

Grace Note



MESSIAH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2021



5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
440.442.6941

CURRENTLY:

Please see worship schedule on page 7 for details.



Online Video Service of the Word:

every Sunday unless otherwise specified.

See website for all 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.

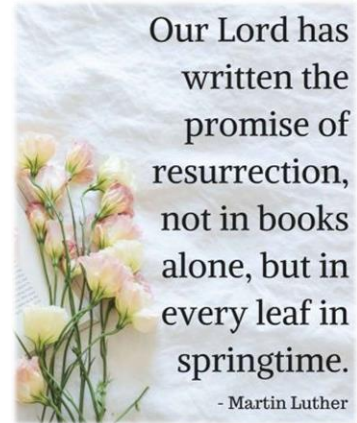
FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved Church,

Peace be with you as we approach Resurrection Sunday!

This time of year is always magical, when the daylight hours surpass the nighttime

hours, and everything green begins emerging again from the earth. It is no coincidence that we as the Church



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

- Martin Luther

celebrate our principal faith festival during this season of new life. Indeed, it is the wisdom of our longstanding tradition that gives 50 days to the Easter season, slightly more than the 40 days of the Lenten season, reminding us that life finds a way to persist.



Celebrate
50 Days
of Easter

Hallelujah!

It is my prayer that this Eastertide you would know that God's new life is for you. Whether that new beginning is spiritual, physical, emotional, vocational, or otherwise. It is for you, here and now, as Christ's love surrounds you and makes you whole.

Pastor Paul

the Council CORNER

Dear Messiah Family and Friends,

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe and looking forward to better days ahead. At the March Council meeting, we looked at the current COVID case number as well as the vaccination rate for Ohio. As of the meeting,

the vaccination rate in Ohio showed that over 20% of the population had received at least the first dosage with the new cases holding about 1,500. Therefore, the Council voted to allow the Park & Pray church services again, at the discretion of the service planners, but keep the church closed to group gatherings. This option has been passed along to the support groups. We have also contacted

the COVID Ad Hoc committee established last year and asked them to start thinking about how to begin meeting again once the COVID environment improves. We were approached by the Hillcrest Concert Band regarding the possibility of practicing in the church parking lot beginning in June. We voted in favor of allowing them to practice in the lot and recommended that if the neighbors are bothered by the music each week then an alternative would be to practice in the courtyard. We were approached by an owner of a recreational vehicle with a request to park in the church lot. We voted to not permit it but will look at each case individually as they occur. Thanks to the efforts of Jill Snellman and Chris Butler, we have applied for the second Payroll Protection Program Loan and expect no problems receiving it. We encourage everyone to consider getting the vaccination so we can meet again. We thank all the people of Messiah for continuing to support the church's mission and operations. Please stay safe and remain healthy. May God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

NOTES
from the
PRESIDENT

March 16 Council Highlights:

Members took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM.
- ♥ Our Sunday School will be having a virtual Lenten pretzel making event. Students can follow along on ZOOM and make pretzels at home. Thank you to Kathy Johnson and Sarah Dellinger for leading the presentations.
- ♥ The Sunday School hallway wall painting will be started on March 17. All supplies have been purchased or donated.
- ♥ Social Ministry will be making an Easter delivery to Messiah's homebound on April 3 and 4. A plant and sand dollar bookmark made by Lisa Perry will be delivered to approximately 10 people.
- ♥ A Lenten food collection is planned for Palm Sunday, March 28, to benefit the food pantry at Tri-C East campus by the Social Ministry Committee. Food will only be collected if there is a Park & Pray worship service. No rain check date.
- ♥ Council discussed and approved a new gas rate contract.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



LEADERSHIP TEAM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Thomas Griffith – President ('21)
- Jon Paulus – Vice Pres./Pres. Elect ('23)
- Twyla Lucas – Secretary ('21)
- Chris Butler – Treasurer ('21)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Kristy Bohinc ('21)
- Karen Dickerson ('22)
- Alison Katlen ('23)
- Carol Sopko ('21)
- Jane Nied ('23)
- Morrey Nuss ('21)
- Jim Rase ('23)
- Susan Sering ('22)
- Tom Trost ('22)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

- Pastor Paul Moody

Messiah Directory Update 2021:

The church sent out a revised Directory in February. Updates will be accepted at any time via email. We are particularly interested in getting an accurate listing of everyone's birthday!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



NOTICE: Initiatives in **RED** are suspended while the church is closed due to the covid-19 pandemic.



