

Announcements

April 7, 2019

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

LENTEN SERVICE APRIL 10 AT 7:00PM

SOUP SUPPERS 5:15PM EACH WEDNESDAY BEFORE SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE APRIL 18 AT 7:00PM WITH HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES APRIL 19 AT 12:30PM AND 7:00PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 NO JOYFUL PRAISE SERVICE

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00AM

EASTER BREAKFAST 7:15AM

EASTER TRADITIONAL 10:30AM

EASTER LILIES: To enhance our worship on Easter morning, we are asking you to share your beautiful Easter lilies with your fellow Christians. Please bring your lilies to the office, with your name on the bottom please, either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday by noon. Thank you for enhancing our celebration of praise of our Risen Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ!

EASTER BREAKFAST: As is the tradition here at Messiah Lutheran Church, the men of our congregation will be cooking a great breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019. These guys even do the dishes!! **MEN**, we do need your help in making this a success. Help is needed in the following areas: Saturday at 9:30am - set up chairs and tables; Sunday - cooking - dishes - serving breakfast. We will be serving breakfast from 7:15am - 8:30am, so we need lots of hands to make this run smoothly. Please contact Louis Hartbauer at 970-250-2731 or Tom Moore at 970-250-9157 to volunteer your assistance with the Saturday set-up or Sunday cooking. **HELP IS ALSO GREATLY NEEDED WITH KITCHEN CLEANUP AND REMOVAL OF TABLES AND CHAIRS.** Contact Louis Hartbauer at 970-250-2731 to help with cleanup.

HE IS RISEN! We celebrate the empty **CROSS OF EASTER** by filling it with flowers - symbols of joy. Bring cut flowers to church any time Easter morning and place them in the **VICTORY CROSS**, which will be located outside by the west entry way.

TEACH US TO PRAY - This Lent we will be going through the petitions of the Lord's Prayer together. Be part of the experience as we focus on the Lord's own words. Soup Suppers will be served at 5:15pm - 6:15pm before service. Services begin at 7:00pm. We will have a different rendition of the music of the Lord's Prayer during the offering of each service. You won't want to miss it!!!

AFTER SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS - Since the Lord's Prayer is also the next section of the Catechism to be taught during Pastor Schmidt's after-school confirmation class, his confirmands will be required to attend all Lenten services in place of attending class from March 13th - April 17th. **SERMON NOTES FOR THESE SERVICES ARE MANDATORY.**

NLSA ACCREDITATION - has been rescheduled for a later date. Donations given for their travel expenses will be saved until then.

SENIOR YOUTH - *Senior High* youth group (9th-12th grade) will meet on Thursdays, 5:30pm - 7pm in the Youth (Multipurpose) Room!!! We have games, dinner, and a Bible Study.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP - If your child will be attending Kindergarten next fall please plan to send your Pre-K student to Kindergarten Roundup scheduled for April 9th. Please contact the church office at 245-2838 to register your child to attend.

RUTH LWML CIRCLE - Ladies of Ruth Circle please remember our April Meeting is Tuesday the 9th instead of the 16th at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please call Helen Bonner at 970-241-3417.

DORCAS LWML CIRCLE - We will meet Thursday, April 18th, at 1:30pm for Bible Study at Mesa View Retirement Center, 601 Horizon Place. Please bring grocery items for Messiah Pantry.

MOTHER/SON BBQ and SCAVENGER HUNT- Friday April 12th at 5:00pm on the playground. All mothers and sons from the school and congregation are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship! At 5:00 we will be serving hotdogs, chips, fruit and drinks followed by a scavenger hunt (with prizes!). Bring your appetites and lawn chairs/blankets! Please let the office know how many will be attending. Hope to see lots of moms and sons there!

