



The Messiah

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Messiah Lutheran Church

Park Ridge, IL

Messiah Lutheran Church is an ELCA congregation that was incorporated on May 7, 1954.

Worship is at the heart of what we do together at Messiah. We meet every Sunday for in-person worship at 10:15 am. Our service of Holy Communion is live streamed as well, and is accessible below starting a few minutes before worship begins on Sundays.

Both our live stream and all previous worship services are also available on our [YouTube channel](#).

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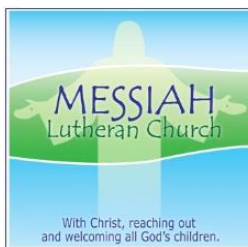
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FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Easter! I hope you were able to join us on Easter Sunday, but if you missed it, you can always watch the full service on YouTube (youtube.com/@holzerp/streams). Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

Recently, our Monday Assistance Ministry found a new partner. For the last several weeks, a community relations manager from Oak Street Health, Tim, has been coming out to volunteer with our amazing team on Mondays. And last week Tim brought along a nurse to take blood pressure and offer some guidance and advice to our guests.

We do so much more than just feed our guests on Mondays. We give them a hot meal, a bagged lunch to go, personal care items, canned goods, and clothing, but more than that, Messiah has become a place of hope and community for so many. We share the love of God with food, but also with our presence, our time, and our care, concern, and prayers.

I want to encourage you to get involved with our Assistance Ministry this spring, especially if you've never done so before. Mondays during the day don't work for everyone, but our team needs chefs, drivers, and of course donations (paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.). See Connie Kaufman or Julie Jensen to find out more about how you can get involved.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Aneel



LSSI Good Shepherd Sunday April 14th

Join us for worship on the 14th for LSSI Good Shepherd Sunday and welcome Tait Jensen who will join us to share a "mission moment".



Easter Season

We think of the season of Lent which leads up to Easter – and we may think of Easter as that one Sunday where we celebrate Christ’s resurrection – but there is more to Easter than one Sunday! During the **Easter season**, which spans **50 days** from **Easter Sunday** to **Pentecost**, there are specific Sundays with unique significance. Let’s explore them:

1. **Easter Sunday (March 31st)**: The glorious day of Christ’s resurrection, celebrating His victory over death and sin.
2. **Second Sunday of Easter (April 7th)**: Also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, it emphasizes God’s abundant mercy.
3. **Third Sunday of Easter (April 14th)**: Focuses on the **Emmaus encounter**, where Jesus revealed Himself to two disciples.
4. **Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21st)**: Often called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, it highlights Jesus as our caring Shepherd. (Messiah will celebrate on 4/14)
5. **Fifth Sunday of Easter (April 28th)**: Features readings related to the **vine and branches**, emphasizing our connection to Christ.
6. **Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 5th)**: Continues themes of love, obedience, and the **Holy Spirit’s presence**.
7. **The Ascension of the Lord (May 12th)**: Celebrates Jesus’ ascension into heaven, 40 days after His resurrection.
8. **Pentecost Sunday (May 19th)**: Marks the outpouring of the **Holy Spirit** upon the apostles, empowering them for ministry.



Regular Monthly Activities

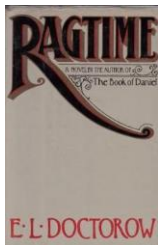
Quilts & Kits Wednesday

Our next Quilts & Kits Wednesday will be Wednesday, April 10th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us and stay a couple of hours or bring your lunch and stay for a few!

Contact Trudi Handzel or Carol Hrodey if you have any questions.



Messiah Book Club



The next meeting of the Book Club will be Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm in the Friendship Place or on-line.

The next selection is *Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow. Three remarkable families lives' become entwined with Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Theodore Dreiser, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata at the turn of the century.

All are welcome to join the discussion.

Please see Paul Holzer with questions

BOOK CLUB

Men's Brotherhood Breakfast

Men's Brotherhood continues to meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant in Des Plaines located at 1440 Rand Rd The next breakfast gathering will take place on Saturday, April 13th. All Messiah men and friends are invited to participate. Contact Rich Seggeling or Paul Holzer if you have questions.



Weekly Lunches at Messiah:

Monday Lunch: Every Monday from 11 am - 12:30 pm, Messiah's Assistance Ministry serves a hot meal to the surrounding community. Whether you're in need of a meal or just looking for fellowship and a way to give back, come be a part of this important ministry. Reach out to Pastor Aneel if you'd like to know more.

Center of Concern "Lunch With Us": Lunch with Us is a senior lunch program run by the Center of Concern that promotes the health and well-being of older adults in the community. Residents throughout the Chicagoland area are invited to attend. The meal is available to all people 60 years of age and older, and to their spouses regardless of age. A suggested donation of \$2.00 per meal is greatly appreciated! Join us in person for lunch Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday each week from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please pre-register for your meal here: <https://centerofconcern.org/lunch/>



Church Calendar

Our campus is very busy every day! If you are in need of using any space, it is imperative that you check with the church office to schedule.

The church <https://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/73983233>

Important Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, April 7th – Hymn Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am
- Monday, April 8th – Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 9th – Child Care Center Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 10th – Quilts & Kits 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, April 10th – CCC Restaurant Fundraiser @ Thalaiva's Indian Kitchen
- Thursday, April 11th – Book Club 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 11th – CCC Open House, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 13th – Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00 am
- Sunday, April 14th – Good Shepherd Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am
- Monday, April 15th to Monday, April 22nd – Pastor Aneel on vacation
- Sunday, April 21st – We welcome guest Pastor Chrisida Anandan
- Sunday, April 21st – Choir Sings at Worship Service 10:15 am
- April 22-26 – CCC Scholastic Book Fair

Save the Dates:

- Saturday, May 4th – Child Care Fun Fair – Plan to come out and help & greet our guests!
 - Monday, May 6th to Monday, May 13th is "Spring Cleaning" week at Messiah! We'll be tackling (among other things) the balcony, the main floor closets, and the outdoor space.
 - Saturday, May 18th – 2024 Lay Leadership Day (see page 9)
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Happy 70th Anniversary Messiah!



Save the Date for a Celebration!

The date has been set for a Celebration Service and Reception to celebrate Messiah's 70th Anniversary! We'll gather on Sunday, October 6th to mark this joyous milestone in Messiah's history!

More details to come!

Did You Know?

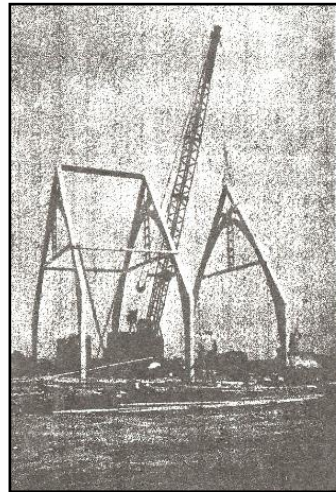
In 2024, Messiah will mark its 70th anniversary since being officially organized as a church!

Ground was broken for the new church building on March 28, 1954.

The cornerstone for the new building was laid on June 27, 1954.

The church building that we worship in today was dedicated on November 28, 1954.

Our campus has gone through various changes through the years, including the addition of the education wing in 1964, the addition of the bell tower in 1969 – and its eventual demolition in 2009 due to crumbling bricks. We've had a few renovations of the chancel area – going from paneling and burgundy velvet drapes – to green stones to our current cream color sheet rock with the beautiful, colorful back drops. After several revisions, we were able to dedicate a new space in 2014 that includes an accessible entrance and bathrooms, along with a larger gathering space.



After the building was completed, Godfrey Lindstrom who donated the land for Messiah and was its original builder wrote:

*"Yes, now we are all ready to start building.
Building a mighty, kind, humble and friendly congregation
to walk the way, and say the words, and do the things that Jesus wants us to.
We are here to carry on the work for Him."*

MESSIAH MINISTRIES



Gloria Dei Choir

The choir plans to sing the 3rd Sunday each month! If you are interested in joining the choir, come for rehearsal at 10:00 am prior to that service or talk with one of the choir members! Next date will be Sunday, April 21st.