Readers Needed for Virtual Services: Have you ever wanted to read the scripture for our virtual

services? You can now check the Home page of our website and look for the signup sheet banner near the top of the page. You'll be able to click to sign up and then record yourself reading in a quiet place and email it to Pastor Paul to add to the service. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kristy at kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.

Greeters Needed: Greeters are potentially needed for 2021 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com.



Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

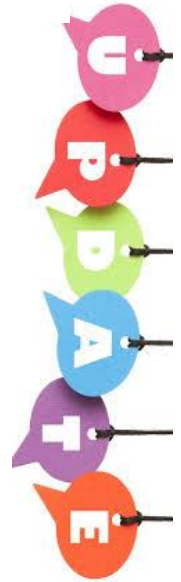
Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained ASAP.



Social Ministry



- ♥ Our Committee has been meeting monthly via Zoom, but we are not meeting in April or May. Our next Zoom meeting is Thursday June 10 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!
- ♥ An Easter delivery to Messiah's homebound is planned for April 3-4. A plant and sand dollar bookmark made by Lisa Perry will be delivered to approx. 10 people.
- ♥ We are looking into sending an Easter e-card to all members of the congregation through the church office.
- ♥ To continue our Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) education program, a short fun quiz, how much do you know about refugees? <https://www.lirs.org/quiz-refugees> will be shared on our website.



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/get-help/volunteer>
- ♥ Donate online at: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/donate-online>

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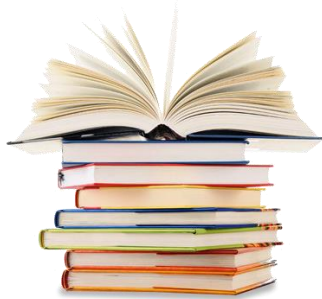


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Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



Messiah Book Club typically meets at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month for discussion about a specific book.



Worship Team: Lenten Spiritual Disciplines were insightful. Each week was represented by extraordinary people

and their talents. Special thanks to Sarah Dellinger, Irene Rogner, Judy Burghart, Dr. Richard Hansler, Jill Snellman, Diana Moilanen, Kristy Bohinc and Sunday school artists, and Nancy Pittard.

Park and Pray services are being planned for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter (weather permitting).

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 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 family and friends of Donald Fulton, the family and friends of James Malatesta, Ruth Bode, Jim Butler, Tracy Galvin, Gayle E., Dorothy Harper, Sara Hritz, Jayne Imel, Adam Meredith, Charlotte Jane Moody, Lisa Perry, Jim Rase, Dorothy Schneider, Pam Schneider, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, and all those in need of comfort and healing.



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

January Attendance and Offerings:

Mar. 7	Attn: 41**	Offering: \$3,370
Mar. 14	Attn: 26**	Offering: \$4,248
Mar. 21	Attn: n/a**	Offering: \$5,399
Mar. 28	Attn: 27**	Offering: \$1,584

** YouTube Viewers

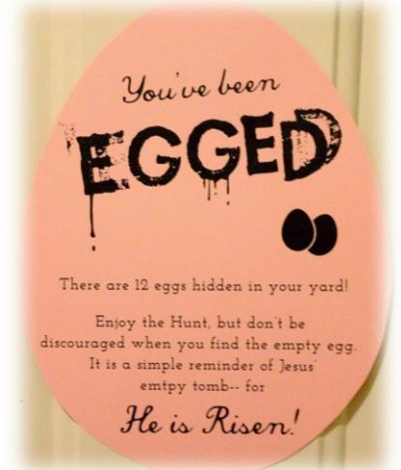
Sunday Service Are Online:

During the pandemic, Sunday Worship videos and Bulletins can be found online at <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/> Each Sunday the worship service will be posted on the Home page of our website, the prior Sunday service and bulletin will be on the Current Archives page: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/current-archives.html>. Please note, the rest of services and can be found on YouTube. Worship Services: <http://bit.ly/MLCWorshipServices>