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH - This month, our board of stewardship is issuing this challenge: **ACCEPT THE CALL!!!** We have had tremendous success in receiving pledge cards this year (a 12% increase from last year!!!) and our ministries, ushers, altar guild, pastors, etc. will be reaching out to you to ask you for help in the areas that you are gifted!!! When they tap you on the shoulder, shoot you the email, or give you the call... all you need to do is say "Yes." Pretty easy challenge this month. Let God use you through the gifts and skills He has already provided you with.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - "He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others" (Luke 20:16). When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take "the vineyard" away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted, but instead let us respond with humble thanksgiving!
(from the LCMS Stewardship website) -The Board of Stewardship

TREASURER'S REPORT - CORRECTION

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December historically provides the highest income of any month of the year. This December provided sufficient income for us to get our bills current and pay most of our bills in January. Historically February yields less income than any other month but June. This February was no exception and we quickly fell behind again. We were able to make payroll on February 28 but had to borrow from the line of credit to pay payroll expense and several large bills including the first half of our property taxes, the mortgage, Xcel, Church Mutual and the water. We borrowed \$22,500 to cover these expenses, bringing the amount borrowed this fiscal year to ~~\$49,500~~ \$53,500. This is about ~~\$9,000~~ \$5,000 less than our projected deficit on the work plan. While having borrowed \$5,000 less than our projected deficit, the \$9,957.91 of unpaid bills leaves our deficit \$5,000 greater than projected for the end of February. We have the listed bills that we have no funds to pay.

<u>UNPAID BILLS</u>		
DATE DUE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
2/1/2019	CCLI	485.00
2/2/2019	Patton's Printing	965.38
2/5/2019	Superior Alarm	316.00
2/15/2019	True Value	274.76
2/15/2019	Home Depot	1,263.10
2/18/2019	Pitney Bowes	249.00
2/18/2019	Spectrum	281.51
2/20/2019	Concordia Publishing	2,287.48
2/25/2019	Capital Business	1,400.55
3/31/2019	Synodical Assessment	2,435.13
Total		9,957.91

Please consider an additional Special Gift to help with our Line of Credit debt. You can use one of your Special/Designated Gift envelopes from your Managing God's Gifts envelopes. Write **Line of Credit** after **Others (Please Specify)** at the bottom of the envelope.

Please keep your church and her financial condition in your prayers as we continue in our outreach in spreading the Love of Jesus to the community of Grand Junction and Mesa County.

May 2018
Special/Designated Gift

\$ _____	Mortgage Reduction
\$ _____	Messiah School Fund
\$ _____	School Scholarship Fund
\$ _____	Building Fund
\$ _____	Debt Retirement
\$ _____	Technology Fund
\$ _____	Other (Please Specify) <u>Line of Credit</u>

LINE OF CREDIT CHALLENGE - Any money donated to the Line of Credit between now and the 12th of May will be **MATCHED** up to \$10,000!! What a blessing and opportunity for us to pay down on our balance.

QUILT LADIES NEED HELP - We have been blessed with a large inventory of material. We now need helping to cut the material into squares. No experience is necessary, we will teach you. Many hands make light the work. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00am to sew and assemble quilts. Please come and join us!

WANTED VBS ITEMS - "Plane Crash" items needed such as: broken luggage, single shoes, landing gear, propeller, jungle vines for VBS display. Please call John Brunner, 307-214-0495 with your questions.

CONCORDIA SEMINARIES SUPPORT - This time of year the seminaries are looking for support. Fort Wayne donations will be matched. Donations may be mailed to Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 N.

Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Also investigate ways to help the St. Louis Seminary.

TRANSFER THE BLESSINGS - This program is part of the ministry of the LCMS Foundation, that assists members of the church with estate planning and assists the church in creating an Endowment Fund. Assistance in creating a "Lifetime Plan for Giving" is one of the benefits this ministry offers. We are planning time for Jason Jones, the LCMS Gift Planning Counselor, to visit our congregation to provide more information and answer questions. This will give the congregation a chance to see the benefits of the ministry prior to initiating a contract with Jason and the LCMS Foundation. If you are interested in this program, please contact Stacy Krizman at 970-208-2345 or krizclan@hotmail.com.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE - The Bakeless Bake Sale is under way! The Ladies Guild projects chosen this year will support: Bibles for 3rd graders, Green Stole for Pastor Schmidt, cinctures for elder robes, Messiah School envelope fund, missionaries Vanderhyde family and Gauthier family, and Lutheran Indian Ministries. Your donation may be dropped in the collection plate or mailed. Please make your checks out to Ladies Guild of Messiah. Thank you for your generous support.

URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP AND CLEANUP - The Holy Communion signup sheet is in need of people to help in setting up and cleaning up of communion. Set Up is needed for the months of July, August, November, and December. Clean up is needed for the months of September, and December. Please prayerfully consider helping. We are more than willing to train or help in anyway. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more information.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - If you save the Box Tops for Education for the school we are asking that you bring what you have in by May 1st, so they can be counted and sent in before school ends. They can be left in the church office or at the bottom of the stairs in the west entry way in the big round bag. Thanks for helping the school by saving them. Cambel Soup

labels are no longer able to be sent in.

AMAZON.SMILE - Do you shop on Amazon? A portion of your sales can be donated to our church and school. Log into Amazon. Smile select Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Grand Junction and do your shopping.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - We will have Bible study on Monday Mornings at 9:00am in the Library. All ladies of all ages are invited to come and feed on God's Word and enjoy fellowship. If you need more information call Marsha Brodak at 970-243-7647.

MONDAY NIGHT GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We will study Abraham on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. If you need more information call Anita at 263-4251.

LARGE CATECHISM BIBLE STUDY- Pastor Schmidt's Wednesday morning Bible study is going through the Large Catechism. Many of you are familiar with the Small Catechism... but, have you ever actually studied the large one?? You want to be on the same page—order a copy through the office. Each book is \$15—BUT—our High School youth group is also going to be studying the Large Catechism together... if you could chip in \$5 more dollars—a total of \$20—the extra \$5 will go to help us purchase our books for the youth!!!!

WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY - Matt Powell will lead the class Wednesdays from 12:15-1PM. Grab lunch and meet him down in the Fellowship Hall where we will be discussing the book of Acts together!!!

MESSIAH'S CHOIR- Please prayerfully consider joining our church choir. We meet Wednesday evenings at 8 pm in the Balcony and are practicing for Holy Week and our Lord's resurrection. We would love to have you! Directed by Justin Russell.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the multipurpose room. Please call Matt Powell at 270-3637, or Pastor Redeker at the church office, with any questions.

LUTHER HOUSE - It has been a blessing seeing so many people willing and able to step up with donations for "the Luther House!!!" Please coordinate with Pastor Schmidt through the office or email so that we can have donations delivered right to the house instead of the limited space we have in the office.

MAVERICKS OF MESSIAH - We have Bible study on Monday afternoons at 12:30pm at the Luther House.

YOUNG ADULTS OF MESSIAH - We have Bible study on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at the Luther House. If you have donations for the house please contact, Pastor Schmidt on a week day.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We meet on Friday mornings at 9:30am at the home of Virginia Saunders, 1203-B Club Court. If you need more information call Virginia at 970-245-8218.

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY - Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am - 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. This is an outreach to our shut-ins and other listeners.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

NEED: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! We emailed the newsletter for April. If you did not receive the newsletter we need your email. Please do not assume that we have your email. **If you do not give us an email you will not get a newsletter.** We will make sure that our shut-ins receive them.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 5:00pm Joyful Praise Service - 40
Traditional Service 8:00am - 75, 10:30am - 122

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall & Children's Ministry
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:00am	Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study/Library
	12:30pm	Mavericks of Messiah/Luther House
	3:00pm	Board of Christian Education
	5:30pm	Board of Finance
	7:00pm	JOY Circle
	7:00pm	Good News Bible Study/Abraham/Bud & Anita Neuberger
Tuesday	8:00am	Kindergarten Round Up
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
	3:30pm	Ruth Circle
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Large Catechism/Pastor Schmidt/Fellowship Hall
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Matt Powell/Acts/Fellowship Hall
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Service
Thursday	8:00pm	Adult Choir
	5:30pm	Senior Youth/Youth Room
	6:00pm	Financial Peace University
	7:00pm	LWML Ladies Guild Executive Board
	7:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study/TBD
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	9:30am	Bible Study/Virginia Saunder's Home
	11:30am	Prayer Partner Lunch Bunch
Saturday	5:00pm	Mother & Son BBQ and Scavenger Hunt
	5:00pm	Joyful Praise/Communion/Sanctuary
Palm Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Fellowship Hall & Children's Ministry
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion