

Grace Note



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2020

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



Summer worship @ 9:45am

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pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

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.*



Time is moving differently these days, dear Church. I think back about Christmas, about Epiphany, about Lent. It feels like two years have gone by in the span of just a few

months. Living amidst the uncertainty of this global pandemic continues to be difficult, and perhaps even more so now, as we cross an unthinkable milestone: 100,000 lives lost in the country in which we live.

Yet, as much as we have our ups and our downs, our good days and our bad days, I am reminded that caring for others, even in small ways, can help ground us in times sick as these.

The book of Acts, as you may know, tells a story of the early Church in the first generation after Jesus was killed. They were a community in crisis, making sense of the rapidly-changing world in which they lived. And one of the



distinguishing markers of that community, was that they reached out to care for vulnerable people around them even when they were unsure about their own well-being. They worked to make things right in the world even when the challenges ahead of them were daunting.

And so perhaps we might follow their lead, and watch for ways to care for others and work to make things right in our world, too. We have the power to maintain safe social distancing, to wear masks when close to others, and to speak up for programs and policies that bring aid to the places it is needed most.

We may be entering the summer season, the beginning of what is commonly called "ordinary time" in our liturgical calendar, but this time



in which we live is anything but ordinary.

And so I leave you with this blessing:

"May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Amen. (Philippians 4:7)

Pastor Paul

the **Council** CORNER

Dear family and friends of Messiah,

As we enter another month of having the church closed, may we be mindful to remain in communication during this hiatus – especially with the older members who may not have family still living with them. The Council will be looking at the situation again at the next meeting on June 16. At that time, we will vote on whether we should start planning to open our facility not only to the members but also to the outside groups. Kathy Kidd suggested that perhaps we could try having a service in the parking lot with everyone remaining in their cars. This is being investigated by the Worship Committee to possibly use a transmitter which would broadcast through the car radios. At the beginning of May, we received word from PNC bank that our Paycheck Protection Program loan was approved, and the money deposited in the church account. This will help us get through approximately two more months of payroll in addition to continued giving from members. Special thanks go to Chris Butler and Jill Snellman for their efforts in making this happen on a timely basis. The Council also approved a project proposed by Steve Newcomer to change the fixtures in the Fellowship Hall so they would use LED bulbs instead of fluorescent. This would help save electricity considering how many fixtures are in the hall. As we progress through this trying period, the Council has been taking a very conservative and careful approach when evaluating our next actions. We are watching to see how reopening businesses in Ohio will alter the infection rate, so we don't react prematurely. As many others in our congregation, I really miss seeing everyone each Sunday, but feel this is necessary for everyone's health. May God continue to give us the fortitude and patience to take care and stay safe.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President



April Church Council Highlights:

Council met on May 19 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received the following updates:

- ♥ Council met via a ZOOM meeting.
- ♥ Roof repairs, not completed last year, will start as weather permits.
- ♥ Council approved updating the florescent light fixtures in the Fellowship Hall with LED replacements.
- ♥ Social Ministry reported their events scheduled for May, June and July have been cancelled. August (Shoes and Clothes for Kids) is tentative.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, June 16 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 potentially needed for July 2020 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com.



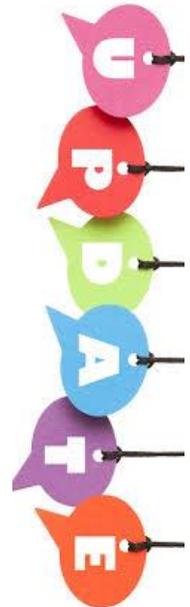
Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained right away.



Social Ministry



Due to covid-19, all of our originally planned events for May, June and July have been cancelled or postponed. We now have a new list of action items for June and July:



- ♥ **Create a covid-19 discretionary fund** to be used for Messiah members and the occasional nonmember in need due to covid-19. SEE PAGE NO. 7 FOR MORE ON THIS.
 - ♥ **Call Messiah's home bound** members to check-in and see how they are doing.
 - ♥ **Deliver a plant and Card Crafter's card** to Messiah's home bound around Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Due to covid-19, we will not be visiting with our members, just delivering the plants and cards outside each person's door.
 - ♥ **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 pm using the Zoom online meeting software. Please contact Jill Snellman if you wish to join us. New members are welcome!
- Food distribution, donation & volunteer information:**
- ♥ **The Greater Cleveland Food Bank** has an interactive map of current open hot meal sites and food pantries near Messiah. Please note you must register before attending a drive-thru food distribution: www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map. To volunteer visit: www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer. NOTE: all volunteer shifts are currently cancelled, but this site is updated weekly. TO DONATE visit: www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give.

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PLEASE NOTE: All church activities have been postponed unless they have been otherwise established "virtually" 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 is typically scheduled to meet at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month.



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.



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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 of Dorothy Raynak, sister of Bette Schmidt, who died suddenly on Mother’s Day; Linda Makee and family at the death of sister-in-law Joanne Meredith; the family and friends of Shirley Blagg; Will Grotto, Jay and Jayne Imel, Denise and Rich Jennings, Laura Kennedy, David Kosovich, Meredith Moore, Lisa Perry, Jim Szatkowski, John Talbert, Helen Wolfe, and all in need of comfort and 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:

May 3	Attn: 55**	Offering: \$4,208
May 10	Attn: 57**	Offering: \$2,762
May 17	Attn: 52**	Offering: \$3,475
May 24	Attn: 45**	Offering: \$1,810
May 31	Attn: 44**	Offering: \$2,297

** 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 any questions.



Greetings from the Office of Christian Education & Sunday School:

♥ We still don’t know when Church will open but my fingers are crossed that it will be soon. Has anyone else been keeping fingers crossed? Most of us have at least one “magic belief” or action that we use to try to control the outcome of something. We knock on wood to prevent what we have said out loud from really happening. We don’t step on cracks. If salt spills, we toss a pinch over our shoulder, etc.

Reading Psalm 37:5 helped me to realize that God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom, but we simply must trust His will.

I believe that God will let us know what to do and the right time to do it. This doesn’t mean we should sit idly by and wait for things to happen. Pray and listen for God’s voice. In the meantime, don’t step on any cracks... your mother will thank you.

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- 1st Don Dlugoz,
Karyn Schmidt
- 5th Tom Short,
Steven Skaggs
- 6th Jean Csumitta, Joanie McTernan,
Wanda Hansler
- 9th Sheryl Trost
- 12th Nancy Durst, Denise Jennings
- 13th David Musial
- 14th Jared Trost
- 15th Liana Alds, Joe Soltesz
- 16th Samantha Milner
- 17th Patrick Dinnen
- 18th Cindy Brunton, Tom Trost, Jean Uhr
- 19th Angela Pace, Christian Pietropinto
- 21st David Kosovich
- 23rd Justin Elliott, Joseph Katlan
- 25th Karen Murphy
- 26th Gina Tscherne
- 29th Ethan Elliott,
Robert Kopsak

June



Please advise the church office if you were born in June 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 June 8.



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.



- ♥ Thanks to both Tom and Beverly for their special music on Pentecost Sunday and to Glenn for continued preludes & postludes! c/o *Kristy Bohinc*
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who participated or helped prepare the Mother's Day service on Sunday, May 10, 2020. Pastor Paul and Katie, Glenn Odenbrett, Tom Trost, Ben and Kathy Johnson, Tom Griffith, Kristy Bohinc, Steven Liss and anyone that I may have missed. c/o *Jim Rase*
- ♥ A thank you in abundance to Kristy Bohinc for all her creative slideshows and additions to the website each week. Your talent is greatly appreciated and makes Messiah shine. c/o *Vicki Lester*
- ♥ Thank you, Gail Patton for all the work you do around and inside Messiah Lutheran Church. You take care of plants, trees and shrubs to beautify our church grounds, even working after dark many evenings. Plants are kept watered and potholes are filled as needed. Painting as required. Anything needed done as above and more. c/o *Helen Wolfe*



JUNE EVENTS

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

6/7	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
6/8	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
6/14	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
6/14	Su	Social Ministry	5:00pm
6/16	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
6/21	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
6/22	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
6/28	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am



June 21, 2020



Discover what's **new!**

Attention to Anyone Who Is a Father, or Who Ever Had One:

Please email your photo submissions to Kristy at: kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com if you'd like to be included in the Father's Day slideshow. Please submit photos by Wednesday, June 17th.

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Covid-19: 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!

note-worthy

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

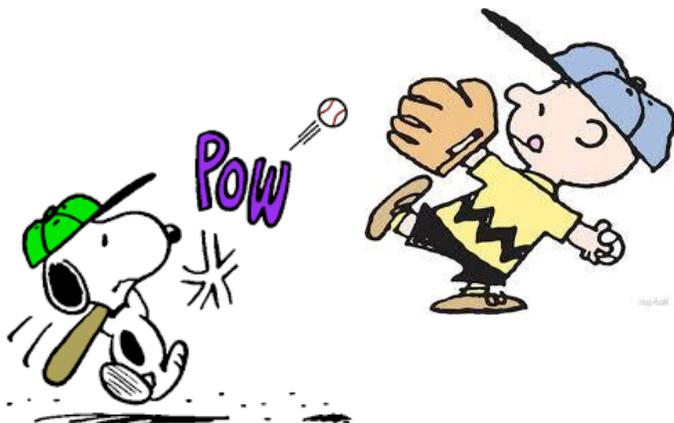
as recommended by the Social Ministry and approved by Council.

c/o Tom Griffith, Financial Secretary

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- ♥ **The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC)** is open. Clients may pick up food and donations are being accepted. We ask you to please continue collecting items for Messiah's Lenten Food Drive at home and drop them off at church when Messiah reopens. Delivery to the HEFC will resume after the church reopens.
- ♥ **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter** is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. If you would like to contribute during this covid-19 time, 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, for more info. To donate visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>

Wishful
THINKING



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- ♥ What have you been doing during these past months to keep growing in Faith? I would love to hear from you.
- ♥ We are in the planning stages for LYO 2021 Youth Gathering. You will begin to hear more about this life changing event. One-year sounds like a long time from now but it will go quickly. Do not underestimate the power these gatherings have. Imagine 30,000 Lutheran youth, along with their leaders, worshiping, learning and growing together. Our youth will never forget it. I may never recover from it. 😊
- ♥ Online Sunday School will continue throughout the summer. Thank you to our families that have presented our lessons so creatively. You do not need be registered in Sunday School or even have great talent to create a video lesson. Anyone can do it! Contact me or the church office if you would like to be put on the schedule.



Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!

Stay safe and keep in prayer,
c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE

