

Grace Note



MESSIAH

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

NOV 2020

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CURRENTLY:

Park & Pray

Eucharist – 2nd and
4th Sunday of each
month.



Online Video Service of the Word:
all other weeks.

See website for worship details:
www.messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: office@messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

Church Office Hours:

**All scheduled Office Hours are currently
suspended until further notice.**



Beloved Church:

November marks significant turning points for us each year. The earth around us changes even more dramatically as Daylight Saving Time draws to a close; while our Sacred

calendar lifts up the final festivals and feasts of the liturgical year. November 1st marks All Saints Sunday, that holy remembrance of those loved ones who have

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

entered with Christ into the mystery of death this past year. And the end of the month draws us into Christ the King Sunday (also called 'Reign of Christ'), reminding us of God's presence with and sovereignty among all

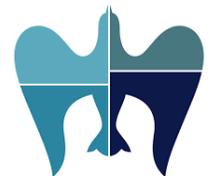
Christ the King

things, even when it seems impossible for such a thing to be true. And culturally we remember Thanksgiving,

and the harvest that will help support us through the winter months.

And of course, this being an election year, November holds an extra measure of anxiety and worry, as we look at our national leadership and seek to elect those among us who can help work for the common good of all. It's not an easy time of year, but it is important to be present, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually, especially as this pandemic wears on and continues to leave us exhausted and discouraged. And so I leave you with the following prayer, adapted from our Evangelical Lutheran Worship resource, *Pastoral Care*:

O God, the heavens declare your glory and tell of your work in creation. From you come the gifts of our bodies and minds, our skills and



abilities, and the opportunities to use these gifts in sustaining our lives and in helping our neighbors. We pray for those whose livelihood is insecure; for those who are bearing heavy burdens and stressful times at home; for those whose work is tedious or dangerous; for those who have experienced failures or loss; and for all who face any difficulty in their lives. Surround them with your never-failing love; free them from restlessness and anxiety; keep them in every perplexity and distress; and renew them in facing the opportunities and challenges of daily living; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor Paul

the Council CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

As you are no doubt aware the Council voted to keep the church closed through the rest of this calendar year. This was the recommendation of the Ad Hoc committee formed in September. The issue will be discussed again if the trend starts to decrease or something positive changes the environment for the better. The Park & Pray services have been going quite well with the October 25th attendance at 60 people. This was Reformation Sunday as well as the service which the confirmands attended to reaffirm their baptism. How refreshing to see so many cars, and our members, in the

parking lot on a Sunday morning. The financial status of the church remains strong and looks like we will have a positive year. Information is being gathered to see what it would take to put in a "Mesh Network" to enhance and expand computer capabilities throughout the church. There are several members in the church who have already installed one in their home and are familiar with the

system. The fluorescent to LED light conversion is still in progress and should reduce the electric bills once the church reopens. The Board of Elections will set up voting booths in the Fellowship Hall for the November 3rd election. Otherwise, the church will then remain closed to groups. It is during times such as these that people become more creative and innovative out of necessity to make the most of a difficult situation. We thank God for all the gifts and abilities we have been given to overcome obstacles. May you stay safe and healthy and may God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

October Council Highlights:

Council met on Oct. 20 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM.
- ♥ Social Ministry is working on a Messiah cookbook project. Also, they are sponsoring the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food collected during the Park and Pray Services through November 8th will be delivered on November 16th.
- ♥ Sunday School has successfully started virtually. Teachers are trying to decide if ZOOM or prerecorded lessons are more effective.
- ♥ The Worship Committee has planned Park and Pray Services on November 8th and 22nd.
- ♥ Council decided the roof repairs to the church will be rescheduled next year.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary

2020 Messiah Council Members



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Griffith – President (2021)
Carol Sopko – Vice President (2020)
Twyla Lucas – Secretary (2020)
Chris Butler – Treasurer (2020)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Domonique Allds (2020)
Kristy Bohinc (2021)
Karen Dickerson (2022)
Fritz Neil (2021)
Morrey Nuss (2021)
Irene Rogner (2020)
Susan Sering (2022)
Tom Trost (2022)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Pastor Paul Moody



Messiah Directory Update 2021:

The church office is currently accepting Directory updates for 2021 via email, with a deadline of December 1, 2020.

