

# The Messiah MESSENGER

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## ENTERING LENT

Dear friends in Christ,

When I was a boy, my mother would sometimes urge me to put away what I was eating, because dinner was about to be served and she didn't want me to spoil my appetite. This didn't make a lot of sense to me at the time, perhaps because as a boy nothing ruined my appetite!

But as I got older, I realized that the advice was sound. You want to be able to appreciate the good dinner that someone has set before you. You want to be ready to receive the rich gifts that are offered.

That story may help us as we enter the season of Lent. In the earliest centuries of Christianity, new members were welcomed into the church at Easter. Easter was a good time to receive new members, because it was the time for dying to an old way of life and beginning a new life with Christ.

The tradition began of preparing new believers for membership by having them go through a process of fasting, study, and prayer, so that when they got to Easter, they would understand what the celebration was all about and be ready to receive the gift of Easter with their bodies, minds, and hearts. And that's how Lent began—it's a time of preparation for Easter.



So, the point of Lent is not to deny ourselves things so as to make some point about our capacity for self-discipline or self-denial. The point is to make room for the risen Christ to come into our lives. The point is to know how much the world, and each of us, needs the risen Christ. We come to long for the risen Christ when we know the suffering Christ. We know the suffering Christ when we walk with him to Jerusalem and see him rejected by the elders and the people and the rulers. We know the suffering Christ by seeing him in the eyes of those who are lonely, hungry, in prison, or persecuted. We know the suffering Christ when we confess our own sins and admit that we contribute to the brokenness of the world.

When we involve ourselves humbly in the struggles of the world, we will come to long for Easter. Then we will be ready to hear with glad hearts the news that God defeats even death, that God triumphs over the worst of human sins, and that Christ is risen!

Faithfully, Pastor David



## **OUR MISSIONARY: Reverend Dr. Philip Knutson**

southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com.

In his February newsletter he writes about attending the Regional Annual Review and Planning Workshop for HIV & AIDS. Reverend Knutson explains that the highlight of the week was a two-day mini-workshop on the concepts and methods of "Popular Education." Popular education is defined as people-based education for a just, humane and truly democratic society where everyone is valued as a learner and teacher. The approach is dialogical and democratic rather than top-down as in the "banking" method of education.



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## **ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**

Wow! We asked...you answered!!

We mentioned that we needed more warm clothing, gloves, hats, etc. and you delivered! Many thanks for replenishing our clothing boutique!

We shared that we are having to be more creative in serving nutritious meals as we have to rely more on donations as we no longer have a grant to partner with us. Diane Blank's husband Tim was our Chef of the month! He made a large amount of rice and baked chicken legs and thighs. Delicious! Helen and Rich Levy brought in leftover homemade Minestrone soup. What a healthy treat on a cold snowy day! The Childcare Center had more cheesy potatoes and veggies than the kids could eat and Deb Dietrich- Schmidt gave it to us to freeze for next week's meal.

We were running low on hotel size shampoo, soap, etc. and our office manager Alaine asked at a hotel she stayed at if by chance they would care to donate any extra shampoos, etc and she was given boxes of products for our guests.

If we all do a little, this outreach will continue to be a blessing to the community. We welcome any suggestions you have, donations, etc. Want to be "Chef of the month"??? We'll make it happen!

With gratitude,  
Connie Kaufman



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

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# MESSIAH MINISTRIES

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## **MUSIC MINISTRY – WELCOME WILLIAM DECKER!!**

We are blessed to welcome our new Music Ministry Coordinator! Bill has filled in for worship services many times over the years and now we are happy to announce that he has now officially joined Messiah's staff. Please be sure to give Bill a proper Messiah welcome! From Bill:

Thank you for welcoming me to Messiah as the new Music Coordinator. Having subbed for Sue Fox for several years and for Roger a couple of times, I have had the privilege of getting to know some of you well and shaking the hands with lots of you during the Passing of the Peace. I hope to get to know you better in the days ahead.

I recently ended my full-time career as an editor and writer. Until the middle of last year, I worked at JOURNEYS | The Road Home, of Palatine, for nearly the past eight years as a grant writer, raising funds for the agency's work with homeless and poor residents living in northwest and north suburban Cook County communities.

