

Grace Note



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2020

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**Fall thru
Spring
worship
8:30 &
11:00am**



Summer worship @ 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.*



Stewarding Inspiration

Dearly Beloved Church,
Young adulthood is no walk in the park.
Those first few years of life after turning 18

are often chaotic and unpredictable, yet they are also oftentimes full of positive growth and developmental change. When I was in my early 20s, my mentor encouraged me to practice a sort of mindfulness that I had not previously considered. He called it, "stewarding your inspirations". So, at his direction, I kept a journal, and any time I would come across something that inspired me in some way, I would write it down so that it could be referenced later. And before long, I realized I had an entire canon of resources to help ground me when I was feeling lost, uninspired, or discouraged. It was not a difficult practice, yet it bore much fruit (and still does to this day).

These days, such feelings of being lost, uninspired, and discouraged are more common than usual, it seems. And so perhaps it might be of value for all of us to steward inspirations in more intentional ways. Next time something illuminates your mind, whether it's a book or a quote or a scripture story or a clever quip, write it down in a notebook or on a list on your smartphone, and then keep that list handy for later when you may need it most. And perhaps such a practice can help us learn a little more about what it means for us to grow and change, even amidst life's continuing unpredictability.



INSPIRATION



Pastor Paul

the **Council** CORNER

Dear friends and family of Messiah,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. On June 16th, the Council had its third virtual Zoom meeting. We discussed the recurring items and checked on the status of various projects. As you are no doubt aware the church remains closed, especially since there has been an increase of reported virus cases – Ohio is now 1 of 23 states reporting an increase since the reopening phase began. The re-lamping of the Fellowship Hall lighting is progressing well and should be completed prior to the church reopening, whenever that will occur. The church roof maintenance will continue in July – the education wing roof was completed earlier. The Worship Committee is investigating *the logistics needed to conduct a parking lot service*. The AM transmitter has been purchased, hooked up, and tested. KinderCare, Jazzercise, and all support group meetings will continue to be closed – so far, everyone has been very understanding and patient. The Council does not want to open any facility to large groups to assure safety for all concerned. However, we did vote to allow the Census Bureau to conduct instruction in the conference room. This will be no more than seven 5-hour sessions with at most 6 people. We felt this size group can be much more easily managed, even though we are asking them to clean and sanitize after each session. The church finances still look fairly strong, thanks to the Paycheck Protection Program loan and all of you who continue to support the church during this difficult time – your efforts are greatly appreciated. May God’s grace be with all of us as we continue to deal with the pandemic and its consequences. Along with many others, I look forward with great anticipation to the day we can be together once again. Please take care and stay safe.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

June Church Council Highlights:

Council met on June 16 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received these updates:



- ♥ Council met via Zoom.
- ♥ Christian Education reported plans for a virtual VBS program. Sunday July 12, 19 and 26 are dates being considered. This would take the place of the Sunday School lesson on our website.
- ♥ Planning has started to take a group of our High School students to the ELCA Youth Gathering June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis. Cheryl has secured a chartered bus opportunity with other NE Ohio Synod churches. Pastor and Cheryl will be chaperoning. Any other interested adults may join us. More info will be coming.
- ♥ Social Ministry reported that the 127 lbs. of food collected from the Lenten Food Drive was delivered on June 4, work is scheduled to begin on June 18 at the “Faith Build” (Lutheran) Habitat for Humanity house, and the 2020 Walk/Run/Mosey is a virtual event and scheduled for July 1-25.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, July 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.



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 potentially needed for August 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.



Social Ministry



- ♥ Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next meeting is Sunday, July 19, 5:00-5:40 pm. Please contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join our meeting. New members are always welcome!
- ♥ Some topics discussed at our June meeting: The Emmanuel 9; Black Lives Matter; All Lives Matter; and the 6/19 Juneteenth holiday.
- ♥ Lutheran World Relief personal care kits: Enough money was received from the Lenten and Easter special offerings to cover shipping 50+ kits to LWR. Thank you to all who donated! When the church reopens, we plan to resume the collection.
- ♥ Lenten Food Drive delivery: 127lbs of food was delivered to the Heights Emergency Food Center on June 4.
- ♥ Habitat for Humanity: Work is scheduled to begin on June 18 at the Faith Build house. Thrivent Financial is sponsoring 50% of the estimated \$160,000 costs. We plan to serve lunch to the workers – date TBD.
- ♥ Messiah's home bound members were called to check-in and arrange a date/time for a plant and card delivery. A plant and Card Crafter's card was delivered on Saturday, May 30. Due to covid-19, the items were placed outside each door.
- ♥ A covid-19 discretionary fund was established for Messiah members and the occasional nonmember in need.
- ♥ A "New Beginnings" e-card will soon be sent to all members of the congregation, to let them know we are thinking of them during this time of social distancing.
- ♥ We are discerning how we can support racial justice. Pastor Paul has given us a resource list to study and reflect on. The list was meant to address the need in our Congregation for further education on the history of our country and opportunities to discern how we can be a part of making a positive change.



♥ **PLEASE NOTE: All church activities have been postponed unless otherwise established by the team or project leader.**

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, July 14 to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.



Worship Team generally meets on the second Sunday of each month after the late service.

NOTE: Months with five Sundays are

special: in upcoming months, the Worship Team is showcasing August and November with special service events. Be on the lookout for more info!

