

The Messiah MESSENGER

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Pentecost
&
Confirmation

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers of Messiah,

May is Mental Health Month and as we learn more about being wholly healthy, it is clear that faith and religion can help individuals and their families living with mental health conditions. Research shows that faith alone (**Sola Fide!**) can directly improve physical and mental health. Spiritual practices help to ground us in God's love and care by connecting us to others in a sacred community. Meditation can help to slow metabolism, slow heart and breathing and produce slower, calmer brain waves. As Christians, we believe in the promise that God will never leave us or forsake us.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' Hebrews 13:5

Whenever we find ourselves with a mental health issue, we live in the knowledge that as challenging as it may be, God is with us. Religion provides community gatherings in a safe environment with supportive and understanding people as well as opportunities to serve others which improves mood and reduces anxiety.

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through him who loved us**. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from **the love of God** in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:37-39***

When living with mental illness, many find it tempting to isolate or withdraw from communities, friends and even family. However, healthy faith communities can actually foster healing and staying healthy.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) names "welcoming" as the primary trait of faith communities that provide a supportive environment which can help those along the healing journey.

The World Health Organization has declared that depression will be the world's number one health problem within decades. By the numbers, 1 in 5 youth and adults in America experience a mental illness. In January, Olympian Michael Phelps was in Chicago for the Kellogg Forum on Mental Health Conference. With more than 300 million people worldwide suffering from depression, according to the WHO, mental health experts hope Phelps' open discussion will help reach others dealing with similar issues.

"Sadly, even in 2018, some people still feel there is a stigma attached to talking about one's feelings of depression, anxiety, stress, etc.," says Dr. Michael Athans of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. "Old societal and cultural values often taught us to 'sweep these things under the rug' and maintain a 'stiff upper lip' rather than cry publicly. Yet crying is a natural reaction. Many people think that one should be able to manage these feelings on their own, and they are weak if they can't. And while some forms of depression and anxiety can improve over time on their own, research shows talking about it, especially through psychotherapy, is very effective in alleviating symptoms."

Michael Phelps is now able to talk about his feelings and what is going on. He explained that he understands "it's OK to not be OK."

Believing in Christ gives us hope and reminds that ...

*But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and **abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness**. Psalm 86:15*

In Christ,

Pastor Anne



What Were They Thinking?

Have you ever wondered what the inspiration was in the writing of some of your favorite hymns? Let’s look at the backstory of a few of them...

When Peace Like a River (ELW 785)..... Horatio G. Spafford, a Chicago attorney, wrote this text as a source of comfort after learning that his four daughters had been drowned when the ship *Ville du Harve* collided with another ship en route to England in 1873. The tune for this hymn is named VILLE DU HAVRE, after the ship. Spafford lost all of his holdings in the Chicago fire of 1871, yet helped evangelist Dwight L. Moody rebuild the North Side Tabernacle, the first building to be reconstructed after the fire.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)..... Isaac Watts, long considered the father of modern English hymnody, based this hymn on Psalm 90. Written in 1714, as Queen Anne was near her death, many were anxious about her successor fearing that England would be divided by civil strife. Having written more than 600 hymns this is without a doubt his greatest.

Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)..... Inspired by Emperor Constantine’s vision “In this sign, thou shalt conquer” the original text for this hymn was written by George William Kitchin in 1887. Michael Robert Newbolt revised the original text in 1916 making it less militaristic. This hymn was not printed in a US hymnal until 1974 but can now be found in numerous denominational hymnals.

Joy to the World! (ELW 267) Isaac Watts (remember him?) created this text by “Christianizing” the last five lines of Psalm 98. The original poem was entitled “The Messiah’s Coming and Kingdom”.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 505)..... Martin Luther based this hymn on Psalm 46 in response to King Charles V, who in 1529 demanded that evangelical cities reintroduce the Roman mass and disown Luther’s thinking. As these cities defied the king the term “Protestant” was used for the first time. Spreading throughout Germany and rallying many to the Reformation cause singing it was considered to be in defiance of the rule of the Roman Catholic Church. *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* did not become well known in the English-speaking world until the mid-19th century.

Shalom! Roger

(“The New Century Hymnal Companion”)

OUR MISSIONARY: Reverend Dr. Philip Knutson

Check out Pastor Knutson’s blog (southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com) where he tells us about Sunday School at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Doornfontein in the inner city of Johannesburg. St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA is their companion synod.



MESSIAH MINISTRIES

QUILTS & KITS MINISTRY & A BRIEF TRIBUTE TO MILLIE ANDERSON

Millie Anderson was one of the early members of the group of women that took on the making of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She had a faithful determination to get the work done with great love and persistence with the goal of helping others. Millie went to her heavenly home just as the May Messenger was being assembled so more will be shared about Millie in June. God Bless you Millie.

The following article is excerpted from Faith in Action, Lutheran World Relief and perhaps sums up why Millie loved this Ministry:



Ahmed Oudou is a longtime driver for Lutheran World Relief in Niger. Ahmed wants (LWR Quilters) to know why what they do matters, from someone who has seen tremendous needs being met. He knows for a fact that LWR distributes much more than just quilts.

Ahmed said, "The quilts provide comfort, particularly to women, while restoring the respect and dignity of the most vulnerable people in the world.

Ahmed goes on to say in the article that the need they were addressing was a basic one. "In Niger, the majority of people live on less than \$1 a day and sometimes eat only once a day. Those who cannot afford to eat enough cannot afford to buy blankets," he said. As if the extreme poverty wasn't enough, the area was emerging from an acute food crisis. "Severe drought had detrimental effects to households. External humanitarian support, including that of LWR, had allowed communities to adapt to these effects."

Ahmed continued, "Most of the people who receive quilts are extremely impoverished, lacking clothes, a bed or even a small mat to lay down on." Bedding is one popular use for quilts and one reason they are highly sought after. "The area of Dakoro, in particular, is known for periods of unbearable cold at night for women and children, especially between December and March," he added.

Ahmed wants to convey a heartfelt thanks for all the quilters and others who supply their skills and materials to make these distributions possible. As he said, it isn't just quilts you are sewing, but also dignity and hope!

For additional information and to volunteer, contact Carol Hrodey at cjhrodey@sbcglobal.net or 847-828-7819.

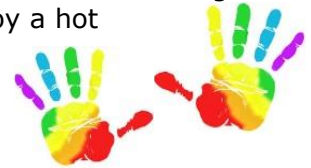
Stay on the lookout for deals on the supplies for Personal Care and School Kits! Our next Quilt & Kits date is Sunday, May 20th!

Join us!

Carol Hrodey & Trudi Handzel

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Happy spring indeed! This extended cold weather reminds us of the challenges of being homeless and/ or unemployed. Our guests really enjoy a hot meal, lunch to go and ability to look through our donation station of canned goods, clothing and toiletries. As you travel this summer, please think of sharing unused toiletries from hotels.



We continue to try to be more thoughtful about the food that we serve and are trying to promote healthier eating with more fresh fruit and vegetables, healthy snacks, etc. As always, donations of food are welcome but it is helpful to let the Assistance Ministry team know when you are doing so, so that we can plan accordingly. We are trying to be mindful of the fact that fresh fruit, etc. spoils and we don't like being wasteful.

A couple of our male guests have been looking for backpacks. If you have a gently used adult backpack that you are not using, please consider donating.

Thanks again to all of you for allowing us to share our blessings with this population. Feel free to join us Monday mornings..10:30-1:00. It's a nice way to start out the week!

With thanks, Connie Kaufman



PENTECOST

Sunday, May 20th is Pentecost

From a historical perspective, Christianity didn't start with Jesus' birth, his death or even his ascension to heaven. It started with Pentecost — the day the "Holy Spirit" entered a room holding Jesus' apostles and entered each of them, an event which "makes the church the church."

At his Last Supper, Jesus instructed his 12 disciples to go out into the world to minister and heal the sick on their own. It was at that point that they became "apostles." Fifty days after Jesus' death the Holy Spirit descended onto the apostles, making them speak in foreign tongues. In the Bible, "foreign tongues" referred to foreign languages (suggesting the apostles could now go into other parts of the world to preach their message.) This "Pentecostal" experience allowed the apostles direct communication with God, which signaled a major shift in the religious landscape and laid the foundation for what would become Christianity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month we will meet at 9 a.m. on May 6th in the Friendship Place.



We will be learning about Pentecost!! This will be our last class for the summer.

