

Matthew 28:19



Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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## Pastor's Message

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

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Last month we looked at our church motto: Christ Centered, Family Strong, Mission Minded focusing upon Christ Centered. This month we will look at Family Strong. St. Peter wrote "Put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." (1 Peter 2:1-6) St. Peter tells us to hold to Jesus above all else, clinging to Him because our very salvation depends upon Him. Holding fast to Christ the author and perfecter of our faith, we to seek to build each other up in the faith encouraging one another as we grow in Jesus. Family strong has a two-fold connotation first as nuclear families praying together, reading the scriptures together, and gathering at the altar to receive Christ's gifts together. Second as a church family who encourages one another in the faith as mutual members of the body of Christ. The church is made of many individuals and families coming together to be one family knit together by the water of baptism into one family looking towards Jesus in His Word.

*The Lords Blessings— - Pastor Mallardi*

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# Happenings at Messiah...

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL & MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

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

### MARCH:

\*\* SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS- regular classes all month.

\*\*MIDWEEK CLASS- Adjusted schedule, but regular classes on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Spring Break the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, so NO MIDWEEK activities on Wednesday, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>

### LOOK AHEAD TO APRIL:

Sunday School kids will be singing on Palm Sunday (April 5) and also Easter Sunday (April 12).

On Easter Sunday, there will only be one service (9:30am) with a CIA Easter Breakfast following the service, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter devotional time (NO Sunday school classes that day)

### **Midweek Reminders**

\*\* Midweek kids will be participating in our **Lenten services at 7:00pm**. Parents are encouraged to come at 6:55pm to sit behind or with their children for the 30-40 minute Lenten Services. We are **aiming to wrap up at 7:30pm** so families can get home at a reasonable time. **Please sign your kids in and out** for the purpose of accountability by our volunteers. Thank you for your patience as we try something new with our midweek kids.

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

## The Wise and the Foolish

As parents or students of life, we try to glean wisdom from those around us or perhaps books/articles that we read. This certainly can be helpful and beneficial as we seek to improve our understanding of life and how best to navigate in a changing world. I know people that are tremendous readers who are always looking for the next best book to add to their collection. I admire these folks as I do not find myself reading large volumes nor do I feel that I have the time to dedicate to such a pastime. I do read as needed or for entertainment value, yet the book that I find myself reading by far the most is the Bible.

You may say, well, you are a church worker and you “have” to do that, but honestly the Bible has always been a source of amazement to me. As often as I read it, I find more and more come to life and fill my mind with powerful and life changing things. As I reflect on God’s Word, I’m challenged to correct bad behavior, to stand up for what is good and right, to be more loving and forgiving. If I think back to what drew me into the Bible as a High school student, I’d have to say the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is packed with interesting, helpful, and engaging snippets of wisdom. Here are some examples from **Proverbs 17:**

**Verse 1-** Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.

**Verse 3 -** The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the LORD tests hearts.

**Verse 6 -** Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.

**Verse 9 -** Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

**Verse 10 -** A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

**Verse 14 -** The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out.

**Verse 17-** A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Verse 22-** A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

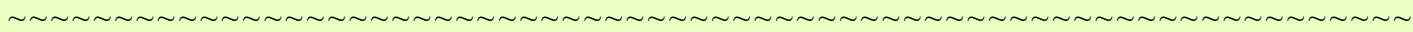
May we all take time to soak in the truth that comes from our Lord who is the source of all wisdom and life.

May God’s wisdom fill the minds of our children and broaden our view of true life. ~ DCE Ben

**MARCH YOUTH STUFF...**

**High School Youth** will have an opportunity to perfect their **Bowling** skills on **Sunday, March 15**. Look to meet at Centennial Bowling alley at 3pm and wrap up about 5pm. This will be for youth 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and kids can bring a friend. Bring \$5.00 to help offset costs. Snacks will be covered.

**CIA YOUTH- Midnight Madness Lock-in- (Friday, March 13)** - Middle school youth (6-8<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to Messiah for an evening of fun and fellowship. **We will meet at 7:00pm and dismiss at Midnight**. Kids are encouraged to **bring a friend** and a **snack to share**. Still looking for an adult male & female chaperone to help with the event. Please eat supper prior to arrival. **Save the date... 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation retreat** will be on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at Lakeview Christian camp in Stockton. This will involve several other Lutheran churches from our district. **Registration sheets are due back to DCE Ben by Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35**, with checks made out to **Messiah Lutheran** and "Confirmation Retreat" written in the memo line.



