

Messiah Messenger

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

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021

"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. **Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, 6:30 PM services will be held at both at Messiah and Moe every week.**

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Available for Pick-up Sunday, FEB 14

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



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A message from the Pastor

Greetings from the Swongers!

Rarely does a single day pass that doesn't find us wrapping our hands around a CUP! Like many who live in this cold North country, we relish the moments we have with a hot cup of coffee. As our hands cradle our cups each morning, we depend upon the warm, black elixir it contains, to coax our reluctant minds and bodies into each new day. AHHH...YES! There's nothing quite like the soothing comfort afforded by a good cup of coffee! (Or tea...or cocoa...if coffee's not your thing!)

Many are the times when a common, ordinary cup accompanies us throughout the day, serving as that centering source of renewal. Because most of us can appreciate the extraordinary place of prestige an ordinary cup holds in our everyday lives, we'd like to offer some thoughts on how an ordinary cup also can teach us a lot about our spiritual lives! Sounds a bit crazy, doesn't it? Indulge us for just a moment, and please read further...

We all know a CUP is a simple container designed to hold something. We also know that whatever a cup holds must be emptied out, eventually, so that something new can be put into it.

The spiritual nature of our lives can be described in much the same way! Designed by our Creator to hold what is truly divine, the "CUP of our spiritual life" must be engaged in a continual process of being "filled up" and "poured out"... of receiving and giving ... of accepting and letting go.

During this upcoming season of LENT, we invite you to imagine your life...your spiritual life...to be like a CUP. Consider how the "CUP of our lives" can be filled to the brim with contents that have grown cold and stale. Sometimes we just need to be emptied and washed in order that we may be filled and refreshed with something new and life-giving!

Just as any well-used coffee cup can bear the markings of its travels and still remain useful, neither should the flaws in our lives keep us from serving God in valuable ways. Think for a moment how the "CUP of our lives" can become chipped, stained, or broken. Yet, far from rendering us useless, these flaws not only can teach us about our need for God; but can lead us toward a life "poured out" in a genuine, humble reflection of Christ to the world!

This LENT, may we become bold enough to envision ourselves as CUPS...living vessels...that hold the very presence of God! Join us at Messiah every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Together...let us draw near to God...eager to have the "CUP of our lives" filled to overflowing with the ONE who is grace, mercy, peace, and an abundant source of Life for all of us!

2021 LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

"The CUP of Our LIVES"

Ash Wednesday – Feb 17

"The Cup of Life"

Midweek #1 – Feb 24

"The Open Cup"

Midweek #2 – Mar 3

"The Chipped Cup"

Midweek #3 – Mar 10

"The Broken Cup"

Midweek #4 – Mar 17

"The Cup of Compassion"

Midweek #5 – Mar 24

"The Blessing Cup"



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A message from the Church President

February—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 Sant - 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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2021 Council Member Leadership

INTRODUCING – **YOUR 2021 COUNCIL:**

Immediately after the Annual Congregational Meeting that took place on Sunday, January 24, the officers for Church Council were appointed by consensus among the members present.

We are pleased to announce the leadership of Messiah Lutheran Church for 2021 will be as follows:

President – Karyn Santl

Vice President – Keith Okeson

Secretary – Ashley Filpula

Treasurer – Stuart McFarlane

Additional Council Leaders are:

***Bonnie Delmore, Katie Gunderson, Marty Trangsrud, Bob Tuttle,
and Kevin Wensloff.***

We are blessed that these leaders have offered to serve the mission of Messiah Lutheran with their time and talents.

Please keep them in your prayers as they provide direction for our life together in the year ahead.

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"J-FILES REPORT"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11: "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already 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! This will take place in February and mailed to our College Age Students by Feb 28th!
- 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 2021 Fall 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. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN FEBRUARY/MARCH** for signing up for 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in Minneapolis, MN! Registration opens in September of 2021 so that's why we need to start getting youth signed up this Spring to get our numbers for the trip and start our Fundraising Planning & goals for the trip! PLEASE stay tuned for more info to come after I meet with my Youth Gathering Planning Committee of Kathy Howard, Kristen Otto, Andrea Olson and myself!

FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

10-12 GRADE STUDENT LEADERS will meet on Wed, Feb 3 & Feb 24th @ Messiah right after youth group! The time on Feb 3rd is 8:10 pm and on the 24th will be at 8:20 pm!

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

7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. is at Messiah on Wed, Feb 3rd, 17th & 24th!

