

Messiah Messenger

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

LENTEN WORSHIP

"The Cup of our Life" for Lent: Lent is a 40-day season that encourages us to sharpen our spiritual senses and experience our Lord's saving grace in new ways. This year our Lenten series is "The Cup of our Life." Each week we will consider how our lives are sacred vessels shaped for daily love and service by our Lord Jesus.

Services will be held at both Messiah and Moe every week on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

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Lenten "Devo" Kit

Lenten Home "Devo" Kit: Lent is a time to refresh and renew our devotional life in Christ. Like a child holding up a cup for a drink of water, we can lift up our hearts to the refreshing work of the Holy Spirit in our midst! As our Lenten gift to you, every household is invited to take a "Devo" Kit to use as a devotional toolbox within your home throughout Lent. These kits will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, February 14th.

Each "devo" kit includes:

- a packet of ash to use on Ash Wednesday in marking a cross on the forehead of family members.
- an offering box to set aside your family's weekly Lenten offerings.
- a square of cloth and a tealight votive to create a "sacred space" for devotional time in your home.
- a small cross of your own to be added to your sacred space.
- a packet of ten devotions to use for personal reflection throughout the season of Lent.

We hope your "devo" kit helps you fill your cup with God's love, grace, and forgiveness this Lenten season!

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.

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A Pastoral Reflection



Have you ever practiced the Lenten tradition of “giving up” something for Lent? A common sacrifice is often to give up sweets! We have friends who give up time on social media during Lent. The concept of “giving up” or sacrificing a luxury during the Lenten season is connected to the ancient spiritual discipline of fasting. Fasting is designed to sharpen one’s senses. In a small way, our discomfort can make us mindful of the

suffering our Lord experienced on our behalf. Fasting also acknowledges our human weakness and uplifts our need to rely upon God for strength in that weakness.

Although we frequently connect fasting with food, there are other worthwhile things from which to “fast.” Here are a few examples to consider:

+ A fast from gossip:

Gossiping in a sense, steals the reputation of another person, even if what we say may be true.

+ A fast from criticism:

Criticism, when not given constructively, strikes at a person’s self-esteem and dignity.

+ A fast from complaining:

Complaining increases discontentment and creates a negative environment for all!

+ A fast from grudges:

Holding a grudge magnifies the hurt we carry from a wounding experience.

Perhaps there are some ideas here that inspire us to engage in some Lenten fasting this year! As we fast from these negatively impacting behaviors, we might well discover that a joyful feast can be ours as well.

+ Instead of gossiping, FEAST on SILENCE and DISCRETION!

+ Instead of criticizing, FEAST on AFFIRMING and BRINGING JOY!

+ Instead of complaining, FEAST on COUNTING and SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS!

+ Instead of holding grudges, FEAST on FORGIVENESS in Christ Jesus!

God’s grace is abundant and flows freely and joyfully to each of us! This season of Lent let us fast from all that pulls us and others into a depressive, negative, downward spiral. Let’s open ourselves to the goodness of God’s Holy Spirit working in and through us! Let’s rejoice and feast on the blessings God has in mind for us as we humbly seek to walk the path of faith this Lenten season.

Grace and Peace to you,
from the Swongers



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A message from the Church President

March—President's Message:

Hello Messiah Congregation!

Thank you for those that participated in the annual meeting. We have a lot to be thankful for as well as to look forward to in the upcoming year. Thank you to all that stepped up into a leadership position on the church council or a committee. Welcome to the new members of the church council - Ashley Filpula, Katie Gunderson and Kevin Wensloff.

After the annual meeting the church council met to determine the executive board for 2021. Serving in these roles are:

Karyn Santl- President
Keith Okeson - Vice President
Ashley Filpula - Secretary
Stuart McFarlane - Treasurer

I didn't hesitate (too much) to say yes to serving as President. I have always appreciated the trust the members of Messiah have put into the church council. We have an exciting year ahead of us with new ministerial leadership of Pastor Dave and Deacon Joanne as well, as we work together with Moe and Bethel to build a stronger collaborative partnership.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year working with all of you to live out Messiah's mission to glorify God by nurturing our faith, sharing Christ's love and teaching God's word.

