



Messiah Lutheran Church April 9th Update

Fellow believers in the Lord,

For many of us, this will be the first year in our lives that we will not have the option of celebrating Easter with our fellow believers in church. It doesn't feel right. Something is missing from our lives. But there is something, or should I say "someone" who isn't. On Easter Sunday we focus on and celebrate Jesus, our Savior from sin. He has always and will always be with us. Plus, His Word is still right there, at our fingertips. In His Word He reminds us of His presence, His love and His care. No matter what comes our way in this world, He tells us in His Word that the ultimate victory is ours. **"He is risen! He is risen, indeed!"** is the shout of the believer on Easter Sunday, whether in His house or at home in ours. We may feel that something is missing, but the most important person in our lives is not. Jesus lives, and so will we forever. He is risen!

- **Just a reminder for our email readers** - Our Maundy Thursday Livestream will begin tonight (April 9th) at 6:30pm, and our Good Friday worship at 6:30pm tomorrow (April 10th). Easter Sunday broadcast will be at 7:45am on Sunday, April 12th.
- **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** - "As you're aware, we are receiving cloth masks to launder and redistribute to preserve medical masks. However we have received very few masks. I'm hopeful you can assist us getting the word out and mobilizing people to create/donate some cloth masks to area health care facilities in need. We are going thru 1,000+ masks daily between St. Vincent and St. Mary's hospitals alone. We would be most grateful for anything you can do to assist us. Please email me or call me if you have questions.

Thank you for all that you are doing in the community to minister to members of your congregation during this challenging times. Thank you for your prayers. Know we are holding you in prayer as well."

Drop off sites: 10am- 2pm daily at 1001 Porlier St- across from the hospital. Drop box identified outside.

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- **Financial information** - Your church council has been working hard to make sure your congregation can continue to proclaim the great news that Jesus is risen. Because offerings have dropped considerably over the last few weeks, we've applied for a grant from the CARES act to cover our financial expenses for the next few months. We don't know if or when those funds might be available, so we are also dipping into other funds and looking for other ways to make sure we can meet our financial obligations. Please keep your congregation in your prayers and budgets as we meet this challenge together.

- **Prayer requests** - If you would like a prayer in Sunday's broadcast, please inform us by Saturday evening. For private and sensitive prayers, you can contact the pastors at any time!
- **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.
- **Help us keep you informed** - Now is a very important time to make sure we have your current contact information. Contact the church office if any of the following have changed in the recent past: address, phone, or email.
- **Messiah's pastors are here to help** - Messiah's pastors have begun to use video technology for teaching and counseling. Contact the office if you would like to connect with a pastor 1-on-1 or in a group setting.

And, if you just want to chat and catch up with your fellow members, go ahead and do so! That's one of the blessings we have as members of Messiah – others are praying for us and want to encourage us in faith. Give your pastors a call if you want. We miss you, too! 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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

[Youtube.com/MessiahGB](https://www.youtube.com/MessiahGB)

Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

Good Friday @ 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday @ 7:45 AM

(Links to the live and archived feeds as well as worship folders are available at messiahgb.org)

- Download the worship folder before the service starts or watch it on the screen.
 - Participate in the worship services as you normally would in church.
 - Eliminate distractions.
 - After worship, think of someone you would normally see at church and reach out to them.
 - After worship, download the sermon-based Bible study from the website and use them with your family or with a friend in an online meeting.
- 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 as you have determined.
 - **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
 - **You can mail** your offering to the church office or **drop it off** in person during office hours.

We understand the financial strain that some of our members are experiencing right now. We want you to know that your congregation is going through the same. As

you prepare your budgets in this stressful time, please remember that your offerings to Messiah are a pleasing gift to our Lord, saying thank you in a very tangible way for the gifts of life and health. We need your help to continue to proclaim the comfort and hope of God to you and to the world.

Thank you for your gifts.

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