Faith Circle usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Conference Room at 12:00pm. All women of the Church are 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 Rehearsal

Choir Update:

Gemütlichkeit! Choir rehearsal is ordinarily 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 Nancy Durst's sister Lois Kugler, the family and friends of Val Nebehay's mother Ruth Alexandra Penko Nebehay; Jay Imel, Jayne Imel, Denise and Rich Jennings, Bob Kopsak, David Kosovich, Lisa Perry, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, Helen Wolfe, and all in need of comfort and healing.



Pastoral Care

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:

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| June 7 | Attn: 60** | Offering: \$2,967 |
| June 14 | Attn: 42** | Offering: \$5,533 |
| June 21 | Attn: 39** | Offering: \$4,127 |
| June 28 | Attn: 38** | Offering: \$1,910 |

** YouTube Viewers

Noisy Offering: Our next noisy offering date is TBD. Make a big



difference to the life of the church 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.



2020 Flower Chart: The 2020 Flower Chart



Altar Flowers

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 queries.



Greetings from the Office of Christian Education & Sunday School:

Hello my friends, I hope you are all well and safe. This month there are a few things that may be of interest to you. But first, let's look at a couple of ways we can have some fun:

1. I invite you all to create loving and supportive messages and pictures using sidewalk chalk on a sidewalk near you. Maybe you have already done this at your own house. This month...**Let's do it on the church driveway and front sidewalk for all to see!** Take a picture and send to Kristy Bohinc for inclusion on the MLC web site. Sidewalk chalk will be available by the Office entrance or you can buy it just about anywhere for around \$1. NO schedule, just show up and do as much or as little as you want to show others that Messiah cares about our community.
2. Create a sidewalk /driveway mural at the home of a church member or at a nursing home.

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- 3rd Rhonda Pierce
- 4th Cheryl Moser
- 5th Brandon Ganley
- 6th Clayton Ferrell
- 8th Kylie Beucler, Lila Boehler,
Troy Studley, Connie Tittl
- 12th William Butler
- 15th Elizabeth Holt
- 17th Mark Ganley, Cristen McCord
- 18th Chris Butler, Jim Burghart,
Dorothy Frelich
- 19th Mary Argo
- 20th Phyllis Short
- 21st Dan McCord
- 22nd Emma Neil, Robert Shemory
- 23rd Allan Griffith
- 25th Vincent Milner
- 27th Frank Malatesta
- 30th Miles Dellinger

Please advise the church office if you were born in July and 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:

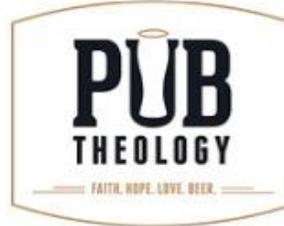
See the following link for upcoming activities, and please let the church office know if



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



stimulating 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.

The next session is scheduled for July 13.

SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

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



- ♥ A big thank you to Kristy Bohinc for putting together the Father's Day presentation. It was perfect and greatly appreciated.
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for delivering the delightful surprise of a plant and card. Also, I so appreciate the many members who take me to doctors and therapist appointments. Thanks for all my Messiah family for their care for me these many months.
c/o Bette Schmidt
- ♥ Heartfelt thanks to everyone for providing the Sunday Services online. They are really inspiring and so necessary in this time of uncertainty. All of them are great and Pentecost was outstanding.
c/o Karen Zak
- ♥ Thanks for such a fun uplifting joyful looking June Grace Note, Steve. It was a pleasure looking at it before I even read any of the news. What a great job!!!!
c/o Karen Zak

3. Be involved with Virtual VBS! Take videos of yourselves doing the games and activities. We can upload them to our website, or as in my case of computer illiteracy, Kristy will upload them for me. (once again, thank you, Kristy!)
4. PRAY for all our church families and Sunday School friends. Send an E-card to your Sunday School teacher or classmates just to let them know you are thinking of them.

♥ **Sunday School hallway paint:** I have listened to your concerns and have decided to simplify the painting. Nix the wall mural idea and paint a simple color blocked striped design using only a few colors. This will spruce up the hallway in a clean, professional manner. Timing TBD but hopefully soon. Any donations to cover cost of paint and supplies would be GREATLY appreciated. I'm hoping to keep the cost under \$200. Contact the office if you are willing to help with painting or monetary help. Thank you.



♥ **VBS:** I have received \$185.00 to purchase the rights to a Group Publishing virtual VBS program. It will be available the last three Sunday in July. The dates are **July 12, 19 and 26**. This would take the place of our Sunday School lesson on our website. It is fun for adults too – except maybe the outdoor games, but hey, you never know what our crazy congregation may be up for!

♥ **ELCA Youth Gathering June 29-July 3, 2021:** Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from



across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Planning has started for MLC to take a group of our High School students to this once in a lifetime event. I have secured a transportation opportunity with some other NE Ohio Synod churches. We will be travelling on chartered buses.

With the help of our congregation, we are hoping to cover the majority of registration and rooming costs. Final cost will be determined once a headcount is provided. Pastor and I will be chaperoning. Any other interested adults may join us. Its 30,000 teenagers...what could be more fun? Lol!

As always, I miss you all so very much,

Love and Blessings,

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE

