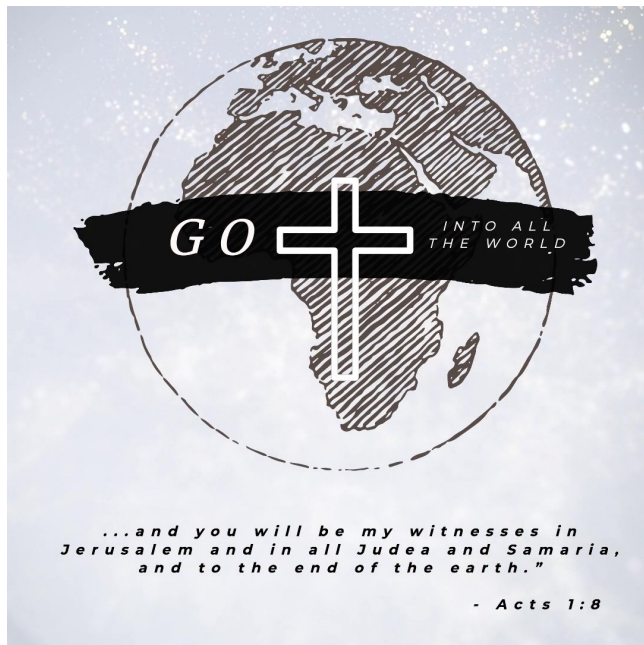


Messiah Messenger

Gather....Grow....Go....Spread the Good News!



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The mission of
Messiah Lutheran Church is to
Glorify Christ by Nurturing our Faith,
Sharing His Love,
and Teaching His Word.

**This issue will again be primarily
focused on how Messiah Lutheran
Church is responding to the changes
that are necessary due to COVID-19.**

**We are in this together and are
working hard to stay connected as a
community of faith during these
times of necessary isolation.**

**Also, know that God's love is not
bound by social distancing. The
Church is who we are, not a place we
go. Please continue to seek out crea-
tive ways to fill yourselves and others
with God's love so that the light of
that love shines in the spaces that
now exist between us all.**

In addition to the information provided in this
newsletter, please check out our website at:

www.messiahroseau.net

On our website we have a link to our facebook
page, information on Amazon Smile, links to
various forms and policies, current and future
serving/volunteer schedules, copies of past
newsletters and bulletins and much more.

Messiah Messenger

A message from the Bishop

22 April 2020

Dear Siblings in Christ of the NWMN Synod,

Here is a word for this moment and some continued guidance for being church together in these times.

Like the disciples (Cleopas and company) in [Luke 24:13-35](#), we are walking a painful road together, and Jesus meets us here. In this post-resurrection appearance, Jesus invites his bewildered disciples to take three steps that we can also take together.

1. **Jesus invites us to name and claim our grief.** Jesus asked the disciples about their experience. He invited them to lament. You are invited to lament. Make room to acknowledge all that is being lost – the missed travel, weddings, graduations, the loved ones you could not be there for, the absence from community, good work, and loved ones who have died. With the disciples that day we can utter what are perhaps the saddest words in all of scripture, “We had hoped...” We do so, knowing there is One who listens to our lament, who hangs on every word and cry.
2. **Jesus invites us to remember God’s promises.** Jesus opened scripture and called to their minds God’s promises. There is space in these days for us to do that. God has shown God’s self to be one who does not hold back, but enters the struggle with us, always bringing fresh surprises.
3. **Jesus invites us to stop and notice him in the simple blessings of daily life:** in broken bread (perhaps fresh baked!), the laughter of a child, a snuggling pet, a precious night of rest. Such things are not sacraments, but they are sacramental. And one message behind the fact that Jesus suddenly disappears is that even if we do not notice him now – he is still present!

Here is some guidance based on questions I have been hearing lately.

- **When can we go back to gathering for worship and how do we do it?** The current Governor’s order runs through May 4, and new guidance has not yet been issued. When it is, we will follow up immediately with guidance tailored to our churches and their unique context. Stay tuned.
- **What about outdoor worship?** It is not allowed under the current executive order.
- **What about parking lot worship?** There is guidance [here](#) on the MN Dept of Health website. It states that the most preferred course of action is to stay home! However, there is guidance here that, if followed, will keep people safe in parking lot gatherings with people remaining in their cars.
- **Is there any other financial help for congregations through the federal government other than the [Paycheck Protection Program](#)?** Yes, there is also the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#) (EIDL).
- **What about financial assistance from the synod?** We are raising funds through the [#GiveAtHomeMN campaign](#) and may allocate other synod resources along with a potential grant from our churchwide organization to provide modest help to congregations for ramping up their capacity to deliver online worship and for sustaining ministries that serve the wider community.

Here are some things to keep in mind for your own mental a spiritual health:

- **Make space for grace:** have a regular starting and stopping time for working from home; take at least one full day off, disconnected from media; learn something, but don’t try to figure it all out in one day; move your body; dwell with God in prayer and scripture.
- **Be generous with each other:** everyone is doing the best they can.
- **Breathe!**

With the Peace of Christ,

Rev. Bill Tesch



Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA

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A message from the Council President

As we look forward to May in these uncertain times, I have to start this message with some bittersweet news. Our intrepid Office Administrator Aimee Wilson will be stepping away from this position later this month. Aimee has carried a tremendous workload since Pastor Michael left and this will be a well deserved break for her. As council president I've leaned on Aimee too many times, and she's always been there to help. Next time you see Aimee, please thank her for her service to Messiah. Aimee will continue on in a part-time role as Messiah's financial secretary.

My daily communications with church Council, the Synod, Bishop Tesch and congregation members from Messiah, Moe and Bethel cover many topics but, as expected, focus on the COVID19 virus and coping as a church community. These discussions are generally quite positive, but I did have one question last week that caught me off guard: "At some point you have to be worried about losing your congregation". This was an eye opener and a shocker. It made me recollect the discussion we had at the local area Ministry meeting in Baudette with Kathy Levenhagen and Pastor Keith Zeh from the Synod in February just before the virus took hold of our lives. Kathy asked, "what would happen if the church was no longer there". That's a deep question and put the church's influence on our lives in clear perspective. I thought about Messiah and all the good things we do as a congregation, from Jay's exceptional youth Ministry to one of Minnesota's finest quilting crews. We are a community! The church is just the building. We are strong and we'll do just fine as a congregation! On that note, I must thank everyone for embracing the various new forms of giving and for supporting and listening in to our Sunday radio broadcasts. Let's all lend a hand to keep the momentum. There is lots of work to do in the absence of a pastor, so please be ready to volunteer a bit of your time when the Council or Council committees reach out for help.

Earlier in April, the CARES act was passed in Washington DC as fiscal stimulus to help the country through the pandemic. Part of that is the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP), designed to help small businesses cover payroll, utility and other costs over the next few weeks. Messiah qualifies as a small business and is therefore eligible for a PPP loan. The church council discussed this at length and an application was submitted (thanks to Aimee and Stu for doing the legwork). Although the church is running a slight financial deficit for this year, the balance sheet is still strong and the loan is a logical safety net for future financial uncertainty. The bulk of the loan amount will be forgivable such that it becomes a grant and the amount of debt taken on is small and manageable.

Finally, thank you all for responding to our survey on cooperation with Moe in calling future pastoral leadership. Please pray for success from our joint Messiah/Moe Call Committee as they work toward calling Pastoral leadership.

Stay safe and God Bless,

Larry



J Files Report & Youth Calendar

Matthew: 5:16 "Let your light shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father".

YOUTH GROUP/MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MAY:

Greetings in the Name of the Father, the Son & Holy Spirit, Amen!

Heading into the month of May, we will continue to follow the guidelines set by Local, State & Federal CDC Gov. & officials! We are still in lock down, social distancing and no mass gatherings and with only 10 or less people that can gather in a building at one time! For this reason, we will continue our Virtual Youth Ministry to begin with in May! If anything was to change for the better where we could meet in person, I will make the changes and keep you posted on what we have going on, but right now go by what I have listed below for Youth Ministry in May!

We will continue to be the church, the community of believers, in May! Being the Church is all about relationships! This is more challenging in the times we are living in right now! Please focus on Matthew 5:16 scripture listed on top of this page! It is more important than ever for us to find ways to still be the light for Christ and Love your neighbor and stay connected with one another! I challenge you to find ways this month of May to show your light for Christ to others by sending affirmation or gifts to someone through the mail, email, write a letter, drop off a May Basket on neighbor's front steps or whatever you can think of to show God's Love and be the light for Christ while maintaining social distancing and lock down mode! Please stay in touch with me and the church and if you need any ministry assistance, please let me know, thanks!

God Bless,

Jay Ostgaard (218-242-2221 Cell & email is jjostgaard@gmail.com) I'm still working from home in May!

THINGS TO KNOW SO YOUTH CAN GROW:

Please READ BELOW FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED IN MAY

- *Every Wed Night in MAY at 7 pm will be ZOOM 7-12 Youth Group! This is for Messiah & Moe Youth and friends! The link and passwords are the same for each Wed!*
- *Every Wed Afternoon in May at 4:30 pm will be Zoom 4-6 Grade Youth Group! This is for Messiah & Moe Youth! And friends! The link and passwords are the same for each Wed!*
- *THERE WILL BE Zoom & Text check ins I will be doing for each grade, 4th thru 12th Grade to visit, pray and answer any questions they may have and to stay connected!*
- *I will try to do some devotions or video's in May to post online or to do some campfire songs!*

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY TOGETHER through this changing times in our lives right now, please contact Jay as our main goal at MESSIAH IS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER & WITH GOD!!!!!!!

Senior Recognition Service @ Messiah We have this scheduled for Sunday, May 31st! If we can't gather together in person, We will still honor our seniors on radio and set up a time for them to get their gifts! We will be in touch to how this all plays out! Summer Schedule for Youth Ministry still up in the air, stay tuned for more info to come later in May!

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Call Committee Update

Thank you to all who responded to the survey we sent out during April. We had 150 responses out of 405 active voting members. This was a 37% response rate with 71.3% saying “yes” and 28.7% saying “no” to joining Messiah and Moe Call committee’s together to look for ministerial leadership to fit our needs as a two point parish.

The Call Committee feels confident now in moving forward with Moe’s committee. I appreciated all of the comments. I would say that even the “no” comments weren’t strong no’s, just had questions about what a two point parish might look like. All the comments are ones that we as well as the council have pondered. There were questions about finances, the parsonage, as well as details about what a two point parish looks like. None of these have answers right now. Please continue to pray for the leadership in each church as we move forward.

Here is an update of what we are working on:

- Reviewed survey results
- Complete the Ministry Site Profile. This is a document that is online and available for persons that might be interested in our congregation.
- Have scheduled an informal virtual call with a couple that may be interested in our congregations. Two call committee members from Messiah & 2 from Moe will participate.
- Meet with Moe’s call committee in early May to talk about how to move forward.

I thank you for all of the prayers as we move forward in this process and find the right fit for ministerial leadership in our church and community. Please contact a call committee member with questions or comments.

Karyn Santl - Chair, Barb Erickson, Taylor Okeson, Kilah LaPlante, John Dorwart & Gary Wilson

Messiah Church Building to be locked until further notice

Until further notice, we will continue to keep Messiah’s church building locked to allow our staff to work from home. If you need immediate pastoral care, please call Jay Ostgaard at 218-242-2221. Aimee Wilson, our Office Administrator, will be checking e-mail and voicemail from home during her regular “office hours” of Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. You may continue to communicate with her via voicemail (218-463-1648) or e-mail (messiahroseau@gmail.com). She will also be checking postal mail weekly.

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Greetings and God Bless from
the Parish Ed Committee.



During these unprecedented times we are forced to cut our Sunday School year short. We have had a fun year learning about God's word and how we can serve him in our everyday lives. On behalf of the Parish Ed Committee and all of our Sunday School teachers we thank you for joining us and participating in our fun new rotational Sunday School format.

As we dismiss early, we encourage you to continue to grow in your faith with your family at home. We have set up a new Facebook page designated for our Sunday School families. Search for Messiah Lutheran Church Sunday School on Facebook. We will use this tool to post family learning resources and any special announcements throughout the year.

We pray that you and your families will stay healthy as we unite in spirit to get through this challenging time. With the Lord's guidance, we will overcome this challenge and see you again in the fall!

Until then, God Bless.

Messiah Lutheran Parish Ed Committee

Quilt Packing

Quilts will NOT be packed for Lutheran World Relief for pick-up this spring. At this time LWR plans to pick-up in the fall. We will communicate more details as they become available.



