

Grace Note



MESSIAH

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

MAY 2021

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
440.442.6941

**ALL DURING
MAY:**

Sunday Park &
Pray Holy
Communion @
10:00am – weather permitting.



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



Introducing the Messiah...
"Summer Book Series"

One of the parts of our Lutheran branch of the Church that I appreciate most is the focus on scholarship and social growth.



Through study and sharing with one another, we better understand God, our faith, and how Christ's reconciling work is unfolding in our lives and world. This summer, I will be leading a book study



God In Christ
Reconciling

that will cover three contemporary works that I

hope are helpful for our understanding of God's work amidst humanity. I invite you to reserve them at the library, or order copies for yourself as you are able, and begin reading with me. I'll host three online Zoom reflection sessions through the summer (one for each book, dates TBA in June, July, and August), and I hope you can join for all three.



READING LIST:

- ♥ **Take This Bread** by Sara Miles (Ballantine Books)
- ♥ **The Color of Compromise** by Jemar Tisby (Zondervan)
- ♥ **Dear Church** by Lenny Duncan (Fortress Press)

- Pastor Paul

the Council CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

The Council met Tuesday April 20 and discussed several key issues. First and foremost, the COVID Ad Hoc Committee has been reactivated and met one week before Council to begin discussing timing and procedures needed to allow in-person worship once again. With the warmer weather coming, there are more possibilities to meet outside. With the vaccination rate increasing it is expected that any group activities will become



less of a threat to everyone's health. The committee will be meeting each month one week prior to the Council meeting to go over the latest information. This way, when a recommendation is rendered, Council can act on it the following week. The Council also discussed the vacancy left on the Council with the passing of Jim Rase. Anyone interested in

completing this 2021 year please contact me at 440-473-2416 or email me at griflynd@sbcglobal.net. If you wish to fulfill Jim's entire term which goes through 2023, then your name will be placed on the 2021 ballot of nominees for a congregational vote. I hope this message finds everyone in good health and remaining safe. We encourage everyone to consider getting the vaccination if you have not already done so. May God's blessing be with all of us.



c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

April Council Highlights:

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

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM.
- ♥ Social Ministry delivered flowers and Christ in Our Home books to church homebound members on the day before Easter.
- ♥ Sunday School hallway wall painting is underway.
- ♥ Sunday School is nearing the end of the Zoom Sunday School lessons. The last day of Zoom teaching will be May 16. Online Sunday School will still be available on our Website. Thank you again to Miss Kristy.
- ♥ Sunday School families were treated to a special event for Easter. Lisa Halberg and Cheryl Moser sorted and filled approx. 230 plastic eggs. They spent a day hiding those Easter eggs at the homes of 19 families. Each family received 12 eggs. 11 eggs were filled with treats while one was left empty. The empty egg reminds us of Jesus' empty tomb! Everyone had fun and some parents even sent us pictures. Kristy Bohinc assembled these into an awesome video that can be found on MLC website and Facebook. Special thanks to Lisa, Kristy and Cheryl for making Easter 2021 one to remember!
- ♥ The Council next meets on 5/18 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)
- 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 and Parking Lot Services:

Have you ever wanted to read the scripture for our 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 read in the parking lot – or record yourself reading in a quiet place and email it to Pastor Paul to add to an online service. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kristy at kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.



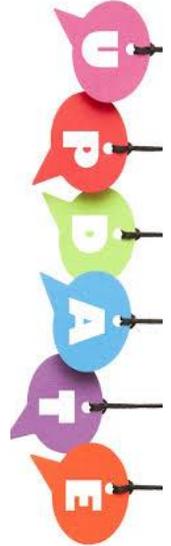
Greeters Needed: Greeters are potentially needed for 2021 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com.



Ushers Needed: 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.



- 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. Our next full update will be for the month of July. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!
- Food distribution, donation, and volunteer info:**
- 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>
 - The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) is open. Clients may pick up food, but donations are not being accepted at this 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/1PKOXWVK7MXLG/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>.





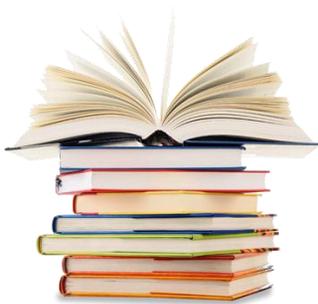
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Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



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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: Worship Team has met via zoom to plan the Park and Pray and commune services. We will be assisting in the

plans for services when we open. FYI: Park and Pray Sunday services are being planned for May 9-30 (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.



