

Dear Friends in Christ,

"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.

Truth is there are many in our country and community who are feeling really sad and hopeless these days. The reason for this sadness is because our world is looking in totally the wrong places trying to somehow find happiness and joy.

All the promises of this world (financial gurus; happiness preachers; talk show hosts; political pundits) always lead to false happiness—to happiness that is fleeting and never lasts. That is why there is so much darkness and hopelessness—the priorities and values most are pursuing these days are pretty messed up.

Andy Stanley on the other hand lifts up a Biblical and God-centered foundation for true and lasting happiness. He emphasizes three things that all happy people have in common and then goes on to describe how these things can be a realization for you as well.

Each Wednesday following the videos there will be break-out discussion opportunities. These are great opportunities to learn and process this information with other supportive people. Small groups are the best way to fellowship, learn and grow together.

Youth (5th-12th graders) are also encouraged to attend each Wednesday as part of IMPACT (*Influencing My Peers As A Christian Teen*). These youth will have their own break-out small group each week as they too discover how to find true happiness. The younger children (pre-K to 4th Grade) will be part of fun activities with Tracy Hedstrom leading.

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**COUNCIL AND
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

Wednesday—8

8:30 am

Executive Team

Sunday—12

8:30 am

Outreach Team

TBA

Education Comm.

Monday—13

7:00 pm

Messiah Council



PASTORAL ACTS:

FUNERAL:	2-11-17	Ellerd Larson (passed away 2-4-17)
BAPTISM:	2-12-17	Aribella Coleman (born 12-19-16)
MARRIAGE:	2-4-17	Andrew Giese and Kelsey Bennett
TRANSFERS IN:	1-29-17	Dieter, Megan, Brooklyn, Bennett Strobel Mike Krusemark & Christine McKenzie Michelle Martinson

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On Ash Wednesday, March 1, there will be a short Communion Worship with Ashes at 6:30 P.M. before the video. The remaining Wednesdays there will also be a short Praise and Prayer time with the choir singing to help prepare us for our time of learning/growth. Also each Wednesday Supper will be served for everyone from 5:00-6:15 P.M.

Messiah is definitely a happening and happy place each Wednesday during Lent. Make sure you don't miss this opportunity to discover how to find true happiness in your life.

God Is So Good!

Pastor Nathan

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.

**WINTER WEATHER SCHEDULE**

If the West Central Area Schools start late, the church will also open late. If the schools close early, the church will also close early and evening meetings and activities will be canceled. Sunday closings will be announced on KIKV-FM 100.7, KMRS 1230 am and KKOK 95.7 fm radio stations. Sunday closings will also be sent via the Instant Alert Communication System to your phones and/or computers.



Happy Birthday!



Michelle Danelke	3-1	Jennifer Starner	3-14	Marlys Rollofson	3-22
Charleen Lesnau	3-1	Grant Lindquist	3-15	Matt Long	3-23
Andrew Giese	3-5	Olivia Lindquist	3-15	Jared Frykman	3-24
Scott Dalum	3-6	Cody Torkelson	3-16	Dustin Gulbrandson	3-24
Nikki Paavola	3-7	Louise Larson	3-17	Brenda Olson	3-24
Cynthia Anderson	3-9	Jaime Johnson	3-18	Hazel Vestrum	3-24
Mandy Braaten	3-10	Scott Blehr	3-20	Sylvia Thorstad	3-25
Elsie Mahoney	3-10	Jordan Bruns	3-20	Beverly Yochim	3-25
Carmen Peterson	3-11	Sheila Lanners	3-20	Kyler Smith	3-26
Eldoris Bye	3-12	Helen Dynda	3-21	Heather Gades	3-27
Russell Gabrielson	3-14	Sara Strunk	3-22	Christy Krusemark	3-28
Jasmyn Mercado	3-14			Becky Meyer	3-31

WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR APRIL... If you are in the April/October group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in April. 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.

