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Messiah Lutheran Church



Pastor's Message

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It has been a difficult couple of months for everyone. It has changed us and our society in ways that I am not sure that we can completely comprehend yet. I think as we look back at that this moment in history, it will be seen as, another moment like 9-11 but without the clear definition of this event started on this date and ended on this date.

No matter how the events of the past few months have affected you, I pray that it would not have shaken your faith. That you would have allowed the last few months of testing, to have molded and shaped you into a stronger Christian.

The Psalmist wrote:

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel! (Psalm 125)

The Psalmist would have all the redeemed of the Lord hold to Christ by faith. In the times of trial, so that our faith would be tested and proven to be genuine. Instead of recoiling in the hard times, being strengthen through the struggles to life everlasting.

To those who hold fast to Christ the Psalmist writes:

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel! (Psalm 128)

The Lord's blessings in Christ,

Pastor

Happenings at Messiah...

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EDUCATION HOUR

Starting **Sunday, June 28**, we are resuming our normal summer Sunday Education hour.

This means that after the 8:30am Worship service (around 9:45am) we will have the following classes offered:

- 1) **Pastor Bible Study** - In courtyard
- 2) **Lesson in a Bag** - Elementary age kids (downstairs in basement open area)
- 3) **2 & 3 year old class** - In nursery/cry room
- 4) **High school & Middle school kids** - Meet in Youth room
- 5) **Wired Word** will be meeting via Zoom in the afternoon, contact Matt Brooks if you would like to participate: mbrooks@usd489.com or call: 785-639-2674

**** Please note:** We are trying to keep kids/classes out of the upstairs area to avoid any COVID concerned folks who are using the upstairs and balcony areas for worship.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School is starting up and we need your help! We are looking for some folks to help with or lead lessons for **Lessons in a bag**: July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, & August 16. **Please visit with DCE Ben or Rhiannon if you can help.** This is an easy and fun way to tell kids about Jesus! Everything you need is in the bag. Don't wait... sign up today!

YOUTH TRANSITIONS

In regard to Summer youth classes, activities, and Vacation Bible School, children will stay with their current grade or Sunday School classes until Rally Sunday (in August). **Parents of 5th graders (who are moving to 6th grade)** are invited to attend the **Youth Parent meeting on Wednesday, August 5th (7:00pm)** to learn more about fall activities.

CIA ACTIVITY NIGHT

The middle school youth will test their creativity and intelligence as we visit a local **ESCAPE ROOM** in July. We will pin down a date and message parents once we have firm details.

HS WHITE WATER RAFTING

Pray for our group of 19 (High School youth & leaders) as they head to Colorado for a weekend (**July 10-12**) of fun and time in the water! Youth parents check your email for details and packing list. **Please complete the Rafting release form and Medical forms and turn in to DCE Ben.** Plus your \$75 check if you haven't done so already.

VBS FLOAT (July 3 & 4)-

DECORATING FLOAT- (**Friday, July 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm**) We are looking for a few more folks to help decorate our Messiah float for the 4th of July parade. DCE Ben is coordinating the decorations on that Friday afternoon, so please contact him if you have questions or would like to help in some way.

WALKERS & RIDERS- (**Saturday, July 4th at 9:30am**) The parade is **Saturday, July 4th at 10am**, so we need walkers/riders to be at the float by 9:30am. Walkers will be handing out fliers and T-shirts. We won't know where we are lining up until we get closer to the event. If you are interested **contact DCE Ben at: 785-639-2933**

"ROCKY RAILWAY"- Vacation Bible School

VBS Dates: **Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31** (4 days of VBS activities, with 5th day being pool party)

VBS Times: We will go from **6:00pm to 8:10pm** (Note: we will NOT offer supper this year, only a snack)

**** Participant Registration-** If you have not signed up your child yet, please grab a registration form from our narthex or contact Ben or Sandi and they can get you a copy. We are trying to get a rough count on participants **by July 6th**, so **please sign up today!**

**** Volunteers Needed-** Due to COVID concerns, we are short on volunteers and so we need older youth and parents to step up and help even if it is only for a few days during the week. Rec ball should be done by July 23rd and High school graduation is July 25th, so hopefully no schedule conflicts. Contact DCE Ben to sign up as a helper.