God's Peace,

Karyn Santl
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"J-FILES REPORT"

1 **Thessalonians 5:11:** "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing"

1. **COLLEGE CARE GIFT CARDS:** In place of College Care packages due to restrictions, we will be doing College Care Gift Cards instead! We will collect monetary donations from our Messiah Congregation to help support our Messiah Freshman & Sophomore College Age Students! We will use these monetary donations to purchase gift cards for each student and put in a card and send to them by the end of February! We will also have youth groups write notes of encouragement for our youth to put in the card with the gift cards! **TIN CUP OFFERINGS IN MARCH WILL GO TOWARDS THESE GIFT CARDS TOO!**
GIFT CARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT IN MARCH TO THE COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS!
2. **POTENTIAL 9-12 GRADE MOESSIAH ROCKFORD, IL WORK CAMP MISSION TRIP FOR THIS SUMMER 2021:** With unknown of what this coming Summer will look like due to 2020/2021 Pandemic, I am looking at a Mission Trip for this Summer for our youth who will be going into Grades 9-12 for the 2021Fall School Year! No dates or costs have been set yet as Rockford Workcamps Organization we go through will not make final decision until this Spring if they will be able to offer Weekly Mission Workcamps this Summer! I will be meeting with my youth committee and trip planning volunteer Kathy Howard to make out a plan to be ready if Rockford workcamps is able to offer trips this summer! **PLEASE STAY TUNED** and Parents of 8th thru 11th Grade please email me at jjostgaard@gmail.com or text me at 218-242-2221 as I would like to hear Feedback from parents if they would feel comfortable or not sending their child on a mission trip this Summer of 2021 when The Covid Pandemic is still in our midst, look forward to hearing back from you!
3. **MARCH 15TH: REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MESSIAH & MOE YOUTH WHO WILL BE IN 8TH GRADE THRU 12TH GRADE IN THE FALL OF 2021 FOR THE 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** in Minneapolis, MN! Youth will have until **APRIL 15TH, 2021** to get deposit and Registration Form turned into Jay at Messiah Lutheran Church! An Email will be sent out before March 15th that will include all the information on the trip and registration forms to sign up! We will be scheduling Fundraisers starting this Spring! Any Questions contact Jay @ Messiah!

FOR MONTH OF MARCH

10-12 GRADE STUDENT LEADERS will meet on Wed, March 10th, 8:20 pm @ Moe Lutheran and on Wed, March 24th, 8:20 pm @ Messiah Lutheran!

YOUTH PRAISE BAND will have practices in March on Sunday, March 14th, 21st & 28th at 1 pm in Messiah Sanctuary! No practice on March 7th

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



MESSIAH YOUTH CALENDAR

Mon, March 1st: 6:00 pm: Zoom Youth Committee Meeting

Wed, March 3rd: 6:30 pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service

DUE TO SPRING BREAK, THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUPS & NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES ON WED, MARCH 3rd

PLEASE NOTE THE YOUTH GROUP DATES CHANGES IN MARCH FOR HANG TIME & J.A.M. YOUTH GROUPS

Sun, March 7th: 10:00 am: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DUE TO SPRING BREAK & NO YOUTH PRAISE BAND PRACTICE

7:00 pm: 7-12 GRADE ZOOM MOESSIAH YOUTH GROUP, Check emails for the link for zoom youth groups

Wed, March 10th: 3:30 pm: 4th-6th Grade Moessiah Hang Time @ Messiah (Youth group done @ 4:30 pm)

6:30 pm: Messiah Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (Served by Dawn Bachleitner Family)

6:00 pm: Messiah 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

6:30 pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service (7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Students & Parent are to attend)

7:15 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. @ MOE LUTHERAN (Done at 8:20 pm)

Sun, March 14th: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service

10:00 am: Sunday School @ Messiah Lutheran

10:15 am: Sunday School @ Moe Lutheran

10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service

1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice

7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade ZOOM Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday Night)

Wed, March 17th: 3:30 pm: Messiah 1-3 Grade J.A.M. Youth Group (DONE @ 4:30 pm)

6:30 pm: Messiah Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (Served by Kathy Jenson Family)

6:00 pm: Messiah 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

6:30 pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service (7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Students & Parent are to attend)

7:15 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. @ MESSIAH LUTHERAN (Done at 8:20 pm)

Sun, March 21st: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service

10:00 am: Sunday School @ Messiah Lutheran

10:15 am: Sunday School @ Moe Lutheran

10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service

1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice

7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade ZOOM Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday Night)

Wed, March 24th: 3:30 pm: 4th-6th Grade Moessiah Hang Time @ Messiah (Youth group done @ 4:30 pm)

6:30 pm: Messiah Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (NEED 1 FAMILY TO PREPARE & SERVE)

6:00 pm: Messiah 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

6:30 pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service (7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Students & Parent are to attend)

7:15 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. @ MESSIAH LUTHERAN (Done at 8:20 pm)

Sun, March 28th: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service

10:00 am: Sunday School @ Messiah Lutheran

10:15 am: Sunday School @ Moe Lutheran

10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service

1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice

7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade ZOOM Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday Night)

Mon, March 29th: 1:05 pm: 10-12 Grade Messiah/Moe/Friends GRAB & GO FREE LUNCH MINISTRY @ Messiah Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK LAST WEEK IN MARCH & BEGINNING OF APRIL

Wed, March 31st: NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES & NO TO GO BOX SUPPER DUE TO HOLY WEEK

6:30 pm: 7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH MOVIE NIGHT @ MESSIAH WORSHIP CENTER ON THE BIG SCREENS
(Free Event & We will be done at 8:30 pm, please remember to wear a mask)

Messiah Messenger Announcements

MESSIAH RADIO WORSHIP

Messiah Radio Broadcast is on Sunday's at 10:30 am. We encourage you to tune in via:

- FACEBOOK LIVE! (*Search for Messiah Lutheran Church Page*)
- Radio: Wild 102 .
- Internet: www.roseauonline.com

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast i.e., in honor off, or in loving memory of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board , or email/call the office.

The cost of a radio broadcast is \$85. Please write "Radio Fund" on your check or envelope, and who it is in honor or memory of.

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!

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>

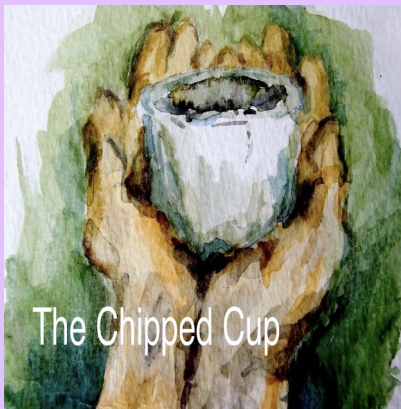


2020 year-end contribution statements have been emailed to you. If you have not received one there will be a printed copy in your church mailbox. Please provide the office with your email if you would prefer to receive it this way. Thank you.

2021 Offering Envelopes: If you have not already picked up your envelopes, they can be found in your mailbox, outside the church office.

OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES...

Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM as we reflect on the theme:
"The Cup of Our Lives."



March 3 — "The Chipped Cup"
March 10 — The Broken Cup"
March 17— "The Cup of Compassion"
March 24—"The Blessing Cup"

Messiah Messenger Announcements

Summer Bible Camp season is fast approaching!

Pathways Bible Camps are planning a memorable season with Covid safe guidelines in place.

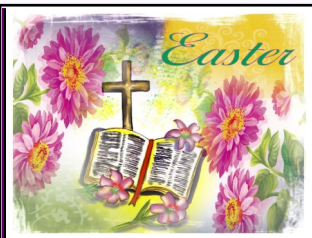
Camp brochures will soon be available in the narthex, but feel free to check out their website at <https://pathwaysbiblecamps.org/>.

Registration is already open for both Camp Emmaus and Camp Minne-We-Kan. Can't decide which camp to choose? Here is a brief description of each!



Camp Emmaus is located just outside of Menahga, MN. With over 340 wooded acres, Emmaus offers solitude and lots of space to explore. A network of nearly 10 miles of trails takes the adventurous to every corner of camp. Emmaus surrounds beautiful Lake Morgan.

Camp Minne-Wa-Kan encompasses 23 acres with a half-mile sandy shoreline on Lake Andrusia, Cass Lake, MN. Minne-Wa-Kan is surrounded by beautiful tall trees and waterfront activities feature plenty of canoes, kayaks, and the swim beach.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: To fully experience the glorious joy of Easter, we must first journey through the sorrow experienced at the cross and the tomb! You are invited to attend the following Holy Week worship services:

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 1) – 6:30 PM at MESSIAH LUTHERAN:

This service will feature a celebration of Holy Communion and conclude with a symbolic stripping of the altar to remind us of the suffering our Lord Jesus endured... for us.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2) – 6:30 PM at MOE LUTHERAN:

This service of "light and shadow" will feature a symbolic extinguishing of candles to create an increasingly darkened worship space, as we reflect upon the Scriptural accounts of our Lord's journey to the cross.

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“The Marks of Love” available as daily Lenten

devotional. Our Devo Kits contain ten printed devotions to be used throughout the Lenten season.

If you would like to access a daily version of “The Marks of Love,” it is available online through the Lutheran Hour Ministries at <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>.

You can have the complete set delivered to your inbox or you can access them on your mobile device through the free app.



Lenten Offering Boxes help support

“Backpack for Kids”:

The season of Lent has long been considered a time to deepen spiritual practices such as confession, fasting, prayer, and acts of love. In your Lenten Devo Kit, there’s a special offering box. Throughout Lent, each family can fill their offering boxes and return them at our Holy Week or Easter worship services! This offering will be designated toward helping the Backpack for Kids program. The backpack program is offered to Pre-K through 6th grade students who need supplemental nutrition on weekends and school breaks. Each school week, a bag is sent home with the student containing food items that the children can prepare and eat with minimal assistance. Example items include Easy Mac, cereal, granola bars, juice boxes, etc. All donations go through the Roseau Food Shelf. We are excited to help support this vital community service through our 2021 Lenten Offering Boxes!



“Lord, Hear our Prayer”: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you!

You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah’s Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364).

To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the

church office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.

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- ♦ Every 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm: 1st-3rd Grade JAM Youth Group.
- ♦ Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3:30pm: 4th-6th Grade Hang Time Youth Group.
- ♦ Wednesdays at 5:30pm: Confirmation 'To Go' Supper.
- ♦ Wednesdays at 6:00pm: 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Confirmation Classes.
- ♦ Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Messiah: for 7th-12th grade Youth Group.



~Messiah Quilting~

Please join us for quilting at Messiah.

Mondays from 1-4pm . Tuesdays from 10am-4pm,
Thru March.

Messiah's Financial Update

<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	
YTD thru Jan 2021:	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 189,921.89*	\$ 164,599.39	\$ 127,403.73

*Includes PPP Loan proceeds

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$4,131 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

SERVING SCHEDULE—MARCH

<u>Holy Communion Servers (First name listed also sets up communion)</u>	
March 07	<i>No Communion</i>
March 14	<i>No Communion</i>
March 21	Roxanne Fabian, Kathy Howard
March 28	<i>No Communion</i>

<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Scripture Readings</u>
March 07 Marsha Hagen	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2:13-22
March 14 Barb Erickson	Num 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
March 21 Jodie Janzen	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
March 28 Carol Guy	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

<u>Greeters/Usher</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>
March 07 Katie Gunderson	March 07 Marty Trangsrud
March 14 Amy Filpula	March 14 Bob Tuttle; Andrew Tuttle
March 21 Bonnie Delmore	March 21 Paul Grafstrom
March 28 Keith Okeson	March 28 Marty Trangsrud

<u>Council Rep</u>	<u>Counters</u>
March 07 Katie Gunderson	March 07 Duane & Barb Erickson
March 14 Kevin Wensloff	March 14 Warren & Marsha Hagen
March 21 Bonnie Delmore	March 21 Stu & Beth McFarlane
March 28 Keith Okeson	March 28 Jon & Bonnie Hagen

If any server is unable to serve on their scheduled day, please find a replacement.

Please let the office know who your replacement is—

so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

SERVING SCHEDULE—APRIL

Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)

April 04 *No Communion*

April 11 *No Communion*

April 18 **COMMUNION:** Barb Erickson/Bonnie Delmore

April 25 *No Communion*

Lay Reader

April 04 Gloria Skrutvold

April 11 Mark Wilson

April 18 Dave Grafstrom

April 25 Aimee Wilson

Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Greeters/Usher

April 04 Ashley Filpula

April 11 Karyn Santl

April 18 Bob Tuttle

April 25 Stuart McFarlane

Sound Booth

April 04 Bob/Andrew Tuttle

April 11 Paul Grafstrom

April 18 Marty Trangsrud

April 25 Bob/Andrew Tuttle

Council Rep

April 04 Ashley Filpula

April 11 Karyn Santl

April 18 Bob Tuttle

April 25 Stuart McFarlane

Counters

April 04 Bill & Sue Jennings

April 11 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom

April 18 Warren & Marsha Hagen

April 25 Duane & Barb Erickson

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Requests for Public Prayer During Worship Form

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind ... keep on praying for all the Lord's people." ~ Ephesians 6:18

Requests for public prayer during worship: We are revamping how we add names to the congregational prayers during worship. To be mindful of privacy concerns, we ask that the person requesting prayer sign a permission form. An assigned representative, such as a family member or Messiah's prayer chain coordinator, may also sign on their behalf. This process allows us to print people's names in the bulletin and uplift them in public prayer during worship for a period of one month. Permission forms are available on the table in the narthex. You may also save the permission form printed below for use later.

Requests for confidential prayer via the prayer chain: The prayer chain will continue to operate just as it has in the past. You may reach out to our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (463-2364). Your prayer concern will be kept confidential and will be uplifted in prayer by those who serve as intercessors on our congregation's Prayer Chain.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Pastor Dave, Deacon Joanne, or Mary Olson.



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind ... keep on praying for all the Lord's people." ~ Ephesians 6:18

What a privilege it is to pray for one another! At Messiah Lutheran, we treasure the opportunity to pray for each other and are honored by requests to uplift people by name in worship. Would you like your name added to the congregational prayers shared in worship? Please give us permission to do so by signing and returning this form to the Church Office or the pastoral staff. Thank you!

I give my permission to have my name placed on the public prayer list at Messiah Lutheran Church of Roseau, MN for a period of one month. This includes printing my name in the bulletin and uplifting my name during the prayers of the congregation at worship and on the radio broadcast.

Person to uplift in prayer (please print): _____

Signature of person (or representative): _____

Date: _____

If name should be included in prayers for less than OR longer than one month, please contact the church office at (218) 463-1648 or email messiahroseau@gmail.com.

Name of contact person: _____

The following family/friend contact person has permission to share news of my condition with the church staff.

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Messiah Lutheran Church Council—January Meeting Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 12, 2021

President Larry called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Members Present: Larry Hosaluk, Keith Okeson, Shelly LaPlante, Karyn Santl, Bonnie Delmore, Bob Tuttle, Stu McFarlane, Marty Trangsrud, Jodie Janzen, Pastor David and Deacon JoAnne.

Pastor led us in Prayer.

Bob made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Shelly, unanimously passed.

Keith made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Seconded by Stu, unanimously passed.

Karyn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Bob, unanimously passed.

Jay submitted his report.

Pastor David and Deacon JoAnne submitted their report. Getting acquainted and settled in.

Elaine submitted her report.

Old Business:

2021 budget is ready to be finalized once Moe has their annual meeting to vote on the contribution of \$ 10,000 towards Jays salary.

Radio Broadcast needs to be decided on future planning of one broadcast or continue with one for each church.

Keith made a motion to accept the 2021 nominations, seconded by Bonnie. Unanimously passed.

Roseau Area Hospital donated 3 monitors for the security cameras including one for Elaine's office.

We need 2 people who are not on council but, involved with the call committee to be on the Mutual Ministry Committee.

New Business:

We need to submit a copy of the Constitution to the Synod by February to be reviewed.

Annual meeting is set for Sunday January 24, 2021 at 11:15 am, following COVID-19 protocol.

Communion will be done the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Wednesday evening Lenten services will be at each church at 6:30 pm.

Pastor will reach out to committee chairs to set up a "committee night".

Pastor and Deacon will be installed by Bishop Tesch on February 14, 2021

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed: February 7, Bible presentation with a Boxed Lunch for the child.

Property: Kathy Howard talked to them about installing shelving in the kitchen on an empty wall.

Stewardship

Worship Planning

Youth and family

Larry made a motion to purchase a gift or gift cards for Aimee Wilson for all her work she has done this past year for the amount of \$600. Shelly will check with her husband where or what would be the best place to purchase from. Stu seconded , unanimously passed.

Devotions for February: Keith

Next meeting: February 9th, 2021

Bonnie made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Karyn. Unanimously passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Janzen

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Messiah Lutheran Church Council—February Meeting Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting - February 9, 2021

President Karyn Santl called the meeting to order - "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Members Present: Karyn Santal, Keith Okeson, Stu McFarlane, Bob Tuttle, Marty Trangsrud, Ashley Filpula, Kevin Wensloff, Katie Gunderson, Bonnie Delmore, Pastor David Swonger, and Deacon Joanne Swonger.

The meeting opened with introductions and Keith led devotions.

Keith made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, second by Bob, unanimously approved.

Marty made a motion to adopt the Secretary's report as written, second by Stu, unanimously approved.

Keith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Bonnie, unanimously approved.

Discussion surrounding tin cup offerings for months of February and March. Marty made a motion to approve the tin cup offerings from February and March will go to the Youth & Family committed to purchase college care packages, second by Katie, unanimously approved.

Pastor David and Deacon Joanne submitted their report.

Jay submitted his report.

Elaine submitted her report.

Old Business

- Synod review of constitution - Karyn has contacted the Synod about next steps and what needs to be done. The goal is to update the constitution and have it ready for approval at the annual meeting in January 2022.
- Smart Team Guidelines - the COVID preparedness guidelines have been created and should be posted on the church website.
- Radio broadcast - future plans for radio broadcast need to be decided on. Currently, both services are streamed.

New Business

- Selection of liaisons to committees
 - Parish Education - Kevin Wensloff
 - Property - Bob Tuttle
 - Stewardship - Bonnie Delmore
 - Worship Planning - Katie Gunderson
 - Youth & Family - Marty Trangsrud
- Goals for 2021 - tabled until next meeting

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MLC Church Council—February Meeting Minutes continued...

Committee Reports

- Parish Education
- Property
 - Lighting
 - Quote for \$4556.10 for new lighting materials/equipment to update aesthetics & safety. Labor will be done by committee.
 - Motion by Bob to approve up to \$5000.00 for new lighting, second by Stu, approved unanimously.
 - Bob will get an updated quote before work begins.
 - Kitchen countertops
 - Discussion of updating countertops - quote is \$3800.00
 - Ordered a floor mirror for weddings.
 - Committee is looking into new/updated whiteboards.
 - Keys/Locks
 - A key lockbox with a code has been ordered to allow for additional accessibility.
 - Discussion about re-keying doors for updated security/safety. Bob will get a quote for re-keying the doors.
- Stewardship
 - Devo Kits - members will have access to a take-home kit for personal devotions during Lent.
 - Discussion about offerings from Lent devo kit offerings. Motion by Ashley that offerings go to the local backpack program, second by Katie, approved unanimously.
- Worship Planning
- Youth & Family
 - New committee member is AJ Humes.
 - College care packs will be sent - care packs will include gift cards.
 - Awaiting additional information about the Rockford mission trip for this summer - current plans are on hold.

Upcoming Events

- Pastor David's installation is on Sunday, February 14, 2021.
- Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021 - services will be held at 6:30pm.

Devotions for March: Marty

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Bonnie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin, approved unanimously.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Filpula

Approved February 16, 2021 via Email

Messiah Messenger

Messiah Lutheran Church In-Person Worship

Resolution Regarding Resumption of In-Person Worship

The Council of Messiah Lutheran Church hereby resolves that it will resume in-person worship as of September 27, 2020.

Consistent with our calling to love and care for one another and for the health of our neighbors, any person attending in-person worship (including weddings and funerals) or other church activities must:

- (1) sign-in providing their name and phone number,
- (2) wear a mask at all times,,
- (3) maintain social distancing.

Those who are ill, have tested positive for COVID-19, or who are in vulnerable populations should refrain from attending in-person worship or other church activities.

Persons exposed to COVID-19, or who have previously tested positive for COVID-19, must refrain from attending in-person worship or other church activities until at least 14 days after they have tested negative for the presence of the virus.

Persons who choose to attend in-person worship or other church activities agree to inform the church promptly if they learn they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Notice of COVID-19 exposure should be made by calling Karyn Santl (Pastor or other person) at 218-242-3912 and should inform us of the relevant date(s) of in-person church attendance.

The church will then make appropriate **anonymous** notifications to others who may have been in attendance on the same date, so they may take appropriate steps to protect their health and safety. (The church could assist public health authorities with lists of contacts to help with tracing and will assist them in any efforts to undertake contact tracing if requested.)

This action should not be considered as a substitution for the individuals own responsibility to contact public health officials for more detailed contract tracing.

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*Members, visitors and guests who do not feel well or have any COVID-19 *symptoms, must not attend services, events, or other activities at the facility and are strongly encouraged to stay home.*

Members, visitors and guests are also strongly encouraged to stay home if they have a household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19.

**Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.*

1. Members must not exceed 150 per worship service.
2. Weather permitting, ushers will open doors for congregation members so they do not have to touch the door handles.
3. Masks must be worn at all times.
4. We encourage members age 65 and above and those with underlying health issues to please partake the service via the radio broadcast or Facebook Live.
5. Congregation members will stop at a hand sanitizing station before entering the Narthex and Sanctuary.
6. There will be no coffee/treats after church.
7. Congregation members will sit with their immediate family members only with 6 feet between other families per social distancing guidelines. Every other pew will be roped off to help facilitate this transaction.
8. Bulletins will be available. If members choose, they can also view the bulletins on their personal phones or the overhead projector. All the hymnals will be removed. Please take your bulletins home for important church announcements.
9. Singing will be kept to a minimum. Special music may be performed within the social distancing guidelines.
10. Communion may be offered with prepackaged kits and distributed with the appropriate use of PPE.
11. Offering to be dropped off on the way out of the sanctuary to limit touch points.
12. Members must leave the church building promptly. If you would like to talk to other members, please do so outside wearing masks and maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Other considerations:

1. The water fountain will not be available for use.
2. Mics and other high touch areas must be disinfected after each use.
3. The bathrooms by the kitchen will be open for use. Members are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before entering and upon exiting the restroom.
4. If Sanctuary is to be used within the week, pews must be sanitized after the service.

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 Elaine Wulff 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)

Direct Contribution Plan



Messiah Lutheran Church

502 9th Avenue NE
Roseau, Minnesota 56751

Phone: 218-463-1648
Office email: messiahroseau@gmail.com

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.