

# Messiah Messenger

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

## Messiah Youth First Communion



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Tuesday – Thursday (9:00AM – 3:00 PM)

## Messiah Youth celebrate First Communion!

On Wednesday, March 24, eleven Fifth & Sixth Grade youth gathered with their family members in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion. After a delicious meal of lasagna and cupcakes, provided by the Parish Education committee, these students and their families gathered around learning packets and shared in a brief workshop led by Pastor Dave and Deacon Joanne. Along with some history about “how” Holy Communion got started, as well as some thoughts about “why” we share in this important sacrament, each of these students had an opportunity to celebrate their First Communion with their families in the sanctuary as a conclusion to the evening. Receiving their First Communion were the following youth:

5th Grade: Keane Johnson, Abram Lundbohm, Morgan Skoien, Ivy Vatnsdal, Ryan Wensloff, Serenity Wulff.

6th Grade: Clara Baumgartner, Hallie Glodowski, Brooklyn Kline, Natalie Kline, Taden Peterson.



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

[www.messiahroseau.net](http://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*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

**DREAMS** are fascinating features of our human experience. It's a curious fact, but most of us have had experiences with dreams. Sometimes our dreams are filled with exciting adventures, involving every-day, as well as imagined, characters. At other times, our dreams verge on the bizarre, and when we try to recall the details, we are completely puzzled by the jumble of images filling our heads. Some of us have been haunted by the images in our dreams and have awakened in a cold sweat with our hearts pounding in fear because our dreams were "too real!" More often than not, many of us discover that our "dreams," whatever they may have been, mysteriously disappear from all recollection as soon as our eyes greet the dawning of a new day.

**DREAMS**...they invite us into moments of reflection and wonder. As we approach Holy Week, we invite you to consider this thought: *"What do you think the disciples dreamed about, especially during the last days our Lord spent with them?"*

This sounds like a strange question to ponder, doesn't it? However, every time the events of Holy Week and Easter draw near, it seems quite natural to dream about what it must have been like to experience those intense days with our Lord Jesus. After all, in just a few days, the disciples surely must have experienced all kinds of life-changing events! There was the excitement of entering Jerusalem with Jesus proclaimed as a "king!" There were the puzzling words about His "body and blood" that Jesus spoke of as He shared the Passover meal with them on their last night together. And what about all the feelings of anger, terror, guilt, and betrayal this powerful week stirred up in each of them as Jesus was arrested and taken to trial?

When Jesus, their Lord and friend, was crucified...surely their hearts must have been crushed under an overwhelming weight of sadness and disappointment. Can there be any doubt that their dreams were haunted on many nights by the indelible image of Jesus...dying... on that horrible cross at Golgotha?

But thanks be to God...our Lord didn't leave the disciples living in a quagmire of jumbled emotions and disappointing dreams. As the sun's early morning light began dispersing the darkness of the First Easter, a completely new and **UNEXPECTED DREAM** unfolded which neither the disciples, nor any of us, could have ever imagined was possible!

From the depths of death's darkness, **OUR LORD JESUS AROSE!** In an incredible act of defiance, our resurrected Lord Jesus opened up an entirely new realm of possibilities beyond what appeared to be unchangeable. Just imagine it! Even death, a seemingly invincible power, was no match for the power of our Lord!

*Oh, dear friends...if only we would "dare to dream" about what our Lord's matchless power could do in our lives. Would there be any limit to what could happen?*

**DARE TO DREAM**, for just a moment, about the burdens of guilt and shame our Lord has the power to remove from each of our lives!

**DARE TO DREAM** about the power our Lord has to heal broken hearts and lives!

**DARE TO DREAM** about the changes that can occur for any of us once we begin believing our Lord can forgive and heal us!

The Apostle Paul applauded the matchless power of our Lord with these words:

*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever an ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**DARE TO DREAM**, dear friends...for Easter has proven that our Lord can do far more that we could ever dream possible!

Daring to dream with you,

*Pastor Dave & Deacon Joanne*

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## *A message from the Church President*

April 2021

Hello Messiah Congregation!

I'm writing this the evening of Palm Sunday and we are heading into Holy week, Sunday we will celebrate our risen Christ!