Elmer & Jeanne Anderson, Dean Bergerson, Vonnie Brittin, Darlene Christensen, Jared & Tracy Frykman family, Russ & Delores Gabrielson, Jerald & Carol Hulzebos, Ken & Joan Johnson, Muriel Krusemark, Charleen Lesnau, Matt & Liza Long family, Vernal & Marlene Nelson, Heidi Nygard, Carmen Peterson, Dennis & Wanda Saurer, Marilyn Schoephoerster, Rollin & Donna Soderholm, Arlyn & Lynn Swenson, Mark & Laurie Torkelson, Dean Travland, Ray & Suzy Zeimer

Remembering the Saints in Light

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

Paul Stark	3-03-14	Elroy Anderson	3-4-16
Ed Larson	3-10-15	Chris Spaulding	3-10-16
Yvonne Gunderson	3-19-14	Joanne Holl	3-21-15
Doris Christenson	3-22-15	Audrey Beuckens	3-24-10
Carol Sylskar	3-26-14		

January 18, 2017 8:00pm

Present: Duane, Shirley, Jennifer, Brian, Marisa, Curt Stark, Pastor Nathan

Absent: Jacki, Jared, Faye, Jim

Call to order by Duane

Pastor led devotions

Motion by Shirley, second by Brian to approve agenda with flexibility – motion carried

Motion by Shirley, second by Brian to approve Secretary's report – motion carried

Motion by Jen, second by Brian to approve Financial report – motion carried

Pastor recapped his written report

Outreach report by Jen –

Valentine's dinner 02-12-17 with proceeds going to H-K Food shelf to be donated in March for matching funds

Directory is in progress

Dean Bergerson and Kaitlin Bruns are interested in being on the Outreach team

Property Committee by Brian-

Doors are being fixed

Organ light is fixed

Sound room needs light

Circulation contactors are fixed

Memorial and Bequest by Duane

Balance is \$28,384.19

Education – Pastor Nathan

Upcoming movie night

Vision Task Force by Marissa –

Working on transition plan for Pastor's retirement

Technology by Shirley

Everything is good

Youth and Family by Pastor Nathan

IMPACT is going well

01-21-17 trip to shelter in St. Cloud with Night Night bags and will do a meal while there

02-05-17 Super bowl subs

02-18-17 food for Kidz packing project in Wendell

Addie Stark is the now the Youth Committee chairperson

Executive by Marisa

2017 Budget will be presented at this meeting

Stephen Ministry – no report

Motion by Shirley, second by Jen to approve the 2017 budget with an increase of salaries to \$150,000 – motion carried

Church Council members

Curt Stark will join the council once affirmed

One more person is needed

Annual meeting

Marisa has agenda

Leadership retreat is tentatively set for March 4

Motion by Duane, second by Brian to replace the heat pump in the classroom area

A memorial was given to cover the cost of replacing the unit

Motion by Shirley, second by Brian to approve the Resolution of Lodge as follows

Resolution of Messiah Lutheran Church

Whereas Messiah Lutheran Church uses Farmers State Bank of Hoffman as its depository institution;
 The current president/co-presidents, executive officer, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary and

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**WOMEN OF THE ELCA
MARCH, 2017 CALENDAR**

MISSION OF THE MONTH; LOCAL H-K FOOD SHELF

MISSION ITEMS TO BRING: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Wednesday	1	Ash Wednesday Lenten Meal – (WELCA Group 3) 5 – 6:15 PM
Thursday	2	Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:30
Sunday	5	Fellowship Coffee – Group 3
Monday	6	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Wednesday	8	Lenten Meal – (Youth) – 5-6:15 PM
Thursday	9	Mary Bible Study at 1 PM
Wednesday	15	Lenten Meal – (Men) 5-6:15 PM
Thursday	16	Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:30
Wednesday	22	Lenten Meal (Youth)
Wednesday	29	Lenten Meal (WELCA Group 3) 5-6:15 PM
Thursday	30	Quilting Mission Fellowship at 1:30

News Notes for March from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

As the Lenten season is upon us it is also a time to reflect on our lives. As Christian women we identify as; strong individuals, supportive wives, loving moms, benevolent bosses, capable employers or employees, caring friend and neighbor, socially concerned citizens and joyful believers, all while keeping a song of “thankfulness” and praise in our hearts. We pray for God’s guidance to be all that we can be and do.

March 1st is the beginning of the Lenten season this year. Ash Wednesday is March 1st and Group 3 will be serving a meal that night from 5-6:15. The March Group will also be responsible for two Lenten meals as well as a Sunday of fellowship coffee during March. Please be prepared to offer help if called for any of these events.

A big “Thank You” to the February group for serving a Sunday coffee and also serving for a funeral.

Group 4 will serve the fellowship coffee on April 2nd and also prepare and serve the Maunday Thursday meal on April 13th. Easter Sunday will be April 16th and the men will provide breakfast brunch as usual.

There are many opportunities to serve as Messiah Women. Please consider helping with assembling mission kits, quilting, or attending one of the Bible Study Groups.

Our March ***Mission of the Month*** is to support the H-K Food Shelf. We will donate \$100 to that cause and ask that you donate food if you are able. There is a box in the Narthex at church to drop off items. We will also be looking to provide articles for personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief this month. These items are listed in your women’s booklet. They are; hand towels (not white), washcloths, bars of soap (bath size,) toothbrushes, combs (wide tooth preferred), steel nail files or nail clippers with a file. We will put our mission basket in the narthex for you to put your donated items in. We will wrap the smaller items in a towel and fasten it with ribbon or yarn before we send them out. Anyone willing to help assemble the kits please let Arlou Swenson know, 986-2639 or Ardis Stark, 986-2768.

As we look ahead to April there will be a WELCA General Meeting on Thursday, April 20th and mission kits will need to be assembled, there will be a Conference 8 Gathering in Wheaton on Saturday, April 22nd.

God’s Work-Our hands.



Messiah Youth- Seek....Connect....Impact....

Seek-

1. Join us when rotation # 4 starts February 26th! We will learn about the "Four Friends!" All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 8th grade are welcome!
2. Mark your calendars- Palm Sunday, April 9th we will need all youth to help carry in palm branches at beginning of church service at 9:30 a.m. Any age is welcome!

Connect-

1. Looking for something fun to do in April? Rotation #5, our last Sunday school rotation, we have a few teaching openings left. You can find the sign up board next to welcome desk in Narthex.
2. Sunday, March 19th we are excited to have someone special come to see us from Luther Crest! They will meet with the kids from 9:30-10:15 and talk about all the fun events they have during the summer and what they will bring to us during VBS. This is our Mission project this spring to raise money for Luther Crest.

Impact-

1. Looking for a fun supper and movie night? Join us on Saturday, March 4th from 5-8 p.m. We will be serving a free supper from 5-6 and the movie, "Grace Unplugged", from 6-8 p.m. A huge thank you to Mark and Cindy Starnier for getting a Thrivent Action Card of \$250 for this event to be possible. Invite friends and family, all are welcome! Movie is free and PG!
2. Mark you calendars- 2nd Annual Bake Sale and Car Wash by our youth and families is Sunday, April 30th.

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



MENTOR/MENTEE EVENT

March 5 12:00-3:00

LUNCH/SLEDDING/BOARD GAMES

At Ken Johnson's Home

17147 Co Rd 5 on Elk Lake



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substitute financial secretary shall be listed as agents of the Messiah Lutheran Church with the full power and lawful authority to carry out the powers assigned to them on the "Resolution of Lodge, Association or other Similar Organization" form of said Bank.

Now, therefore, be it approved on this date January 18, 2017

Council President _____

Council Secretary _____

Executive Meeting Wednesday February 8, 2017 8:30 AM

Council Meeting February 15, 2017 8:00 pm

February Communion and Offering Brian Randt

Motion to Adjourn by Jen, second by Shirley – motion carried

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES... "What Makes you Happy?" is the theme of Messiah's midweek Lenten faith-growing opportunities beginning on March 1. Each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. (Supper 5:00-6:15 P.M.) a video message by Pastor Andy Stanley on "What Makes You Happy?" will be followed by Small Group discussion opportunities. All are welcome!

Are you feeling sad these days? Are you troubled by the divisions in our world? Come and learn as Andy Stanley explores the three things all happy people have in common. Come and discover *what really makes you happy*.