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you plan to volunteer for VBS there will be two **"Volunteer Training"** sessions on **Friday, July 17th at 5pm** and on **Sunday, July 19th at 3pm**. Please try to attend one of these sessions if you plan to help with VBS. The training is to familiarize volunteers with the 2020 theme and share the changes in format from last year. **Middle school and High school youth** are encouraged to volunteer as helpers too!

Rocky Roads

These past months have been TOUGH. There is so much going on, that we sit back and ponder... “What else could possibly happen?” Well, amazingly this year fits into our VBS theme very well. I’ll give you a little teaser of what is ahead in our lessons and hope that you and your children can participate in the fun at the end of July.

Day 1: Jesus’ power helps us do hard things. **(Philippians 4:13)**

Day 2: Jesus’ power gives us hope. **(Psalm 31:24)**

Day 3: Jesus’ power helps us be bold. **(Isaiah 40:29)**

Day 4: Jesus’ power lets us live forever. **(Romans 8:11)**

Day 5: Jesus’ power helps us be good friends. **(John 15:12)**

Did you catch the trend? We are focusing on the things that Jesus is doing in our lives and via His power, strength, and love, we are blessed.

Now HOLD ON THERE A SECOND... what about ME? Jesus isn’t here in the muck of life! If he was, wouldn’t my life be better? Look at what “I” am doing every day to get through life. It’s “my” blood, sweat, and tears that fuel my success. This line of thinking is very commonplace in our world and often crosses our own minds as we scrape up every ounce of energy we have to push through another TOUGH day.

Strangely enough, when we are beat down and left with NOTHING in the tank, it is then that we begin to see how God truly is at work. As life is squeezed out of us, it is then that we lay hold of the one thing that has ALWAYS been there... JESUS. Our abilities, our strength, our wisdom, our resources, our friends/family are all gifts that God pours into our lives. Yet, at the core we have needs that ONLY Jesus can fill. He is the source, the creator, the redeemer, our Lord and savior.



You’re invited to our **FINAL MIDWEEK CELEBRATION**

Sunday, July 19 at the Voter’s Meeting!!

We’ll give our Bible Memory Prizes and trophies for all midweek participants!



Stay connected with Messiah during this time of social distancing:

1. **Messiah Lutheran Church** ...Facebook Page
2. **Messiah Lutheran Hays** ...YouTube Channel
3. Please contact church office if DVDs of services is of interest

PLEASE—STAY HEALTHY, STAY WELL, and STAY SAFE.... Please know that each of you are in our daily prayers, and if there is anything, you need, please contact us here at the church office. The Lord’s Blessings Always.

Let's celebrate!!

Join us in celebrating Olivia Reed, Thomas Brooks, and Spencer Marshall as they graduate from Hays High School. A reception will be held Friday, July 24th in the Courtyard. Come anytime between 4-7 PM!



This has been a very interesting year for **MOPs**.

Our theme this past year was "To the Full" and suddenly found ourselves with empty schedules and very busy days at home with all of our children.

Next year's theme is Decide to Rise based in Psalm 139:14: ***I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.***

We are fearfully and wonderfully made and in Christ's works of salvation on the cross we do have both life to the full and the ability to rise. Thanks be to God for His enduring grace and mercy on us in our imperfections. I am looking forward to exploring this next year in our group.

Also thank you all for your continued support through helping with the childcare, financial donations and your prayers. In June we had a garage sale in conjunction with the community wide garage sale. Thank you for your support there as well.

REJOICE and CELEBRATE LIFE

Chelsea Eickhoff	July 2	Jean Warfell	July 13
Thomas Brooks	July 3	Melissa Schlegel	July 15
Janine Mallardi	July 5	Rhonda Meyerhoff	July 20
Kevin Sauer	July 5	Derrick Schlegel	July 21
Jody Hoffman	July 8	Ethan Marshall	July 23
Melvin Ehrlich	July 9	Steve Stults	July 24
Rhiannon Maier	July 10	David Kertz	July 26
Gabe Hardman	July 11	Alayna Bickle	July 29
Doug Marlett	July 11	Sylvia Bixenman	July 29
Carlos Sanchez	July 11	Dayton Deines	July 30
Sheryl Butler	July 12	Gary Wegele	July 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Anniversary!