I'm married to Cindy, also known as Ms. Cindy by three and four year old children who have attended and are attending Messiah Child Care Center. Kurtis and Laura are our children, both grown up now. Kurtis and Andrea, his wife, live in Mahomet, IL, about 10 miles west of the Urbana-Champaign region. They are the parents of three boys, our grandsons Kaleb, Luke, and Ryan, ages 6, 3, and 1. Laura is living with us and works in the fields of recreation and event planning. (Currently, she is between jobs and working part-time at the Child Care Center.)

I began to learn the music of faith when I was just in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Singing in choirs, whether at my congregation or in public school or college, has been a regular feature of my life. In recent years, I have not been able to sing in a choir but that has not kept me from the music of faith. Subbing here at Messiah has kept me in the loop.

The music of faith is one of the basic ways to say "thank you" to our God in worship or throughout our day-by-day life. Through choir anthems, liturgy, and congregational hymns—traditional or new, and from America and Europe as well as across our globe—my hope is that the music you sing and hear at Messiah will continue to help all of us say "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts to the God who loves us dearly. As one of our liturgies says so succinctly: "Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done."

Bill



## Singing the Lord's Song during Lent

Would you consider singing with the Messiah choir for a limited time?

The "limited" time is the season of Lent—from March 6 (Ash Wednesday) through April 21 (Easter). 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. Ash Wednesday, March 6, is the only midweek Lenten service at which the choir will be singing.

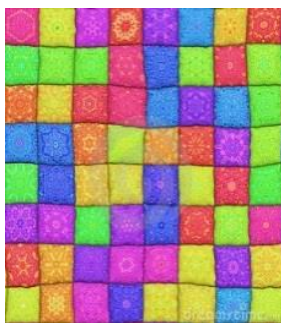
The music selected throughout the season will be quite sing able (that is, not difficult). If you have further questions, talk with me after worship or email me at [music@messiahparkridge.org](mailto:music@messiahparkridge.org).

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



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## QUILTS & KITS



Did you know that March 17<sup>th</sup> is National Quilt Day? Since that coincides with our March quilting day, we're making it Celebrate Quilts & Kits Day! We invite each of you to stop after the worship service and help create quilt panels that will be incorporated into quilt tops – which in turn will be turned into quilts and sent around the world to those in need. We'll have quilt panels and fabric in the Friendship Place to decorate for this special quilt! You can do something as simple as trace your hand, trace a heart or even something more artistic. Plus – we will have special treats available for this celebration! Please help us celebrate this special ministry!

And then stay to help assemble quilts! Meanwhile, keep on the lookout for deals on Personal Care Kit items – bath towels, bars of 4-5 oz soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, 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

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# MESSIAH MINISTRIES

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## Christian Education

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### 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.



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### 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. March 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Psalms give voice to every kind of feeling and experience, from joy to sorrow, fear to trust, despair to hope. Pastor David will continue a discussion on how the Psalms deepen our own life with God

During Sundays in Lent, beginning March 10, the CHAT room will focus on the last days of Jesus. 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

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### MESSIAH CHILD CARE CENTER

During the week of March 4th, we will continue learning about occupations and people who work in our community.

For the past 17 years the Messiah children have collected pennies (nickels, dimes, etc.) for Lent to donate to the Maine Township Food Pantry. During the 2002 Lenten season we collected 20,873 pennies and the collection has grown each year!

During the 2018 Lenten season we collected 100,111 pennies! We hope that this showing of generosity will help the children think about our many blessings and our call to help those in need. The collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.



For more information on CCC Activities and Programs contact CCC Office at 847-825-3767 or see the website at [www.messiahchildcare.com](http://www.messiahchildcare.com)

## Youth

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### Souper Bowl of Caring!

Thanks to everyone who donated to our annual Souper Bowl of Caring!



### Celebrating Scout Sunday!



### Youth Mixer

**St. Patrick's Day 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Mixer is on!**

Join in the Fun with local brothers and sisters in Christ!

Edison Park Lutheran Church    Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Messiah Lutheran Church    St. Lukes Lutheran Church

Join us if you are in grades 6th through 12<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Edison Park Lutheran Church

6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago

(773) 631 - 9131

Bring a Friend!

**Evening Service Project**

We will be collecting the following items this evening for the Military Service Members who use the USO @ O'Hare Airport

Individual bags of Chips

Individual bags of Cookies

Packs of Gatorade



**Evening Happenings**

Devotion

Gaga Ball Pit

Talking Circle

Food - Pizza, Salad, Pop, Snacks

Play Games

Dance

1 Corinthians 13:13    So now abide in faith, hope and love, these three. But the greatest of these is love.



Youth Ministry  
**Youth Ministry**

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## MESSAGES

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### THANK-YOU & PASTOR LYNNE UPDATE

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! Larry Ryczek spoke to Pastor Lynne recently and shared this with us: "I spoke with pastor Lynne on Monday February 25th. Results from her scans were good. The cancer growths in her lungs had not grown in size nor had they increased in number, so it appears the medication regimen the doctors have her on is working and they plan to continue more of the same and run scans again in early April. She told me she's feeling great and has begun a program of regular exercise and yoga. The effects of her infection late last year appear to have totally subsided. When I asked her about returning to work, she told me the doctors told her not to consider it until after her tests and scans in April. So please continue keeping Lynne and her family in your prayers as I'm sure you are."

# CALENDAR

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 AM CHAT Room<br>9:00 AM Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship<br>2:00 PM HKCC Worship<br>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship                                 | <b>25</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry<br>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting                       | <b>26</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Pack 105 Committee Meeting  |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00 AM CHAT Room<br>9:00 AM Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship<br>2:00 PM HKCC Worship<br>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship                                  | <b>4</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry<br>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting                        | <b>5</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal   |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00 AM CHAT Room<br>9:00 AM Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Pack 105 B&G Banquet<br>2:00 PM HKCC Worship<br>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship | <b>11</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry<br>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting                       | <b>12</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>6:00 PM CCC Board Meeting<br>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal<br>(temporarily moved to Wed after Lenten Service)          |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 AM CHAT Room<br>9:00 AM Confirmation<br>10:15 AM Worship<br>11:30 AM Quilts & Kits<br>2:00 PM HKCC Worship<br>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship       | <b>18</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry<br>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting<br>7:30 PM EC Meeting | <b>19</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal<br>(temporarily moved to Wed after Lenten Service)<br>7:30 PM Pack 105 Committee Meeting |
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| Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>27</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>9:15 AM Child Care Chapel<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due<br>12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer   | <b>28</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer  | <b>1</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting<br>6:30 PM Scout Pack 105 Mtg<br>7:00 PM HAC Bible Study<br>7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship<br>7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Promerice.com | <b>2</b><br>11:00 AM HAC Worship<br>1:00 PM HAC Fellowship<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer        |
| <b>6</b><br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>9:15 AM CCC Ash Wednesday Chapel<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due<br>12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting<br>7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer                                     | <b>7</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>3:15 PM Women About Business<br>7:00 PM NAMI | <b>8</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting<br>7:00 PM HAC Bible Study<br>7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship<br>7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Promerice.com                               | <b>9</b><br>9:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast<br>11:00 AM HAC Worship<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer |
| <b>13</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>9:15 AM Child Care Chapel<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due<br>12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM Lenten Soup Potluck<br>7:30 PM Lenten Service<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer                                    | <b>14</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>7:00 PM NAMI                                | <b>15</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting<br>7:00 PM HAC Bible Study<br>7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship<br>7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Promerice.com                              | <b>16</b><br>11:00 AM HAC Worship<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer                                 |
| <b>20</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>9:15 AM Child Care Chapel<br>10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours<br>12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due<br>12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting<br>1:00 PM Newsletter Articles Due<br>6:30 PM Lenten Soup Potluck<br>7:30 PM Lenten Service<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer | <b>21</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>7:00 PM Messiah Book Club<br>7:00 PM NAMI   | <b>22</b><br>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer<br>6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting<br>7:00 PM HAC Bible Study<br>7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship<br>7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal<br>7:30 PM Promerice.com                              | <b>23</b><br>11:00 AM HAC Worship<br>8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer                                 |
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

