



MESSAGE from Pastor:

Messiah Lutheran Church **Christ Centered, Family Strong, Mission Minded**

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Mark 1:14-20 ¹⁴ Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Jesus called you in your baptism from a life of self-serving sin to a life lived at the foot of His cross. As we live our lives Satan continually tempts you with the garden of earthly delights. As I read these words from the Gospel of Mark I see two questions for you to reflect upon.

What is Jesus calling you from?

What is Jesus calling you to?

For these disciples, they were called by the Lord from a life of normalcy to a life of abnormal faith walking with the Lord. Spending the next few years learning from Him, all that they would be used by Him to establish His church. I don't know how Satan tempts you but I do know who holds all things in His hands. He who has called you from a life of sin to a life of following after Him having a closer walk with Him.

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EDUCATION AND YOUTH

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Here is a quick glance at the Sunday school schedule for this month.

FEBRUARY:

**** SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** regular classes all month.

We will practice music with the kids in the sanctuary at the start of the Sunday School hour (roughly at 9:45am). This is in preparation for Palm Sunday (March 28) & Easter (April 4).

****MIDWEEK CLASSES** regular classes **(6:15 to 7:30pm)** all month with **Ash Wednesday** service on **February 17th** at 7:30pm & Lenten service on February 24th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK VIDEO LESSONS

Every week, DCE Ben is posting up on our YouTube channel a video lesson that covers the lesson topic for each Sunday and Wednesday. If we miss you IN PERSON, you can still do some Bible Study time with your family. If you have any feedback on these lessons, please let DCE Ben know! It takes a fair amount of time to put these together, and we want to make sure these lessons are helpful for Messiah families. ***Adult members of our congregation are welcome to watch and enjoy these lessons too!*** Simply go to YouTube online and search for "Messiah Lutheran Hays".

Midweek Reminders

****** We are looking to begin a "sack lunch" meal prior to Midweek classes on Wednesday nights. Students/adult volunteers will be asked to sign up for a month at a time and pay a \$5.00 fee each month (per person) to help with costs. Meals will need to be picked up at 5:50pm and consumed before midweek starts at 6:15pm. Check with DCE Ben, Janine, or Rhiannon if you have questions or would like to help assemble meals. Sign up forms available at midweek registration table.

**** *In the event of inclement weather and school gets cancelled... Midweek will also be cancelled that evening. We follow USD 489 for weather cancellations.***

FEBRUARY YOUTH STUFF...

Super Bowl Party- (Feb 7) High school youth are invited to Keith Harmony's house (2524 Haney Dr.) for the Super Bowl. Arrive around **5:15pm** and food provided, but welcome to bring any favorite snacks/drinks to share. Friends are welcome but be sure to bring your face masks.

CIA Youth will look to master some **Bowling** skills on **Sunday, Feb 14th at 3pm**. We will meet at Centennial Lanes, **bring \$5.00** to offset costs. This will be for youth 6th-8th grade and kids can bring a friend. Look for postcard/email for details.

Save the date... 7th & 8th grade Confirmation retreat will be on Friday, March 19th - Saturday, March 20th. This will involve several other Lutheran churches from our district. Registration info will be sent to parent email.

Lenten/Easter -Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday February 17th @ 7:30 pm

Lent Service February 24th @ 7:30 pm

Lent Service March 3rd @ 7:30 pm

Lent Service March 10th @ 7:30 pm

Lent Service March 17th @ 7:30 pm

Lent Service March 24th @ 7:30 pm

Palm Sunday March 28th @ 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday April 1st @ 7:30 pm

Good Friday April 2nd @ 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday April 4th @ 9:30 am

MIDWEEK NOTES

• **MIDWEEK MEMORY WORK:** A reminder that if your child(ren) does memory work and need to have it reviewed, we have TWO ways to do it if you are NOT joining us IN PERSON:

- 1) Set up a time with DCE Ben to review... send him a text or email to schedule a time.
- 2) Drive thru Memory Work... from 6 to 6:15pm, pull up to the overhang in the Big Parking lot and send a text to Rhiannon or DCE Ben.

ZOOM SESSIONS: We are currently offering Midweek via Zoom for those who may be at home due to sickness, quarantine, or travel. If you need Zoom log-in details, please contact DCE Ben and he'll get you plugged in.

Midweek starts at 6:15 and concludes at 7:30pm.

We are continuing to monitor any changes brought on by COVID-19. We appreciate your patience as we make necessary changes with hopes to resume "normal" midweek activities in the future. If you have questions, please contact DCE Ben.

During our January/February Midweek sessions, our students are looking at the spiritual TOOLS God gives us. The tools of: Forgiveness, Love, Grace, and Prayer. We are talking about the ways God helps us practice using those tools. We will then be building our tool boxes to remind us to carry God's tools with us.



