



March 7 & 8, 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 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 for a guest speaker discussing the Jewish/Christian Dialog. Pr. Wetzel will continue his study of the Book of Revelation in room 117.

• LENT

Join us Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm for a sloppy joe dinner provided by the Spiritual Life Board and Men's Bible. Worship service will begin at 6:30pm. Pick up your Lenten Devotional in the bookrack across from the welcome center in the gathering area.

• LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Following our Lenten Midweek Worship Service a small group will be gathering in the Kinney Family Life Center to discuss "Victory in Forgiveness." This small group offers participants an opportunity for personal discovery during the 40 days of Lent.

• HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT

This year's Holy Communion retreat and chalice making with Pr. Erik is set for Sunday, March 8th from 1-4pm. *All 2nd graders are encouraged to attend.* Children not in 2nd grade but desiring to participate in Messiah's Holy Communion recognition on Palm Sunday, April 5th, at the 9:00am service should contact Pr. Erik during office hours or via email at pastor.erik@messiahelca.com to make arrangements.

• MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The Mary Martha Circle ladies will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30am at Messiah in room 117. The group is currently studying the Books of the Bible. All ladies are invited to attend.

• 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.

• MESSIAH OWLS

LOTS of "Meals on Wheels" INFO will be presented by Sue Cox to Messiah's Owls on March 20th @11:30 am. Sue will explain client qualifications, volunteer opportunities & more! Corned beef & cabbage will be provided by Hope Moran, Bob Skinner and Dottie McIntyre.

• MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month your special offerings, above your regular giving, will go to the Food Pantry. The food pantry shelves always need extra items! Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

• ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the weekend of February 29th and March 1st was 167 and the offering was \$10,365. We have received \$312,528 towards the three year Bridge to the Future campaign.

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

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- Traditional Worship with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- First Communion Retreat & Chalice Making - 1:00pm
- Confirmation & HS Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class & HS Youth Group - 6:00pm

Monday, March 9

- Mom's Small Group - 9:30am
- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study / Christian Education Board / Joanna Circle - 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 10

- Mary Martha Circle - 9:30am
- Stephen Ministry Peer Training - 6:00pm
- Executive Council - 7:00pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm
- Women's Evening Bible Study - 8:00pm

Wednesday, March 11

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Healthcare Ministry Brownsburg Meadows North - 2:00pm
- Lenten Meal - 5:30pm
- Lenten Worship - 6:30pm
- Choir - 7:00pm
- Small Group "Victory in Forgiveness" - 7:30pm

Thursday, March 12

- Friendship Bible Study / Stewardship Board - 7:00pm

Friday, March 13

- GRACE Band Practice - 6:30pm
- AA - 8:00pm

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- Confirmation & HS Dinner - 5:30 pm
- Confirmation Class & HS Youth Group - 6:00pm
- Youth Launch Group - 7:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
MARCH 7 & 8, 2020
(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
*Gathering Hymn ELW 660
*Greeting
*Kyrie front of ELW p.203
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm Psalm 121
Second Reading Romans 4:1-5,13-17
*Gospel Acclamation front of ELW p.205
*Gospel John 3:1-17
Children's Hymn ELW 325 v.2
Children's Message
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Sermon
*Hymn of the Day ELW 323
*Apostles' Creed
*Prayers of Intercession
*The Peace
Announcements

MEAL

Offering
Special Music *The Handbells*
*Offertory Hymn ELW 188
*Offering Prayer
*Words of Institution
*Lord's Prayer
*Invitation to Communion
Distribution of Communion
Prayers for Healing &
Wholeness
Lamb of God front of ELW p.208
Communion Hymns ELW 494, 462
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing
*Sending Hymn ELW 324
*Dismissal
Postlude

Inspiring Worship All Week

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –
March 14 & 15, 2020, written by Jon Jordan.*

Key Verse: They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.” John 4:42

Readings: (Sunday readings in bold)

Monday: Psalm 8:5

Tuesday: **Exodus 17:1-7**

Wednesday: **Psalm 95**

Thursday: **Romans 5:1-11**

Friday: **John 4:5-42**

Saturday: Psalm 139:14

Apply: Samaritans were looked down upon, totally marginalized and discriminated against by the Jews of Jesus’ time. Among other things, simply put, Samaritans were not considered a pure Jewish people and they didn’t observe Jerusalem as the one proper place of worship, blasphemous things to the Jews. Add to that, the Samaritan that Jesus was talking with was a woman (perceived to always be of low standing back then), and not just that, but a woman of bad moral reputation to boot! But what was the outcome of Jesus reaching out to a perceived miserable lowlife sinner? Not only did that individual receive, accept and believe God’s promise of eternal life, but this Samaritan woman rejected by the Jews helped to proclaim the Gospel to a whole community. According to John, Jesus then went and spent two days within their midst. Through the power of God, she literally and figuratively brought Jesus to a whole town! First of all, this shows God comes to us and loves us even if we’re a sinner or an outcast to society. To God, we are loved and precious, even if humanity thinks otherwise, and that’s what counts most. It also shows us that if God can use an outcasted sinner as in this case, He can use poor, miserable sinners like you and I to do His will and proclaim the good news. It’s not important who says it, but what is said (and that it is said). Finally, it makes it clear we should not discriminate but love and actually interact and be with and among those who are marginalized or overlooked.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to understand we should strive do our best to love and respect others and to spread the good news of God’s gospel, even if we fall short or think we’re not worthy. Amen.

*Send prayer requests
to the church
office at 317.852.2988 or
prayers@messiahelca.com*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	March 7th & 8th
	SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE
Lector & Greeter	Robin Ryan-McFarland
	SUNDAY 9:00AM SERVICE
Greeter	Grace Hull
Welcome Center	Nancy Freese
Lector	LeAnn Bruns
Acolytes	Ryan Steininger, Audrey Faletic
Assisting Minister	Evan Grothen
Communion Assistants	Gene Schwartzkopf, Joe Kempf
Ushers	Joe & Phyllis Bridwell
Care Ministry	Joy Stadtmiller, Kaj Brown
Nursery	Dottie McIntyre
Media Tech	Jeff Corder