A Very Big **THANK YOU** to Yhone and Dawn Magnusson for all their hard work in cleaning at the church over the last several weeks! They have been taking advantage of an empty church and cleaning all the carpets among other deep cleaning. That is a big job and we appreciate you, Yhone and Dawn!

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Roseau Area Ministerial Association will be leading a National Day of Prayer service on

Thursday May 7, 2020 at 5:15 pm

in the Roseau County Courthouse parking lot.

The Ministerial Association will be broadcasting the service using a short-range FM transmitter in addition to a sound system. You are welcome to drive-in, stay in your car, and tune in on your car radio. The station number will be communicated when you arrive. The theme of this years' service is for God's glory to spread across the Earth. You can find the National Day of Prayer Pamphlet on our website messiahroseau.net/resources or by clicking [here](#). All are invited for this contemplative time as we join together to pray for many people within our community and nation.



Additional Resources and Links

- ⇒ Messiah's website messiahroseau.net and [Facebook page](#)
- ⇒ Listen to Messiah radio broadcast Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WILD 102 radio, cable channel 3 or roseauonline.com
- ⇒ Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN for online worship options: calvaryalex.org
- ⇒ Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston for [Facebook worship options](#)
- ⇒ A list of other NW MN [ELCA worship options](#)
- ⇒ NW MN Synod Covid-19 Resource website: nwmnsynod.org/resources/covid19-resources/
- ⇒ [Here is a list of resources to "do" faith at home](#)
- ⇒ [Pandemic Hope: A Family Devotional](#)
- ⇒ [Zoom FAQ webpage](#)

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MESSIAH / MOE JOINT RADIO WORSHIP

As you may have noticed, Messiah and Moe have already begun sharing Radio Worship duties. On alternating Sundays, Messiah or Moe will record a service to be broadcast at both the 10 am and 11 am worship times. We encourage you to tune in to Wild 102 no matter which church is providing for the service and we thank our friends at Moe for sharing in this ministry.

May

May 3rd ~ Messiah
May 10th ~ Moe
May 17th ~ Messiah
May 24th ~ Moe
May 31st ~ Messiah

June

June 7th ~ Moe
June 14th ~ Messiah
June 21st ~ Moe
June 28th ~ Messiah

SERVING SCHEDULE - MAY & JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>	<u>Vocalist</u>
May 3	Sue Grafstrom	Marsha Hagen	Marty Trangsrud	Aimee Wilson
May 17	Dave Grafstrom	Jodie Janzen	Marty Trangsrud	Aimee Wilson
May 31	Jay Ostgaard	None Needed	Bob Tuttle	Jay & Chris Barnes
June 14	Dave Grafstrom	Bill Jennings	Paul Grafstrom	**
June 28	Sue Grafstrom	Barb Erickson	Marty Trangsrud	**

**We are in need of volunteers to serve as vocalists to sing along with the hymns. Hymns will be familiar and if you volunteer early enough, you can work with Joyce in the choosing of those hymns. :-)

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Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship

Applications can be found on the Messiah Church website at messiahroseau.net under the Resources tab.
Application deadline was April 17, 2020 for graduating Seniors and is **July 1, 2020 for returning students!**

Prayer Chain Information!

Mary Olson (463-2364) is the of chairperson of Messiah's prayer chain. Kathy Erickson (463-3942) serves as the assistant. Whenever a prayer need or concern arises, please give Mary or Kathy a call. And if you would like to be an active member of the prayer chain, you can let Aimee in the office know: messiahroseau@gmail.com

Have you “liked” & “followed” us on Facebook?

By liking our page you will gain access to pictures, updates, and articles that are helpful to our community of faith—a great way to stay connected!



Like us on
Facebook

Our page is called *Messiah Lutheran Church* and it can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Messiah-Lutheran-h/419293738166238>

Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YTD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru March 2020	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 45,088.40	\$ 60,322.61	\$ 86,847.02

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$2,684 through Thrivent Choice Dollars this year to date. Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds designated to eligible Thrivent Members, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including local congregations.

*If you would like to designate Choice Dollars to Messiah but are unsure how to do so, please contact our local Thrivent Financial Associate: Luke Erickson at 463-3573.

