

Messiah Messenger

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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 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. Please read this
newsletter thoroughly as it includes
information regarding some exciting
new ministry opportunities along with
resources you can use at home. 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 creative
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 Council President

Welcome to April 2020. This will be an April like none of us has experienced in our lifetimes. Not only are our daily lives disrupted, but achieving the spiritual fulfillment we experience through Worship and Fellowship at Messiah Lutheran Church has become a challenge. This is especially trying at Messiah as we are absent a Pastor to lead us in prayer as we wrestle with these trying times. The topic of how we might stay connected while social distanced was discussed this week in an email from Pastor Keith Zeh from the Northwest Minnesota Synod. He has invited us all to partake in an 8 week journey through the Book of Acts together with friends, family and guests that can join by phone or through an online platform. The Bible study can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. For the Messiah community, Aimee's Weekly announcements have the latest news on how and where to connect for services on various media. Thank you Aimee for doing a great job with this communication! For the next two weeks, it will be uplifting to hear a familiar and friendly voice as we listen to one of Pastor Michael's services from 2017 on Wild 102. You can also watch Pastor Michael and Pastor Lisa on Facebook live Sundays at 10:00 am from Community in Christ Lutheran Church in North Carolina.

The Northwest Minnesota Synod and Bishop Bill Tesch are in constant communication with Messiah staff and Council providing the most pertinent and current information to help guide us through this crisis, both in health and spirit. The Synod has an excellent CoVid 19 resource guide on their website (<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/covid19-resources/>) and I encourage everyone to check it regularly.

Let's all take a minute to pray with Pastor Zeh:

The Lord be with You!

Let us pray...

"We pray to you almighty God, in this time of the spreading CoVid-19 disease.

You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

Do not let us fail in the face of this tragedy. Uphold us with your love,

And give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and

**guide our actions. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted,
protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are and will continue**

to be in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!"

Last Tuesday, I met with Pastor Mytch as she packed up her belongings for the trip to California. She was very afraid as she is heading into an area where the COVID 19 threat is greater than here in Roseau. Please keep her in your prayers as she proceeds on her journey with Christ.

God Bless all,

Larry Hosaluk



"J-FILES REPORT"

Romans: 8:38-39 ³⁸And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's Love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below, indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the Love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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

As we live in this ever changing time and unknown with the COVID 19 Pandemic may we stay safe and hopeful through God's Love and promise in Romans listed above that NOTHING can separate us from the Love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord! As we follow the guidelines set by State and Federal CDC and Officials with social distancing and staying at home, this month of April will look different than in the past! Being the church, the community of believers, is all about relationships and being together in Worship, Sacraments, Word, Service, Fellowship and Love! We need the church more than ever so our Faith will always continue to evolve and grow, we just will be doing it in a more technology way right now! So as we learn together to be the church outside the walls of our Messiah building, this could open up the door for us to reach more people through creative, spiritual ways to stay connected as the body of Christ, woven and shaped in God's Image of Love! My prayers go out to all of you to stay connected to your faith in Christ Jesus, to stay healthy and to continue to reach out to others, under the guidelines, to help those in need or are dealing with loneliness and to keep good mental health practices! My number is 218-242-2221 if you have any emergency needs for ministry care please contact me and we can go from there!

God Bless,
Jay Ostgaard

THINGS TO KNOW SO YOUTH CAN GROW:

Please READ BELOW FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED IN APRIL

- *Every Wed Night in April at 7 pm will be ZOOM 7-12 Youth Group! We have purchased ZOOM Video Meeting program so we are able to have youth group together through our electronic devices! Each week I will send out email with invite and at 7 pm you sign in! We had one last night and 12 youth participated, it was a great way to stay connected even though we can't gather as a group in person right now!*
- *ONCE A WEEK I will be doing a Face Book Live devotion and prayer time for all our Messiah Families and community!*
- *THERE WILL BE ZOOM SMALL GROUP MEETING check ins I will be doing for each grade, 4th thru 12th Grade to visit, pray and answer any questions they may have*
- *Confirmation Classes will be reconnected through ZOOM by their teacher, stay tuned for emails or texts when this will take place*

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!!!!!!!

Please contact Jay @463-1648 or 242-2221 to visit or to help out!!!!!!!

Messiah Messenger Announcements

Call Committee Update

The Church Council has selected Barb Erickson, Taylor Okeson, Kilah LaPlante, Gary Wilson, John Dorwart and Karyn Santl to serve on the Call Committee to find a permanent Pastor(s). The group met for the first time March 17 and elected Karyn Santl as Chair, Gary Wilson, Vice Chair and Taylor Okeson, Secretary. Following this short meeting, the Call Committee participated in orientation with staff from the Synod office as well as Moe's Call Committee. Watch for updates from the Call Committee in the near future. Please pray for this group as they search for a ministry team for us.

Messiah Church Building to be locked for 2 weeks

We will be keeping Messiah's church building locked for two weeks starting Friday, March 27th to allow our staff to work from home. 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. If you need immediate pastoral care, please call Jay Ostgaard at 218-242-2221. During the week prior to April 11th, Messiah's church council and staff will reevaluate the situation and will communicate whatever next steps are decided upon.

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 Website: nwmnsynod.org/
- ⇒ [Here is a list of resources to "do" faith at home, curated by the ELCA's First-Third of Life Team](#)
 - ⇒ [Pandemic Hope: A Family Devotional](#)
- ⇒ [Zoom FAQ webpage](#)

Adult Bible Study/Devotional

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

We will be starting a Zoom telephone/video conferencing bible study of the Book of Acts, led by Sue Grafstrom. We will connect each Tuesday at 7:00 pm for a 45 minute time period to discuss three chapters from Acts. The following schedule will be the guide for our 45 minute discussion.

10 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?

5-10 minutes. Pray for

- ...each other
- ...the gift of the Word you've just encountered in each other
- ...your congregation's ministry in a time such as this
- ... your neighbors in the surrounding community
- ...vision of God's mission Jesus is calling your congregation too

Our first discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st when we will discuss Acts Chapters 1-3. If all goes well, we will meet every Tuesday after that. A schedule will be included in the weekly announcements e-mail after that first Zoom meeting.

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

Family Devotional

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 29

Watch for a weekly e-mail from Messiah containing these family devotionals from Illustrated Ministry

Describe a recent time you were upset about something and what made you feel better.

Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 130

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!*

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in God's word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with God is great power to redeem.
It is God who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.*

REFLECTION

This morning's scripture is from the book of Psalms, which is an entire book of songs and prayers written to God. Some of the psalms are really happy, but not all of them. In this song, the psalmist is deeply upset and looking for comfort and hope by crying out to God.

The psalmist cries out to God from the depths - a place of grief, despair, and deep worry. But as we read on, we can hear how the psalmist has faith things won't stay that way. The psalmist trusts God will listen to their cries and bring them up from the depths. It won't be immediate, though. There will be waiting.

Waiting is a hard thing to do. The psalmist tells us while they waited, they used that time to repent. Repentance means changing your mind. It's letting how you see yourself and the world be transformed. It can involve saying good-bye to old things or old ways of living and being. Like the psalmist who wrote this whole song with hope from the depths of pain, we too are waiting.

When we're struggling with the many challenges we are experiencing with COVID-19, we may feel different kinds of emotions. One thing we can do is pray — that is, talk to God and share all of what we feel like the psalmist did. God welcomes all of our emotions. God hears us when we're upset, scared, sad, or mad, as much as when we're happy, proud, and joyful.