We Meet @ Moe Lutheran on Wed, Feb 10th, from 7pm to 8:10 pm each Wed Night! During Lent Season the Time of Youth Group will be 7:15 pm to 8:20 pm!

4-6 GRADE MOESSIAH HANG TIME MEETS 1ST & 3RD Wed of each month from 3:30pm-4:30pm!

1-3 GRADE MESSIAH J.A.M. MEETS 2ND Wed of each month from 3:30pm-4:30pm!

MESSIAH CONFIRMATION DURING ASH WED/LENT SEASON: Here is schedule during this season of Lent: 5:30 pm is To Go Box Suppers, 6 pm the 7th & 8th Grade classes meet and 6:30 pm all 7, 8 & 9 Grade Students attend the Ash Wed/Lent Service with a parent & fill out a sermon note!

10-12 GRADE GRAB & GO FREE LUNCH MINISTRY meets the Last Monday of each month from 1:05 pm to 1:30 pm! Next one is Monday, Feb 22nd!

ASH WED IS on Wed, Feb 17 with Service at 6:30 pm! Moe & Messiah Lutheran churches will be having Separate Ash Wed & Lent Worship Services this year due to Covid restrictions! NO LENT SUPPERS so our Confirmation youth will have their regular "TO GO BOX" Suppers during Lent Season at Messiah 5:30 to 6 pm

Please contact Jay @ 463-1648 or 242-2221 to volunteer or any questions!



MOESSIAH YOUTH CALENDAR:

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

Wed, Feb 3rd: 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Moessiah Youth Group @ Messiah (Done at 4:30 pm)
5:30pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Supper (Need a Family to prepare & serve, contact Jay to sign up)
6:00 pm: Messiah 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. @ Messiah (Done at 8:10 pm)
8:15 pm: Check -In with Jay Student Leaders Meeting

Sun, Feb. 7th: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School
10:15 am: Moe Sunday School
10:30 am: Messiah Worship Service
2:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice (Normally at 1 pm but pushed back due to private baptism at 1 pm)
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday)

Wed, Feb. 10th: 3:30 pm: 1-3 Grade J.A.M. Youth Group @ Messiah (DONE @ 4:30 pm)
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Supper (Need a Family to prepare & serve, contact Jay to sign up)
6:00 pm: Messiah 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes @ Messiah
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. Valentines Theme Acts of Kindness Night @ MOE LUTHERAN (Done at 8:10)

Sun, Feb. 14th: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Warship Service
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School
10:15 am: Moe Sunday School
10:30 am: Messiah Worship Service
1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice @ Messiah
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday)

Wed, Feb 17th: 3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Moessiah Youth Group @ Messiah (DONE @ 4:30 PM)
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Supper (Need a Family to prepare & serve, contact Jay to sign up)
6:00 pm: 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes @ Messiah
6:30 pm: Messiah ASH WED Service (Confirmation Students & Parents are to attend thanks)
7:15 pm: 7-12 Grade MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. @ Messiah (Done @ 8:20 pm)

Sun, Feb. 21st: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School
10:15 am: Moe Sunday School
10:30 am: Messiah Worship Service
1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice @ Messiah
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday)

Mon, Feb 22nd: 1:05 pm: 10-12 Grade Messiah/Moe & Friends Grab & Go Free Lunch Ministry @ Messiah

Wed, Feb 24th: 5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Supper (Need a Family to prepare & serve, contact Jay to sign up)
6:00 pm: 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes @ Messiah
6:30 pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service (Confirmation Students & Parents are to attend thanks)
7:15 pm: 7-12 Grade MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. @ Messiah (Done @ 8:20 pm)
8:20 pm: Check -In with Jay Student Leaders Meeting

Sun, Feb. 28th: 9:15 am: Moe Lutheran Worship Service
10:00 am: Messiah Sunday School
10:15 am: Moe Sunday School
10:30 am: Messiah Worship Service
1:00 pm: Youth Praise Band Practice @ Messiah
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group (Check email for Zoom Link, same link every Sunday)

PLEASE CONTACT JAY @ 242-2221 IF ANY QUESTIONS, THANKS!

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 of etc.



~Messiah Quilting~

Please join us for quilting at Messiah .

- Mondays from 1-4pm
- Tuesdays from 10am-4pm,
 - February-March.
- Bring a bag of lunch if you wish!

2020 year-end contributions 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.

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DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS AND A HEART FOR SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY?

HELPP in Warroad organized with the mission of responding to families living within the Warroad School District who are experiencing financial hardship due to serious illness or house fire.

