

Grace Note



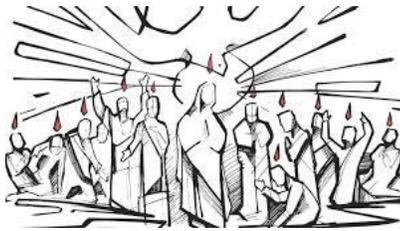
MESSIAH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2020

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



Summer worship is 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.*



FROM THE PASTOR

If you've ever done any work in the area of human grieving, you may remember that the grieving process is messy, uncomfortable, and oftentimes confusing. Emotions barrel through our lives as quickly and unpredictably as a

spring thunderstorm, with the so-called "stages of grief" coming and going without warning. We may feel inexplicably angry one minute, depressed the next, and then deny anything is wrong when we wake up the following morning.

Most often, we associate the grieving process with our experiences following the death of beloved people whom we are close to. Yet, life is filled with loss, and we often need to grieve these *other* losses, as well. And these days, we have lost a lot: we have lost the freedom to casually run to the store when we need something. We have lost the better part of a school year, and time with friends. We have lost the familiar and comforting Easter we had hoped for. These are sometimes called "ambiguous losses", because of their unresolved and confusing nature. And they are still losses, which we very well may be grieving, even

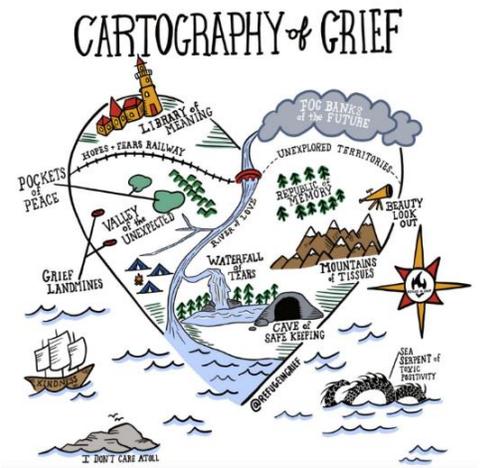
unknowingly. Which makes them all the harder to process, understand, and move through. But this does not mean we can simply ignore them. No, tending to losses and grief,

although difficult, is an important step in our physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being.

And so I invite you, this month, dear Church, to spend some thoughtful time reflecting on these losses and how we might grieve them. Name them, superficially, perhaps with your tele-therapist or someone whom you trust, and let the emotions do what emotions do. Feel the anger, feel the sadness, take them seriously, and let something new grow in the void that has been left. Grieving well is an important practice, one which we too-often ignore. Yet, we have the chance in this in-between time of life to stop and ponder these parts of our human experience that often pass us by without a second thought. And for that, I am thankful.

May you know a generous measure of Christ's peace this springtime.

Pastor Paul



the Council CORNER

Dear Members of the Messiah Family,

The Council had its first virtual meeting on April 21st – an interesting but fruitful gathering. It was nice seeing everyone after



being isolated for at least six weeks even if it was on the computer screen. As you know by now, the church will

continue to be closed until May 19th when the Council will evaluate our situation. We would not want to open too soon and run the risk of someone becoming infected. We are continuing to pay the church staff in hopes of having them available when the church opens, and we can resume normal activities. The finances still look reasonably good, but we still hope everyone will continue to maintain their pledge. As was reported during the last Council meeting, the next step for the KinderCare Champions summer program is to have the Fire Marshall and the Building Commissioner inspect the south part of the Fellowship Hall area for exiting all children and instructors from the church in case of fire. This took place on April 27th – so far everything is favorable. Our Paycheck Protection Program status, as of April 28th, is that PNC bank has approved the loan and has placed it in a queue for submittal to the Small Business Administration (SBA). As of the morning of April 27th, the SBA has started accepting applications for the second wave of forgivable loans. I hope that everyone is doing well and able to handle the revised daily activities. I look forward to when we can be together in person once again. May God's blessings be with us all.



c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

April Church Council Highlights:



Council met on April 21 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received the following updates:

- ♥ Council met via a ZOOM meeting.
- ♥ Social Ministry is looking to sponsor an event in August for Shoes and Clothes for Kids. This charity organizes shoes and clothes collection and distribution for kids in the Cleveland School District.
- ♥ Christian Education – Hosting Sunday School online has been different and fun. Thank you, Pastor, for your help making videos. Also, I want to thank Cherish and Gordon Bohinc for helping with the Lazarus lesson. And many more thanks to Kristy for putting this all together online.
- ♥ Property – A handrail was installed in the Sacristy. The committee is checking on if the scheduled roof repairs will be able to be done.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, May 19 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.

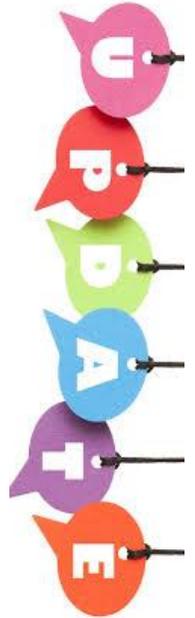
Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained right away.



Social Ministry



We would like to share with you places to get food assistance in our area as well as some new volunteer opportunities. Besides supporting Messiah during this covid-19 time, we would like to encourage you to support the greater church body and the world during this global pandemic.



- ♥ **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>. NOTE: all volunteer shifts are currently cancelled, but this site is updated weekly.
- ♥ **The ELCA Covid-19 Response Fund.** You can help the ministries of the ELCA by supporting your local congregation and making a gift to the ELCA's Covid-19 Response Fund. Your donation will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregation as well as local and church wide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. <https://community.elca.org/advanced-donation-form/covid-19-response-fund>
- ♥ **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. Deliver to the HEFC will resume after the church reopens.

