

MESSIAH'S MESSENGER

Knowing Jesus + Serving Jesus + Sharing Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancakes, ham, and fun.
Tuesday, March 5 from 5:00 –
6:30 pm in
Luther Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship with Imposition of
Ashes at noon and
6:30 pm.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

Worship at noon and 6:30 pm.
Soup and Sandwiches at 12:45
and 5:30 pm

MARCH FLOWERS

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

COOKIES AND FRUIT FOR

FELLOWSHIP: Sign up if you
would like to bring cookies and
fruit to the Gathering Area or
FAC for Fellowship Time after
worship.

NEW MEMBER

ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm
in the Gathering Area

HAVE A CHANGE TO YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE #, EMAIL, ETC?

Please email the change to:
updates@messiahmauldin.org
Please use this facility versus
verbal request for change.

*For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.
- From Luke 6*

People of Messiah:

Every Lent one of my dear colleagues begins a letter writing campaign. The campaign will not move a member of Congress to action, nor will it call upon a business to change an unagreeable practice. Instead, the letters arrive in the mailboxes of clergy and other church workers with the goal of encouragement embedded in the prose. Looking through the folded pages, the recipient discovers Bible passages and intimate prayers that point to the ways Grace moves in and among the person “doing ministry.” The sender always ends the letter with a commitment to pray for the recipient.

Generosity arrives in many colors. For those able to give from their financial wealth, generosity underwrites the ministries and movements that bring love and support where they are needed. Others give from their storehouses of time and spirit, deploying their spiritual gifts through the swinging of hammers, cultivation of gardens, singing on Sundays, and yes, the crafting of handwritten letters. Generosity is practiced in the moments our gifts intersect with the needs of God’s people.

As we prepare for our Lenten journey together, let’s be mindful of the ways we can both “go without” and “give generously.” If you seek a place to initiate the practice of generosity, I suggest you grab a pen and a box of stationary.

Blessings as you begin,

Pastor Michael

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Carol Schur
 4 Ann Brooks
 Carol Schmidt
 5 Alysia Dodd
 7 Elise Manning
 Bill Demuth
 8 Eric Intile
 10 Linda Stazer
 11 Marie Bergmann
 12 Steve Rugg
 Cris Berger
 13 Nathan Lee
 14 Emmalyne Palmer
 16 Harriett Kroplinski
 17 Scotty Intile
 David Neff
 Mary Wimmer
 20 Lee Fisher
 Kathy Intile
 21 David Pullen
 22- Mary Salgado
 23 Betty Lindstrom
 Alice Habina
 24 Jay E. Best III
 Marilyn Harmon
 26 Doug Stenback
 28 Brian McClure
 29 Mona Turner
 30 Ralph Wimmer
 31 Donna Brown
 Jonathen Luedke

**IN THE NEWS - PANTRY**

In January 145 families (424 people) were served. A total of 290 boxes were distributed. We continue to pack 100-120 boxes every two weeks, depending on the number of people who come and the space we have to store the food boxes. Prices of food are changing and can fluctuate by nickels and dimes, not just pennies. We appreciate all donations to the food of the month. We choose this food based on foods we are less likely to receive from Harvest Hope. The food of the month for March is tuna/chicken.

The Pantry is fortunate to have Abiding Peace and Faith Renewed join Messiah for our Saturday packings. It is a joy to have other people blend with our Messiah family in this endeavor. Our Pantry has other “**people needs.**” The Pantry has a **need for people** to substitute on Pantry days. We **need people** to help set up for the food packings. We also have a **need for people** to help with the weekly pickup at Harvest Hope. If you have a van or a truck, we need your help. It is our goal to set up a schedule so that people do not have to go but once a month. Thank you for your consideration. Please call Connie Policicchio or Mary Wimmer if you need more information.

The Pantry tries to have one packing each month paid for with our designated funds. Thrivent teams have been able to pay a significant part of the second packing each month. There is a signup sheet on the kiosk to sign up for a Thrivent team, and there are openings from April to December. Again, we appreciate your consideration!

There are **THREE** packings in March...March 2, March 16, and March 30. The signup sheet is on the kiosk.

THANK YOU

CONNIE STONE AND FAMILY would like to thank all the members of Messiah for food, flowers, and many thoughtful prayers and cards. Messiah is a caring, loving church.

LINDA STAZER and her family would like to thank all those members of Messiah who have called, sent cards and attended Doug's Memorial Service. His passing was quick, and he is now at peace with the Lord. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

OTHER NEWS

SECRET PAL REVEALING—Saturday, March 16, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA—Foothills Spring Conference Meeting—Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 am—2:00 pm at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Augusta Road in Greenville. More information is on the kiosk.

Know your 5 G's

By Denise Ruby, Vice President of Council
Gathered, Gifted, **Generous**, Gracious and Growing!

Messiah aspires to be a Generous congregation of God's people called and equipped to share God's gifts throughout the community.

Have you heard the adage "Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you will feed him for a lifetime"? While pragmatic advice, it is not the gospel. Jesus said it this way, building on the Old Testament plea to be generous. "Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow." (Matthew 5:42) "Be generous and lend them [the poor] whatever they need." (Deuteronomy 15:8) When Jesus (and Moses) spoke these words, they were likely shocking. After all, the economic culture of the time was made up of primarily peasants with very little expendable income. So, when Jesus said, "Give to those who ask," they wouldn't have been thinking, "Will this affect my 401-k?" but rather about their next meal. Nonetheless, Jesus' call—then and now—was to be generous, regardless of how the recipient might use the gift or how much we might have in the bank. And the reason for such counter-cultural, strange advice? The gracious generosity of God. It is simply amazing to think that God gave the greatest gift of all, his only Son, with the possibility of eternal life forever, and many—far too many—would refuse or squander it. And yet, such is the nature of no-strings-attached generosity!

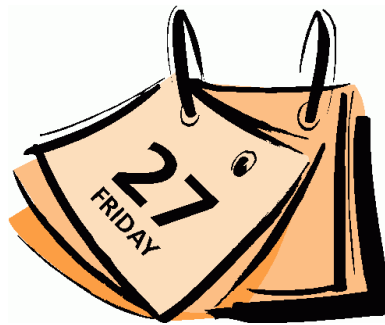
That's not to say God wants his generosity to be spurned or unappreciated. And of course, when we seek to be generous, we desire that nothing be wasted. The real bottom line, however, is we are to be generous, not expecting anything in return, simply because it's part of what it means to be a child of God. As we seek to put on this virtue of generosity, we give the Spirit space to conform us into Christ's generous identity. So, how can we foster a more generous way of life? Like the other disciplines, it takes practice—that is, a willingness to start where we are with the hope that, through time, grace, and experience, generosity will become a way of life. Here are a few practical suggestions you might try on for size right here at Messiah!

- Sign up to spend a few generous hours with fellowship at a Saturday food packing with the volunteers from Messiah's Pantry, offering hand-on generosity providing boxes of staples to families.
- Sign up to attend a one-hour birthday party for homeless men at the Miracle Hill Homeless Men's Shelter. Serve ice cream, cake and present toiletry bags as gifts to men celebrating birthdays that month—men who just want to enjoy their day with someone who cares and will listen to their story in a festive setting.
- Start a "missions" envelope, putting in, for example, 10% of any unexpected income (i.e., bonuses, tax refunds, birthday gifts, etc.) Then, every six months or when opportunities arise for giving, make a gift of your envelope monies.
- Make a list of your blessings, thanking God for the experience, people and things that are tangible reminders of God's generosity in your life. The idea here is, as we remember how generous God has been with us, we can't help but look for ways to show our generosity to others.
- Invite someone to lunch, coffee, or over to your home for a visit. Drop by their home for a quick connection. Set aside some time to make a phone call to let someone know you are thinking of them. In today's technology, send a text, send an email, send a note through Messenger or Facebook. It doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive. Our most valuable gift is our time.