Feel free to send your updates – including birthdays – at your earliest convenience. Also, please let the office know if you would like a hard copy of the directory and we will print one for you.



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



church is closed due to the covid-19 pandemic.

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Readers Needed: We need volunteers to read lessons at Sunday services at both 8:30am and 11:00am – or at 9:45am

in the Summer. Please consider signing up for one or two dates in 2020/2021.

Greeters Needed:

Greeters are potentially needed for Fall 2020 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com.



Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained as soon as possible.

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?



- ♥ Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join. New members are always welcome!
- ♥ Messiah's Congregational Cookbook Project is now underway. Jill will be contacting other committees for their input. Mary Lou Bregitzer, Pastor Paul and Kristy Bohinc are helping us with specific sections of the cookbook.
- ♥ The Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway. Food donations are being collected on the Park and Pray Sundays, Oct 11, Oct 25 & Nov 8. Drop off your donations on Sunday, any time before the worship service. Delivery to the Tri-C East Campus will be on Monday, November 16.
- ♥ Divine chocolate advent calendars will be delivered to the homebound the week of November 22. Nov. 29 is the first day of advent.
- ♥ In December, with the uncertainty of covid-19 and Cleveland's cold snowy weather, we are tentatively planning to deliver a Christmas plant and card to Messiah's homebound.
- ♥ With covid-19, the following items are on hold: Gods Work Our Hands project: the LWR personal care kits collection; the ELCA sanctuary denomination education campaign; and hosting a Hillcrest Interfaith Ministerial lunch.

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You Make A
Difference



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Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



Messiah Book Club will meet at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer



at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 10 to discuss *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83-1/4 Years Old.*



Worship Team
Worship Team has met via zoom to plan the Park and Pray and commune services. We will be assisting in the

plans for services when we open.

Faith Circle usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Messiah Conference Room at 12:00pm. All women of the church are very welcome.



Men's Fellowship Lunches take place once per month on a Wednesday at 12:00pm at Vicinato Pizza, 5080 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst; the corner of Richmond and Mayfield. The next date is TBD.



Choir Update: Choir and associated rehearsal is currently postponed. But never stop singing and be on the lookout for updates as solos and groups! Soli Deo Gloria! See Vicki or Mike Lester with any questions.



Choir Rehearsal

Prayer Team:
Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life.



Messiah has a Prayer Team which will pray with you and for you, and your concerns. We offer three options towards this end:

♥ **Prayer Cards:** Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the sanctuary – these offer the following options: request a Pastoral follow-up, add mention to a specific day's worship, place in the weekly Bulletin and monthly Grace Note, or add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.



♥ **Prayer Partner Email Chain:** The Prayer Partner Email Chain is a dedicated group of church members who will pray for you, your family, friends, community, and the world. Submit a request to Nancy Pittard or, as noted above, write a prayer on a blue Prayer Request Card.



If you join Prayer Partners, you will receive emails with prayer requests, Bible verses, and thoughtful quotes to encourage or lift you up. It is an opportunity to get closer to God and to act on your love for others.



Contact Nancy Pittard to participate in the Prayer Partner Email Chain and/or to serve on the Prayer Team.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our siblings in Christ:

The Armenian people and our Armenian Orthodox neighbors in the Hillcrest area; Lila Boehler, Jim Butler, Una and Bob Durheim, Dan Filer, Tracy Galvin, Takisha Jackson, Bob Kopsak, Christine Maharg and family, the Musial family, Lisa Perry, Ann Proudfit, Sid Pryor, Phyllis Short, Amy Square, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, and all in need of comfort and healing.