An Empty Table

When you sit to eat, who do you eat with? Do you gather with parents, your spouse, your children? Or do you sit with friends, perhaps strangers? Or are you in a rush and you eat on the run? A few years ago, my family moved our big dining table from the basement to the upstairs. Our small table was not allowing us to eat together as a family. Studies prove that there are immense benefits to eating together as a family. So daily, we gather around the table and give thanks to God for all that He has provided for us. It has been a joy to eat together as a family.

The tables we gather around are important. The people at our tables indicate value, time, and love. We value the people we invite to our tables, as we spend our precious time with those individuals. Whom we invite shows the love we have for those around us, especially since we don't often invite strangers to our table. It is at the table however that relationships are built and it is there that we are fed and nourished physically, emotionally, and yes, even spiritually.

Have you ever heard of a man named Mephibosheth? Yes, that is a mouth full, but he was the only surviving son of Jonathan, the dear friend of King David. Take a moment and **read 2 Samuel 9**. King Saul and his family fall out of God's graces and into disgrace. At the death of King Saul & Jonathan, they went from the top of the kingdom to the bottom. David becomes the new king and out of love, reaches out to the crippled Mephibosheth. David in compassion restores all of Mephibosheth's inheritance, gives him servants, a home, and property. Most importantly, the king gives Mephibosheth a place at his table for the rest of his life.

Being invited to sit at the king's table is an incredible honor and one that most of us can't imagine. As sinners, we truly don't deserve to sit at the table. As Mephibosheth said, *"What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"* Amazingly, we too approach our Lord Jesus as "dead dogs" and yet weekly we are invited into the Lord's house to dine at his table. At the Lord's Supper, we too are restored, forgiven, and lifted up. We walk away feeling alive again and give thanks to God for his grace and mercy.

Who are you showing mercy to? Who do you share a table with?
I pray that you find great JOY in gathering around the Lord's table.

Thankful to sit at the table of my Lord ~ DCE Ben

NEWS FROM EVANGELISM:

We met January 17th by zoom. A thank you was given to James Feyerherm for all of his service to Mission Action Team and Evangelism team. He is stepping down for the time being. We appreciate his leadership and his faithful work through the years. He will be missed. Thank you James!

In December Evangelism donated \$500 to Community Assistance Center and Pastor shopped for us and bought approximately \$475 of groceries for our church pantry.

Our prayer vigil for Easter will be April 3rd from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Social distancing will be possible. We will have a sign- up sheet in the Narthex closer to the date.

Tentatively, we are planning our annual pie auction for October 17th and Advent night December 1st. So stay tuned.

We have been working on a disbursement policy for mission trips. We voted on it and passed it unanimously. You can see it under the info tab on the website.

We are in need of new members for Evangelism. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month by zoom call at the moment. The meeting lasts an hour and we do community projects, fundraise, fill the welcome pamphlets and other things. It is very rewarding to be a part of. Please contact me, Sharonleikam@gmail.com . Other members are Mike and Sandi Maier, Sally Jo Hanhardt, Louise Reese, Josh Enslow, Deb and Lee Oelkers, Pastor. We are also in need of door greeters. So please contact one of us in joining in serving Our Lord.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on Thursdays at 5:30. You are asked to please come to the Main Street entrance. Thank You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Maggie Maier	2-1	Zachery Martin	2-18
Mia Knoll	2-3	Madison Polson	2-18
Marvin Brown	2-4	Melissa Conley	2-19
Dalton Maier	2-4	Eric Engel	2-20
Lonnie Barton	2-5	Joelle Enslow	2-21
Peggy Hart	2-6	Julie Brown	2-23
Avery Harmony	2-9	Caleb Mallardi	2-24
Jenni Holmgren	2-11	Erryn Austin	2-26
Sandy Schneider	2-12	James Feyerherm	2-28
Isaiah Venteicher	2-14		
Eleanor McMIndes	2-15		
Lauren Albrecht	2-17		
Stacey Stults	2-17		

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Jean Warfel	2-9
Tom & Juanita Zerfas	2-11
Lonnie & Melody Barton	2-18

And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

The Noble Men of Messiah have supported our congregation at Messiah Lutheran church in a variety of ways. Members have donated their time and talents throughout the year through a variety of activities.

One such activity that has become a major one for the group is the annual Ground Hawg Feed held each year in early February in conjunction with Ground Hog Day (and sometimes the Super Bowl). Last year we had a lesser amount donated, but we still found a way to disburse \$800 of our funds to the following organizations.