Adult Bible Study/Devotional

Reading and Praying Through the Book of Acts **An 8 Week Journey – Three Chapters A Week**

Our first Zoom telephone/video conferencing bible study of the Book of Acts was a success! Thanks to Sue Grafstrom for leading us and to all that attended. We will connect each Tuesday at 7:00 pm for a 45 minute time period to discuss three chapters from Acts. You are welcome to join us for any of the scheduled meetings—you do not need to have attended the first discussion to join us in the future. The following is the guide we will use for each 45 minute discussion.

10-15 minutes: Check in time. Relationship building. How's it been with you and/or your family this past week? etc.

25-30 minutes: Conversation about the 3 chapters of the Book of Acts you agreed to read.

Questions for reflection and response are:

What is God doing in these three chapters?

What are people doing in these three chapters?

What is the Holy Spirit doing?

What lessons are here for me and our congregation?

End in Prayer

The following is the preliminary discussion and meeting schedule. Please watch for future announcements for any possible changes to this schedule. Join at anytime!

Tuesday, April 7th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 4-6
Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 7-9
Tuesday, April 21st @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 10-12
Tuesday, April 28th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 13-15
Tuesday, May 5th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 16-18
Tuesday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 19-21
Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 22-25
Tuesday, May 26th @ 7:00 pm	Acts Chapters 26-28

Zoom Meeting details: Join URL: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/498668423>

Meeting ID: 498-668-423

Optional Call In Number: +1 301 715 8592 US

A Note from NW MN Synod On Communion at Home

Holy Home Communion

The church is anywhere people gather in Jesus' name. Even though we may not physically gather in a church building, we continue to gather as the Christian church. When you gather in Jesus' name, your home is church, too.



Holy Communion is a special meal we celebrate when we worship. The bread and wine are mysteriously the *real presence* of Jesus Christ. Because mysteries are, well, mysterious, we trust that Jesus is really with us in this meal.

When we cannot gather physically for worship due to an emergency such as COVID-19, it is acceptable to fast from Holy Communion until we can worship together once again or use the liturgy below which can be led by the head of household to celebrate Holy Communion in the home. We believe the meal is celebrated after God's Word is heard, so you might read a passage of scripture together and discuss how God is speaking to you in the biblical story, listen to a recorded sermon or tune into a livestream or radio service, before leading this liturgy. You can find a list of online worship services and other resources at:

[NWMN ELCA Online Worship/Bible Studies](#)

Setting the Table

Prepare a space for the meal of Holy Communion. Just as we do at church, consider setting out your best dishes because this is the most special meal we share. Churches often use unleavened bread to recall the Israelites hurried exodus from Egypt, however any bread will do. You may set out a small cup of wine or grape juice. Light a candle or two, and you have an altar.

Holy Communion Liturgy

Head of Household: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

When our congregation gathered for Holy Communion with all the saints from every time and place, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The holy meal of the Lord's supper was shared.

Even though we gather separately, for now, we share this bread of life and cup of blessing - gifts that unite and strengthen the Christian community.

Let us confess our sins, all that we have done to hurt each other and ourselves, in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for a moment of reflection.)*

Most merciful God, **We confess that we have messed up. With our words and our hands, we have not been kind to others or to our own selves. We are hopeless without your love. We are afraid of running out of things, so we take more than we need. We are afraid of what could happen, so we forget that you are with us all the time to give us peace. We spend the night with worry instead of prayer. Forgive us again and fill us up with your abundant mercy.**

God is rich in mercy and love. No matter how much you mess up every day, God's love never runs out. Just as God's love is for you, so is the meal set before us. You are forgiven and ready to feast at the table, in the name of the one who died to set you free from the power of your sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Continued on the next page....

Holy Home Communion Continued

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Share the bread with each person, saying,
"The body of Christ, given for you."

Then share the wine or grape juice with each person, saying,
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer After Communion



Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people and free us from fear. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Bread Recipe

From Luther Seminary to your table

1. Sift dry ingredients together three times: (important!) 2. Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

2 c whole wheat flour 1 c white flour 1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder 1 & 1/4 tsp salt	3. Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved: 3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F) 3 Tbsp honey 3 Tbsp molasses
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4. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.
5. Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4-inch-thick disk.
6. With a knife, score the top of each loaf into eight pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Alternatively, you could score a cross onto the loaf.



7. Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Each loaf serves 60-70 people, depending upon the size of the piece given. The loaves freeze well.

Options for Giving to Support God's Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church

With your help, Messiah Lutheran Church will continue to be the church even if we aren't in the same physical location. Your willingness to invest your time, talents, and financial resources in being church together matters - your generosity matters! Use this guide to giving options to help you consider ways in which you can share a gift and make an impact. If you have questions regarding any of the options below, please contact Aimee Wilson at messiahroseau@gmail.com or call the church office at 218-463-1648 and leave a voicemail.

Mail a Check

Thank you to those that have already started mailing their offering envelopes. An offering plate will not be passed at Messiah for the next several weeks, but our ministry continues. You can share your offering gift by placing a check in the mail. Send your check to:

Messiah Lutheran Church
PO Box 298
Roseau, MN 56751

Drop-off a check at Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank has graciously offered to act as an offering drop-off location for Messiah Lutheran Church at their drive-thru location or in their night deposit drop. If you decide to take advantage of this new offering collection method, please make sure your offering is in a Messiah offering envelope or in any other sealed envelope marked "Messiah Offering." Citizens State Bank will place these offerings in a designated bank bag for weekly collection.

Recurring Automatic ACH Giving

Messiah Lutheran Church has a system in place to initiate and receive automatic recurring ACH direct contributions. To start this type of giving, please fill out the form on the following page and mail (see address above) or e-mail (messiahroseau@gmail.com) to the church office. Setting up a recurring payment can be a helpful tool in the joy and discipline of consistent giving. Please note, once you have returned your completed form, this type of giving is initiated by Messiah. Please do not return the completed form to your banking institution.

Online Bill Pay through your Bank

Most online banks offer a service called "Online Bill Pay." You can arrange for your bank to send a check to Messiah Lutheran Church through the mail.

Online Giving through Messiah's Website

Messiah Lutheran Church receives giving digitally – through bank draft or debit/credit card payment – by way of our church management software, Breeze ChMS. You can make a one-time gift through the site. If you would like to setup a recurring gift, please see the instructions above: Recurring Automatic ACH Giving. You can access Messiah Lutheran Church's giving page through our website messiahroseau.net and click on "Give Now" or you can access the giving page directly by visiting: messiahroseau.breezechms.com/give/online

"The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Amen."

Philippians 4:18-19 (The Message)



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We are pleased to be able to offer the Direct Contribution Plan. Now you can have your contribution made automatically from your checking or savings account. And you won't have to change your present banking relationship to take advantage of this service.

The Direct Contribution Plan will help you in several ways.

- It saves time—fewer checks to write
- Helps meet your commitment in a convenient and timely manner—even if you're on vacation or out of town
- It saves postage
- It's easy to sign up for, easy to cancel

Here's how the Direct Contribution Plan works:

You authorize regularly scheduled contributions to be made from your checking or savings account. Then, just sit back and relax. Your contributions will be made automatically on the specified day. And proof of payment will appear with your statement.

The authority you give to charge your account will remain in effect until you notify us in writing to terminate authorization. The Direct Contribution Plan is dependable, flexible, convenient and easy. To take advantage of this service, complete the attached authorization form and return it to Messiah's church office (Do Not give form to your bank.)

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

I authorize Messiah Lutheran Church of Roseau, MN to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the company a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution (3) days before my account is charged.

(NAME OF INSTITUTION) (BRANCH)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(SIGNATURE) (DATE)

(PRINT NAME)

(PRINT ADDRESS)

Account Number _____ Checking or _____ Savings

Financial Institution Routing Number _____

Contribution amount: _____

On ___ 1st of the month, or ___ the Monday of each week, I authorize Messiah Lutheran Church, 502 9th Ave NE, or P.O. Box 298, Roseau, MN, 56751, phone: 218-463-1648, to initiate electronic entries to my checking/savings account and have agreed to the terms listed on this authorization. I may revoke my authorization with you at any time by writing to the address above.

Council Minutes

March 22, 2020

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting - March 22, 2020

Larry Hosaluk call the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Devotions were led by Larry.

Present were: Larry Hosaluk, Bob Tuttle, Keith Okeson, Marty Trangsrud, Bonnie Delmore, Karyn Santl, Stu McFarland (via phone), Aimee Wilson

Bob T made a motion to accept the agenda as provided. Second my Keith O.

Marty T made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as submitted. Second by Bonnie D.

Karyn S made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Second by Keith O.

Aimee W gave a staff report of her work in the past month. No report from Jay or Pastor Mytch.

Old Business:

Larry H reported on the Area Conversation Meeting held February 16 in Baudette. Both Larry & Tracey W (Moe) attended. Leader's from other congregations in Cluster 1 were in attendance. The discussion was around small churches. Two topics were how to grow churches. For every 7 people who identify as a member only 3 are actually active. How do we activate the other 4? Second question was what happens if the church wasn't there? If you say nothing, you might as well close. Really good discussion occurred

Reviewed the meeting with Pastor Zeh and Kathy Levenhagen from the Synod and Moe's Council on Tuesday, March 9.

Council made the decision to ask people to collect their change at home for Tin Cup's. We also discussed having people "make &/or decorate" their own tin cup at home and share a picture on our Facebook page. A way to interact with each other.

We are not aware of anyone that attended the Conference 1 assembly on 2/23 at Moe.

Larry asked Bob to review the Safety Plan and make any suggested updates and share at the next meeting.

New Business:

Short discussion on Pastor Mytch's exit interview and her moving/departure details. The Council approved to give her \$200 to assist with moving expenses that were above the expected amount.

Discussed worship plan for the upcoming weeks. There is a plan through Easter Sunday.

Karyn updated Council on the call process. We have been through orientation with the synod and have met once. We will be sending a message out to the members with a question for them to respond to by April 15.

2020 goals was tabled until next meeting. Two things to keep in mind for the future is our constitution and have the synod review it. Discuss pay ranges for staff

Committee Reports:

All groups have met or have plans but are in limbo at the moment because of COVID-19.

Devotions next month - Jodie

Next Meeting - April 14 at 5:15 pm

Keith moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Bob. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Karyn Santl, substitute secretary.



: An Introduction

Messiah Lutheran Church uses Breeze for our church management software. All Messiah members have been sent invitation e-mails to set up a Messiah Member Account in Breeze. The following is a summary of what you can do with your Breeze Member account along with a couple "How To's." Please let the church office know if you have any questions at 218-242-1648 or messiahroseau@gmail.com.

First Steps:

Create a Member Account from the link in the invitation e-mail. If you need a new invitation e-mail please contact Aimee at the church office.

Login at:

messiahroseau.breezechms.com

Mobile App

Download the Mobile App from the App Store, Google Play, or from :

www.breezechms.com/mobile-app

Church ID: messiahroseau

What Can I Do?

With Breeze you can see and manage:

- Personal & Family Information
- Attendance Records
- Online Donations & Contributions
- Giving History
- Events
- Volunteer Schedule
- Online Church Directory
- "Check-in" to worship

Church Directory?

- On top bar choose the "People" tab (or in the app chose the "People" icon)
- Scroll through the list of People
- Or search for a person via the search on the right-hand side of the page

How do I... ?

To View & Edit My Own Information

- Click the ★ My Profile
- Hover over the gray title box of the section of information you would like to edit
- Single click on "Click to Edit Section"
- Click the green "Save" button when done editing

Access Attendance Records

- Click the ★ My Profile
- On the left-hand side choose "Attendance"

Find Online Donations & Contributions

- On the top bar choose "\$ Give Now"
- Enter your contribution amount
- Choose your fund
- Enter your payment Information
- Choose "One Time Gift"
- Contact the church office if you would like to set-up a recurring contribution
- Click "Donate Now"

See My Giving History

- Click the ★ My Profile
- On the left-hand side choose "Giving"

See Events & Event Details

- On the top blue bar choose the "Events" tab
- When the calendar appears, click on an event title for more information

How do I... ?

Check-in to worship & other events

- Open & Log In to the Breeze App
- Click the menu icon
- Choose ≡ "Events"
- Choose the Event you would like to check in to
- Click the "Check In" button
- Type your last name in the search bar
- Click the p for yourself and all family members you would like to check in
- We will have a "Check-In" table in the narthex each Sunday for those that do not have the Breeze app

Where can I find help?

The Breeze Champion at my church is:

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