



The Messiah

MESSENGER

Lent-Easter Season 2025 - Issue #675



THE REASON FOR HOPE AND RENEWAL

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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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:

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 and all are welcome to the Lord's table! For those who do not want communions, they can feel free to come forward for a blessing. Both our live stream and all previous worship services are available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/holzerp>.

Ministries and Activities at Messiah:

Messiah's campus is active with various ministries and groups every day. Ministries include Messiah Lutheran Child Care Center, Assistance Ministry, Park Ridge Place Group Home, and MLCW Quilts & Kits – for descriptions go to our website.

For a complete calendar of events and activities at Messiah, please visit:

tinyurl.com/mpr-calendar

Join the Email List

If you'd like to receive email from Messiah, go to tinyurl.com/mpr-join-email-list

How to Give:

You can support Messiah's ministries by giving a one-time or recurring donation online. Please visit our website, www.messiahparkridge.org and click the *contribute* tab, or jump to the giving page by using this QR code:



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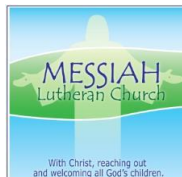
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LENT & EASTER SEASON



Ash Wednesday

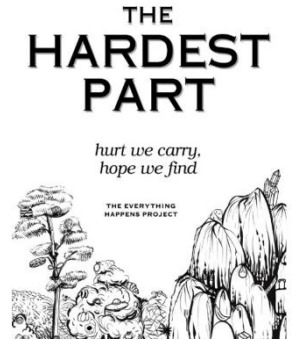
Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th. Messiah will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.

In addition, ashes will be available in the sanctuary during the day at 8 am-9am, 12 pm-1 pm and 5pm-7pm.

Lenten Devotional

Beginning Sunday, March 2nd following worship we will use "The Hardest Part" devotional series to explore weekly topics of interest during the Lenten season:

- Sunday, March 2 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Being Human
- Sunday, March 9 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Terrible & Beautiful
- Sunday, March 23 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Imagination
- Sunday, March 30 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Wisdom
- Sunday, April 6 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Love
- Sunday, April 13 @ 11:15 am - The Hardest Part: Living



Wednesday Soup & Supper at Redeemer

This year we will join Redeemer Lutheran Church at Redeemer for Wednesday night Soup Suppers & Holden Evening Prayer. Suppers will be at 6:00 pm, with worship at 7:00 pm. Messiah will provide the supper on April 2nd – sign up at tinyurl.com/mpr-lent-meal-2025. We're also looking for singers who would be willing to lead Holden Evening Prayer worship. Reach out to Pastor Aneel if you're interested. Please plan to come out for these evenings of Lenten worship and fellowship with Redeemer. Redeemer LC – 1006 Gillick St, Park Ridge.

Holy Week & Easter schedule

- Palm Sunday worship at Messiah – 4-13 at 10:15 am.
- Maundy Thursday worship at Messiah – 4-17 at 6:30 pm. Redeemer invited.
- Good Friday worship @ Redeemer – 4-19 at 5:30 pm dinner, 6:30 pm worship.
- Easter: worship at Messiah - 4-20 at 10:15 am, coffee hour 11:15 am.



FOCUS ON PARK RIDGE PLACE

FROM THE PASTOR

February 18, 2025

Greetings members and friends of Messiah Lutheran Church and LSSI:

Blessings to you on this frigid Chicago February afternoon. We are excited to share all we have accomplished at Park Ridge Place since our last update on January 21st.

We have completed several major plumbing and electrical projects as well as some minor roof repairs. We've installed new toilets and a backup sump pump. We're thrilled that the home looks and works better today than in many years!

We still have much to do before we're ready to welcome new residents and, unfortunately, our plumbing work thus far has uncovered two additional plumbing projects. Messiah's parsonage team is all over it though, and they're working hard getting quotes and scheduling the new plumbing projects to be completed in late March. We are still on track to have the home ready for residents in just four short months (June 2025).

In the meantime, **we're excited to share that our next community workday – a cleaning day – is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at 2 pm.** We hope you'll consider joining us as we roll up our sleeves and apply some elbow grease. We'll be cleaning, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and more.

Please sign up for the workday at: tinyurl.com/prp-march-workday

Our upcoming cleaning workday on March 15th will be a great opportunity for youth and other groups to get involved. If you're aware of a congregation or another organization looking for service opportunities, please share and invite them to sign up and join us on March 15th.

We will send regular updates to this group as we move towards our goal of transforming this underused resource into a place where four of God's beloved children can live safely and independently for years to come. Please join us in prayer for this ministry and those it will serve.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Aneel Trivedi



Park Ridge Place - continued

+ If someone you know might be interested in living at Park Ridge Place, please contact Terra Dempsey (Terra.Dempsey@lssi.org, 815.535.8191).

+ Learn more about LSSI's group homes here: <https://tinyurl.com/lssi-foxtrailhome>

+ Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge is a small congregation located just south of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Messiah welcomes all and swings big. We gather at 10:15 am on Sundays for worship and 11 am on Mondays to feed the community. Join us!



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Choir Concert

Messiah will host the Waukee Northwest High School Choir Concert on Saturday, March 29th! The free concert will be in the sanctuary starting at 6:00 pm. Come out and support these young people from Iowa!

Annual Report

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 9th.

The 2024 Annual Report can be accessed at tinyurl.com/mpr-annualreport-2024



The Annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off Results

Congratulations to the Levy's for winning this year's Wooden Spoon Award! Yum!!

Important Dates At a Glance:

- We worship every Sunday at 10:15 am.
- We feed the community every Monday from 11 am – 12:30 pm.
- Center of Concern’s “Lunch with Us” program has now ended. Find Additional Food Related Resources here: www.ageoptions.org/resources/nutrition

Sun. March 2	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Being Human”
Wed. March 5	Ash Wednesday - worship 7pm, ashes at 8-9am, 12-1pm, 5-7pm
Sat. March 8	Brotherhood Breakfast, 9am at Sunrise Grill
Sun. March 9	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Terrible & Beautiful”
Wed. March 12	Lent Supper (6pm) and Holden Evening Prayer (7pm) at Redeemer
Thur. March 13	Quilts & Kits – 10am in Fellowship Hall
Thur. March 13	Book Club – 7pm in Friendship Place (<i>Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano</i>)
Sat. March 15	Park Ridge Place workday, 2pm in the parsonage
Sun. March 16	Quilt Blessing in worship; Q&K Coffee Hour
March 17-23	Pastor Aneel off for continuing education
Wed. March 19	Lent Supper (6pm) and Holden Evening Prayer (7pm) at Redeemer
Sun. March 23	Pastor Robin Brown presiding
Sun. March 23	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Imagination”
Wed. March 26	Lent Supper (6pm) and Holden Evening Prayer (7pm) at Redeemer
Sat. March 29	Waukee Northwest High School Choir Concert – 6 pm in the sanctuary
Sun. March 30	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Wisdom”
Wed. April 2	Lent Supper (6pm) and Holden Evening Prayer (7pm) at Redeemer. Messiah is responsible for the meal.
Sun. April 6	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Love”
Wed. April 9	Lent Supper (6pm) and Holden Evening Prayer (7pm) at Redeemer
Sat. April 12	Brotherhood Breakfast, 9am at Sunrise Grill
Sun. April 13	Palm Sunday
Sun. April 13	Lent Devotion after worship - “The Hardest Part: Living”
Thur. April 17	Maundy Thursday worship, 6:30 pm
Fri. April 18	Good Friday meal (5:30pm) and worship (6pm) at Redeemer
Sun. April 20	Easter Sunday worship (10:15am) and coffee hour (11:15am)
April 21-27	Pastor Aneel off for continuing education
Sun. April 27	Pastor Chrisida Anandan presiding

Watch weekly Message Board and Sunday announcements for additional dates and updates!

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.

Our prayers go out to the families of our former pastor and members who have gone to their heavenly rest: Pastor Lynne Morrow, Bob Bunge and Jane Kamman Galler.

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

The Dumerer Family The Hauser Family Diane Wilson Aly Allemeier Dave Hanson
Mary Jane Kovach Trudi & Jim Handzel Richard Levy Carol Hrodey
Carole & Jerry Johnson The Bonilla Family Sandy and Bill Downie
David Swanson
Kavita Taylor (*sister of Pastor Aneel*)
Rebekah Dembowski, Eric Forss and Sarah (*family & friends of the Deckers*)
Katie Brandon and Carol Rudy (*friends of Dotti Burger*)
Ted, Kathy, Jack (*friends and family of the Jensens*)
Sandy, Pat, Nancy & Jay, Ed, J.T., Bev, Mark, Jane and Louie
(*family & friends of the Handzels*)
Patrick Brennan & son Nicholas (*family of Patti Daniels*)
Sue Eads & brother Larry McGuire (*friend of Karol Kamman*)



Those who are homebound:

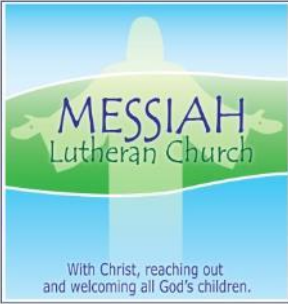
Arlene Baranowski Barb Loverme Christine Ruterschmidt

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

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

Those attending college and graduate school:

Haley Lippert	Kyle Hauser	Kevin Kovach	Caitlin Levy
Evelyn Allemeier	Mikey Hanson	Noa Trivedi	



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

Child Care Center

Year- round 2-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

By appointment only

Assistance Ministry

Monday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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