



**February 22 & 23, 2020**



**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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**Worship Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 9:00am & 11:15am**

**Sunday School: 10:15am**

**Sunday Fellowship: 10:15am**

**Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm**

Erik Allen, Pastor -- Hope Moran, Director of Ministries -- Astrid Caruso-Lynch, Music Director --  
Caleb Meadows, Saturday Evening Musician/GRACE Contemporary Band Leader --  
Tracey Shaw, Administrative Assistant -- Christie Hoaglin, Finance Administrator --  
Melissa Chapman, Communications Coordinator

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here! At Messiah, we have open communion for everyone who believes in our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus. We encourage you to visit our webpage at [www.messiahelca.com](http://www.messiahelca.com) for more information on Messiah Lutheran's beliefs. For visitors with small children, there are activity bags in the back of the church and a nursery is available. For those needing amplified sound, please see an usher. Please fill out a guest information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. For every completed guest card, Messiah will purchase five chicks from ELCA Good Gifts in your name.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday the adult forum will meet in the sanctuary at 10:15am. Lori Joundi will lead another discussion comparing Islam and Christianity. Pr. Wetzel will continue his study of the Book of Revelation in room 117.

### • SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us this Tuesday, February 25th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm as we celebrate "Shrove Tuesday." This year Fr. Gray, from Good Samaritan, and Astrid will join the pancake festivities.

### • ASH WEDNESDAY

Good Samaritan will join Messiah for a combined Ash Wednesday worship service Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00pm. There will also be a 12:00pm service at Messiah.

### • LENT

Wednesday, March 4th will be our first Lenten midweek service at 6:30pm. Join us before service at 5:30pm as the Christian Education Board is hosting a lasagna dinner with breadsticks, salad, and dessert.

### • LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Anyone from high school age and up is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings in room 107 following the Lenten Worship Service to explore "Victory in Forgiveness." This Wednesday, February 26th will be a thirty minute intro. We look forward to this personal discovery during our Lenten season.

### • WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT

All women are invited to "Fill Your Cup" on Saturday, March 7th at Messiah from 9:00am - 11:00am. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased after every service or at the door on the day of retreat. Invite your friends. A sign up sheet is in the gathering area under the monitors.

### • HENDRICKS COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORP

This is the last weekend to sign up for the "Safe Worship" and "Stop the Bleed" training on Saturday, February 29th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds from 8:00am - 12:00pm. See the sign in the gathering area under the monitors for more information.

### • MESSIAH'S DANCE PARTY

Join us on Saturday, March 14th at Messiah from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the KFLC for a night of dancing. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$5 for youth and can be purchased in the gathering area after Sunday service or at the door on Saturday, March 14th. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Board and the GRACE Band and proceeds will benefit Messiah's Faith Ministry Fund. This is a family friendly event so bring the kids, friends, and neighbors. Snacks will be provided, drinks are BYOB. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a Giving Tree.

### • ALL THOSE WHO KNIT, CROCHET AND SEW....YOU ARE NEEDED!

Women's Ministries is planning a service initiative with the Little Red Door Cancer Agency to create 30 Chemo Care Packages for adult patients in need of support during their cancer treatment. We would like to include hats that are knitted, crocheted, or made of fleece. Use the pattern of your choice, or choose from patterns available in the Narthex at the Chemo Care Poster. Completed hats can be dropped off in the box provided in the Narthex, or directly to Susan Fox.

**THIS WEEK @ MESSIAH**  
**PRAYER IS HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT 10:00AM DURING THE WEEK.**

**Sunday, February 23**

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- Confirmation Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class - 6:00 pm
- No High School Youth Group

**Monday, February 24**

- Mom's Small Group - 9:30am
- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- RIC Reconciling in Christ - 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study / Esther Circle / Healthcare BINGO - 7:00pm

**Tuesday, February 25**

*Shrove Tuesday*

- Healthcare Ministry Wellbrooke of Avon - 2:00pm
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - 5:30pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm
- Women's Evening Bible Study - 8:00pm

**Wednesday, February 26**

*Ash Wednesday*

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 12:00pm
- Healthcare Ministry Brownsburg Meadows North - 2:00pm
- Choir Warm Up - 6:00pm
- Women's Ministry Board - 6:30pm
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 7:00pm
- Small Group "Victory in Forgiveness" - 8:00pm