In March the church council decided to discontinue our radio broadcast. We have received positive feedback on our Facebook live stream and felt putting dollars into this technology as well as updating our sanctuary audio was a progressive move. The cost of the radio broadcast in 2020 was \$4246 and we had \$2620 in donations. The intention is to start a fund for our live stream broadcast and technology improvements. The last radio broadcast will be on Easter Sunday, April 4. Moe will continue to do a radio broadcast. The exact time of that broadcast is still being worked out with Wild102.

In other business, we have submitted our constitution to the synod office and they are reviewing it against a model constitution. The property committee will be installing new lights in the parking lot. They are also rekeying all the locks on the doors. The council also changed our meeting date to the 3rd week of the month with the intention that committees will meet earlier in the month.

Blessings during this Easter season.

**Karyn**

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## J Files Report

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

**HAPPY EASTER GREETING** for all of you as we will celebrate on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> this month! Take a deep breath and relax as the busy Lent Season has come to an end and we will not just be mourning Jesus death on the cross but also rejoice in his Resurrection on Easter Sunday! May we all rejoice with the promise Jesus has fulfilled for us with the tomb being empty and Jesus conquering Death! May we now do what Matthew 5: 16 says and be the light of Jesus for all to see the gift and promise Jesus has given us all through us spreading his Love to all!

I will be taking Vacation time this month from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 11<sup>th</sup> to help finish my daughter Haley's move to San Diego to be with her husband Nathan O'Connor who is in the Navy stationed at San Diego! Please keep our family in your Prayers as we make that long drive down to San Diego during Easter Weekend and the following week!

My family and I wish you all a very blessed Easter Celebration and take care!

Please also read the April Youth Calendar to see all the great ministry opportunities for our youth and families in April!

God Bless,

Jay Ostgaard

### **THINGS TO KNOW SO YOUTH CAN GROW:**

***Please READ BELOW for YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN APRIL & MAY***

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>: DEADLINE** to Register your 7-11 Grade Child for the 2022 ELCA Minneapolis Youth Gathering  
PLEASE CONTACT JAY for more information and registration forms!

**APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> IS FINAL DAY FOR Messiah 7-9 Grade Confirmation Classes**

(We will have Pizza Party at 5:30 pm for Confirmation Students, Final Class at 6 pm and transition into the 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. 7-12 Grade Youth Group at 7 pm @ Messiah)!

**END OF YEAR PARTY FOR 4-6 GRADE MOESSIAH HANG TIME.:** We will celebrate on Wed, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm for our final time together this school year for Moessiah Hang Time Youth Groups! We will have great Food, games, prizes & music and hopefully all outside weather permitting!

**Roseau Band & Choir Concerts & Baccalaureate:** High School Band & Choir Concerts and Baccalaureate at Roseau High School on Wed Nights in May are on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm each Wed night! There will be NO 7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. ON THOSE NIGHTS!

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> IS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION** for 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Groups from 7 pm to 8:30 pm @ Messiah outside! See May Youth Calendar for more information!



## MESSIAH YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

( JAY IS ON VACATION FROM APRIL 2 THRU APRIL 11)

- Sun, April 4<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am: Messiah Easter Worship Service # 1  
10:30 pm: Messiah Easter Worship Service # 2  
1:00 am: *NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & NO YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES THIS DAY*
- Wed, April 7<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (Nikole Baumgartner serving Supper)  
6:00 pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes  
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ Messiah
- Sun, April 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service  
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School  
10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service  
*NO YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES THIS DAY, JAY STILL ON VACATION*
- Mon, April 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm: Youth Committee ZOOM Meeting
- Wed, April 14<sup>th</sup>: 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade MOESSIAH Hang Time Youth Group @ Messiah (*Done at 4:30 pm*)  
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (Kara Pelowski serving Supper)  
6:00 pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes  
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ MOE LUTHERAN (*Done @ 8:10 pm*)
- Thurs, April 15: 4:00 pm: Registration Deadline for Messiah/Moe 7-11 Graders to sign up for 2022 ELCA Minneapolis Youth Gathering! Get \$150 deposit and Registration form to Messiah office
- Sun, April 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service  
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School  
10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service  
11:30 am: Youth Praise Band Practice  
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group
- Wed, April 21<sup>st</sup>: 3:30 pm: 1-3 Grade J.A.M. Youth Group @ Messiah (*Done at 4:30 pm*)  
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX SUPPER" (Erica Vatnsdal serving Supper)  
6:00 pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes  
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ Messiah (*Done @ 8:10 pm*)
- Sun, April 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service  
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School  
10:30 am: Messiah Lutheran Worship Service  
11:30 am: Youth Praise Band Practice  
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group
- Wed, April 28<sup>th</sup>: 3:30 pm: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade MOESSIAH Hang Time Youth Group @ Messiah (*Done @ 4:30 pm*)  
5:30 pm: CONFIRMATION PIZZA PARTY (*Served by Kathy Zencius Family*)  
6:00 pm: Last Day of Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade!  
7:00 pm: 7-12 GradeMOESSIAH R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ Messiah (*Done @ 8:10 pm*)