Children ages 4-10 are all invited to attend! Parents are encouraged to participate with their child to encourage their faith formation and to build faith relationships with other families. Contact Aly Allemeier for more information.

CONFIRMATION

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

May 6 Our Lutheran Faith

May 13 Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

May 20 Evelyn gets confirmed!

CHAT ROOM

Join us for Chat Room on Sundays at 9 in the Friendship Place. May 20th will be our last session until fall.

If you have requests/ideas for future topics, contact David Swanson or Steve Yager.

CHILD CARE CENTER

14th annual Family Fun Fair
Saturday May 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



Plan to attend and bring your friends, neighbors and family.

Great time for all!!

Food, ponies, trackless train, bouncy house, enormous silent auction, carnival games, goody bags and more.



Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28th 10:00 a.m.

March in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade!!

Family Picnic

Tuesday, May 29th 6:00 p.m. on the Playground (weather permitting)



Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday, May 31st 4:00 p.m.
In Sanctuary & Friendship Place

PLUS!

- May 31st is last day of school
- CCC closed June 1st for cleaning
- Summer program starts June 4th

For more information on CCC Activities and Programs contact CCC Office at 847-825-3767

LENTEN PENNIES!! This year CCC raised \$1001.11 by collecting pennies during Lent for the Maine Township Food Bank!! In 16 years of collecting, they've raised over \$11,000!! Way to go!!

CONFIRMATION

Messiah has one student completing the Confirmation Class on May 20th.

Evelyn Allemeier has completed a three-year course of study and has chosen to affirm her baptismal covenants in the Lutheran tradition. Congratulations to Evelyn for her hard work and dedication. We are proud of the outstanding young woman she has become and look forward to seeing what God has in store for her going forward!!



TOBIAS CAME TO CALL!

We are grateful to Jenni, Hayley and Tobias for visiting us in April to tell us about the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Ministry. And thanks also to Roger Turek for arranging this special event!



And they say thank you too: "Thank you so much for having Tobias and Haley and me at your youth event! Everyone was really kind and welcoming, and it was such a joy to share with everyone the love we have for the ministry and for Tobias!"

YOUTH CAR WASH!!

Ready to finally get that salt off your car (assuming we're finally done with that!)? Come to the CAR WASH on May 19th from 10-1 to get a clean car and support our youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering! Watch for details!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Arden Sasak, Novena Christal, Julia and Sam Fogel along with Pastor Lynne will join 30,000+ ELCA Youth in Houston June 27 – July 1 for a week of service, worship and being God's hands!



HELP SUPPORT US!



To raise money to help our Youth participate they're holding BAKE SALES the last Sunday of each month Purchase goodies on **May 27th**

Direct Donations can be made at:
<https://www.gofundme.com/vgw7b-elca-youth-gathering-2018-houston>

We've raised \$4200 out of \$7000 needed! Help us reach the goal!!

Contact Debbie Sasak or Pastor Lynne for more information!

SPAGHETTI DINNER A SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Spaghetti Dinner!!

Raffle Winners: Julia Fogel (Wise Ole Owl basket), Rich Seggeling (Cubs tickets basket), Julie Jensen (Affresco Pizzeria & Lounge basket), and Steve Yager, (Life Time Fitness - Schaumburg spa basket), Kim Jones (Shakou Park Ridge basket), Jim + Trudi Handzel (Family Fun basket), Samantha Fogel (Just for Kids basket).

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who participated!!



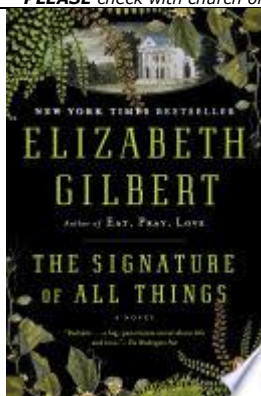
CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Youth Gathering Bake Sale/Q&K 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study	30 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 7:00 PM Candor Life Coaching	1 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 8:00 AM CCC Teacher Conferences 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.



MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 10,
2018 at 7 p.m. in the
Friendship Place

We will discuss the
book "The Signature
of All Things by
Elizabeth Gilbert.

Alma Whittaker is
born on the first year
of the new century, January 5, 1800, but
her story begins before her conception.