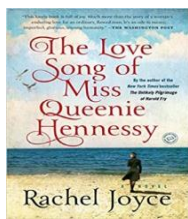
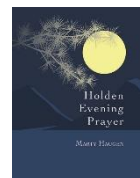
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**ASH WEDNESDAY** We will observe Ash Wednesday on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the imposition of ashes at 9:15 am and again at 7:30 pm. The 9:15 service is part of the Child Care Center Chapel and all members are invited!

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**LENT** Beginning Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a Potluck Soup Supper at 6:30 in the Friendship Place, followed by a Lenten 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!



## MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

The next Messiah Book Club will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 in the Library (note change of location for March). We're reading *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. It is open to anyone who enjoys reading. All are welcome. If anyone has any questions, please contact Paul Holzer at 847-296-0734.

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## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.  
All Messiah men are invited to Jimmy's on Rand Road in Des Plaines.

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## MANNA ORDERS

Manna orders will be due Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.!  
The cards will be distributed by Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>,

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## MARCH REMINDERS:

- Ash Wednesday Services: March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am & 7:30 pm with imposition of ashes
  - Lent: Wednesdays beginning March 13<sup>th</sup> with Potluck Soup Supper at 6:30 & Service at 7:30 pm – Look for a sign up for the potluck suppers in the narthex.
  - Choir Rehearsals moving to Wednesdays following midweek services during Lent (beginning March 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Men's Brotherhood Breakfast, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Quilts & Kits March 17<sup>th</sup> following worship in the Friendship Place celebrating National Quilt Day & Quilts & Kits
  - Book Club meets March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library this month
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## COMING IN APRIL:

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### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!!

Our worship service on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. Watch for details on stuffing eggs and hiding them but meanwhile mark your calendars for the 13<sup>th</sup>!



**PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK** Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. On Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we'll observe Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm. And the Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

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### EASTER

The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord will take place on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll start with Easter breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am and the Worship Service at 10:15 am



### MILESTONES



#### BIRTHDAYS:

Marilyn Borgeson, 3/6  
Richard Schneider, 3/7  
Kim Hanson, 3/8  
Nancy Magerl, 3/8  
Nydia Santos, 3/9  
Julie Holzer, 3/10  
Vernon Moreno, 3/10

Emma Penumaka, 3/12  
Samantha Fogel, 3/15  
Deborah Chervinko, 3/16  
Anabell Grove, 3/18  
Zachary Loverme, 3/20  
Nicholas Boomer, 3/21  
Dina Salemi, 3/22  
Amalia Santos, 3/22

Kristin Yager, 3/24  
William Downie, 3/28  
Alan Christiansen, 3/29

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Trudi Handzel,  
3/8 (33 years!)

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



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MESSIAH!

Last month we highlighted some of our current members whose roots run deep at Messiah – it’s stirred up a lot of conversation and even more interesting connections. Take the Allemeier family – Evelyn and Henry are 4<sup>th</sup> generation Messiah-ites! Their great grandparents – Evelyn and Clarence Knuth became members at Messiah either in the latter part of the 50’s or the early 60’s. Both Evelyn & Clarence were active in church leadership roles, as well as members of choir and women’s & men’s groups. After he



retired, Clarence was our property guy for a number of years – and was always ready with a joke! And for those who knew him, who could forget his bowties! The Knuth’s had 3 children; Barbara, David and Susan. Both David & Susan were confirmed at Messiah in the 60’s. While David became a doctor and moved to Texas, Sue married Al Nugnis and lived just a few houses away from Messiah. Sue became a beloved teacher at our Child Care Center where she taught for close to 20 years until she passed away after a valiant fight against cancer. Sue & Al



were often called on to check out something at church – or to even watch the pastor’s dog! Sue & Al had 3 children; Aly, Sarah and Peter. Peter attended the Child Care Center! Their daughter Aly was baptized at Messiah, confirmed at Messiah and her & Laddie Allemeier were married at Messiah in 2003! And now their children, Evelyn & Henry are growing up at Messiah. Both were baptized here, attended Child Care Center and Evelyn was just confirmed at Messiah. Aly said, “It was natural for us to be married and raise our children within the Messiah family. It was another home.”