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## *A message from the Messiah Quilters*

### Messiah Quilters

Please join us for Blanket Sunday on April 25th  
during the 10:30am worship service at Messiah.

At the conclusion of the service, we will be collecting a special offering to help  
offset the shipping costs of quilts going to Lutheran World Relief.

**Messiah Quilting** has been one of the most successful, long running  
Missions we have. Some of the places where our quilts are donated: Northland  
Rescue Mission; Violence Intervention; Northwest Community Action;  
Headstart; Messiah Baptisms; Local Fires; Post Prom; Messiah Graduating  
Seniors; Lutheran World Relief.

Earlier this year, the Messiah Quilters lost a very important part of our  
Mission, Ardell Snare, who had been showing her expertise for many years.  
Prior to her passing, Ardell checked the records and discovered from 2003 to  
2020, a total of 5446 quilts have been produced at Messiah!

**Blanket Sunday is scheduled for April 25th. Some of our quilts will be on  
display.** Pastor Dave will be blessing the quilts, and the congregation will be  
asked at this service, to donate towards the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) cost of  
shipping our quilts and kits. All donations will be forwarded to LWR.

Again, thank you to all of our helpers who collect material, cut squares,  
take tops home to sew, and of course, our great group who help with assembly.

This feat could not have been done without the continuing help we  
receive from many people, both from the Messiah congregation and members  
of the Roseau Community who have shared their talents selflessly.

We hope this  
mission will con-  
tinue for many  
more years to



## Messiah Messenger Announcements

### Messiah Online Worship

We encourage you to tune in via:

- **FACEBOOK LIVE!** (*Search for Messiah Lutheran Church Page*) @ 10:30am
- **Radio: Wild 102** (*New! Recorded only at Moe Starting April 11th.*) @ TBD

If you would like to sponsor a FB live video broadcast i.e., in honor of, or in loving memory of someone, please email/call the office. Please write “Facebook Live Fund” on your check or envelope, and who it is in honor or memory of.

**Lenten Offering Boxes:** It’s soon time to turn in Lenten Offering Boxes! There will be a special table in the narthex at our **Maundy Thursday** and **Easter** services to receive these gifts of love for the Backpack for Kids program. Thank you for sharing the compassion of Christ through this special offering opportunity!

**Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship Applications** can be picked up at the church office or found on the Messiah Church website at [messiahroseau.net](http://messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab.

Application deadline is **April 19, 2019** for graduating Seniors and **July 1, 2019** for returning students!

**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>**



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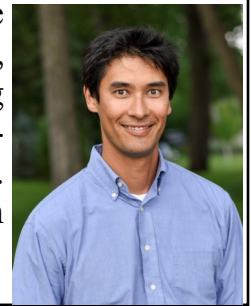


Pathways Bible Camps are planning a memorable season with Covid-safe guidelines in place.

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



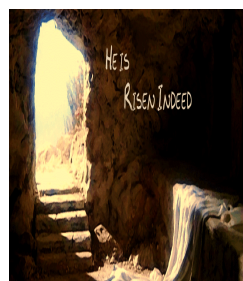
We are excited to have Chris Andreason, the Executive Director of Pathways, join us for **CAMP SUNDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will enjoy hearing great stories and singing fun Camp songs as we learn more about camping opportunities at Camp Emmaus, located outside of Menahga, MN. Chris will be joining us to share at worship and at Church School on the 18<sup>th</sup>!