Assistance Ministry

Spring has sprung! It's hard to believe but Easter is already behind us.

Assistance Ministry Monday meals continue to provide nutritional lunch and fellowship to 30+ guests each week.

We are so very thankful for our many volunteers who shop, cook, bake, serve food, sort clothes, pick up donations, wrap bakery items, deliver canned goods to food pantries and baked goods to NW Compass, bag and deliver clothing not taken by guests to Good Will or other donation centers, and make bag lunches for all of our guests weekly. Yes, it takes a lot of hands to make this ministry work! Volunteers not only come from our Messiah congregation but from our friends and neighbors as well. One recent volunteer stopped to share information on Oak Street Health, a new health care service of physicians for older adults. He enjoyed helping and continued to stop by and serve and has shared food with our guests. Please consider joining us!



Thanks, Connie (on behalf of the Assistance Ministry group)

Quilts & Kits



A Facebook post from Martha Piedrasanta, an administrator from Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits ministry:

"It gets very, very bitterly cold at night," says Leyla Güleriyüz (right). One year after the earthquake in Türkiye destroyed their home, she still lives in a tent with 9 other people, including her chronically ill parents and an

infant nephew. (She is pictured with her mother Seher Güleriyüz, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment.)

Leyla was grateful when a Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit distribution reached them. This year, your generosity distributed 11,880 Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts, 14,440 Personal Care Kits and 5,760 Baby Care Kits to families affected by the earthquake in February 2023.

Leyla says, "These things you have brought will allow us to warm up in a better way. We are very happy that you thought of us." Learn more about your impact here: <https://bit.ly/3OuzPRi>

If you want to check out the whole Quilts & Kits program at Lutheran World Relief, go to <https://lwr.org>.

Come join us once a month to help create more quilts & kits and enjoy the fellowship! Our next gathering is April 3rd – further dates to be announced!

Trudi Handzel & Carol Hrodey



Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center

Registration for Messiah's Childcare Center for the 2024-25 school year and summer camp has begun! Help get the word out about this amazing place, run by amazing people!! Call 847.825.3767 for further information or to schedule a tour.

Events coming up:

- Wednesday, April 10th – Restaurant Fundraiser at Thalaiva's Indian Kitchen 116 Main St, Park Ridge. Mention Messiah Child Care Center when ordering!
- Thursday, April 11th – Open House 5:30-7:00 pm
- April 22-26 – CCC Scholastic Book Fair – Great opportunity to purchase gifts!!
- Watch for details about the May 4th Fun Fair (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)! Plan to come out and help greet our guests!! The Fun Fair theme is Star Wars/Galaxy! The fair will include a Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Arts and Crafts, DJ. Silent Auction will open on May 1st or May 2nd.

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



MESSIAH UPDATES

Church Council Corner:

The Church Council met on March 11th. Discussion centered around financial updates, Office Manager position description, CCC, constitution updates, property team and upcoming events.



Chicago Metro Synod Lay Leadership Day

The Chicago Metro Synod is planning a Lay Leadership Day on Saturday, May 18th!

This is an awesome opportunity for current and future leaders of Messiah to meet lay leaders from other congregations and learn together for There are some amazing workshops, including church governance, lay leadership, and stewardship of space, all extremely relevant to Messiah. Pastor Aneel highly encourages church members to consider attending the Lay Leadership Day!! Contact Pastor Aneel if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

From the Synod:

Thanks to the Carlmark Fund, we're able to gather lay leaders for a morning of learning and inspiration. The day includes brief worship, workshops, a keynote speaker and a boxed lunch. All for a nominal fee of \$10. Registration is now open! The workshop intends to equip attendees with the knowledge they need to ask the next right questions and take the next right step in using their space for God's work in their piece of the world.



Ways to Help Pay the Bills!



Contributions to Messiah can be submitted through a variety of means as outlined on Messiah's website on ways to contribute:

<https://www.messiahparkridge.org/contribute.html>

Of course checks & cash work! And a new option for donating online to support Messiah's ministries has been set-up. You can <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6WA/home>, or jump to the giving page by using this QR code or go Messiah's website under contributions!