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.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST



Saturday, May 12th at
9 a.m. All Messiah men
are invited to Jimmy's
on Rand Road in Des
Plaines.

Also Coming in May!

- Autism Walk, May 12

WHY DO WE DO THAT? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Ever wonder what certain parts of the Worship Service means? Or why we do certain things? Are there parts of the service that are especially meaningful to you?

Are there things you'd like to see happen during Worship Services?

Join Pastor Lynne and Roger Turek to talk about Worship Services on Sunday, June 3rd following the service. Looking for your input!!

MANNA ORDERS

For May, Manna orders will be due
Monday, May 7th at 9 a.m.!



MOTHER'S DAY

Join us on Sunday, May
13th to celebrate all women
who provide love and support
to us!

BIKE BLESSING

Following service on May 27th there will
be an opportunity to
bring your bike to
church for a
blessing to have
smooth riding all
summer!



COMING THIS SUMMER!

- Godspeed to 2018 Graduates, June 3
- Down Syndrome Fun Walk (Weeg Way closed!), June 9
- Texas Hoedown Send-off for the National Youth Gathering, June 16
- WOW Services, 6-20, 7-28, 8-15
- July 3 fireworks



PENTECOST FLOWERS

We'll have a beautiful display of red geraniums at the altar for Pentecost. If you'd like to purchase some please fill out an order form (available in Sunday bulletins, in the Narthex or the Church Office). Or you can call the church office. Deadline to order is Monday, May 14th.

GRADUATES' RECOGNITION

Let the office know if you have a family member who is graduating this year!



Fundraising: Shopping and More

Remember when shopping on Amazon to go to Amazon Smile and select Messiah Lutheran Church Park Ridge. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Messiah Lutheran Church whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. The other shopping donation site is GOODSHOP! We were introduced to this program several years ago, but now it's much easier to access. Goodshop has numerous retailers represented (Lands' End, LL Bean, etc.) and offers regular coupons and discounts on top of donating a percentage to the charitable organization of your choice (Messiah Lutheran Church Park Ridge, of course!). Just go to goodsearch.com/goodshop and register, select Messiah and shop!! Goodshop can also be accessed on other social media sites and offers an app for your phone.

Another way to help Messiah is through Thrivent. Are you a **THRIVENT** member? Thrivent gives its members an option every year to direct their "Thrivent Choice" dollars to a designated charity of their choice. Messiah can be one of them! Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums; contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. Select Messiah Lutheran Church Park Ridge today!!

MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS

Arline Baranowski, 5/1
Harold DiVita, 5/1
Ralphie Lippert, 5/3
Philip Holzer, 5/4
Paula DiVita, 5/8
Roger Turek, 5/9

Nancy Herak, 5/8
Trygve Jensen, 5/10
Darrell Eckert, 5/12
Helen Levy, 5/17
Joe Levy, 5/20
Bradley Paulus, 5/20
James Handzel, 5/22
Amber Saul, 5/22
Alyson Allemeier, 5/23
Lawrence Fogel, 5/28

Bradford Kovach,
5/29
Janitha Chellian,
5/31
Michelle Litwin, 5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Mary Jane Kovach,
5/5/56, 62 years
Floyd & Kristin Yager,
5/23/98, 20 years

*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary here, that means the church office does not have it in the system.
Please let us know if we don't have your "celebration information!"*

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Sunday	Worship Focus	ChatRoom	Confirmation
May 6	Sixth Sunday of Easter 1 st Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm: Psalm 98 2 nd Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 15: 9-17	TBD	Our Lutheran Faith
May 13	Seventh Sunday of Easter 1st Lesson: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm: Psalm 1 2nd Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 Gospel: John 17:6-19	TBD	Holy Baptism and Holy Communion (last class for summer)
May 20	Pentecost 1 st Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm: Psalm 104: 24-34,35b 2nd Lesson: Romans 8: 22-27 Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	TBD (last mtg for summer)	-----
May 27	Holy Trinity 1 st Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm: Psalm 29 2nd Lesson: Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: John 3:1-17	-----	-----

WORSHIP TEAMS

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am
Acolytes	Michaelene M	Kyle H	Micahelene & Novena	Evelyn A & TBD
Comm. Assts.	Mary Jo	Laura H	Mary Jo & Janitha	Aly A & TBD
Readers	Erik G	Laura H	David S	Pat K
Worship Assts.	Vikki H	Erik G	Andy T	Cindy N
Projection	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Nancy H	Marilynn D	Cindy N	Sue K
Counter	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H



SAVE THE DATES!