Since 2016 HELLP has given over \$118,000 in gas and grocery cards, mainly to those who must travel a distance to receive care at a larger medical facility.

In 2021, HELLP would like to offer guidance and financial support in establishing a similar organization in Roseau or another neighboring community.

You can read more about their work at helppwarroad.com or at HELPP, Inc on Facebook.

If you or someone you know might be interested in helping get a HELLP organization started in the Roseau community please contact

Rick Corneliusen at 242-2263

or by email at Rickcor66@gmail.com to get on their plans for this year.

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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.

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>



Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru Dec 2020:	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 189,921.89*	\$ 164,599.39	\$ 127,403.73
*Includes PPP Loan proceeds				

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$3,175 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—FEBRUARY

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

February 07 *No Communion*

February 14 *No Communion*

February 21 Jodie Janzen; Nancy Tveit

February 28 *No Communion*

<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Scripture Readings</u>
Feb 07 Mark Wilson	Isa 40:21-31; Ps 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
Feb 14 Gloria Skrutvold	2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
Feb 21 Aimee Wilson	Gen 9:8-17; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
Feb 28 Carol Guy	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

<u>Greeters/Usher</u>	<u>Sound Booth</u>
Feb 07 Ashley Filpula	Feb 07 Paul Grafstrom
Feb 14 Karyn Santl	Feb 14 Marty Trangsrud
Feb 21 Jon & Bonnie Hagen	Feb 21 Bob Tuttle; Andrew Tuttle
Feb 28 Shelly LaPlante	Feb 28 Paul Grafstrom

<u>Council Rep</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Feb 07 Ashley Filpula	Feb 07 Warren & Marsha Hagen
Feb 14 Karyn Santl	Feb 14 Dave & Sharon Grafstrom
Feb 21 Jodie Janzen	Feb 21 Jon & Bonnie Hagen
Feb 28 Shelly LaPlante	Feb 28 Stu & Beth McFarlane

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!

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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.



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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 Meeting Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council December 14, 2020

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

Keith made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions made to new business, seconded by Bonnie, unanimously passed.

Karyn made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, with the amendment of additional information pertaining to the youth meetings. Seconded by Bob, unanimously passed.

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

Jay submitted his report

Pastor David talked about getting settled in and was wondering what we would like him to report on each month.

Elaine submitted her report. Also, would like for an additional monitor that can stay on all the time for the security cameras, Keith was going to check to see if there were any available to be donated or the price of one.

Old Business:

- Sunday School time has been set for 10 a.m. Confirmation will continue with Sue, Aimee, Kathy, and Jay until after the New Year, at that time the Pastor will meet with them and decide how to proceed.
- Bob made a motion to donate \$ 500 to Pathways in honor of Sue Grafstrom and a \$ 250 Roseau Dough/Thank you card for her Service Leadership this past year. Seconded by Stu, passed unanimously.

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New Business:

Thanks for giving mission funds distribution have been decided to the same groups as last year; National Youth Gathering - \$325

Local Salvation army - \$325

\$225 to each of the following:

- Jays check in was completed by Larry and Marty; Thanked him for being the positive face of the Church these past few months and doing a great job with the youth while dealing with COVID-19. He will put together his goals for 2021 and submit to Larry the week of 12/21.
- Radio broadcast will be decided on by the annual meeting to do one broadcast or keep 3 slots for both churches.
- Mutual ministry committee needs to be decided upon - if one for both churches, or what will work best.
- 2021 Nominations; still being worked on.
- 2021 annual meeting set for January 24, 2020.
- Christmas eve celebration had a newsletter sent out.
- December 27, 2020 church in person.
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Committee reports:

- Parish Ed
- Property
- Stewardship
- Worship Planning
- Youth and family

Devotions for January; Bob

Next meeting: January 12, 2020

Shelly made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Karyn unanimously passed.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Janzen, secretary

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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 Larry Hosaluk (Pastor or other person) at 218-242-7728 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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Messiah Lutheran Church Reopening

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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 Aimee Wilson at messiahroseau@gmail.com or call the church office at 218-463-1648 and leave a voicemail.

Mail a Check

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

Messiah Lutheran Church
PO Box 298
Roseau, MN 56751

Drop-off a check at Citizens State Bank

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

Recurring Automatic ACH Giving

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

Online Bill Pay through your Bank

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

Online Giving through Messiah's Website

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

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

Philippians 4:18-19 (The Message)

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.



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