<i>Curtis & Brooke Deines</i>	<i>July 3</i>
<i>Chuck & Sandy Zadina</i>	<i>July 3</i>
<i>Jim & Eleanor McMindes</i>	<i>July 5</i>
<i>Leo & Margie Knoll</i>	<i>July 6</i>
<i>Ian & Kelbi Harvey</i>	<i>July 9</i>
<i>Rocco & Janine Mallardi</i>	<i>July 9</i>
<i>Michael & Christine Albrecht</i>	<i>July 12</i>
<i>Brett & Melissa Johnson</i>	<i>July 12</i>
<i>Steve & Stacey Stults</i>	<i>July 12</i>
<i>Marvin & Julie Brown</i>	<i>July 13</i>
<i>Melvin & Janet Ehrlich</i>	<i>July 17</i>
<i>Cliff & Janet Ottaway</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Warren & Jane Kohtz</i>	<i>July 21</i>
<i>Gary & April Brown</i>	<i>July 22</i>
<i>Frank & Barb Leo</i>	<i>July 22</i>
<i>Lee & Debbie Oelkers</i>	<i>July 31</i>

Evangelism News:

On Wednesday July 22nd Messiah Lutheran will once again be a sponsor at Larks Park. We want to thank Gary Hulett again for organizing this. We want to encourage all members to come and watch them play that evening. If you want to hand out dollar off coupons for drinks etc. please see Gary. Thank you.

We will be having our first FACE TO FACE MEETING ON JULY 21ST in the upper room at 6:30 p.m. We have not had a meeting since January 21st. We hope to see your smiling faces in attendance.

We hope you are all enjoying your summer as much as we can.

John 16:33, I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

God's blessings to you all.

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES

MICHAELA AUSTIN
DELANEY MAIER
SKYLA SANCHEZ

THOMAS BROOKS
SPENCER MARSHALL
DYLAN WARNER

*We are wishing each of you the Best that life may bring!
 The Lord's Blessings upon you always..*

Prayers for America



2 Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

GOD BLESS OUR NATION

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 WWF Float Decorating 10:00am	4 Wild West Festival Parade 10:00am
5 Worship Service 8:30 am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am	6	7 Parish Life Meeting 6:30pm	8	9	10 LYF Rafting Trip Colo.	11 LYF Rafting Trip Colo.
12 Worship Service 8:30 am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am	13	14 BOD Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 One Service 9:30am Cong Meeting To follow. Midweek Awds	20	21 Evangelism Meeting 6:30pm	22	23	24 Grad. Reception See details Pg 4	25 Hays High School Graduation
26 Worship Service 8:30 am Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am	27 Vacation Bible School 6:00pm- 8:10pm	28 Vacation Bible School 6:00pm- 8:10pm	29 Vacation Bible School 6:00pm- 8:10pm	30 Vacation Bible School 6:00pm- 8:10pm	31 VBS Pool Party 6:00pm- 8:10pm	

SERVING IN WORSHIP—JULY 2020

Date	Parish Life	Altar Guild	Ushers	Organist	Acolyte	Greeters
7-5 Sun.	L1: Denis Knoll A1: Mia Knoll L2: Sherry Dryden	Sheri Barber Sylvia Bixenman	Keith Harmony Kevin Sauer Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Aiden Hardman <i>Morning Song:</i> Caleb Mallardi	
7-12 Sun.	L1: Errol Wuertz A1: Rachel Albin L2: Curtis Deines	Sheri Barber Sylvia Bixenman	Keith Harmony Kevin Sauer Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Curtis Sander <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Dalton Maier <i>Morning Song:</i> Dayton Deines	
7-19 Sun. One Serv Only	L: Kathy Reed A: Wade Park	Sheri Barber Sylvia Bixenman	Keith Harmony Kevin Sauer Wade Park	<i>One Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Adalynn Wilke	
7-26 Sun.	L1: Paul Simpson A1: Tina Simpson L2: Curtis Deines	Sheri Barber Sylvia Bixenman	Keith Harmony Kevin Sauer Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Curtis Sander <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell	<i>First Service:</i> Abigail Conley <i>Morning Song:</i> Madison Polson	



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