March 1 – Nothing

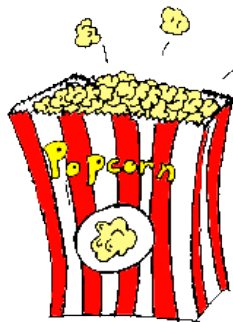
March 8 – Plan For It

March 15 – Peace With God

March 22 – Happy Money

March 29 – Shoes

April 5 – You're Not Enough



"GRACE UNPLUGGED"

(rated PG)

Saturday March 4, 2017

FREE SUPPER AND MOVIE

Supper 5-6:00 pm

Movie 6-8:00 pm



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

5 & 12 Owen Sanstead
19 & 26 Ashlee Bruns

**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 PREPARATION March 5th Arlou Swenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS March 5th

Brooke Anderson, Ross Anderson
Arlou Swenson

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

March 1-15 Steve Strunk
March 16-31 Mark Starner

COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL Marisa Sabolik

FLOWERS Lent—no flowers

WELCOME CENTER**USHERS/GREETERS**

March 5	Justin & Amy Puchalski; Lee and Polly Hedstrom
March 12	Kayla, Damon, Owen, Piper Sanstead; Courtland & Sylvia Swenson
March 19	Jennes & Arlou Swenson; John & Deb Starner
March 26	Christine Mahoney Mark & Cindy Starner

VIDEO**PROJECTION-TRAINEE**

March	1 Wed	Jaime Johnson	Krista Randt — Anna Bergman
March	5	Jaime Johnson	Krista Randt — Anna Bergman
March	8 Wed	Emma Swenson	Savannah Swenson — Anna Bergman
March	12	Quinten Winter	Ireland Winter — Anna Bergman
March	15 Wed	Jaime Johnson	Krista Randt — Anna Bergman
March	19	Jaime Johnson	Brooke Anderson — Anna Bergman
March	22 Wed	Emma Swenson	Savannah Swenson — Anna Bergman
March	26	Quinten Winter	Ireland Winter — Anna Bergman
March	29 Wed	Jaime Johnson	Brooke Anderson — Anna Bergman

ORGANIST**SOUND****LECTORS**

March	1 Wed	Praise Band	Aiden Winter	-
March	5	Bev Yochim	Aiden Winter	Ed Persons
March	8 Wed	Praise Band	Kaitlyn Sanstead	-
March	12	Bev Yochim	Aiden Winter	Courtland Swenson
March	15 Wed	Praise Band	Kaitlyn Sanstead	-
March	19	Bev Yochim	Krista Randt	Ed Persons
March	22 Wed	Praise Band	Kaitlyn Sanstead	-
March	26	Bev Yochim	Nicole Bruns	Mark Starner
March	29 Wed	Praise Band	Nicole Bruns	-

COFFEE

March	5	Coffee served by WELCA # 3
March	12	Coffee by Churchmen—Steve Strunk
March	19	SPRING MEATBALL DINNER by youth
March	26	Coffee served by Youth—Kendra Anderson Family

MARCH 2017

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5:00 Lenten Meal by WELCA #3 6:30 Lenten Service Communion and Ashes 8:00 Messiah Choir	2 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	3 <div> GRACE UNPLUGGED FREE MOVIE (rated PG) Supper 5-6:00 pm Movie 6-8:00 pm </div>	4 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study 9:30-11 Bridal Shwr For Mandy Frovarp
5 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #3 10:45 Sunday School 12-1:00 Mentor/mentee event at Ken Johnson's	6 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	7 1:30 Stephen Ministry	8 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5:00 Lenten Meal by Yth 6:30 Lenten Service 8:00 Messiah Choir	9 1:00 Mary Bible Study 6:30 Stv Min Class	10	11 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
12 8:30 Outreach Team 9:30 Worship Service Baptism of Brielle Frykman 10:30 Coffee by Men 10:45 Sunday School	13 7:00 Messiah Council	14	15 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5:00 Lenten Meal - Men 6:30 Lenten Service 8:00 Messiah Choir	16 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	17	18 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
19 NOTE TIME CHANGE 9:30 Sunday School Missions-LC rep 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 SPRING MEATBALL DINNER BY YOUTH	20	21 1:30 Stephen Ministry	22 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5:00 Lenten Meal Yth 6:30 Lenten Service 8:00 Messiah Choir	23 6:30 Stv Min Class	24 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	25 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study 2:00 Frovarp/Korzendorfer Wedding
26 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday School	27	28	29 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5:00 Lenten Meal by WELCA #3 6:30 Lenten Service 8:00 Messiah Choir	30 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	31 	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

* LETS ROLL INTO SPRING *
* **MEATBALL DINNER** *
* Served by Messiah Youth *
* **March 19, 2017 11:45 am** *
* Meatballs in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, *
* Dinner Roll, Dessert *
* Free will donation *
* **TIME CHANGE SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 WORSHIP 10:30** *
