

Grace Note



MESSIAH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2020

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
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**Fall thru
Spring
worship
8:30 &
11:00am**



**NOTE: the summer schedule begins on
May 31; one Sunday service at 9:45am.**

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Pastor Paul's Office Hours:

Tues, Wed & select Thurs 9:30am-12:00pm or
by appointment.

Church Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri 10:00am-3:00pm

*All scheduled Office Hours are currently suspended
until further notice. Stay tuned for updates!*



FROM THE PASTOR

Being the Church in Times of Crisis

Dearly Beloved Church,

It was just a month ago that we gathered for
Ash Wednesday worship. It was just a month

ago that we heard the call to repent, to turn
to God, as we were marked with the cross of
ashes: "Remember that you are dust, and to
dust you shall return."

Oh, how many things can change in a month.
And how many things yet still stay the same.

These days, the news cycle reminds us all too
often of our fragile mortality as people, as we
make counts of infections and deaths and
quarantined spaces. It is easy to become
despondent, especially as we feel more and
more isolated as the weeks draw by. Yet in
the midst of all of this, I want to remind us
that this is exactly the world that Christ
entered into, to be with us in. God took on
human flesh, became human, and, in the life
of Jesus, showed us what it means to care for
one another, especially when life goes all
wrong.

This coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, ushers us
into Holy Week, which is one of the most
sacred movements we make together each
year as the Church. Through its progression,
we hear how, when faced with circumstances
beyond his control, Jesus continued to show
love as he was able,
washing his disciples' feet, and forgiving his
enemies, even when it
seemed impossible to
do so.

And so I hope that in
the weeks to come,
we will also find ways
to love one another
and connect safely,

even if we are still unable to meet face to
face. For, in the midst of death and
hopelessness, God brings new life, even when
such life seems impossible. This is the
proclamation of Resurrection Sunday, and it is
the promise that guides us.

Keep watch for that life, dear Church. God is
bringing it, day by day.

Be safe, and continue to connect via phone,
social media, and other electronic means.

Pastor Paul



Holy Week
Journey Together

the **Council** CORNER

Dear fellow members of Messiah, I was hoping to present a first quarter status of the church address at the April church services, but with recent developments, it will have to be done in the Grace Note. The first quarter of this year has been rather busy. Council approved sponsoring a blood drive with Vitalant, which was later canceled when the Coronavirus outbreak began. We also made an arrangement with the KinderCare Champions program regarding use of the Fellowship Hall during the months of June, July, and August. This is a weekday program which provides instruction, learning, and field trips to children while they are out of school during the summer. A handrail was approved for installation on the pulpit, as well as a handrail in the Sacristy to allow more people to negotiate the steps. Chery Moser is spearheading an effort to add biblical themed pictures to be painted on the walls of the south hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. She will provide details to Council as the development progresses. With the outbreak of the Corona pandemic, Council voted to suspend all church services through April 19. Whether or not it will continue after the 19th will be discussed again at the April meeting on the 21st. When the State of Ohio issued the Stay at Home initiative, Council voted to suspend all support group meetings at church. Until the announcement, we were going to continue to provide the facilities for the groups with the condition they practice social distancing plus sanitizing where needed. Giving during the first quarter has been reasonably good. Everyone is encouraged to continue giving to their pledge by mailing it to the church, dropping it off in the mailbox in the front portico by Pastor's office or contact the Financial Secretary to set up an automatic withdrawal program with Vanco. PayPal is also available on our website. We realize that during times like these, emotional and financial issues become very important. Church expenses, unfortunately, don't take a hiatus – we are continuing to pay all staff salaries as well as utilities. Please keep the church in your thoughts and prayers.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

March Church Council Highlights:



Council met on March 17 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received the following updates:

- ♥ Council met in the Fellowship Hall to observe social distancing.
- ♥ Social Ministry is partnering with Sunday School for the LWR Personal Care Kits. Shipping for personal care kits: 50 kits @ \$2.65 ea. = \$132.50. Committee considering how to fund the shipping cost.
- ♥ The Worship Committee is planning a Hymn Fest on Pentecost at 3:00pm. The purpose is to invite people to participate and perform at the fest with the hope of bringing people into the church family. Pastor and Glenn will put together a theme and advertising the event will be developed.
- ♥ Cheryl Moser gave Council an overview of plans to renovate the Sunday School hallway.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, April 21 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: The church office distributed an updated 2020 directory via email in February. Please feel free to continue sending your updates – including birthdays – and the office will subsequently issue revisions. Also, please let the office know if you would like a hard copy of the directory; we'll print and hold for pick-up.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
 WE LOVE OUR
VOLUNTEERS



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 (or more) dates in 2020.



Greeters Needed: Greeters are needed for May 2020 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to



serve in this capacity:
kdickerson630@gmail.com.