**Calling all Messiah Committee members!** We are having a “COMMITTEE NIGHT BLITZ” - **Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:00 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to create some new energy and to do some calendar planning for September 2021 - May 2022. What events and dates for the upcoming program year do we need to be mindful of for our “Messiah Master Calendar?” We look forward to seeing you on April 21<sup>st</sup>!

**PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting at MOE in the Fellowship Hall!** This is due to the youth activities needing all available space at Messiah that night. Thanks!

**REMINDER!** As you do your **spring cleaning**, please keep in mind the Messiah quilters and Bell Choir. The quilters are replenishing their supply of sheets and fabric and donations can be left at the church office or put on the shelf just off the Sunday school wing. Also, the Bell Choir will be having their annual rummage sale. We have decided it will be held probably in August. As you go through your household items, please hold them for us. We will take anything except clothes. We will ask for the items right before the sale. Watch for further information.



**Worship during Holy Week and Easter:** Join us for these powerful

services that dramatically share the depth of sorrow at our Lord's Passion and the heights of joy at Christ's Resurrection!

- **Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:30 PM at MESSIAH LUTHERAN** *featuring the celebration of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.*

+ **Good Friday, April 2, 6:30 PM at MOE LUTHERAN** *featuring the extinguishing of candles to create an ever-darkening sanctuary space as we read from scripture the story of our Lord's Passion.*

+ **Easter Sunday, April 4, 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM Worship at MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

*Our theme is “The Easter Feast ~ Be Our Guest!” Join us as we joyously celebrate our Lord's resurrection! (If you haven't RSVP'ed what service you will be attending, please email the church office as soon as possible.)*



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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.



**“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 .*

## Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru February 2021:	\$ 94,827.23	\$ 28,420.84*	\$ 39,057.91	\$ 84,190.16

\*Includes PPP Loan proceeds

## THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received **\$1,719.00** 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—APRIL

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

April 04 9:15am & 10:30am Communion

April 11 *No Communion*

April 18 COMMUNION: Barb Erickson/Kathy Howard

April 25 *No Communion*

## Lay Reader

April 04 9:15am & 10:30am

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 9:15am: 1. Ashley F.  
2. Gloria S.  
3. Stuart M.  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

10:30am:

1. Ashley F.

2. Gloria S.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

April 11 Karyn Santl

April 18 Bob Tuttle

April 25 Stuart McFarlane

## Sound Booth

April 04 9:15am: Marty T.  
10:30am Bob/Andrew Tuttle

April 11 Paul Grafstrom

April 18 Marty Trangsrud

April 25 Bob/Andrew Tuttle

## Council Rep

April 04 9:15am & 10:30am  
Ashley Filpula

April 11 Karyn Santl

April 18 Bob Tuttle

April 25 Stuart McFarlane

## Counters

April 04 9:15am Bill & Sue Jennings

April 04 10:30am Bill & Sue Jennings

April 11 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom

April 18 Warren & Marsha Hagen

April 25 Duane & Barb Erickson

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—MAY

<b><u>Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)</u></b>	
<b>May 02</b>	<i>No Communion</i>
<b>May 09</b>	<i>No Communion</i>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Communion: Cheryl Schleppenbach; Eileen Carter</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<i>No Communion</i>
<b>May 30</b>	<i>Communion</i>

<b><u>Lay Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Scripture Readings</u></b>
<b>May 02 Marsha Hagen</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8</b>
<b>May 09 Barb Erickson</b>	<b>Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17</b>
<b>May 16 Jodie Janzen</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19</b>
<b>May 23 Carol Guy</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</b>
<b>May 30 Gloria Skrutvold</b>	<b>Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17</b>

<b><u>Greeters/Usher/ Council Rep</u></b>	<b><u>Sound Booth</u></b>	<b><u>Counters</u></b>
<b>May 02 Katie Gunderson</b>	<b>May 02 Marty Trangsrud</b>	<b>May 02 Warren/Marsha Hagen</b>
<b>May 09 Kevin Wensloff</b>	<b>May 09 Bob Tuttle/ Andrew Tuttle</b>	<b>May 09 Stu/Beth McFarlane</b>
<b>May 16 Bonnie Delmore</b>	<b>May 16 Paul Grafstrom</b>	<b>May 16 Jon/Bonnie Hagen</b>
<b>May 23 Keith Okeson</b>	<b>May 23 Marty Trangsrud</b>	<b>May 23 Bill/Sue Jennings</b>
<b>May 30 Ashley Filpula</b>	<b>May 30 Bob Tuttle/ Andrew Tuttle</b>	<b>May 30 Dave/ Sharon Grafstrom</b>

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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](mailto: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—March Meeting Minutes

### Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting - March 16, 2021

Approved via email 3/25/2021

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

**Members Present:** Karyn Santl, Marty Transgrud, Katie Gunderson, Kevin Wensloff, Keith Okeson, Bonnie Delmore, Ashley Filpula, Stu McFarlane, Pastor David Swonger, and Deacon Joanne Swonger

The meeting opened with introductions and Marty led devotions.

President Karyn Santl led a discussion about the use of a Consent Agenda for church council meetings. Marty made a motion to approve the use of a Consent Agenda moving forward, second by Katie, unanimously approved.

Keith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 2021 meeting as presented, second by Stu, unanimously approved.

Bonnie made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as written, second by Kevin, unanimously approved.

Discussion surrounding tin cup offerings for the Months of April, May, and June. Stu made a motion to allocate the tin cup offerings to the summer Pathways/VBS program, second by Katie, unanimously approved.

#### **Pastor David & Deacon Joanne submitted their report.**

Easter Worship: There will be 2 services on Easter morning - 9:15am and 10:30am. The theme will be “The Easter Feast...Be our Guest!” which will allow guests to RSVP and be ushered to a seat to help follow proper COVID-19 guidelines and maintain proper social distancing.

**Council/Committee Meeting Dates:** The Messiah Lutheran Church Council will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

#### **Business**

##### **Radio Broadcast Discussion:**

A majority of feedback received was to eliminate the weekly radio broadcast at Messiah and focus on the livestream video. A weekly radio broadcast of the Moe service will continue. Currently there is a memorial fund for radio broadcasts.

Bonnie made a motion to discontinue weekly radio broadcasts of the Messiah Lutheran service, second by Ashley, unanimously approved.

##### **Building Use Requests:**

Requests will be approved by President Karyn and/or Pastor David.

Masking is required, the maximum capacity for the fellowship hall is currently 50 people, and other COVID-19 guidelines are in place.

Keith moved to approve Karyn & Pastor David to approve the use of facilities, Kevin second, unanimously approved

# Messiah Messenger

## March Meeting Minutes Continued...

### **Parsonage Update:**

There is currently a signed agreement for the current residents to continue to reside in the parsonage and continue to make a payment for the amount of \$378 to cover the cost of utilities.

### **Parish Ed Update:**

**First Communion:** Will take place March 23, 2021 for 5th and 6th grade.

The summer Pathways/VBS program is tentatively scheduled for the first week of August.

### **Property Committee:**

**Lighting:** The quote from the last month did not change. Materials have been ordered and delivery is scheduled.

**Water Bottle Filling Station:** Rob Wokash from Rob's plumbing will provide a quote for the purchase and install of a bottle filling station that will work with the existing water fountain.

**Keys:** The exterior and interior doors will be rekeyed with a security level applied. Additionally, keys will be numbered so they can be tracked and assigned. The current estimate is \$450 with up to \$100 overage for incidentals. A key lock box has been purchased to be installed on the east side of the building.

Keith made a motion to approve \$550 for keys and rekeying, second Ashley, unanimously approved.

A boiler leak has been discovered at the parsonage. Northwoods Heating has looked at it and will be providing a quote to replace it.

Good Friday Fish Fry is not happening this year.

### **2021 Goals:**

Council brainstorming and discussion about goals moving forward. This discussion will continue in the coming months.

Lake of the Woods Bible Camp disbursement - when funds are disbursed, a committee will be formed to discuss potential uses of money.

### **Upcoming Events**

Summer Pathways/VBS tentative dates are August 2-5, 2021.

Pathways Director will be visiting worship and Sunday School on April 18, 2021 to discuss summer camp opportunities.

**Devotions for April:** Katie

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:30pm

Marty made a motion to adjourn, second by Bonnie, approved unanimously.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Filpula



# 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](mailto:messiahroseau@gmail.com) or call the church office at 218-463-1648 and leave a voicemail.

## Mail a Check

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](mailto: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](http://messiahroseau.net) and click on "Give Now" or you can access the giving page directly by visiting: [messiahroseau.breezechms.com/give/online](http://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)