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The Journey We Are On

If ever we who are gathered here at Messiah were to go into a journey of uncertainty, I think now is the right time. The season of Lent is upon us once again, and like our Lord wandered, we too are wandering. There are of course the obvious wanderings of Messiah Lutheran Church and its future, but there are also the wanderings of our own personal lives. Many of us are undergoing different life transitions. Maybe some of us are coming to grips with impending retirement or other career transitions. Some of us are welcoming new people into their lives and their homes, with the joys and challenges that come with such ventures. There may be other life transitions and questions that have arisen over the past few months that we don't even fully comprehend yet. Truth of the matter is, though, that none of our lives remain static. We all are confronted with change throughout our lives.

This is the reason why I believe that Lent is an appropriate time for us to be pondering life's many transitions. The season of Lent is for many of us a journey to the cross. We are walking alongside Jesus and his disciples as they confront the danger that they face in sharing God's love with the world, and also witnessing their own uncertainty and doubt. Multiple times in our Lenten journey, we will hear stories of the disciples uncertain of how to respond to Jesus' predictions of his death. We will witness the fear and chaos of Christ's passion. And in the midst of these things, we will experience the pain of loss and doubt.

We are in the midst of transition. Sometimes we find that we are in the middle of fearful times. But if there is one thing that the journey into Lent tells us, it is that we do not walk this journey alone. Much as the disciples had each other - and of course Jesus - we have a community of faith to lean on in our mutual journeying. We are blessed with one another to support us as we await God's revealing of the future to us. We are blessed with people who will simply sit and listen and support us in any time of uncertainty. We do not enter into this season of uncertainty alone.

God is with us. Christ, our Lord, who walked an uncertain path to the cross, is with us in all uncertainty and doubt. Even when things aren't turning out as we hope, we are challenged to believe that God is present in all outcomes. And may we never cease to praise God for revealing the goodness of the journey to us all as we walk along the way. For we are not only blessed with a destination, we are blessed with a journey that prepares us for whatever comes next. May we seek to live more fully into God's future, trusting that God is present in whatever may come. And may we rely on one another in all things, knowing that in fellowship all challenges are made easier.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Chris

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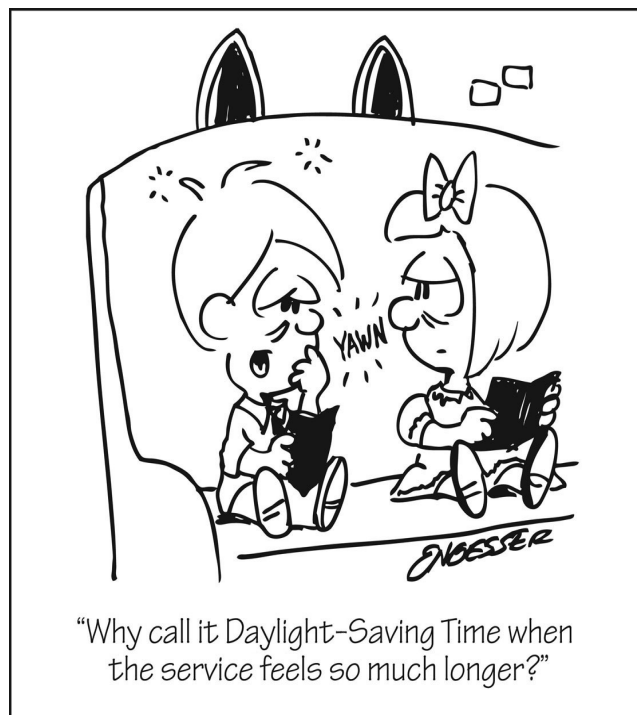
**ASH WEDNESDAY,
March 01, 2017**



March 12, 2017 Sunday
Daylight Savings time begins.
Set your clocks forward one hour.



New Member classes coming in March.
Watch the posted calendars and bulletins for the dates



Lenten Lunch and Supper during Lent.

Please be sure and check out the signup sheet for Soup and Bread luncheons and suppers during Lent.

Lenten dates are: March 08 through April 05. Lunch of soup and bread at 11:30 a.m. and supper of soup and bread at 6:00 p.m.

The signup sheet will be located on the bulletin board next to the Flower chart.

Sign up chart for Easter lily purchases for Easter Sunday, April 16, will be posted after Ash Wednesday.



Enrich Your Relationship on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

March 17 - 19, 2017

Glen Eyrie Conference Center, Colorado Springs, CO

Apply at GodLovesMarriage.org

Contact John & Jen Pettinger at jjpettinger@gmail.com or 720-635-9093 for more information.

Flyers available in Messiah's Narthex.





March 2017 MLCW will meet on Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 a. m. for a bible study and fellowship. Our topic will be "When Christians Get It Wrong" (Christian Science and Politics) Watch DVD and discuss with the guest speaker.