Pastoral Visits: Please contact the Church Office if you would like a Pastoral visit or phone call during hospitalizations or other times of need.

September Attendance and Offerings:

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| Oct. 4 | Attn: 51** | Offering: \$7,643 |
| Oct. 11 | Attn: 56** | Offering: \$2,934 |
| Oct. 18 | Attn: 38** | Offering: \$3,107 |
| Oct. 25 | Attn: 60** | Offering: \$3,421 |

** YouTube Viewers & Park/Pray Attendees

Noisy Offering: Our next noisy offering date is TBD. You can make a big difference to the life of the church by saving your



loose coins and spare \$\$\$ to donate to Messiah.



Sunday Service Are Online:

During the current pandemic, Messiah Sunday Worship videos and Bulletins can be found online at

<http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/>.

Archived services, bulletins, and Sunday School materials can also be found on our website via this link:

<http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/archived-services---lessons.html>.



2020 Flower Chart:

Please sign up to purchase flowers, a plant or vase, to be used on the altar. Altar flowers are \$15.00/plant and \$25.00/vase. Contact Karyn Schmidt at 216-382-7397 with queries.

CHRISTIAN education



Hello Friends:

Well, it is wet and cold outside today...and it is Trunk or Treat. We decided to use our "rain date" since more families were available today than last week. Years ago, Trunk or Treat was originally established as an outside event. People decorated their cars and trunks and brought candy to pass out to all the kids. Unfortunately, it rained every year. After about 5 years of scrambling to get everyone and everything inside at the last minute, it was changed to an inside event and renamed Fall Fest. Jayne Imel did a great job organizing it for quite a few years. Somehow, I ended up taking the reins about 5 years ago and here we are, back where we started! In the parking lot and it is raining. Lol. Well folks, I hope you enjoyed this history lesson of Messiah Trunk or Treat I will update everyone with the outcome of tonight. My theme is "Shine with the Light of Jesus".

Shine on, my friends, shine on.

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 1st Katie Moody, Sharon Richardson, Carrie Skaggs
- 4th Nicole Joliat
- 6th Andrea Musial
- 7th Sue Joliat
- 9th Lily Maharg, Charles McDicken
- 11th Cherish Bohinc, Stacy Furman, Sarah McDicken
- 14th Peggy Zimmer
- 16th Michael Lester
- 17th Sung Cho
- 18th Mary Lou Bregitzer
- 19th Kelsey Reichenbach
- 22nd Kevin Pietropinto
- 23rd Jim Makee
- 25th Michael Pierce, Jim Rase
- 26th Cameron Halberg, Nancy Pittard
- 27th Shannon Perry, Renee Malloy
- 28th David Csumitta

Please advise the church office if you do not see your name or we have the wrong birthday for you.



Messiah Website:

Please contact Kristy Bohinc with website updates or suggestions via email: kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.

Messiah Calendar:

See the following link for upcoming activities, and please let the church office know if



we are missing any items:

<http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/calendar.html>

Pub Theology: Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months for



conversation regarding faith, life, and God. SPECIAL NOTICE: Pub Theology is now meeting via video, using the Zoom service. If you'd like to be

added to the list, please email Pastor Paul at: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org.

SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

Email items to office@messiahlyndhurst.org by the 23rd of the month for Grace Note inclusion.

- ♥ Thank you to all those who attended the fundraiser for Jaime and who sent him cards, well wishes and continue to pray for Jaime's recovery.



c/o Sheryl Trost

- ♥ Thanks to Vicki Lester and the Carolina Wren for the beautiful version of Amazing Grace. It was truly inspirational and much needed during these trying times.

c/o Jim Rase

- ♥ Thank you to Thomas Trost for his inspiring musical contributions to the 10.25 Reformation service
- ♥ Thank you to David Kosovich and his brother Marty Kosovich. Marty has provided the Baldwin electronic organ used for some of the 10.25 service music.

c/o Glenn Odenbrett

- ♥ A beautiful thank you to Kristy Bohinc for her special music and the gorgeous backdrop of Messiah and the sunflowers.

c/o Vicki and Michael Lester



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NOV EVENTS



PLEASE NOTE – All Events are “virtual” unless prospective participants are otherwise notified.