**Thursday, February 27**

- Friendship Bible Study - 7:00pm

**Friday, February 28**

- AA - 8:00pm

**Saturday, February 29**

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- GRACE Band practice - 3:30pm
- Worship - 5:30pm

**Sunday, March 1**

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School / Intermission - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- HS Youth Group Dinner at Iguana's - 5:30 pm
- No Confirmation Class or Dinner

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month your special offerings, above your regular giving, will go to the ELCA Fund for Leaders. This is a seminary scholarship program. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2020**

*(\* Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
\*Gathering Hymn ELW 834  
\*Greeting  
\*Hymn of Praise front of ELW p.149  
\*Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm Psalm 99  
Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21  
\*Gospel Acclamation front of ELW p.151  
\*Gospel Matthew 17:1-9  
Children's Hymn ELW 781 v.1  
Children's Message  
Children's Hymn ELW 781 v.2  
Sermon  
\*Hymn of the Day ELW 315  
\*Apostles' Creed  
\*Prayers of Intercession  
\*The Peace  
Announcements

### MEAL

Offering  
\*Offertory Hymn ELW 184  
\*Offering Prayer  
\*Words of Institution  
\*Lord's Prayer  
\*Invitation to Communion  
Distribution of Communion  
Lamb of God front of ELW p.154  
Communion Hymns ELW 658, 838  
\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Prayer

### SENDING

\*The Blessing  
\*Sending Hymn ELW 867  
\*Dismissal  
Postlude

## Inspiring Worship All Week

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –  
February 29 & March 1, 2020, written by Jon Jordan.*

**Key Verse:** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” Genesis 3:1

**Readings:**                      **Sunday readings in bold print**                      Monday:                      **Genesis 2:15-17;**  
**3:1-7**

Tuesday:                      Romans 12:1-8

Wednesday:                      **Psalm 32**

Thursday:                      **Romans 5:12-19**

Friday:                      Proverbs 30:4-5

Saturday:                      **Matthew 4:1-11**

**Apply:** The crafty serpent (Satan) got technical with Eve and started messing with her faith through the simplest of questions. I can just imagine how it might have sounded to her: “Are you REALLY sure God said ANY tree... are you sure?” That seems to be one of Satan’s go-to methods, get us poor souls to question, then we’re off to the races in faith defying pursuits. A lot of times it involves something quite simple; “Oooh, look at the shiny apple!” and in each of our lives that apple can present itself in a variety of ways. God knows our weaknesses and has given us many options to handle those questions and temptations instigated by the ultimate deceiver. Important and effective ways to keep Satan’s deceptive questions in check include regularly exposing ourselves to God’s Word. Keep up with reading the Bible. Study and expand Christian knowledge and insight with podcasts, books and articles and by attending Sunday School. Immerse your day with music that fosters Christian faith. Attend faith-filled Christian retreats. Avail yourself to the support of Christian community in regular worship and communion and let yourself be God’s hands and feet to those around us, within our church and without.

**Prayer:** Dear God, there are many faith questions that can arise from time to time in our lives. We know you have provided ways to handle them and for that we are so thankful. Please strengthen our relationship with you so that we can confidently answer those questions correctly in faith. Amen.

*Send prayer requests to the church  
office at 317.852.2988 or  
[prayers@messiahelca.com](mailto:prayers@messiahelca.com)*

Attendance for the weekend of February 15th and 16th was 187 and the offering was \$7,173. We have received \$284,818 towards the three year Bridge to the Future campaign. The flowers are in memory of Allison Mason by Robin Ryan-McFarland.

<b>WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>Feb 22nd &amp; 23rd</b>
	<b>SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE</b>
Lector & Greeter	Marsha Banks
	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM SERVICE</b>
Greeter	Marie Hutchinson
Welcome Center	Chris Milner
Lector	Erin Cooper
Acolytes	Finn Carey
Assisting Minister	Tom Stempson
Communion Assistants	Mike & Joanne Madigan
Care Ministry	Dottie McIntyre
Nursery	Kristin Faletic
Media Tech	David Bedard