Leader: Hazel Mella
Hostess:

Messiah Lutheran Church Women Officers

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Action: Charlotte Moritomo
Community: Dotty Dahl
Historian: TBD
Prayer Chain: TBD



***March 2017* MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

Date	Fellowship Set-up	Blended Service Snacks	Library/Fellowship Clean-up
March 05	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Sara Bender and Buddy Hooks	
March 12	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Lorraine Davis	
March 19	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Eloise Kesatie	
March 26	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Dotty Dahl	

Psalm 119:1-2

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,

Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress 2017



March 2017 Flowers

March 05

March 12

March 19

March 26

Sara Bender and Buddy Hooks

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
March 01 Ash Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Gene Aldredge 7:00 p.m. John Mauritz/ Steve MeHenry			
March 05	Ellen Dobson	Eloise Kesatie	Hauge Family	Ellen Dobson
March 12	Gene Aldredge	open	open	Gene Aldredge
March 19	Ron Kulju	open	open	Ron Kulju
March 26	Orman Paananen	Lorraine Davis	Lorraine Davis	Orman Paananen

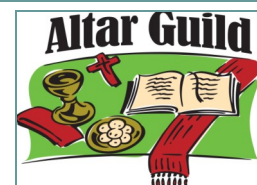
Readers for March 2017

March 05

March 12

March 19

March 26 Tracy Gordon



Irene Aldredge



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:00-8:00 Lutheran Community "Theology on Tap"	2	3	4 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day.
5 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship	6 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	7 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	8 Lenten Service 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	9	10	11 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study
12 TIME CHANGE Spring forward 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship	13	14 6:30 p.m. Church Council	15 Lenten Service 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship	20	21 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	22 Lenten Service 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	23	24 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Team	25 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
26 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship	27	28	29 Lenten Service 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship	30	31	



March 06	Herb Biermann
March 06	Dawn Early
March 13	Brandon Killingsworth
March 25	Max Corrie
March 27	Pat Baca
March 28	Myrtle Pedersen



March 13-Mariana and John Mauritz
March 22-Marianne Walk and Eric Chael



March 01	Loring Emery
March 09	Gabriel Clevenger
March 11	Justin Killingsworth
March 17	Nathan Chael
March 18	Marion Hoyt
March 23	Joan Paananen
March 23	Orman Paananen



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Baca Family; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Laura Eller; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Jean and Orman Paananen, Brian Selby (Betty Hauge's son-in-law)



Max Corrie



Daniel Vickers — serving in the Navy (grandson of Eloise Kesatie) Micah Kesatie —Army Reserves (grandson of Eloise Kesatie) Allen J. Tetreault —serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military Matt Braun —serving at Kirkland AFB Military Kevin Dombey —Air Force Special Forces
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COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for January are available on the usher's table.

Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information. The binder is located in the church office. All council meetings are open to members.



The **FIRST** Sunday of **EVERY** month, bring your loose change and place in the offering plate. This is collected and sent in for **World Hunger!**



Average Attendance

December 2016

Contemporary Worship Average — 13
Traditional Worship Average—25
Christmas Eve—48
Christmas Day-17

JANUARY 2017

Contemporary Worship average (3 Sundays)
16
Traditional Worship Average—32
January 15 meeting-50
January 22 meeting-33

Treasurer's Report

January 2017

The P&L for January 2017 is attached. We had a loss of \$3594 for the month.

Per the notes on the conversation between the Kuljus and Pastor Sarah, I also printed the last four months of P&L for our review. Since the last three months include December, which is normally a higher income month, I thought a four month analysis would be more accurate.

In October we had an income of \$9022, expenses of \$16,979, for a net loss of \$(7956). Total payroll expenses were \$11,776.

November had an income of \$8496, expenses of \$13,974, for a loss of \$(5477).

December, we were in the black for \$5830 due to an income of \$16588, and a reduced payroll expense of \$8858. The reduction in payroll was due to confusion regarding payment for Pastor's paternity time. The paychecks we owed him for that time were issued in January.

January showed income of \$12949, expenses of \$16543 (\$13,445 payroll) for a loss of \$(3594).

As of today (February 10, 2017) we have \$31 in our checking account, and after a transfer to cover payroll, we have \$8627 in our money market account.

Ellen

IN THE COMING MONTHS



Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, El Paso TX
Border Immersion Week
Saturday April 29 to Friday, May 5

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey is having a 6-day border immersion experience from Saturday, April 29 in the afternoon through the afternoon of Friday, May 5. It is open to individuals and small groups interested in participating in mission alongside the Cristo Rey community and experiencing immigration and the border through a human-centered, faith-based approach.

Cost is \$420 for the week, which includes 6 meals and all transportation after arrival in El Paso. Come look past the headlines and join us in community and relationship.

For more information, email borderimmersion@gmail.com or visit their [website](#)

Mother's Day
May 14

Honor your mother,
Exodus 20:12



Father's Day
June 18

Honor your father
Exodus 20:12



Day of Pentecost
Sunday, June, 04, 2017

Acts 2:1

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.



Mark those 2018 calendars for late June.....



Youth to get ready for Houston Texas ELCA Youth Gathering.

There will be many sights and sounds on the Gulf Coast.....

Church Website! is www.messiahbq.org. You may also listen to Pastor Chris Heller's sermons on the website
You may also reach us on Facebook.

The website has up to date information about our church, our synod, and current activities.

Sunday Bible Readings for March 2017

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday

March 05

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Sunday

March 19

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Sunday

March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Note: Daily bible readings may be found in "Christ in Our Home" Devotional.



Every Sunday Worship Schedule:

**9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
with communion**

Education for All Ages

To be determined

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Bible Studies

Messiah Lutheran Church Women
Bible Study and gathering on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



**Lutheran Community
"Theology on tap"**
meets on the first
Wednesday of every
month from 6:00 to 7:00
p.m. Place to be announced.



If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Sunday
Worship Schedule:
9:30 a.m Blended
Worship with
communion**

Ash Wednesday worship
service at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00
p.m. March 01, 2017



**Soup and bread served at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

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Our Mission: Caring For and Serving Others So All May Share in God's Love.

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