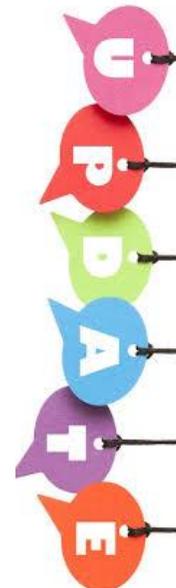
Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers



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 right away.



As Christians, we are called to love others as God has first loved us. During this time of social distancing, it is difficult to help others without putting our own life or the life of a loved one at risk. The Social Ministry Committee would like to share ways we can all care, love, and support each other and those marginalized by society during this Covid-19 time:



- ♥ **Food insecurity** can happen to anyone during a crisis. Emergency food is available in our area for adults and children: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1COndQyEauUer7gyGMiK45pof0gK5F6m0&ll=41.49326466069367%2C-81.61400352636724&z=12>
- ♥ **Messiah's Lenten Food Drive for the Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC)** is happening now. The HEFC is still open! We ask you to please continue collecting these items at home and drop them off at church on the table by the rear entrance as soon as the church reopens. Delivery to the HEFC will happen as soon as it is safe to do so.
- ♥ **LWR Personal Care Kit Collection.** The Social Ministry Committee & Sunday School have set a goal to collect the items needed for 50 Personal Care Kits. We ask you to please start collecting these items at home and drop them off at church in the collection bins by the coffee area, when the church reopens. LWR Personal Care Kits are given to families whose homes are destroyed or who must flee for safety. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, people are scared, vulnerable and dirty from travel.

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PLEASE NOTE: As so much of our April calendar has been disrupted – we are looking ahead to dates in May (with exception of birthdays):

Faithful Friends: Meetings are typically on the 2nd & 4th



FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm; the May sessions

are scheduled for 5/12 and 5/26.

Messiah Book Club is scheduled to next meet at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 12. Visitors are welcome.



Worship Team: The next meeting is set for

May 10 after the 11:00am service.

NOTE: months with five Sundays are special: The Worship Team is showcasing March,

August and November with special service events. Be on the lookout!



FaithCircle

Faith Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Conference Room at 12:00pm. The next session will be on May 21. Our monthly hostess is scheduled to be Donna Malatesta. Other details are TBD.

Men's Fellowship

Lunch: Our next lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 12:00pm at Vicinato Pizza, 5080 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst; the corner of Richmond and Mayfield. All men of Messiah are welcome.



Choir Rehearsal

Choir Update:

Gemütlichkeit! Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to share in the joy of singing is welcome. See Vicki or

Michael Lester w/questions.

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 an email when there are prayer requests.



Also shared are Bible verses, commentary, as well as 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 family and friends of Rita Hritz, the Wischmeyer family, Lila Boehler, Ed Caudill, Will Grotto, Jay Imel, Jayne Imel, Lisa Perry, Lynn Pfenninger, Brian Rase, Judy Robards, Takuya Sato, Vaughn Wingfield, Helen Wolfe, April, and all families in need of healing.



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

March Attendance and Offerings:

March 1	Attn: 86	Offering: \$2,999
March 8	Attn: 76	Offering: \$4,135
March 15	Attn: 55	Offering: \$4,971
March 22	Attn: 150**	Offering: \$4,252
March 29	Attn: 83**	Offering: \$3,350

** YouTube Viewers

Noisy Offering: Our next noisy offering will be on May 31. Make a big difference by donating your loose coins and spare \$\$\$ to Messiah.



Sunday Sermons Are Online: For those who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend – or perhaps just want to revisit a sermon – many can be found via the Messiah website on the Pastor’s page. See the link on the home page (bottom left) or click here: PASTOR'S PAGE & SERMONS. Many sermons are also posted on YouTube.



Breaking New Ground in Sunday School:

- ♥ Everything is changing. I can’t go to church. I miss all my Sunday School friends and teachers. I’m bored... sound familiar? Surprise. It’s me.
- ♥ It feels odd to be writing this from my favorite chair, in my PJs, drinking a really good cup of coffee. Wait a minute...warm house, cozy chair and PJs, coffee...to be honest, it feels quite good when I think about it. You see, a “silver lining” can be found in everything if we take time to look.
- ♥ Online Sunday School will continue to be available. I will do my best to come up with fun, educational lessons as I expand my repertoire of video making.
- ♥ Kudos to all parents who continue to make spiritual growth a priority for their children and themselves. Check Messiah’s website <http://www.Messiahlyndhurst.org> every week for additions. Thank you Kristy Bohinc for sharing your web talent with us.
- ♥ Hang in there, stay close to God in prayer and look for that “silver lining”.
Love and Blessings,
c/o Cheryl Moser, Director of Christian Ed.

2020 Flower Chart: The 2020 Flower Chart is posted – 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 questions.



Altar Flowers



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



If you were born in January and do not see your name listed, or we have the wrong birthday for you, please advise the church office.



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>



Connections Team Notice: Messiah members, especially Greeters, please encourage visitors to sign the visitor registry on the podium outside of the sanctuary. This helps the Connections Team to reach out to new visitors. Thanks!



Pub Theology: Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months for stimulating conversation regarding faith, life, God, and beverages. The next meeting date and location are TBD. However – we invite you to get in tune with Pastor Paul’s thoughts by checking out his blog prior to each session: pubtheologyeast.wordpress.com.



SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

This is our monthly space to honor expressions of appreciation. Email items to the Messiah office c/o office@messiahlyndhurst.org by the 23rd of each month for Grace Note inclusion.



- ♥ A special thanks to Glenn, Jim, and Barb for the beautiful service they presented for us on YouTube on March 22. Of course, a very special thank you to Pastor Paul and all others who made creating this beautiful and moving video possible.
c/o Lynn Houlis
- ♥ The 8:30 service would like to say THANK YOU to the Dempsey family. Beverly has blessed us many times with her solos and a few weeks ago her husband, William, did also. Listening to their beautiful voices is truly a gift from God.
c/o Carol Sopko

May UPCOMING EVENTS



PLEASE NOTE – ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

5/6	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
5/3	Su	Holy Communion	8:30am
5/3	Su	Holy Communion	11:00am
5/3	Su	Social Ministry Mtg	12:15pm
5/6	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
5/10	Su	Holy Communion	8:00am
5/10	Su	Holy Communion	11:00am
5/10	Su	Worship Team	12:15pm
5/11	Tu	Property Team	1:00pm
5/11	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
5/12	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
5/12	Tu	Faithful Friends	7:00pm
5/13	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
5/17	Su	Holy Communion	8:30am
5/17	Su	Holy Communion	11:00am
5/19	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
5/20	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
5/21	Th	Faith Circle	12:00pm
5/24	Su	Holy Communion	8:30am
5/24	Su	Holy Communion	11:00am
5/25	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
5/26	Tu	Faithful Friends	7:00pm
5/27	W	Men's Lunch	12:00pm
5/27	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
5/31	Su	Pentecost	9:45am
5/31	Su	Noisy Offering	9:45am



Discover what's **new!**

noteworthy

Offering Notice: When using the generic offering envelopes found in the pews, please note where you want the money to go; e.g. Lent, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas, etc. If nothing is noted, the offering will go toward your regular pledge giving. The designated giving often goes to a charity or group as recommended by the Social Ministry and approved by Council.

c/o Tom Griffith, Financial Secretary

SPOKE FOLK

Spoke Folk: Spoke Folk is a ministry passionate about living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year Spoke Folk holds several 12-day tours of up to 30 participants (15-20 years old) and 10 adult counselors from across the country. After a few days of training, the tour bikes around 40 miles to a new church each day and performs a program of Christian music and testimonies. Through biking, music, and community, Spoke Folk trains youth how to be missionaries in their daily lives, while sharing the love of Jesus with the people they meet on the road.

The participants and counselors on tour, from different places all over the country, encourage one another, grow in faith together, and become like family on tour.

On July 1, 2020 Spoke Folk will begin a tour in Ohio. This is the perfect opportunity to meet new friends and share the love of Jesus Christ. The tour begins at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Centerville, Ohio near Dayton.

If you are interested in this tour and would like more information, please contact DeAnn Satterlee at dsatterlee82@hotmail.com or 440-442-3734 or visit Spoke Folk's web page at www.spokefolk.org.

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These kits provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty. The items needed are towels, soap, toothbrushes, and nail clippers (combs no longer needed!).

♥ **Earth Day 50th Anniversary- Train to be an ELCA Creation Care Ambassador!**

Activities of the 50th anniversary for Earth Day this April are being shifted because of globally felt impacts of the outbreak of COVID-19, but our need to raise awareness of our interconnectedness and what we can do together remains compelling. ELCA Advocacy is hosting an online training to become an ELCA Creation Care Ambassador! Jill Snellman is planning to watch this free webinar and she invites you all to watch it too. This webinar is on **Saturday, April 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST**. Register for the webinar here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/v5IvcOGrrjMj1X1qAYkb80RPr8RBkkR0w?fbclid=IwAR37AWdEZ1D2GnMs1hmvU1PkPLeTFLdEVTkj_KpSAT2yCMdY1SKn1j-f1U0.

♥ **Lenten & Easter Special Offerings.** Please give a Lenten & Easter Special offering this year, as it is needed now more than ever. The Lenten & Easter Special Offerings are used to help other organizations, (i.e. LWR, LMM, LSTC, and Chaplain Partnership), in need.

Also From Social Ministry:

500,000 REFUGEES RESETTLED

For 80 years, **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)** has offered welcome and hope to more than half a million refugees. Since 1939, LIRS has transformed lives, with the support of people like you, to welcome the most vulnerable to the United States — from sea to shining sea. Together we have supported, equipped and empowered these new Americans, while advocating for policy that protects all of God’s children.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).



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of Welcome