We donated:

- \$500 to the LLL Kansas District Project (for pastors in training at seminaries and other projects in Kansas)
- \$200 to Lutheran Hour Ministries (for Lutheran mission work at home in the U.S. and around the world)
- \$50 to Messiah LYF
- \$50 to Messiah CIA

Orphan Grain Train received the benefits of the remaining Thrivent funds

We hope that this coming year's Ground Hawg Feed will be an even bigger success matching those prior to 2019.

We are planning our event for this year and we need everybody's participation. We don't know what it will look like this year, but it will be different.

Stay tuned for more developments! Thanks and God Bless! Joseph R Chretien

The Noble Men of Messiah's Annual Ground Hog Feed is happening this February!

This is our big fundraiser in support of the Kansas District Project of LLL, Orphan Grain Train and of course our own youth groups.

Things are MUCH different this year. Because of Covid-19, we will not do this event in the same way as we have in the past.

- We will hold the event on a Saturday, February 27, starting at 9 AM and going through noon to perhaps 1 PM.
- The menu will be strictly takeout with our famous sausage patties, scrambled eggs and pancakes only in Styrofoam serving containers.
- On that day, we will setup pick up lanes in the parking lot and delivery to households unable to come.
- We will be asking \$8 a meal for adults and \$4 each child under 10.
- We will be asking households to sign up for a meal beforehand so we know how much to cook.
- Of course, free-will donations of more than the cost will be gladly accepted.

Persons will be able to buy uncooked sausage also.

Watch your Sunday bulletin for further information.

DRIVE THRU COMMUNION : Held on the FIRST SUNDAY each month, at 10:00am—

This Drive Thru is held, in addition to our regular communion during our normal church services each week! For The DRIVE THRU COMMUNION—PLEASE use ONLY The 20th Street side of the church.

We ask that those coming to regular services on the First Sunday of each month to PLEASE Park in the North Parking Lot ONLY.. So that the South Side (20th Street) can be used for the drive thru communion.

Traffic cones will be in place on the 20th Street Side, to secure the space we need to do this. Please enter on the East side of 20th and exit onto the Main Street side of 20th.

Regular Communion will continue to be held also, as normal, every Sunday during services. *THANK YOU!*



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January 14, 2021

To: Board of Directors / Stewardship/Evangelism Committee / Members of Messiah
From: Sheryl Butler – Dream, Inc.
Re: Donation

I just wanted to thank you so much for your recent gift. This year, as all of you have experienced, has been a challenge for us at Dream. As you know, for the first time in 30 years, we could not hold camp due to covid-19. We had waited on that decision until late May and had continued to receive some registrations and inquiries of sending kids to camp – but due to what was transpiring and not wanting to place the kids or staff in harms way – we cancelled the camps. The referral sources were supportive of this and they too, did not feel they could send kids to camp.

We have assured the kids and referral sources that were wanting to send kids – that those children have first spots available for camps this summer. I have one little boy that will have just turned 12 (our cut off is 11) – but I told his grandmother – we would go ahead and let him come this summer.

Our hope is to have two camps so... please, please, please pray, that covid allows us to do that. My thoughts right now are that if school is still being held at the end of May, camps will be a go.

On our treatment end (although your funds go directly for camps), my staff and I worked tirelessly through the rough portion of covid from mid-March-July – providing seamless services for our clients by calling them for treatment sessions literally from 8a.m. – 9p.m. each day/night so that providing treatment was seamless with no interruptions.

Thank you for your continued support – I cannot tell you how important that is – but also for your prayers.

Sheryl Butler

Community Rewards from Dillons

Did you know, that by shopping at Dillons stores – anywhere in the US, you can help to raise money for people in our own community.

The funds we receive back from our spending's at Dillons are paid out Quarterly to Messiah Lutheran Church. Once we receive the funds, they are placed into our Special Needs line item on our Financials. This money is then used according to Pastor's discretion for families in need.

Our statement from October through **December of 2020**, showed that **48 Messiah households** designated their rewards to go to Messiah. The **Kroger Community Awards** donated **\$279.74 to Messiah**. (We typically receive about that amount every quarter.)

If you are interested in helping Messiah to raise more money, all you do is type in Dillons Community Rewards, and it will take you to a page where you can create your own account, (if you do not have an account with Dillons, you will need a sign up for Dillons Shoppers Card.).

Then once you sign into your Dillons Account, in Dillons Community Rewards, you search for your organization – It will have you click on “here” to pick an organization. You choose – Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays KS, then hit SAVE – and you will start earning dollars for Messiah!

It is easy to do, only takes a few minutes, *but the rewards are great!*

So Come on -Sign up if you haven't already – ONCE YOU SIGN UP, it will remain with your account indefinitely, unless you make a change in your organization.

Families no longer need to sign up every year. *Thank You!*

Please P R A Y for:

The Family of Shirley Cramer, in her passing.

Paul Phillips, health concerns

Micah Jeppeson, loss of his wife (friend of Ben Venteicher)

Don Mars, health concerns (friend of Ben Venteicher)

Arleen Whittaker, health concerns (Mother of Sheryl Butler)

Betty Stark, health concerns

Jane Kohtz, medical concerns

Cherri Blair, medical concerns (Mother of Janine Mallardi)

Blain Stump, health concerns (friend of Sandi Maier)

Scott Fall, health concerns, (friend of Gary & Sharon Wegele)

Lynda Ehrlich, medical concerns (Aunt of Melvin Ehrlich)

Alan Otter, health concerns (Brother-in-law of Rick Bird)

Jack Hilgers, health concerns

Rhonda Meyerhoff, health concerns

Abby Hinman, medical concerns (friend of Hannah Enslow)

Andy Gerhardt, health concerns (friend of Janet Ehrlich)

Cheryl Schlegel, health concerns (Mother of Derrick Schlegel)

Lee Oelkers, health concerns

Shawn Baus, health concerns (Nephew of Gloria Blackwell)

Our FORO Partner Churches in La Victoria & Los Olivos Lima Peru

Paul Hammes, our Adopt a Student at Concordia Seminary, St Louis

Continue to Pray for our Nation and our Communities _

Please continue to pray for those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities

Linda Marshall – Via Christi, Jim Hart -Good Samaritan and Jim & Eleanor McMindes - McPherson Ks

FEBRUARY 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Ladies Bible Study 8:30AM Parish Life Mtg 6:30pm	MidWeek 6:15 -7:30 pm LYF 7:30pm	New Member Class 5:30pm Ladies Evening Bible Study 8:30 pm		
7 Worship Service 8:30am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am DRIVE THRU COM- MUNION @ 10:00am LYF Super Bowl Party -5:15pm	8 LWML Meeting @ 6:30pm Courtyard	9 LBS 8:30AM BOD Mtg 6:30pm	10 MidWeek 6:15 -7:30 pm LYF 7:30pm	11 New Member Class 5:30pm Ladies Evening Bible Study 8:30 pm	12	13 MOPS 9:00am--Noon
14 Worship Service 8:30am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am CIA Bowling 3:00pm	15	16 LBS 8:30AM Evangelism 6:30pm	17 MidWeek 6:15 -7:30 pm Ash Wednesday 7:30pm	18 New Member Class 5:30pm Ladies Evening Bible Study 8:30 pm	19	20
21 Worship Service 8:30am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am	22	23 LBS 8:30AM	24 MidWeek 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm Lenten Service 7:30pm	25 New Member Class 5:30pm Ladies Evening Bible Study 8:30 pm	26	27 Noblemen's Ground Hawg Breakfast 9:00AM—Noon
28 Worship Service 8:30am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am						

FEBRUARY 2021

Date	Parish Life	Altar Guild	Ushers	Organist	Acolyte	Greeters
2-7 Sun.	L1: Paul Simpson A1: Tina Simpson L2: Sherry Dryden	Tina Simpson Sharon Wegele	Kade Rittenhouse Scott Horsfall Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Curtis Sander <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Kyleigh Brown <i>Morning Song:</i> Caleb Mallardi	Donna Fleischacker Swede & Jenni Holmgren
2-14 Sun. —— 2-17	L1: Jana Horsfall A1: Steve Stults L2: Curtis Deines —— <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	Tina Simpson Sharon Wegele	Kade Rittenhouse Scott Horsfall Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell —— <i>Sylvia Bixenman</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Adalynn Wilkie <i>Morning Song:</i> Dayton Deines —— <i>Brody Harmony</i>	Donna Fleischacker Swede & Jenni Holmgren
2-21 Sun. —— 2-24	L1: Tom Zerfas A1: Rachel Albin Steve Stults L2. Warren Kohtz —— <i>Lenten Service</i>	Tina Simpson Sharon Wegele	Kade Rittenhouse Scott Horsfall Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Marge Kertz <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell —— <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Abbigail Conley <i>Morning Song:</i> Madison Polson —— <i>Dalton Maier</i>	Donna Fleischacker Swede & Jenni Holmgren
2-28 Sun.	L1: Paul Simpson A1: Tina Simpson L2: Sherry Dryden	Tina Simpson Sharon Wegele	Kade Rittenhouse Scott Horsfall Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Marge Kertz <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Issac Moreno <i>Morning Song:</i> Keaton Brown	Donna Fleischacker Swede & Jenni Holmgren



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Return Service Requested

FEBRUARY 2021

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are required to wear a Mask anywhere inside the church building– Unless Otherwise Noted—We will inform you if it changes! Thank You for helping to make a difference, and keeping yourself and others Healthy!