

The Messiah MESSENGER

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He
is Risen
Indeed!



FROM THE PASTOR

"Faith is not a thing one loses," wrote the Catholic writer George Bernanos. "We merely cease to shape our lives by it."

A major development of recent years is the rise in the number of Americans who no longer claim any religious affiliation. Pollsters talk about the rise of the "nones"—the people who check "none" when asked about their religion. More than a fifth of Americans—and more than a third of those under 30—check that box.

A few years ago, some pollsters asked people who were no longer churchgoers why they had left church. The vast majority of them said that they had "just gradually drifted away." They did not point to sex scandals involving pastors, or disagreements about church doctrines, or any dramatic issues. They had just drifted away from church. Or as Bernanos puts it, they ceased to shape their lives by it.

Drift. It is something we know about. Boats drift when the anchor gives way or the steering mechanism fails and the current takes over. Our lives drift when we let the powerful currents around us carry us along. Few people get up one day and say, "I'm going to let my life be controlled by the pursuit of career, or money, or amusement, or comfort." But without some active, everyday steering against the currents, these forces easily take over.

How much, then, we need then the power and purpose of Christ in our lives. We need the regular course correction of God's word to steer us. We need the encouragement of other believers. We need the discipline of confession, the word of forgiveness and grace, and the hope of Easter to be part of everyday life.

That's the beauty and the power of our life together in the church. Each time we gather around word and sacrament, each time we hear the story of our salvation in Christ, each time we sing the faith, each time we share faith with someone else, each time we serve the world in Christ's name—in all these moments we are being shaped into the image of Christ. In all these moments, we are connecting ourselves to the life of God and to the things that will not drift away.



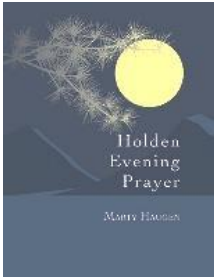
Faithfully,
Pastor David



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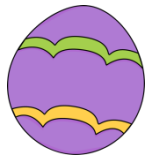
REVEREND DR. PHILIP KNUTSON - Check out Pastor Knutson's blog at southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER



LENT observance continues with Wednesday, April 3rd and 10th with Potluck Soup Suppers at 6:30 followed by the Holden Evening Prayer Service in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Potluck Soup Supper is a great time to try out the great recipes from the Chili/Soup Cook-off! Services will feature the Holden Evening Prayer Service. This lovely setting of vespers that follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language will be the basis for our Lenten Services. Come and hear!

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 10 A.M.



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE APRIL 14 AT 10:15 A.M.



MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18 AT 7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19 7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION! APRIL 21 AT 10:15 A.M.

Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Family Egg Hunt at 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.



Singing in the Upper Room

I want to examine the airtight connection between music and faith over the next several issues. The music of faith is one way we reflect on and remember the words and meaning of Scripture and our faith in God. Followers of Christ learn the substance of faith as they sing the faith. For openers, let's join the disciples in the Upper Room where they had gathered with Jesus to eat.



“When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives” (Matthew 26:30). When reading the story of Christ’s Passion, this seemingly small addition to the story—found in Mark and Matthew—has fascinated me. The hymn probably came from the Book of Psalms, Israel’s songbook—(Wouldn’t you love to know which psalm they sang?)—and was most likely a common custom when people gathered for meals in those days. But it remains strange to me because they sang a hymn in the midst of impending crisis.

The verse occurs as a kind of bridge between the end of the supper in the Upper Room and Christ’s betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. Christ and the disciples are preparing to walk to the Garden where events will quickly dissipate into betrayal and arrest, confusion and dismay. Christ knew that this lay before him. While his disciples had heard him say that his betrayal was imminent, one can only think that such knowledge was too overwhelming and nearly incomprehensible to them.

Did they sing a hymn to break the tension of the moment? To scatter the impending darkness with rays of light? To bring a touch of Divine hope to a time of utter hopelessness and anxiety?

I wouldn’t be surprised if they had sung a hymn for all these reasons. Because the music of faith has the power of God to do all these things and more through our everyday lives.
Bill Decker

Singing the Lord’s Song during Lent

There’s still time to join the choir during Lent! The choir will sing on a couple of the Sundays during Lent, as well as the key days of Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday). It will culminate with the joyful sounds of Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ together!

Rehearsals will take place *after* the midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings for 30-45 minutes. The music selected throughout the season will be quite sing able (that is, not difficult). If you have further questions, talk with me after worship or email me at music@messiahparkridge.org.