Summer "Worship on Wednesday"!!
 Meal at 6:00 p.m. / Worship at 7:00 p.m.
 June 20th July 25th August 15th

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Sunday	Flowers are given ...	Bulletins are given ...
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex by the hall to the Educational Wing. 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>		
May 6	In memory of Sue Nugnis By her family	Available.
May 13	In memory of Bud Duckett By Marilyn Duckett	Available.
May 20	Pentecost Geranium Garden	Available.
May 27	In honor of Brad Kovach's birthday, by Daniel & Kevin Kovach	Available.

CHURCH BUSINESS

EC CORNER Highlights from the April meeting include: Office Manager position, facility use covenants, property/parsonage use update, youth/Christian Ed, security issues, fundraising, sSummer WoW services

March Attendance

Wk1=56 Wk2=39 Wk3=44 Wk4=45
 Maundy Thursday=15
 Good Friday=45

March Giving (Gen. Fund & MAP)

Wk1=\$1,845 Wk2=\$1,927
 Wk3=\$2,230 Wk4=\$2,109 Wk5 = \$18,475

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM REPORT as of April 27, 2018

All gifts to the Memorial & Honorarium Fund are automatically acknowledged to the giver and donee or family by a personal note. Unless otherwise designated, all gifts go into the General Fund. Addresses and envelope numbers on memorial cards or checks are much appreciated. The purpose of this report is to confirm that gifts are received. If you don't see your gift listed here after two months, please contact Carol Hrodey at cjhrodey@sbcglobal.net.

In memory of Neil Hauser – Floyd & Kristin Yager and Maria Raica
 In memory of George Raica – Maria Raica

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STAFF		EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM	
Pastor:	Rev. Lynne Morrow	Assistance Ministry:	Connie Kaufman
Music Ministry Coord.:	Roger Turek	Altar Guild:	Sue Kopij, Cindy Norberg
Child Care Center Dir.:	Karen Black	Brotherhood:	Rich Seggeling
Office Manager:		CHAT Room:	David Swanson Steve Yager
Bookkeeper:	Daniel Kovach	Cross+Gen:	Julie Luck Jensen
Property Coordinator:	David Hanson	Confirmation/Youth:	Pat Kovach
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		Memorials:	Carol Hrodey
President:	Larry Ryczek	Women's Svc. Group:	Trudi Handzel Carol Hrodey
Vice President:	Trygve Jensen	Spiritual Gifts Coord.:	Steve Yager
Secretary:	Aly Allemeier	Worship Assistants:	David Swanson
Treasurer:	Janitha Chellian	Worship Readers:	Rich Levy
Financial Sec.:	Jim Handzel	Ushers:	Steve Yager
CCC BOARD		John 17 Fellowship:	David Swanson Steve Yager
Chair:	Tim Saul, Erik Grove	Prayer Cards:	Jackie Steigerwald
Secretary:	Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij	Sign Ministry:	Staff
Treasurer:	Pat Kovach		
CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS			
Floyd Yager and Jennie Read Robles			

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (APRIL)

- We are joyful that God's house was full on Easter Sunday.
- Congratulations to Mikey Hanson, who completed U.S. Marine training!
- We are grateful for the Messiah Child Care Center's Ice Cream Social and Book Fair.
- We are thankful for all who made the spaghetti dinner a success! The event raised \$1,400 to send our group to the National Youth Gathering in Houston this summer.
- We are thankful, as always, for Bright Sunday and a chance to laugh!
- We are grateful for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and we celebrate their important ministries!
- Teresa Lippert was named next year's Field School's V-Show Director!
- Congratulations to US Marine Mikey Hanson upon completion of his training with Fox Company Platoon 2126
- Congratulations to Kristin & John Purtill who worshipped here with their son on 4-15 on their 40th wedding anniversary - they were married at Messiah on April 15th 1974!
- We are grateful for Jenni and Tobias for visiting us 4-22 to tell us about the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs program. And to Roger Turek for arranging this special event!
- Congratulations to Arden Sasak for being accepted to St. Olaf College!
- Congratulations to Peter Fox who will graduate from SIU on May 13th!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please include the following individuals and families in your prayers this month: Our prayers for healing are with: Linda (Rodin) Ufkes, Kwame Pitts, Cedric P., Marlena, Marsha Diamond, the Nemeth Family, Helen Young, Andrea Quintenilla, Bob Nelson, Pastor