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

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Meetings are typically on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm; the June sessions are scheduled for 6/9 and 6/23.

Messiah Book Club is scheduled to next meet at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 9. Visitors are welcome.



Worship Team: The next meeting is set for June 14 after the 11:00am 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!

Faith Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Conference Room at 12:00pm. The next session will be on June 18. All other details are to be determined.



Men's Fellowship

Lunch: Our next lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 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:

Shirley Blagg, Will Grotto, Jay and

Jayne Imel, Denise and Rich Jennings, Laura Kennedy, Joanne Meredith, Meredith Moore, Karen Murphy, Lisa Perry, John Talbert, Helen Wolfe, and all individuals and 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:

April 5	Attn: 91**	Offering: \$9,405
April 12	Attn: 110**	Offering: \$3,395
April 19	Attn: 71**	Offering: \$7,352
April 26	Attn: 74**	Offering: \$1,237

** YouTube Viewers

Noisy Offering:

Our next noisy offering will be on June 28. 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



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.



Greeting from the Office of Christian Education/Sunday School

Hello all! Hope you are watching and enjoying the Sunday School lessons online. There will be a test when we return to regular classes – just kidding! LOL. But watch them anyway. Not much going on until council meets in May to decide when church will reopen and what that whole process will entail.

♥ We are still planning on LYO going to 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering June 29-July 2, 2021. Other summer activities will have to wait for a bit.

♥ I found this article online. It spoke to my heart. Then it spoke to my mind. “Hey,” it said” you’d better get the CEC report in today because Steve is probably waiting on it so he can finish up the Grace Note”. So...here it is.

- Be careful little eyes what you see
 - Be careful little eyes what you see
 - For your Father up above is looking down in love
 - So be careful little eyes what you see.
- ~Author Unknown

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- 2nd Sarah Link
- 3rd Grace Pierce, Barbara Vollmer
- 5th Bill Beucler, Philip Skaggs
- 6th Natalie Brown
- 7th Karen Zak, Sean Pierce
- 8th Paul Lawrence
- 9th Bryson Clark
- 11th Rob Barrett
- 13th Ruth Bode
John Brunton
- 17th Clay Lindeman
- 19th Alayna Prinzo
- 20th Michael Beucler
- 22nd Carmen Caliri
- 23rd Michelle Child
- 24th Tim Holt
- 25th Linda Lincoln, Emily Moser,
Gail Patton
- 27th Elise Hassink, Adalyn Link,
Matthew Schreiber
- 30th Amelia Musial
- 31st Kristine Beucler



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>



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 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 very special thank you to EVERYONE making communications and services possible for us at this time. It is welcomed, needed, and very much appreciated.
c/o Karen Zak
- ♥ Special thanks for all people involved in making the services available. For Maundy Thursday – Pastor Paul and Katie, Barb Decker, Kristy Bohinc, Vicki Lester and Glenn Odenbrett (and anyone else I may have missed).
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Thanks to all for making the Easter service, bulletin and anthem available. Kudo's to Pastor Paul and Katie, Tom Trost, Glenn Odenbrett, Tom Griffith, Judy Burghart, Cheryl Moser, Steven Liss and the singers participating in the Easter Anthem (and anyone that I may have missed). It was a truly enjoyable service. I can't wait to be able to assemble as a true congregation once again. Peace,
c/o Jim Rase



JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE – ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

6/3	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
6/7	Su	Holy Communion	9:45am
6/8	M	Property Team	1:00pm
6/8	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
6/9	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
6/9	Tu	Faithful Friends	7:00pm
6/10	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
6/14	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
6/14	Su	Worship Team	11:15am
6/16	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
6/17	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
6/18	Th	Faith Circle	12:00pm
6/21	Su	Holy Communion	9:45am
6/21	Su	Social Ministry	11:15am
6/23	Tu	Faithful Friends	7:00pm
6/22	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
6/24	W	Men's Lunch	12:00pm
6/24	W	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
6/28	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
6/28	Su	Noisy Offering	9:45am

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



May 10, 2020

Discover what's **new!**

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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♥ **LMM Men's Shelter, Wellness Center and offices are open to clients, but closed to the public and volunteers.** LMM serves and often employ some of the most vulnerable populations in our community. 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>

♥ **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 collect these items at home and drop them off at church when Messiah 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. 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!

♥ **ELCA Sanctuary Denomination Educational Campaign:**

The social ministry committee has placed educational posters about the ELCA's history of helping refugees through the work of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) by Messiah's coffee station. Visit lirs.org for more info on this organization.

♥ **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 3 at 5:00 pm using the Zoom meeting software. Please contact Jill Snellman if you wish to join us for our first on-line virtual meeting. New members are always welcome.

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♥ *As media has become front-and-center in our world we, as parents and grandparents, are responsible for guarding our children against images that are harmful to their minds and spirit. Now more than ever, it is important that we teach our kids how to tell right from wrong. It is crucial that we teach them the difference between what is appropriate and what is not appropriate. We set boundaries and guidelines so that hopefully, as they grow up, they will continue to make the right choices.

♥ Pray with me this prayer of protection over what your child sees.

Gracious God, we come before You today, admitting that we have allowed unhealthy things to be viewed in our family. Please forgive us, Lord, for making light of the images we see on television and through the media.

We ask, Lord, that you renew our hearts and minds and our sense of right and wrong according to Your will. Please give us a new resolve to guard our children's eyes from what they might see on their phone, tablets, computers and television. Help us be good examples for our children, that they might follow the pattern of our ways. But most of all, Lord, we pray that they will follow after You.

*We ask boldly for Your divine protection over their little eyes and ears.
In Jesus' name, Amen**

Love and Blessings,
Cheryl Moser

*paraphrased from A Prayer Of Protection by
Jennifer Waddle

Happy May!