



Messiah Lutheran Church April 23rd Update

Fellow saints,

This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven,...” Matthew 6:9

The opening line of Jesus’ model prayer for His disciples teaches this unspeakable truth: *If you’re God’s child, you have a Father in heaven!* Stop for a moment and let that sink in. What a glorious and encouraging way Christ instructs us to begin our prayers. We are to begin with the most shocking and encouraging of all things that our minds could ever consider. That being who has such incomparable wisdom and power that He was able to design and create everything that exists – that being is our Father! That deity who has been able, by the exercise of supreme authority, to control every event of history; to have His will done in every location; and to completely control every life of every person who has ever lived – that deity is our Father! That One who in magnificent love put the plan of redemption in motion, so that at the right moment His Son came to live, die and rise again so that we would have new and eternal life – that One is our Father. That King who won’t ever leave the work of His hands till everything He has purposed to do in us and in the world that He created has been fully done – that King is our Father! That God who never needed a teacher or a counselor, who knows the stars by name and who can hold the waters of the universe in the palm of His hand – that God is our Father!

Awesome, isn’t it? Each morning, when you wake up remind yourself that the One who created and controls everything is, simply by His grace, your Father. How comforting to know that God, **our Father**, is lovingly providing for us and protecting us every moment of our lives. My friends, live in the presence and comfort of your Father!

- **Food donation** St. Paul Lutheran Church has decided to have a food donation day on Friday, April 24 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Instead of giving out food that day, you can come during that time and drop off donations at St. Paul (514 S. Clay Street, Green Bay). Volunteers will be waiting outside to unload donations from people's cars. Nobody will need to get out of their cars. Donations can also be brought in any time during the week from 8:00-4:00 when St. Paul’s secretary is in the office.
- **"Meditations" is here!** - The next edition of our daily devotional book has arrived at church. We'll set out the box by the front door under our canopy for you to pick up from 8:30-12:00 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays until they are gone. If you can't make it those days and you want us to reserve a copy for you, please call the office (465-6013) and we'll call back to set a time for pickup. ***Or, we can have it mailed to you! Simply let us know and we'll have NPH mail you a copy direct.*** There will also be a limited number (30) of “Forward in Christ” at church as well.
- **Sunday radio broadcast** - If you want to listen to a church service on Sundays, WDOR (FM 93.9) broadcasts the worship services of St. Peter Lutheran in Sturgeon Bay at about 10:05am each Sunday.
- **A request from our local hospitals** - A reminder that hand crafted masks are still needed at our local hospitals. If you have the time and gifts to make them, they would be greatly appreciated! Please email Mary Salm at Mary.Salm@hshs.org or call her at 920-433-8163 if you have questions. Drop off sites: 10am- 2pm daily at 1001 Porlier St- across from the hospital. Drop box identified outside.

- **Financial information** – We thank our Lord that He has moved our government to approve a grant to our church so we can continue to proclaim the Gospel to our community. Financially, this gives us a needed buffer as offerings have dropped over the last few weeks. Please continue to remember the Lord’s work in your budgets as we all move forward. We sincerely treasure the gifts you have given for His work. Thank you!
- **Looking to get out of the house?** There are two sections of our church grounds that are not spoken for. If you would like to take care of a section (and be exempt from cleaning the inside of church when we get back to normal) please contact Pastor Sauer as soon as possible. He’ll mail you the instructions and a map detailing your area of responsibility. Thanks!
- **Lawn mowing schedule** – With spring finally coming, our church lawn will need a haircut now and then. If you would like to volunteer to cut the lawn, please call church (465-6013) for an open week. We’ll make arrangements to open the garage for you and to give you instructions on the lawn mower if needed. Thanks.
- **Sermon-based Bible study** - Instructions on how to join, Bible study and leader guide are all available online at messiahgb.org/worship. Contact Pastor Schultz with questions.
- **Messiah’s pastors are here to help** – Are you struggling and would like someone to talk to? God has called your pastors to offer comfort, spiritual guidance and support to you. Contact us so we can offer our help.

We patiently wait for the time we can gather together and worship our Lord. Until then, we pray that the online videos of our worship service strengthen your connection with the Lord. May we all soon come again to the Lord’s house, and may God be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stephen Sauer and Pastor Aaron Schultz

Just a reminder...

- If you want to mail your offerings to church, please send them to **Messiah Lutheran Church, 3316 Sitka St., Green Bay, WI 54311.**
- If you want to drop them off in person, one of your pastors is at the church office Monday through Friday 8:00-12:00 noon.
- Members who have set up recurring offerings through the Messiah website do not need to do anything; your firstfruit offerings will continue to be automatically given.
- **Online giving** is always available through the Messiah website. Visit messiahgb.org/give
 - Information is available for one-time or recurring gifts, Venmo or Zelle. Contact the office for more information or help.

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