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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 and friends of Donald Fulton, the family and friends of James Malatesta, the family and friends of Jim Rase, the family and friends of Carmen Worthington, Ruth Bode, Jim Butler, Dorothy Harper, Sara Hritz, Jayne Imel, Adam Meredith, Christine Maharg, Charlotte Jane Moody, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, 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.

April Attendance and Offerings:

April 4	Attn: 70**	Offering: \$4,549
April 11	Attn: 47**	Offering: \$3,667
April 18	Attn: 45**	Offering: \$4,542
April 25	Attn: 40**	Offering: \$944

** Park & Pray Attendees + 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

Greetings from CEC and the Sunday School department:

- ♥ This year we tried something new to reach our Sunday School families for Easter. Lisa Halberg and I sorted and filled approximately 230 plastic eggs. We then spent a day hiding those Easter eggs at the homes of 19 Sunday School families. Each family received 12 eggs. 11 were filled with treats while one was left empty. The empty egg reminds us of Jesus' empty tomb! I think everyone had fun and some parents even sent us pictures. Kristy Bohinc assembled these into an awesome video that can be found on the MLC website and Facebook. My heartfelt thanks to Lisa and Kristy for helping make Easter 2021 one to remember!
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- ♥ Any ideas for a special Mother's Day project are welcome. Please email them to me ASAP at: Sundayschool@Messiahlyndhurst.org
- ♥ Hallway paint project is going well. My wonderful husband Fred has been helping as well as our daughter Emily and her beau Alex. And of course, Lisa H, who helped with the measuring and chalk line. Thanks to all.
- ♥ 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



*Love & Blessings,
c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE*



- 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
- 25th Linda Lincoln, Emily Moser,
Gail Patton
- 26th Matt Schreiber
- 27th Elise Hassink, Adalyn Link,
- 30th Amelia Musial
- 31st Kristine Beucler



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

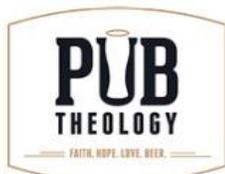


Messiah Website:

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.

♥ Thank you, Ruth and Vicki, for sharing your lovely talents with us last Sunday during the offering.
c/o Karen Zak



♥ A special thank you to Mike and Vicki Lester for the lovely tribute to Jim Rase. I learned so much about him and it made me remember him fondly.
c/o Gail Ross

♥ I'd like to thank Glenn and Tom for their beautiful music, not only on Easter Sunday. It's always much appreciated.
c/o Kristy Bohinc

♥ I'd like to thank Cheryl and Lisa for delivering the eggs to the Sunday School kids. What a great way to keep connected and share God's love.
c/o Kristy Bohinc



♥ Thanks to Social Ministry for the lovely Easter plant. I thank them also for the plants and gifts given this past year. It means a lot being remembered by my church family.
c/o Phyllis Short

♥ Thank you to Lisa Halberg for all her help with the Easter Egg hunt. I couldn't have done it without her! It was a long day delivering and hiding the eggs at 19 houses! It was so nice to have a day hanging out with you and doing God's work.
c/o Cheryl Moser





EVENTS

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

5/2	Su	Visiting Neighbor Congregation	10:00am ##
5/9	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
5/10	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
5/16	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
5/18	Tu	Church Council	7P:00pm
5/23	Su	Pentecost Worship	10:00am **
5/24	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
5/30	Su	Holy Trinity Sunday	10:00am **

Worship with Celebration Lutheran Church in Chardon via Facebook Live at 9:30am.

** Park & Pray service if weather permits.

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



JIM RASE TRIBUTE:

Jim Rase, the cat can finally be let out of the bag! We know Jim enjoyed his Las

Vegas trips, but did you know that Jim had a baby grand piano in his home and was looking for a buddy grand to join his piano?

Did you also know that Jim majored in classical music at the Royal Canadian School of music in Windsor? But as Jim said, "life got in the way," and he became a math teacher. He did fill in for the organist at Grace when needed.

And lucky for Messiah he let his music come forward and became a Worship Assistant and sang in the choir.



We at Messiah were blessed to have Jim as part our family. We know he was a genuinely nice man to everyone and will be missed.

P.S. it seems the heavenly choir of Messiah is becoming mightier with Fritz, Bob, Scotty, Janet, Laurene, Herman, Marianna, Mel, Marie, Shirley, Esther, Jay, and now Jim all singing "Soli Deo Gloria."

IN LOVING
Memory

~Vicki and Michael Lester