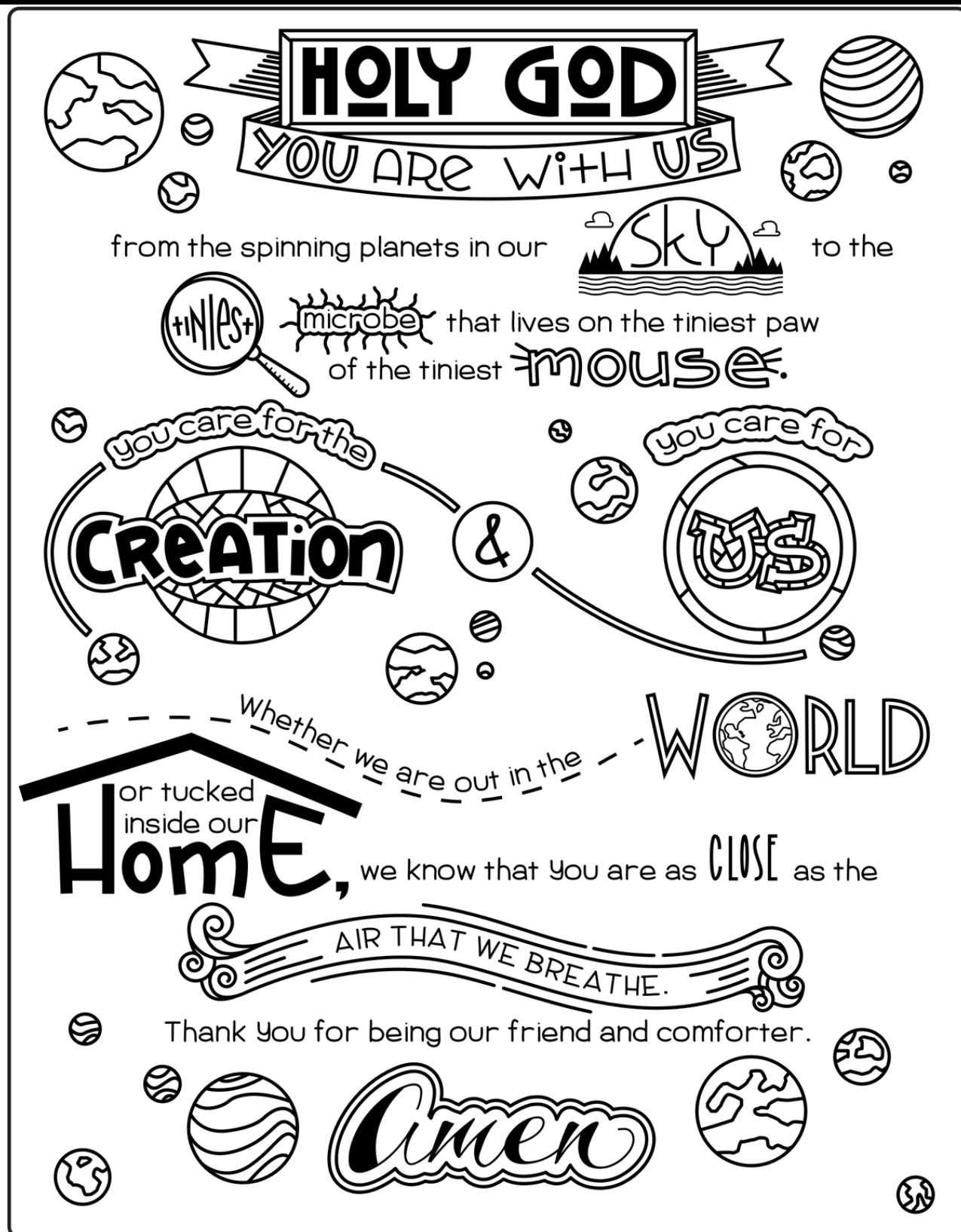
Take a moment to think about how you feel when someone you care about is hurting. If you're in a group, share your responses. Just like you care when someone you love is hurting, happy, or scared, remember God also loves us and cares about how we feel. God feels it with us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the hardest thing about waiting?
2. What do you do when you're really, really happy?
3. What do you do when you feel upset? What makes you feel better?
4. Who do you talk to when you need to share how you feel?

Prayer Dear God, thank you for always being with us and caring about us and our feelings. Thank you for always listening when we pray. **Amen.**

Messiah All Ages Coloring Page



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

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.

Messiah Messenger Announcements

Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship

Applications can be found on the Messiah Church website at messiahroseau.net under the Resources tab.

Application deadline is April 17, 2020 for graduating Seniors and July 1, 2020 for returning students!

PARENTS of First Communion Candidates:

The First Communion instruction scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at Moe Lutheran Church has been POSTPONED along with the Maundy Thursday worship service at Messiah on April 9th. Please watch for information on rescheduling once we are allowed to gather together as a faith community again.

Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YTD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
February 2020	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 32,068.92	\$ 41,606.94	\$ 92,543.21

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

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$797 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.

Council Minutes

February 6, 2020

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting - February 6, 2020

Keith Okeson, called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Members present: Larry Hosaluk, Jodie Janzen, Keith Okeson, Pastor Mytch, Stu McFarlane, Bonnie Delmore, Marty Trangsrud

Members Absent: Shelly Laplante, Bob Tuttle and Karen Santl

Other's in attendance: Aimee Wilson and Sue Grafstrom

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion made by Jodie, Seconded by Larry. Carried

Pastors Report: Installation of council February 16th. Went over hand out of what she had done and completed for the month and what upcoming events were scheduled.

Secretary's report: A motion to approve the minutes from 1/14/20 meeting by Bonnie seconded by Larry. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Jodie and seconded by Bonnie. Carried.

Staff Reports:

A. Aimee- Talked about the attendance is currently down 28% and Sunday School is down 41%. Bethel had 4 services scheduled for January and 1 was cancelled due to the weather. Have 3 scheduled for February and so far nothing for March. The wifi at the church has two accounts- one is secure and the other is open to the public. There is concern of possible security risk. After a discussion it was unanimously decided to put a password on the unsecure line and post the password for people to use in the church. Also there has been inquiries about the availability of support/donations from the church. The people seeking help have been directed to the agencies in our community for them to contact. Discussed the need to update the security plan for 2020 and also the School Crisis Evaluation Plan.

Old Business

A. Area Conversation Meeting- Sunday February 16th in Baudette at 3 p.m. - Tracey Wensloff from Moe is attending and if anyone else would like to go. The meeting is to help us understand how the North Region of the Synod works together.

B. Meeting with Synod-Pastor Zeh and Kathy Levenhagen. Try to get it set up for the evening of the 16th and find out what the next step we need to take in the call process.

C. Tin Cup Designations: March will be designated for Camp Emmaus

New Business

A. Election of Officers:

President: Larry Vice President: Keith Treasurer: Stu Secretary: Jodie

B. Liason Appointments:

C. Sue Grafstrom talked about the Pathways and Camp Emmaus Bible Camp. She was wondering if there was money that could help pay for part of a campers fee. The statistics show that 20% of counselors go into ministry, that would be a benefit for the northern part of the synod to have one out of this area. The decision was for sure the tin cups in March could be allocated and possibly the men's and woman's groups could help with the fee to make it more affordable for families. She had also checked with Zion out of Thief River Falls about our campers riding on their bus. That way we would just have to find transportation to and from Thief River Falls.

Sue also brought up the need of doing a time and talents survey to find out who is willing to help with the different ministry's of the church. This will be collected and done by the Stewardship committee. They also will be hosting an Oatmeal breakfast bar on 2/16 before church.

She also brought to our attention of people seeking short term emergency help and made a recommendation that we have something in place to where we direct the people to.

D. Interim Candidate: Keith and Tracey Wensloff are following up with a possible Interim interested in Messiah/Moe. Her name is Jeanie Madsen and she had served at Zion in Warroad 2007 - 2011.

E. Holy Week Schedule: Ash Wednesday is at Messiah and then rotates each week between Moe and Messiah.

F. Conference 1 Assembly- February 23rd, 2:00 p.m. at Moe. 2 lay people from our congregation are needed. The conference is to learn of the Role the Dean in NW Minnesota has. They are expecting 20 - 30 people to attend.

Committee Reports:

A. Parish Ed

B. Property

C. Stewardship- Oatmeal Breakfast 2/16/20 at 8 a.m. before worship

D. Worship Planning

E. Youth and family

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS: Bonnie Hagen, Alan Olson and Rob Larson. Also THANKS to Keith for his job of President!! YOU ALL DID AN AWESOME JOB!!!!

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday on February 26th at Messiah 6:30 p.m.

Devotions next month

Next meeting : March 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Stu seconded by Bonnie. Carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Jodie Janzen, Secretary