Come join us—former members and new members—and share your love of God throughout Lent and Easter through the music of faith!

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Finally, it's spring! As we are preparing ourselves for Easter and getting caught up in March Madness, let's take time to remember those who are thankful to have survived this cold winter.

With the coming of spring, our guests will be looking for t-shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, sweatpants, baseball hats, bug spray, backpacks, umbrellas, etc.

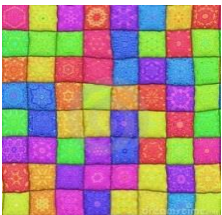
Thanks so much to those of you who have contributed to our meals. We've had homemade soup, loaves of bread, mac 'n cheese, desserts and whole meals donated. Again, if you are at the store and purchase something that is buy one - get one free but only need one, consider donating the free one. Making pasta for a group and plans changed and only a couple showed up for dinner? We'd be happy to serve the rest. Frozen veggies are always welcome as we can quickly heat them up to add to any of our meals.

Finally, let me share that this outreach is making a difference to many people. We had two guests Monday who hadn't been to Messiah on Mondays for quite some time. They shared that they had been working and were doing ok and now were having difficulties and knew that they could stop in and be welcomed. Although we didn't have gift cards to share, they appreciated the meal, lunch to go, food pantry and clothing but most of all, the fellowship and fact that they were welcomed. What a privilege it is to represent Messiah!



With thanks, Connie Kaufman

QUILTS & KITS



We were happy to celebrate National Quilt Day on March 17th by making quilt panels to be sewn into our quilt tops. Some of our new scouts joined us and helped make some great, brightly colored panels to send around the world to people in need! Thanks to all who helped!

Quilt assembly dates are set for the next 3 months:

****April 28**

****May 16**

****June 23**



Please join us to assemble quilts – and maybe make a panel or string a cord handle into a backpack or just hang out with us! We meet after the worship service in the Friendship Place! Meanwhile, keep on the lookout for deals on Personal Care Kit items – bath towels, bars of 4-5 oz soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes (ask your dentist!), and sturdy combs. And we can always use monetary donations – a roll of batting is approximately \$112! Checks can be made out to MLCW!!

Trudi Handzel & Carol Hrodey

MESSIAH MINISTRIES

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to scheduling difficulties of time and leaders, Sunday School is currently not in session. We'd certainly like to have SS or an equivalent program going again so if you would like to help, please consider donating your time. Perhaps a team approach? And it doesn't need to be a parent of a SS student! There have been many wonderful SS teachers through the years at Messiah whose children have grown but find joy in teaching children about how much God loves them! Any ideas are welcome!

If you are willing to help please contact the Executive Committee.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmands meet with Pat Kovach at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the Confirmation Room, off the choir loft!

Miss Pat always welcomes others to teach and help with the class. In May we look forward to the confirmation of Michaelene Marchetta!!



CHAT ROOM

Join us for Coffee & Conversation during Chat Room on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Friendship Place. If you have requests/ideas for future topics, contact David Swanson. The CHAT room will focus on the last days of Jesus through April 14th. With the help of some video presentations, and the discussion led by Pastor David, we will consider some key moments in the Passion of Jesus

On April 7th we'll also stuff plastic Easter eggs for the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 13!

MESSIAH CHILD CARE CENTER

- Lenten Penny Collection continues through Maundy Thursday, April 18th!
- The 39th Annual Ice Cream Social will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 pm April 23rd & 24th with Mr. Ash the magician providing the entertainment!
- The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Monday, April 22nd to Tuesday, April 30th in the church library. Great time to shop!
- Miss Pat's Dance Programs will take place April 29 – May 1st during the regular class times.
- Registration is open NOW for summer programs!

For more information on CCC Activities and Programs contact CCC Office at 847-825-3767 or see the website at

www.messiahchildcare.com





CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!!

Our worship service on Sunday, April 7th is for children of ALL AGES, from 0-100!! The Child Care Center children will be showing off their musical talents by leading the service with their special music. They will be singing the songs they have learned in their weekly music class in conjunction with our adult choir. The entire worship service that week will be focused around the children of Messiah. Please come and show your support to our children & the Child Care Center Ministry.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!!

All hands-on-deck to help welcome the children in our community to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 10:00 am. Bring friends, family and neighbors to enjoy this event!

HELP NEEDED: Donations needed to stuff Easter Eggs. Donations of small candies that won't melt or small toys/stickers are needed. Egg stuffing will take place on Sunday, April 7th during the Chat Room discussion, as well as after the service. Please come and help! Also – **HELP NEEDED** on April 13th for the hunt. Set-up will begin at 8:30 am – come out and greet the community and enjoy the children going on the hunt for eggs!



SPAGHETTI DINNER!!

The Annual World-Famous Youth Spaghetti Dinner will be held Saturday, May 4th! All Youth needed to help – watch for details or contact Pat Kovach or Tim Saul. Further details under Anniversary Celebration Weekend!

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

The Scouts celebrated with their annual Blue & Gold Dinner on March 10th! We were also excited to welcome some of the scouts to Quilts & Kits in March to make quilt panels and celebrate National Quilt Day along with other churches & LWR!! The Scouts will work with our Youth to put on the annual Spaghetti Dinner in May. Yay Scouts!!



CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
31 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	1 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting	2 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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28 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Quilts & Kits 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	29 CCC Book Fair 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 11:30 AM CCC Dance Recital 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting	30 CCC Book Fair 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hrs 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Potluck 7:30 PM Lenten Service 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	4 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 3:15 PM Women About Business 7:00 PM NAMI	5 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study & Rehearsal 7:30 PM Promerice.com	6 11:00 AM HAC Worship 1:00 PM HAC Fellowship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE check with church office before you schedule an event – there is a room assignment calendar maintained by the Office Manager.

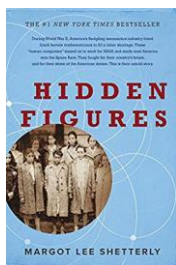
MEN'S BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 6th at 9 a.m.
All Messiah men are invited to Jimmy's on
Rand Road in Des Plaines.



MANNA ORDERS

Manna orders will be due Monday, April 8th at 9 a.m.!
The cards will be distributed by Thursday, April 11th.



MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

The next Messiah Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Friendship Place. We're reading *Hidden Figures : The American Dream And The Untold Story Of The Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win The Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly,

Book Club is open to anyone who enjoys reading. All are welcome. If anyone has any questions, please contact Paul Holzer at 847-296-0734.

APRIL REMINDERS:

- Thirty-One Gifts Fundraiser continues April 1st – April 9th
- Men's Brotherhood Breakfast, Saturday, April 6th
- Manna Orders due Monday, April 8th
- Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 14th
- Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 18th 7:30 pm
- Good Friday Service, Friday, April 19th 7:30 pm
- Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 21st
 - Easter Breakfast 8:30 am
 - Family Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am
 - Easter Service 10:15 am
- Messiah Book Club, Thursday April 25th
- CCC Scholastic Book Fair, April 22nd – April 30th

Community Events:

- Agape Ringers Concert – April 7th 4:00 pm at Christas Victor Lutheran Church, Elk Grove
 - A Jazz Passion – April 7th 4:00 pm at St Luke Church, Belmont Ave, Chicago
 - St. Matthew Passion – April 13th 7:00 pm at St Luke Church, Belmont Ave, Chicago
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COMING IN MAY:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MESSIAH!

65TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CELEBRATION!!

We'll celebrate our 65th anniversary the weekend of May 4th-5th starting with:

MESSIAH'S WORLD FAMOUS SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Saturday, May 4th

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

\$12 for Adults/\$6 for Children under 12

Also serving Spaghetti-To-Go!

The evening will be complete with a raffle and great fellowship!

Donations requested for raffle baskets and help needed for set-up and the dinner – contact Pat Kovach to let her know how you can help!



CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE!

Sunday, May 5th

10:15 am

Followed by a reception in the Friendship Place

Join us to offer our thanks to God for this place of worship and the continued ability to "With Christ, Reach Out and Welcome All God's Children"!



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
April 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent			
Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14 – Passion/Palm Sunday			
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
April 21 – Easter Sunday			
Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 28 – 2nd Sunday of Easter			
Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Revelations 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

WORSHIP TEAMS

	April 7	April 14	April 18	April 19	April 21	April 28
	10:15 am	10:15 am	7:30 pm	7:30 pm	10:15 am	10:15 am
Acolytes	Kyle H	Kyle H	TBD	TBD	Ryan H	Novena C
Assisting Ministers	Karen B	Vikki H	Diane B	Tryg J	David S	Eric G
Readers	Debbie D	Larry R	Marilynn D Trygve J Larry R Teresa L	TBD	Rich L	Janitha C
Comm. Assts.	Laura H	Laura H	TBD	TBD	Laura H	Janitha C
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Projection & Video	Jim H & Paul	Jim H & Paul	NA	NA	Jim H & Paul	Jim H & Paul
Altar Guild	Cindy N	Sue K	Sue K	NA	Cindy N	Marilynn D
Counter	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Sunday	Flowers are Given By	Bulletins are Given By
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex near the entrance to the choir loft. Flowers are \$40, and the Bulletins are \$10. Envelopes are provided next to the sign-up calendar, or you may simply write "Flowers" or "Bulletin" on your regular envelope in the Other box.</i>		
April 7	No Flowers for Lent	Available
April 14	No Flowers for Lent	Available
April 21	Easter Garden	Available
April 28	Jim & Trudi Handzel in honor of Trudi's Birthday	Available



Thirty-One Gifts Fundraiser

This Online Fundraiser Continues thru April 9th! This company is known especially for their great totes and storage solutions – plus they have a lot more!

Messiah receives 25% of sales to help support our ministries!



So, if you're ready for spring cleaning, organizing your home, Easter surprises, Mother's Day, gift shopping or just a treat or two for yourself - follow the link below and shop!!

<https://www.mythirtyone.com/1754581/shop/Party/ShopEventHomeScreen/11180151>

Our Thirty-One representative will be available after the service on April 7th to answer questions and show a sampling of some of the newer products. Thirty-One Gifts has created Thirty-One Gives, their charitable program that works to empower girls, women and families by helping them build the confidence and self-esteem needed to live a purposeful, thriving life. Since 2012, Thirty-One Gives has donated \$100 million in product and cash to charitable organizations that share the Gives mission.

Pennies for Lent



Each Lent for the past 17 years, CCC has collected pennies, \$10,000 in all, for Maine Township Food Pantry. This year, bring your loose change and MAKE A CHANGE for hunger! Look for the Penny Jar on the CCC table in the Narthex. Donations go to Maine Township Food Pantry.

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR MESSIAH!! Consider giving a "Birthday Present" for Messiah's 65th Birthday in the form of a monetary donation to help pay off MAP!! Its clear that Messiah has touched all of us in some special way – let's all think about what Messiah has meant to us and our community over the last 65 years and consider honoring that with an extra donation for its birthday this year!

CHURCH BUSINESS

EC Corner – March meeting included review of Lenten services (good participation, 40-day choir (2 new additions) and Easter activities and services. Also discussed Children's Service on April 7th. Church growth, property use/schedule, CCC board update, fundraisers were also reviewed/discussed. Spaghetti dinner will be May 4th & 65th Anniversary Celebration Service will be May 5th.

March Attendance		March Giving (general fund facility use, MAP)		
Wk 1=39	Wk 2=24	Wk 1= \$2559	Wk 2= \$26,167	Wk 3= \$5336
Wk 3=41	Wk4= 45	Wk 4=(not available)	Wk 5= (not available)	
Wk5=Not available at press time				

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STAFF

Interim Pastor:	Rev. David Heim
Music Ministry Coor.:	William Decker
Child Care Center Dir.	Karen Black
Office Manager:	Alaine Wong
Bookkeeper:	Laura Hauser
Property Coordinator:	David Hanson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Paul Holzer
Vice President:	Trygve Jensen
Secretary:	Vikki Hanson
Treasurer:	Larry Ryczek
Financial Sec.:	Jim Handzel

CCC BOARD

Chair:	Tim Saul, Erik Grove
Secretary:	Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij
Treasurer:	Pat Kovach

EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM

Assistance Ministry:	Connie Kaufman
Altar Guild:	Sue Kopij, Cindy Norberg
Brotherhood:	Rich Seggeling
CHAT Room:	David Swanson
Confirmation/Youth:	Pat Kovach
Memorials:	Office Manager
Women's Svc. Group:	Trudi Handzel Carol Hrodey David Swanson
Worship Assistants:	Rich Levy
Worship Readers:	
Ushers:	
John 17 Fellowship:	David Swanson
Prayer Cards:	Jackie Steigerwald
Sign Ministry:	Staff
CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS	
Floyd Yager and Jennie Read Robles	

JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (MARCH)

We are grateful for the group of Messiah members that have formed a special committee to help guide Messiah's future. Your dedication to Messiah is a great example for us all.

As the Lenten season begins, we are reminded to prepare and make room for the risen Christ. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:16

We are thankful to those who have chosen to join choir throughout the Lenten season. Thank you for sharing your love of God through the music of faith.

Thank you to those who participated with Quilts & Kits last week. It was great seeing new faces and meeting new people. The squares that were made will be sewn together and made into a truly one of a kind quilt.

As children and families enjoy spring break, we are thankful and hopeful for a time of renewal. We wish all of those who travel and those who are enjoying "staycations" a safe and joyous break.



MEMORIALS

In memory of Carol Anne Oleson by Peter Oleson (at Christmas)
In memory of Millie Anderson by the Anderson & Erdman Family

MESSAGES

THANK-YOU We continue to say THANK YOU to everyone who is pitching in and helping during Pastor Lynne's leave of absence – prayers, support & words of encouragement are appreciated! It's our understanding that Pastor Lynne will have additional tests in April so please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers. We also continue to be grateful for Pastor David's ministry & leadership during this time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As of March 31st Worship Bulletin

Those who mourn: The family of Myra Lusiak

Those who are ill, in recovery, or facing adversity:

Bishop Miller, The Dumerer Family, Pastor Lynne Morrow and the Fogel Family, Trudi Handzel, Jim Handzel, The Hauser Family, Carol Hrodey, Bob Kallas, The family of Debbie Dietrich, Don & Mary Jane Kovach, Richard Levy, Maria Raicia (*mother of Laura Hauser*), Pat & Ted Gradt (*friends of The Jensens*), Patsy Smith (*friend of Julie Jensen and Assistance Ministry volunteer*), Ruth Perzentka (*Mother of Trudi Handzel*)

Those who are homebound:

Arlene Baranowski, Barb Loverme, Dorothy Nagel, Eva Thoren

Those serving in the armed services and first responders:

(those known to us & all those who serve)

Brandon Ajyek, Tim David, Tyler Daye, Jerred Engvall, Bobby Hanson, Jenni Hanson, Mikey Hanson, Tom Hanson, Andreas Johnson, Jason Koesler, Sam Krawitz, Joey Rosequist, Officer Matt McGannon, Claudine Ward

Those attending college:

Rachel Daye, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Phil Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Nick Levy, Haley Lippert, Dina Salemi, Arden Sasek, Jake Saul, Jessica Saul, Paul Song, Christian Travis, Thomas Yager

Those who celebrate:

BIRTHDAYS:

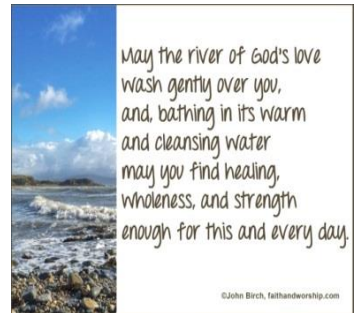
Kimberly Jones, 4/2
Jennifer Manzella, 4/3
Diane Wilson, 4/4
James Seggeling, 4/8

Connie Kaufman, 4/10
Peter DiVita, 4/12
Francesca DiVita, 4/20
Trudi Handzel, 4/23
Jean Seggeling, 4/28
Eva Thoren, 4/28

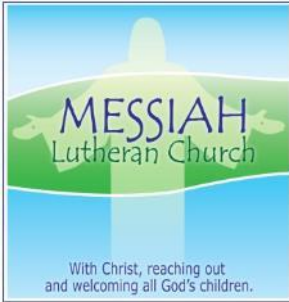
ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Julie Holzer,
4/20/1996, 22 years

Les and Nancy Herak,
4/30/1977, 41 years



**Please let us know if you do not see your birthday or anniversary here!
We want to be sure to celebrate you!**



The Messiah MESSENGER

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*Faith
Holy Week/Easter
Assistance Ministry
Quilts & Kits
Christian Education
Youth
April & May Events
Anniversary
Celebration*

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. – Christian Learning Hour
10:15 a.m. – Worship and Communion

Child Care Center

Year-round 3-K
Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Other Schedules

Pastor's Office Hours

Available for non-scheduled appointments:
Mon. & Wed. – 10 a.m. -1 p.m. (PM visitations)
Available beyond these hours by appointment.

Church Office

Monday – Friday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Assistance Ministry

Monday – 11 a.m. -1 p.m. (west entrance)

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