Church Office Manager Position

The Church Council has completed an update position description for the Office Manager position including job duties and hours. The new description can be found at tinyurl.com/mpr-omjob24.

We're ready to start looking for the right person to fill this position so if you know anyone looking for a part time position, please share the position description and give them the church contact information!



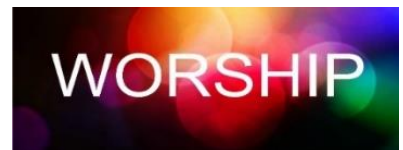
In Memoriam



Former, long time member, Jean Reeve passed away on March 7th. Jean and former husband Richard and their four children (Richard, Ronald, Diane and Kenneth) were active members for many years. In recent years, Jean was living in Vernon Hills but still kept in touch with Messiah via the monthly newsletter. Jean has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Our prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Worship Service:

As a reminder, if you're unable to attend in person, church services will continue to be available through two different online avenues. All the services are posted on the Messiah Facebook page as well as our YouTube channel under the name Messiah Park Ridge. The YouTube channel can be found at this web address, <https://www.youtube.com/user/holzerp>.



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

To view the scripture verses (and more) for each service, go to the following link for the "The Revised Common Lectionary": <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for each other, our congregation, our families, our community, our state, our country and the world during these challenging times.

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

The Dumerer Family	The Hauser Family	Diane Wilson	Mary Jane Kovach
Trudi & Jim Handzel	Richard Levy	Carol Hrodey	Dave Hanson
The Bonilla Family	Carole Johnson	Aly Allemeier	Sandy and Bill Downie

Rebekah Dembowski, Martha Jacobs, and Eric Forss (*family and friends of the Decker's*)
Katie Brandon and Carol Rudy (*friends of Dotti Burger*)
Ted, Gordon, and the Corkill Family (*friends and family of the Jensen Family*)
Sandy, Steve & Pat, Nancy, Ed, J.T., Donna, Mark, Carmelina, Bev, and Mark (*family & friends of the Handzel's*)
Patrick & Debbie Brennan (*son and daughter-in-law of Patti Daniels*)
Brady Nelson (*family friend of Alaine Wong*)
Honey V. Michaels (*friend of Marilyn Duckett*)
Robert Hughs (*grandfather of a CCC student*)
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Lorraine Maslanka. (*aunt of Rita Kotowski*)



Those who are homebound:

Arlene Baranowski Barb Loverme Christine Ruterschmidt

**Those serving in the armed services and first responders:
(those known to us & all those who serve)**

Brandon Ajyek	Tim David	Tyler Daye	Jarred Engvall
Jenni Hanson	Claudine Ward	Jason Koesler	Joey Rosequist
David Nagel	Brian Nagel	Bobby Hanson	Eric Nagel
Matt McGannon	Andreas Johnson		

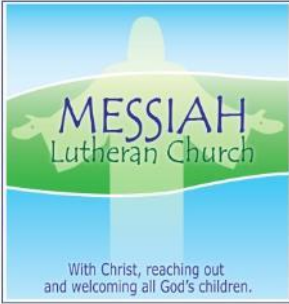
Those attending college and graduate school:

Haley Lippert	Ryan Hauser	Kevin Kovach	Nikolaus Ryczek	Michael Yager
Caitlin Levy	Mikey Hanson	Evelyn Allemeier	Noa Trivedi	

Those who celebrate:

Happy Birthday: Diane Wilson 4/4, Alexandra Santos 4/6, Connie Kaufman 4/10, Jerry Johnson 4/13, Tim Blanks 4/17, Patti Daniels 4/19, Trudi Handzel 4/23, Jean Seggeling 4/28

Happy Anniversary: Les & Nancy Herak 4/30 (47 Years!)



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THE MESSIAH MESSENGER

Worship begins at 10:15 am Sunday mornings. All are welcome!

Child Care Center

Year- round 3-K

Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 5:30 pm

Other Schedules

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday by appointment

Church Office

Mondays, Wednesday, & Fridays

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Assistance Ministry

Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



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