Just remember "generosity" is about giving back for the gracious gift of Jesus Christ that God has given to us. So, if you have more money, give more money, if you have more time, give more time, and if you have a gift to share, share it with the community. Like the Thrivent T-Shirt says..." Live Generously"!

March YOUTH NEWS

- Sunday 3 -** YOUTH SUNDAY!!
High School Youth 6-8 pm
- Wednesday 6 –** Teen Night 6-6:30 pm
Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday 10 -** Youth Bells Play at 11:00 am Service
Catechism 2:30-5:30 pm
High School Youth 6-8 pm
- Wednesday 13 –** Teen Night 6-6:30 pm
Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday 17 -** High School Youth 6-8 pm
- Wednesday 20 –** Teen Night 6-6:30 pm
Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday 24 -** Catechism 2:30-5:30 pm
High School Event: WinterJam Christian Concert (see below)
- Wednesday 27 –** Teen Night 6-6:30 pm
Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday 31 -** High School Youth 6-8 pm



LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 5-7 – Catechism Retreat at Isle of Palms
May 17-19 - High School Spring Retreat @Lookup Lodge
June 9-15– Campfirmation at Lutherock
June 17-21 – Makers Camp! (arts and crafts for kids)
July 13-20 – High School Trip to Toronto
July 22-26 – Vacation Bible School



WINTERJAM 2019!!

www.jamtour.com

Sunday March 24

All your favorite Christian artists under one roof!!

Meet in Messiah's Parking Lot at 1:30 pm and take the bus to the Bon Secours Wellness Arena where we'll have a tailgate party!!

Open to Middle and High School students.

Please bring your signed permission form, \$5 for dinner, and \$15 cash for admission at the door. Signups are on the Christian Ed kiosk.

SUMMER MINISTRY INTERNSHIP



We are once again providing a Children and Youth Ministry internship at Messiah this summer. This unique opportunity is for college-age students who are considering a call to ministry and are looking to develop their own personal and spiritual growth as Christian leaders. This is a 9-week paid internship, lasting roughly from June 3 to August 5. Working in partnership with the ministry staff team and under the direct supervision of the youth ministry director, the intern will gain experience in the organizing, planning, and leading of such ministries as:

- Vacation Bible School
- Makers Camp
- Summer Mission Trips
- as well as the opportunity to create and lead a summer ministry event of their own choosing

Deadline for submitting applications is Monday, April 22, 2019. If interested, please contact Alysia Dodd for an application and any questions: adodd@messiahmauldin.org 864-963-4549 x203

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

WHEN: March 5 from 5-6:30 pm

WHAT: PANCAKES AND HAM

WHERE: LUTHER HALL

HOSTS: MESSIAH YOUTH



LOVE OFFERING will be collected at the door to defray expenses for their Toronto and GLOCAL trips this spring. Signups are on the kiosk. Shrove Tuesday: Some of us know it also as "Fat Tuesday" or the last day of Mardi Gras. This is the day many Christians would eat the foods they were not allowed to eat during Lent, particularly foods that would spoil. Pancakes were often chosen, as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. Let this preceding meal be a reminder of our time of abstinence that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019.



**Lutheridge/Lutherock – Messiah
Scholarship funds.**



Believe it or not, summer is not that far off! Have you considered registering your son and/or daughter for a week of fun and faith-building at Lutheridge/Lutherock?

To pay the lowest possible registration fees, you need to register your son and/or daughter on before March 15. There are Lutheridge/Lutherock summer program brochures on the table in the Gathering area. You can also access the summer camp schedule, registration fees, scholarship application, and register now on the Lutheridge website: **www.lutheridge.com**.

Messiah and Lutheridge/Lutherock have scholarship funds available to assist with the registration fees. So that Messiah can determine the need for scholarship funds, please complete the scholarship request form, located in the Gathering area **on or before Thursday March 15**. Please return the completed scholarship request form to Lynne Anderson or email Alysia Dodd or Jim Crofts.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Lutheridge/Lutherock scholarship fund, use your regular envelope or a pew envelope and indicate "Lutheridge/Lutherock Scholarship."

See or call Alysia in the church office or Jim Crofts at 864-230-0247 with any questions.

Lutheridge/Lutherock Scholarship Form

Camper Name _____

Parent Name _____

Program _____ Lutherock – Lutheridge (circle one)

Program Week _____ Cost \$ _____

Scholarship Amount Requested \$ _____

Please return the completed Scholarship form to Lynne Anderson in the church office, or you may email Alysia Dodd (adodd@messiahmauldin.org) or Jim Crofts (crofts0917@aol.com) with your request and the above information. To get the lowest tuition, register before March 15.



PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Richard & Mary Miller, Blair & Deb Tidmarsh, Gail Williams, Ruth Miller, Betty Thacker, Judy Gisman, Helen Wolfe, Helen Weiger, Paul Bachtel, Tom Manske, Mary Carbaugh, Elsie Switzer, Gary Carbaugh, Bill & Marilyn Hendrix, Jenny Leudke, Joyce Dodd, Marilyn Harmon, Fred Covalt, Sandy Sanders (Kevin Sterling), Larry & Sally Hyman, Porter Jones, Jan Beaty, Hilda Hucker, Darlene Zinnel, Ursula Moran, Patrick & Toni Pryor

OUR PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY ARE WITH:

The Anderson and Ramsey families at the death of Patrick Anderson

The Family of Robert Stewart

Marie Bergmann at the death of her husband Dick

Linda Stazer at the death of her husband, Doug

Connie Stone at the death of her husband, John

Marlowe Lindstrom at the death of his brother

The Cummins family at the death of a family member

Larry Boller at the death of his father

Toni & Patrick Pryor at the death of their nephew

Robert Dezzi at the death of his father

PRAYERS FOR:

Martha Axman, daughter of Helen Weiger

The son-in-law of Joe Gobbett

The daughter of Marlowe and Betty Lindstrom

The brother of Laura Boyer

Linda Schertz, mother of Daniel Schertz

David Ramsey, father of Tom Ramsey

The wife of Jeff Vissage

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Todd Chambers: nephew of Jim & Sherry Crofts, **Britain Weaver:** son of Paul & Barbara Weaver, **Derek Clayton:** brother of Melissa Walser & uncle of Pat & Chris Innes, **Tony Kizziah:** grandson-in-law of Helen Weiger, **Forrest Reid:** nephew of Rod & Donna Brown, **Andrew Jones:** grandson of Marilyn Harmon, **Lee Williams:** son-in-law of Gary & Renee Carbaugh, **Leo & Thomas Kasmer:** grandsons of Adeline Blegen, **Christopher Bair:** nephews of Jay & Lisa Best, **Gary Pagan:** brother-in-law of Jon & Jenny Luedke, **Michael Oberkramer:** nephew of Jim & Martha Amador, **Thomas Johnson:** great nephew of Ralph & Mary Wimmer, **Lance Bonkosk:** the husband of Lee & Helen Fisher's granddaughter, **Adam Disque:** son-in-law of Fred & Beth Fulmer, **Jessica & Jacob Lanford,** children of Elizabeth Lanford.



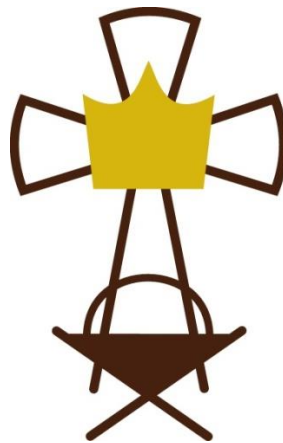
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