## FUNDRAISING

Be on the lookout for our next fundraiser that will happen in late March or early April. We’ll work with “Thirty-One Gifts” to do an online fundraiser. This company is known especially for their great totes and storage solutions – plus they have a lot more! Thirty-One Gifts has also 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. The sale will be just in time for spring cleaning solutions and Easter! Messiah will receive 25% of all sales which will go to support Messiah Ministries. Watch for details coming soon and get ready to shop – and tell your friends and family!



# CHURCH BUSINESS

**EC CORNER** EC had a busy meeting in February with transition of new officers including exchange of materials, review of 2019 meeting calendar, bank signatures – plus welcoming new officers and thanking outgoing officers. In addition it was reported that Bill Decker accepted Music Coordinator position along with an update on Pastor Lynne. Changes to the prayer list were discussed as well as the first visioning meeting for Messiah which was held Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally there will be a Children’s Sunday on April 7<sup>th</sup> that Karen, Bill and Pastor David are working on. Fundraising, Lent & Easter were also discussed.

**February Attendance**

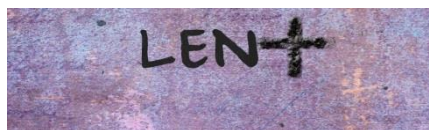
Wk1= 65      Wk3=27  
Wk2=52      Wk4=34

**February Giving (Gen. Fund, Facilities Use & MAP)**

Wk1= \$4464.73    Wk2= \$1916.40    Wk3= \$4832  
Wk4= \$26049.95

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading                         | Psalm                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading       | Gospel                      |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>March 3 – Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>    |                           |                               |                             |
| <b>Exodus 34:29-35</b>                          | <b>Psalm 99</b>           | <b>2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2</b> | <b>Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a</b> |
| <b>March 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> |                           |                               |                             |
| <b>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</b>                      | <b>Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16</b> | <b>Romans 10:8b-13</b>        | <b>Luke 4:1-13</b>          |
| <b>March 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> |                           |                               |                             |
| <b>Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18</b>                   | <b>Psalm 27</b>           | <b>Philippians 3:17-4:1</b>   | <b>Luke 13:31-35</b>        |
| <b>March 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> |                           |                               |                             |
| <b>Isaiah 55:1-9</b>                            | <b>Psalm 63:1-8</b>       | <b>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</b>  | <b>Luke 13:1-9</b>          |
| <b>March 31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> |                           |                               |                             |
| <b>Joshua 5:9-12</b>                            | <b>Psalm 32</b>           | <b>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b>  | <b>Luke 15:1-13, 11b-32</b> |



## WORSHIP TEAMS

|                     | March 3        | March 10       | March 17       | March 24       | March 31       |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     | 10:15 am       | 10:15 am       | 10:15 am       | 10:15 am       | 10:15 am       |
| Acolytes            | Evelyn A       | Ralph L        | Nikolaus R     | Michael Y      | Adam H         |
| Assisting Ministers | Erik G         | Andy T         | David S        | Pat K          | Tryg J         |
| Readers             | Janitha C      | Debbie D       | Andy T         | Novena Cl      | Laura H        |
| Comm. Assts.        | Aly A          | Teresa L       | Larry R        | Kristin Y      | Laura H        |
| Ushers              | TBD            | TBD            | TBD            | TBD            | TBD            |
| Projection & Video  | Jim H & Paul H | Jim H & Paul H | Jim H & Paul H | Jim H & Paul H | Jim H & Paul H |
| Altar Guild         | Sue K          | Cindy N        | Marilynn D     | Sue K          | TBD            |
| Counter             | Jim H          | Jim H          | Jim H          | Jim H          | Jim H          |

## FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

| Sunday  | Flowers are given ... | Bulletins are given ... |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <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> |                       |                         |
| March 3   | The Handzel Family    | Available               |
| March 10  | No Flowers for Lent   | Available               |
| March 17  | No Flowers for Lent   | Available               |
| March 24  | No Flowers for Lent   | Available               |
| March 31  | No Flowers for Lent   | Available               |

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### STAFF

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>                | Rev. Lynne Morrow |
| <b>Music Ministry Coor.:</b>  | William Decker    |
| <b>Child Care Center Dir.</b> | Karen Black       |
| <b>Office Manager:</b>        | Alaine Wong       |
| <b>Bookkeeper:</b>            | Laura Hauser      |
| <b>Property Coordinator:</b>  | David Hanson      |

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| <b>President:</b>      | Paul Holzer   |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | Trygve Jensen |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | Vikki Hanson  |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>      | Larry Ryczek  |
| <b>Financial Sec.:</b> | Jim Handzel   |

### CCC BOARD

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Chair:</b>     | Tim Saul, Erik Grove      |
| <b>Secretary:</b> | Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij |
| <b>Treasurer:</b> | Pat Kovach                |

### EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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# JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (FEBRUARY)

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We are thankful to Pack 105 for their dedication to Scouting and the blessings they bring to Messiah.

Thank you to those who donated their leftover food to the Assistance Ministry guests. They appreciated the sweet treats!

We are grateful to those who attended and participated in the Annual Meeting. Your thoughts and candor are appreciated as we look forward to a bright future for Messiah Lutheran Church. We are also thankful to Paul Holzer for stepping into the EC President role and to Vikki Hanson for taking over the EC Secretary position. Thank you for your time and talents.

We are grateful for the positive test results Pastor Lynne received this week. There is no growth in the size or number of nodules and it seems that they are on the right path and she will continue with this course of treatment.

We also pray for the new Executive Committee leadership as the new officers begin their positions on Monday evening. May they continue to lead Messiah in the right direction and follow the path that the Lord has set before them.



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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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### **HEY! What happened to the Prayer List?!**

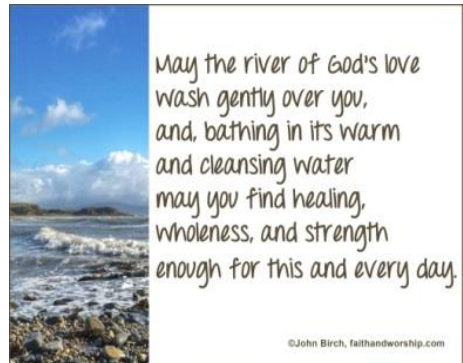
Many people have asked about changing our prayer list that has become rather unwieldy and out of date!

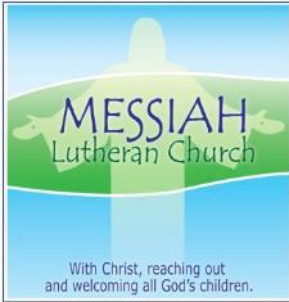
So at the current time we are omitting it from the Messenger while it is under reconstruction. We are leaving the sections for military/first responders and college students. The original list will still appear in the weekly Assembly Bulletin for the time being until we finalize our new process. Meanwhile, please do let us know if you or someone else you know is in need of prayers and keep praying for those in need!

We want to remember in our prayers **military and first responder personnel** (those known to us and those serving who are not known to us): Jenni Hanson, Mikey Hanson, Jerred Engvall, Brandon Ajyek, Tim David, Tyler Daye, Bobby Hanson, Tom Hanson, Andreas Johnsen, Jason Koesler, Sam Krawitz, Joey Rosequist, Claudine Ward, Officer Matt McGannon.

We also want to remember in prayer our **college students**: Rachel Daye, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Phil Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Nick Levy, Haley Lippert, Dina Salemi, Arden Sasak, Jake & Jessica Saul, Paul Song, Christian Travis, Thomas Yager.

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# The Messiah MESSENGER

## 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.

### **In this issue:**

*Epiphany: the Season  
of "Aha"*

*Assistance Ministry*

*Quilts & Kits*

*Christian Education*

*Youth*

*What's Coming up in  
January &  
February*

## 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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