Lynne and her family, the Hauser Family, Diane Wilson, Joe Ketola, Doris' family, the Soucie Family, the Sapien Family, the family of Ryan Sernel, Carolyn Harbensee, Jillian & Simeon Bonilla, Ricky Redd, Porsia Bonilla, Janelle Hockett, Margaret, Linka, Doug Hubbard, Ted Gradt, Sam Fogel, Russ Reynolds, Carol Hrodey, Rich Levy, Trudi Handzel, Charles Maynard, the family of Gilbert Garcia, Soto Family, Al Rembis, Mark Banaszak, Annette, Ashley Williams, Leslie, Tom Jencius, Ruth Perzentka, the Hanson family, Bob Kallas, Sharon Rose Keenon, Francis, Hailey and Johnny, Kathy, Rochele Kasny, June Abbryscato, Kathy Bayshore, Danny O'Connor, Tom Daniels, the Wiberg family, the family of Vern Frost, Felicia, Sharon Wilk, Warren Lathan, Robert Saul, the family of Jeff Koszczuk, Teri and Bill Muenster, John Francis, Cookie Bonilla and her sisters and brother, Annie's new baby and family (John, Elissia, Naz), Dorothy Nagel, Judy Jones, Carolyn Morrow, Doris Hay, Nancy Wendt, Ping, Bob Morrow, Michael Baumeister and family, Myra Lusiak, Betty & Ray Hoyle, Szul family, Lukasz Stechnij, Baby Grace Horton, Jackie Saul, Dan, Lea, Katy, Tom & Berni, Debby Brown, Beth Perfetti, Margot, David Swanson, Chuck Powers, Piper, Mr. Young, Auntie Helmke, Teri and Bill Muenster, Nancy Maltec (Rhonda Cady's mom), Chad Adams and Family, Dottie Burger, Terry DeSchepper, Dan S., Helmke Fields, Brad Kovach, Linda Ostrand, Jeanne Dumerer, Laura Soto, Bob and Justine Bisgard, Barb Loverme, Jeane Reeve, Eva Thoren, Julie Higgins, Maria Raica, Arlene Baranowski, those living with cancer, those living with mental illness, those

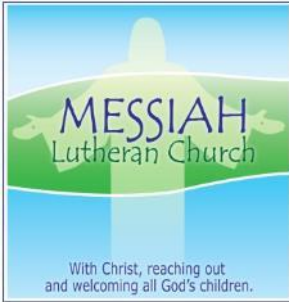
dealing with sorrow, Norb Wenson, Cathie Glesener, Diane Brendza, Ron Nytko, Robin Horton, Julia Ramsland, Sean White, Jackie Powers, Mary Cvetan, Bill Schuman, Charlie Kizer, Gary Hamilton, people in silent pain.

Those requesting prayers for **other purposes such as emotional, grief, financial, employment, general or unknown** are: the family of Dwayne and Michelle Miller, Dave Hanson, Don and Mary Jane Kovach, John Francis, Anne Evans, Bill Zuhme, Debbie Dietrich, Salena Jason, the Jefferson family, Sarah Nugnis, Kevin Kovach, Terry K., Fred D., the families and staff of Child Care Center, Mike Wokisin, Haley Lippert, Eastaven Bargas, Meaghan, EB, Griffin family, Worknesh Deressa, Joann Wood, Penumaka family, Larry Dumerer, Fox family, Victoria Candiotti, Provenzano family, Kraiger family, those who live with anxiety and depression, families whom are seeking reconciliation, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those striving for peace in the Mideast, those living with addiction, those who are hungry, alone or homeless, our assistance guests, and all of those affected by hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters.

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**: Art DeSchepper, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Paul Song, Brynn Wildenauer, Phil Holzer, Rachel Daye.

** We understand that some prayer requests are short-term for specific events, while others find ongoing prayers to be powerful. We appreciate being updated so our prayer list is as current as possible.*



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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

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