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| 11/1 | Su | Service of the Word | 9:45am |
| 11/8 | Su | Park/Pray Eucharist & Congregational Meeting | 10:00am ** |
| 11/9 | M | Pub Theology | 6:00pm |
| 11/10 | Tu | Book Club | 7:00pm |
| 11/12 | Th | Social Ministry Mtg | 7:30pm |
| 11/17 | Tu | Church Council | 7:00pm |
| 11/15 | Su | Service of the Word | 9:45am |
| 11/22 | Su | Park/Pray Eucharist | 10:00am |
| 11/23 | M | Pub Theology | 6:00pm |
| 11/29 | Su | Service of the Word | 9:45am |

** Thanksgiving Food Drive – donations will be collected on Park and Pray Sunday – November 8. Drop off your donations on Sunday, any time before the worship service.



Happy Thanksgiving



The Cookbook Project



Discover
what's

new!

Messiah Cookbook Project:
Recipes, table graces, cooking stories, pics & more!

Dear Messiah Members:



What have you been cooking up in your kitchen the last several months? What recipes and table graces have you been using? Do you have any cooking stories or kitchen pictures that you are willing to share?

This is an historical time! Social Ministry is creating a congregational cookbook this year to bring us closer together during this time of social distancing. We are asking Messiah members to share their recipes, table graces, cooking



stories and pictures for a cookbook that we are assembling in November and email distributing in December. There is no limit to the number of recipes, table graces, pictures and stories that we can include. Share your feasts and flops. All in good taste, we hope!
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Grace Before Meals

BLESS US, O LORD, AND THESE THY GIFTS, WHICH WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE FROM THY BOUNTY, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.



Please email or use the USPS to send your cookbook submissions to

Jill Snellman: jillsnellman@yahoo.com by Sunday, November 29. Any format is fine for your recipes, table graces, story submissions and pics. Please make sure it is legible.

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Food distribution, donation, and volunteer information:

- ♥ The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has an interactive map of a current list of open hot meal sites and food pantries near Messiah. Please note you must register before attending a drive-thru food distribution:
<https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map>
To volunteer visit:
<https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer>
To donate visit:
[greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give](https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give)
- ♥ The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) is open. Clients may pick up food, but donations are not being accepted at this time due to the social distancing requirements in the building.
- ♥ Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. In kind donations are being accepted through Amazon Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1PKOXWDK7MXLG/ref=cm_wl_huc_view
They are gratefully accepting pre-packaged meals or meal sponsorships at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. Please contact Lydia Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator at the Men's Shelter, 216.566.0047. To donate cash:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>

Messiah Members helping Members:

Would you like to help a member of our Congregation who is in need due to covid-19? Messiah is accepting donations specifically for that purpose. Please write "Discretionary fund - Covid 19" on your check, so it can be identified for that purpose. Thank you for supporting Messiah, as well as your continued support for the greater church body and the world during this global pandemic!

MORE SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

- ♥ Thank you to Kristy Bohinc for the sensational solo this past Sunday (10/18). Your song choice and setting (with the sunflowers in the background) helped clear up a gloomy Sunday. Excellent choices and keep up the exceptional work!
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Special thanks and appreciation to Pastor, Glenn Odenbrett, Jim Rase, Tom and Alison Griffith, and everyone who helps provide the Park and Pray Services. They are a boost in this trying time and take extra work on all of you.
c/o Karen and Mike Zak



SPECIAL



Ralph Waldo Emerson