Also—Please note—**CONFIRMATION**— will be Sunday May 3rd ..

**EVANGELISM NEWS**

Exodus 12:42, It was a night of *vigil* in honor of the Lord, because He would bring them out of the land of Egypt this same night is in honor of the Lord, a night of *vigil* for all the Israelites throughout their generations.

Proverbs 8:34, Blessed is the man that hears me, keeping *vigil* at my gates, waiting at the threshold of my doors.

Join us on Saturday evening on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for our Prayer *vigil*. The sign-up board will be available on March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex. Come and spend a half hour in the quiet of the Sanctuary with our Lord. Prayers are provided or pray as you wish.

**A Midweek Minute:**



We are having such a GREAT TIME training for Righteousness at Midweek! We also enjoy relay games like "knocking down the pyramids," the "armor of God" clothes relay, and balloon hop as well as TAG of any kind! We are getting ready to study the Passion of Christ and look at what Lent means. We are thankful for a new family that joined our midweek program during the month of February! May this be a terrific reminder to INVITE FRIENDS!!

We LOVE the amazing food – thank you for the mac-n-cheese, pancakes, grilled cheese and chicken noodle soup and of course ice cream sandwiches and cupcakes! We are SO BLESSED!!

More than half of our midweek Kindergarten through fifth graders have done four or more Bible memory reviews!! Keep it up!! Learning, loving and reading God's Word is an important goal we have for you all in midweek!! And to continue to partner with you parents in this goal – please pick up your Lenten family devotions and read them during our Lenten journey!!



**Reminder: Feb. 26 – April 1 our midweek kids will be joining us for Lenten worship services from 7:00-7:30 in the sanctuary. Parents, please join us!**

Please contact Janine or DCE Ben if you need anything regarding Midweek.



## Operation Christmas Child Project Night!

Please join us on March 29th at Messiah Lutheran Church (2000 Main St) from 3:30 to 5:00pm to craft fun items to include in shoeboxes for 2020! Everyone is welcome to attend – young and old – youth are welcome if you think they are capable of the task and staying focused on the activity!

You do not need to be super crafty, no skills necessary. . . there will be things to do for all levels of craftiness!

If you have a certain craft you are already working on feel free to bring it along to work on alongside of us!

We will have supplies available to make these 3 items:

- Bead People
- Octopus toy

Washer Necklace/Bracelets

*\*\*\*Donations for additional supplies would be accepted and appreciated.*

If you want to take some of the items you make that night for your own shoeboxes or for your church's shoeboxes, this is absolutely fine!

\*\*\*at other future craft nights there might be a nominal donation requested per craft item – depending on the craft supplies cost.

This will be a fun time when we can gather together as an inter-denominational group and work on projects and share ideas! But most of all a way to keep the excitement of Operation Christmas Child going throughout the year!

We plan to schedule a craft night each month February through October and would love for it to be hosted at other churches in the area!

For more information or questions please call or email Rachel Albin at 785-639-1325 or [ralbinmk@yahoo.com](mailto:ralbinmk@yahoo.com)

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National Collection Week: Nov. 16th - 23rd, 2020

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Let's have a ladies' weekend! Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19 there is a LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) District Convention in Topeka! We can carpool together, enjoy staying two nights in a hotel, hear wonderful

speakers and have big group Bible study and worship services! It will be very encouraging and uplifting in your faith walk to be surrounded by other women who love the Lord and want Jesus to "BE THOU MY VISION."

The cost is \$240 and includes the Saturday meals and two night hotel stay. We would leave Friday at 9:00 am and return Sunday around 4 pm. This is a terrific opportunity! you are interested! Registration needs to be in by March 22.

## BE THOU MY VISION



## MIDWEEK REMINDER

Our Midweek program relies on donations (monetary) to feed the children and volunteers each week, at this time we are seeking donations to stock our cupboards...(they are pretty bare at this time)

Here are some ways you may be able to donate:

- *Bring cash or check to midweek (be sure to place MidWeek FOOD) in the memo of your check, or on an envelope, if you bring cash.*
- *Donate via the collection plate at church ( again—designate MidWeek FOOD)*
- *Drop or mail a check to the church office ( again—please designate for MidWeek FOOD)*

Our shoppers and meal planners do a great job planning meals for our children and volunteers, as well as doing it on a budget. It actually costs approx. (\$1500) per semester, to feed the crew (they cook to feed about 120 people each night that we have at midweek..)

**HUGE THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS—**

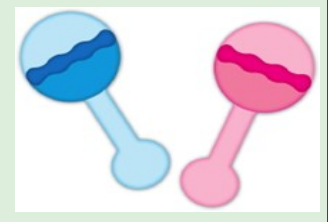
**YOU EACH -MAKE A SUCH POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN ALL OUR CHILDREN!!!**





We praise God for NEW BABIES!!

We want to rejoice with Chelsea Eickhoff and WELCOME her baby boy Karsen.



We will be celebrating with them Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am. We would love for you to come and get to know Chelsea better and meet new baby boy Karsen!!

**Lenten/Easter—Worship Schedule will be as follows:**

Lent Services will be on Wednesdays—Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25, and April 1. @ 7:00pm  
Palm Sunday April 5th 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Maundy Thursday April 9th 7:00 pm—  
Good Friday April 10th 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday April 12th 9:30 am

**A HUGE and HEARTFELT THANK YOU** to you our Messiah Lutheran Family for the outpouring of love, prayers and financial support you have given to our family thru this time of disaster on our farm... We pray for you and give thanks for you all, we would like to extend Hugs to each of you for your care and concern for us. We Love You All –

*God's Great Blessings, The Martin and Iva Maier Family..*

**Messiah Congregation,**

**Many Thanks to ALL those who have sent well wishes, and encouragement to us, through these medical issues we face.**

*Jerry & Betty Stark*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

<i>Fontaine Hilgers</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>	<i>Emily Albrecht</i>	<i>Mar 18</i>
<i>Rachel Albin</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>	<i>Spencer Marshall</i>	<i>Mar 18</i>
<i>Brody Harmony</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Frank Leo</i>	<i>Mar 19</i>
<i>Debbie Shinn</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>	<i>Hannah Enslow</i>	<i>Mar 21</i>
<i>Caden Hagan</i>	<i>Mar 5</i>	<i>Mike McLain</i>	<i>Mar 23</i>
<i>Madilyn Conley</i>	<i>Mar 7</i>	<i>Amanda Bickle</i>	<i>Mar 24</i>
<i>David Maier</i>	<i>Mar 8</i>	<i>Abby Engel</i>	<i>Mar 24</i>
<i>Lilly Gu</i>	<i>Mar 12</i>	<i>Teresa Stenzel</i>	<i>Mar 24</i>
<i>Jayne Brooks</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Alexis Bickle</i>	<i>Mar 29</i>
<i>Terry Hanks</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Noelle Drush</i>	<i>Mar 29</i>
<i>Micheala Austin</i>	<i>Mar 14</i>	<i>Jerry Stark</i>	<i>Mar 29</i>
<i>Cliff Ottaway</i>	<i>Mar 14</i>	<i>Gloria Blackwell</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>
<i>Riley Alvarez</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>	<i>Darla Hanks</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>
<i>Braelyn Johnson</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>	<i>Lainey Hardman</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>
<i>Jim McMIndes</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>	<i>Donna Fleischacker</i>	<i>Mar 31</i>
<i>Marc Polson</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>	<i>Sandy Zadina</i>	<i>Mar 31</i>

**Happy Anniversary!**

<i>Earl &amp; Shirley Thomason</i>	<i>Mar 10</i>
<i>Gabe &amp; Lana Hardman</i>	<i>Mar 15</i>
<i>Michael and Kim Thomason</i>	<i>Mar 16</i>
<i>Scott &amp; Diane Drush</i>	<i>Mar 21</i>

**An Irish Blessing  
can warm the heart,  
but a Heavenly Blessing  
can soothe the soul.**



**...who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings  
in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3**

# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 am</p> <p>Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LBS - 8:30am</p> <p>Parish Life Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>MW -5:15—7:30pm</p> <p>Lent Service 7:00pm</p> <p>PRP— 7:45</p> <p>NBM—7:45pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>WIP -7:30am</p> <p>NMC 5:30pm</p> <p>Choir – 6:30pm</p> <p>CBS -7:30pm</p> <p>LBSE -</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b><u>SET YOUR CLOCKS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>AHEAD TONITE</u></b></p> <p><b>SPRING FORWARD!!</b></p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 am</p> <p>Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Begins</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LBS - 8:30am</p> <p>Parish Life Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>MW -5:15—7:30pm</p> <p>Lent Service 7:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>WIP -7:30am</p> <p>NMC 5:30pm</p> <p>CBS -7:30pm</p> <p>LBSE-8:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CIA</p> <p>LOCK-IN 7:00pm- Midnight</p>	<p>14</p> <p>MOPS 9:30– Noon</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 am</p> <p>Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am</p> <p><i>High School Bowling</i> 3:00pm—5:00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>LWML 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>LBS - 8:30am</p> <p>Board of Direc- tors 6:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>MW -5:15—7:30pm</p> <p>Lent Service 7:00pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>WIP -7:30am</p> <p>NMC 5:30pm</p> <p>CBS -7:30pm</p> <p>LBSE-8:30pm</p> <p>8:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NBM</p> <p>@</p> <p>Defiance Brewery 6:00pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 am</p> <p>Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LBS - 8:30am</p> <p>Edu Mtg- 5:00pm</p> <p>Evangelism 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MW -5:15—7:30pm</p> <p>Lent Service 7:00pm</p> <p>PRP— 7:45</p> <p>NBM—7:45pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>WIP -7:30am</p> <p>NMC 5:30pm</p> <p>CBS -7:30pm</p> <p>LBSE-8:30pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 am</p> <p>Edu. Hour 9:45 Morning Song 11:00am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LBS—to Good Sams @ 10:00am</p> <p>Youth Mtg- 6:30pm</p>	<p><u>Key to follow for Abbreviations made on the calendar:</u></p> <p>CBS-CollegeBibleStudy</p> <p>Choir -Practice</p> <p>LBS-Ladies Bible</p>	<p>LBSE -Ladies Bible Study Evening group</p> <p>MW—Midweek</p> <p>NBM-Noble Men Study</p>	<p>NMC – New Member class</p> <p>PRP- Praise</p> <p>Ptactice</p>	<p>WIP- Women In Prayer</p>

# *SERVING IN WORSHIP FOR*

## *MARCH 2020*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Parish Life</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Organist</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
3-1 Sun.  3-4 Lent	L1: Gabe Hardman A1: Kathy Reed  L2: Curtis Deines	Tina Simpson Janet Ottaway	Keith Harmony Steve Stults Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell  <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Addie Wilkie  <i>Morning Song:</i> Madison Polson	Micah Pobanz Kevin Sauer
3-8 Sun.  3-11 Lent	L1: Matt Brooks A1: Denis Knoll  L2: Warren Kohtz	Tina Simpson Janet Ottaway	Keith Harmony Steve Stults Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell  <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Angela Feyerherm  <i>Morning Song:</i> Kal Lonsdale	Micah Pobanz Kevin Sauer
3-15 Sun.  3-18 Lent	L: Jana Horsfall A: Paul Phillips  L2: Louise Reese	Tina Simpson Janet Ottaway	Keith Harmony Steve Stults Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Marge Kertz <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell  <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Keaton Brown  <i>Morning Song:</i> Caleb Mallardi	Micah Pobanz Kevin Sauer
3-22 Sun.  3-25 Lent	L1: Errol Wuertz A1: Ila Hulett A: Tina Simpson  L2: Curtis Deines	Tina Simpson Janet Ottaway	Keith Harmony Steve Stults Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell  <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Aiden Hardman  <i>Morning Song:</i> Dayton Deines	Micah Pobanz Kevin Sauer
3-29 Sun.  3-4 Lent	L1: Rachel Albin A1: Sandi Maier  L2: Sherry Dryden	Tina Simpson Janet Ottaway	Keith Harmony Steve Stults Wade Park	<i>First Service:</i> Sylvia Bixenman <i>Morning Song:</i> Gloria Blackwell  <i>Curtis Sander</i>	<i>First Service:</i> Dalton Maier  <i>Morning Song:</i> Caleb Mallardi	Micah Pobanz Kevin Sauer



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