to the women that have helped serve in this capacity. April will be busy with Group 4 preparing the Maundy Thursday meal along with two Sunday fellowship coffee times.

The Messiah quilters are an amazing group of women making from 3 to 5 quilts whenever they meet. They are also working on quilts for the high school graduates.

Layette items will be our April mission focus. Your WELCA booklet describes the items needed. Basically it is infant shirts, gowns or footed sleepers, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, sweater or sweat-shirt, socks, washcloths, diaper pins and bath size bar of soap. We will be putting our kits together to send along with the quilts to LWR. We will be packing boxes on April 20th for delivery on the 26th to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Missions. Money from the coffee offerings on April 2nd and 30th will be sent to Some Place Safe in Elbow Lake our other mission area designated for April. Please look at all the thank you notes posted on the kiosk from grateful recipients of our mission projects.

The decorating committee is asking for monetary donations for Easter flowers for the sanctuary. It is a good way to remember our loved ones to help beautify the church during the Easter season. Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Please note the WELCA Spring Conference 8 gathering is Saturday, April 22nd at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wheaton from 8:30 to 12 noon. Look for the flyer on the kiosk in the narthex for registration information. Let Arlou or Sylvia know if you are interested in attending.

We will be having a General WELCA meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 2 PM. We will look at our goals for the year and financial report to see where we are financially and how the change in policies is going.



Seek-

Do you love to bake? Looking for a fun night with your child, grandchild or mentee? Join us on Wednesday, April 26th from 5 pm to 7:30 p.m. We will be making goodies for our 2nd annual bake sale on Sunday, April 30th. Supper will be first from 5-5:30.

We are looking for any youth to join us on Palm Sunday church service. We will be bringing the palm branches up front at 9:30 a.m. Meet in chapel at 9:15. Easter Sunday, all youth welcome to play bells at beginning of service.

Connect-

Last Rotation of Sunday School starts April 2nd and goes until April 30th! All children three years old (potty trained) to 8th grade are welcome! 10:45-11:45 and 10:45-11:30 for prek.

Save the Date- MESSIAH VBS with Luther Crest counselors, Monday July 31st to Thursday August 3rd.

April 2nd- kids will sing at church service. Meet Camilla in chapel at 9:15.

Impact-

2nd Annual Bake Sale and Car Wash on Sunday, April 30th. 10:45-1145, all proceeds going to outdoor projection system.

Sunday School Year End Fiesta! Please help us celebrate our youth, families, and all the wonderful people that volunteered teaching and helping our youth this year. The theme is Mexican brunch. Education team will provide all the tacos and fixings. Mark your calendar, Sunday May 7th.

Education Committee- Kari Anderson, Tracy Frykman, Liza Long, Kesha Trinkka and Tracy Hedstrom

Salvation Army Homeless Shelter

Come help prepare and serve the noon lunch for the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter in St Cloud on **Saturday April 15th**.

We will leave church at 7:30 and return around 2:30-3:00.

Everyone welcome! Students under 5th grade need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Heidi Johnson with questions.



GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE—APRIL**ACOLYTES**

2 & 9 Izzy Puchalski
 16 & 23 Logon Long
 30 Abby Solemsaas

COMMUNION PREPARATION

April 2 Jeanne Anderson
 April 16 Liza Long

**If you are unable to serve your assigned spot on any Sunday, please find your own replacement and let the church office know who that is.
 THANK YOU!!**

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 2 & 16 Kali Johnson Nicole Bruns
 LeRoy Stark

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

April 1—30 Terry Giese

COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL

Curt Stark

FLOWERS Decorating Committee**WELCOME CENTER**

April 2 Duane & Wanda Saurer
 April 9 Tracy & Jared Frykman
 April 16 Matt & Liza Long family
 April 23 Bud & Suzy Ziemer
 April 30 Elmer & Jeanne Anderson

USHERS/GREETERS

Muriel Krusemark, Dean Bergerson
 Vonnie Brittin, Donna Soderholm, Ken & Joan Johnson
 Matt & Liza Long family
 Mark & Laurie Torkelson, Dean Bergerson

VIDEO

April 2 Jaime Johnson
 April 5 Wed Quinten Winter
 April 9 Quinten Winter
 April 14 Fri Brooke Anderson
 April 16 Jaime Johnson
 April 23 Brooke Anderson
 April 30 Jaime Johnson

PROJECTION

Krista Randt
 Savannah Swenson
 Ireland Winter
 Krista Randt
 Ireland Winter
 Anna Bergman
 Lynn Swenson

ORGANIST

April 2 Bev Yochim
 April 5 Wed Praise Band
 April 9 Bev Yochim
 April 14 Fri Bev Yochim
 April 16 Bev Yochim
 April 23 Bev Yochim
 April 30 Bev Yochim

SOUND

Nicole Bruns
 Kaitlyn Sanstead
 Aiden Winter
 Aiden Winter
 Nicole Bruns
 Steve Bergman
 Arlyn Swenson

LECTORS

Wanda Saurer
 -
 Carol Hulzebos
 -
 Tony Warner
 Darlene Christensen
 Darlene Christensen

COFFEE

April 2 Coffee served by WELCA # 4
 April 9 Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch (Youth Serve)
 April 16 Easter Breakfast by Churchmen 8:00-9:15
 April 23 Coffee served by Youth—Jacki Anderson family
 April 30 Coffee served by WELCA #4

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
2 9:30 Holy Communion/ Kids sing/ Teacher Installation 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #4 10:45 Sunday School	3 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	4	5 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5:00 Lenten Meal by Men 6:30 Lenten Service 8:00 Messiah Choir	6 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	7	8 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study 10-12 Baby Shower for Crystal and Kyle Holloway
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Outreach Team 9:30 Worship Service/ Baptism of Ariyah Cabaniss 10:30 Potluck Brunch (served by Youth) 10:45 Sunday School	10	11	12 8:30 am Exec Team 5-8:00 First Communion Class 7:00 Messiah Choir	13 1:00 Mary Bible Study 6:00 Maundy Thursday meal and worship WELCA #4	14 7:00 Good Friday Worship	15 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
16 EASTER 8-9:15 Easter Breakfast By Churchmen 9:30 Holy Communion Bells/1st Communion NO Sunday School	17	18 7:00 Stephen Ministry	19 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 7:00 Messiah Choir 8:00 Messiah Council	20 1:00 QMF 2:00 WELCA General Mtg 6:30 Stv Min Class	21	22 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study <div>WELCA Conference 8 Mtg in Wheaton 8:30-12</div>
23 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday School	24	25	26 LWR boxes to Osakis 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5-5:30 Meal 5:30-7:30 Youth Baking Cookies for Bake Sale 7:00 Messiah Choir	27 6:30 Stv Min Class	28	29 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
30 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #4 10:45 -11:45 Sunday School Car Wash & Bake Sale						

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	April 9	9:30	Palm Sunday
		10:30	Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch
THURSDAY	April 13	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
FRIDAY	April 14	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
SUNDAY	April 16	8-9:15am	Easter Breakfast served by Churchmen
		9:30 am	Easter Festival Holy Communion