CHRISTIAN education

- ♥ Virtual Lenten pretzel making was on March 21. We had 6 families participate together on Zoom. Kristy, Gordon and Cherish came to my house and we made 2 batches. The Bohincs took some over to Bette Schmidt and Miss Karyn's house. My husband and I took some to Phyllis Short and got to visit with her in person! Fred and I also dropped some off for Jayne Imel. Thank you to Kathy Johnson and Sarah Dellinger for leading the ZOOM presentations.
- ♥ Lisa Halberg and I will be delivering a special Easter egg hunt to our Sunday School families. Parents will be contacted by email with more information.
- ♥ Sunday School is on Spring/Easter break until April 11. See website for details.
- ♥ Hallway wall painting started 3/26. All supplies have been purchased or donated.
- ♥ During the current pandemic, Messiah Sunday School is remote. Check our website each week to find new lessons: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/sunday-school.html>
- ♥ If you need the link to the Zoom classes, please reach out to Cheryl at SundaySchool@messiahlyndhurst.org
- ♥ Prior Sunday School video lessons can be found on YouTube. http://bit.ly/MLC_SS
- ♥ Adult Bible Study can be found on Pastor's page: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/pastor-s-page.html>



c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 1st Harper Pace
- 2nd Andrew Schreiber
Eileen Thompson
- 5th Gregg Greanoff
Diana Moilanen
- 9th Louise Katlen
- 14th Kim Broerman
Hunter Jeppe
Kaden Jeppe
- 15th Alison Griffith
- 16th James Richardson
Jaime Trost
- 17th Pastor Paul Moody
- 18th Lorie Marsalis
- 20th Judy Burghart
- 25th Twyla Lucas
Irene Rogner
- 26th Frankie Woide
- 27th Bryan Child
Judy Miele
- 29th Jill King
- 30th Parker Allds



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

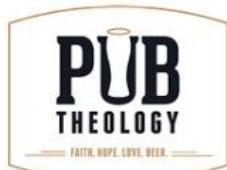


Messiah Website:

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

Pub Theology:

Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months for conversation regarding faith, life, and God. NOTE: we are now meeting via video using Zoom. Email Pastor Paul to be added to the list.



SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

Email items to the church office by the 23rd of the month for Grace Note inclusion.



- ♥ Nancy Pittard's calming talk of prayer gave us strength and peace. Thank you for your words. *c/o the Worship Team*
- ♥ A special acknowledgment to Kristy Bohinc for putting the Wednesday night 3/17 Vespers service all together. *c/o Jim Rase*
- ♥ Thank you to Diana Moilanen, Vicki Lester, and Kristy Bohinc for sharing your inspiring talents and messages during the 3/17 Lenten service. The presentations were a celebration of our Lord's Blessings and gifts. *c/o Karen Zak*
- ♥ A special thanks to Kristy Bohinc: thank you for stepping up to the plate and filling in for Pastor in his absence. And creating a great slideshow of art and music! Such a memory for us all. Diana - how wonderful to see you dance. Such grace and fluid movement. Thank you for sharing your talent. Adam - a lovely piece and you created its meaning elegantly. Thank you for your gift. *c/o the Worship Team*
- ♥ Wonderful message from Dr. Hansler and Jill Snellman. Their talk was informative and heartfelt. Thank you for sharing this gift. *c/o The Worship Team*
- ♥ A special thanks to Irene Rogner and Judy Burghart for their insightful thoughts on stewardship as a discipline. *c/o the Worship Team*
- ♥ So wonderful to hear Vicki sing again during last week's service! Thank you for sharing your musical gift with us. *c/o Kristy Bohinc.*
- ♥ The Lenten Vespers format is a welcomed inspiration this season, every part is moving. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing Mindfulness. We are blessed to have superb worship services every Sunday and Lenten Vespers online. The prelude music with church visuals sets the reflective mood. The message and information in the Children's Moments touches all ages. Thank you everyone for sharing your talents and time. It can be a monumental task and is appreciated. *c/o Karen Zak*

April EVENTS



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

4/1	Th	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
4/2	F	Good Friday Worship	7:30pm
4/4	Su	Easter Holy Comm.	10:00am **
4/11	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
4/12	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
4/18	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
4/20	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
4/25	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
4/26	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm

** Park & Pray service if weather permits.



Card Crafters: We would like to remind people that Card Crafters are still sending out cards to the congregation. We would like to be sure to reach all members. If you are

not receiving cards, please let us know by contacting Jane Nied at: jane.nied@gmail.com or 440-729-2529.

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. 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!


COVID-19 DONATE

Social Ministry continued from pg. 3

♥ The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) is open. Clients may pick up food, but donations are not being accepted at his 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>.

"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS:
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT.
HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE:
ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

