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“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
(Hebrews 12:2 NIV)

How’s your “eye discipline”? This is a question that’s important for defensive players on many football teams. Offense players today like to use a lot of movement before they snap the ball in order to try and trick the defense into believing one type of play is coming while it’s actually a very different play. If the defense can be fooled or confused for even just a moment, it can be enough for the offense to succeed.

What draws your attention these days? What things do your eyes focus on? In a given day, we probably think about hundreds of different things – the people in our lives, things we have to do, things we want to get, etc. In our daily callings, we tend to focus on all sorts of good and important matters. But when it comes to what really matters, when it comes to what gives your life security, meaning, and hope, where do you look?

The devil loves to distract us. He might use an unending news cycle to keep us “informed”. He might use an endless supply of easily accessed entertainment to keep us distracted. Perhaps he’ll use a scrolling social media feed to always keep you current on the latest trends. He’ll use your life circumstance, a hungry stomach, a greedy eye, a perceived slight. Whatever it takes to put you off balance.

But God gives us a gift during the Lenten season: an opportunity to refocus your eyes and attention back where they belong. Have you been looking to yourself, eyes turned inward, to find meaning and purpose in your life? Have you been trying to

gain security by grabbing control of circumstances or trying to control other people? Have you been looking for pleasure or love in all the wrong places? If so, it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to turn your eyes toward Jesus. Consider His passion once more. Watch Him as He journeys to the cross for you. Pay attention to the way He stays focused on His mission to save you. Fix your eyes on Him, and see what true life and love look like.

I pray that God will bless each of you this month as we draw closer to the cross and empty tomb! Regardless of the distractions around you, may He grant you the grace to fix your eyes and attention upon Jesus your Savior.



Wednesday Sermon Series: Shadows of the Savior

Throughout the Old Testament there are so many people of who spend their lives in service to the Lord. Join on Wednesday evenings as we look at heroes of the Old Testament and how their lives were shadows of the Savior always pointing forward to Jesus.

March 3 "Joseph – Life-Giver in Death"

March 10 "Gideon – The Mighty Warrior"

March 17 "Samson – Destroying the Stronghold"

March 24 "David – Against All Odds"



Mark Your Calendars Special Services

Preparing for Easter

Lent Service	March 3 – 7:15 p.m.
Lent Service	March 10 – 7:15 p.m.
Lent Service	March 17 – 7:15 p.m.
Lent Service	March 24 – 7:15 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	– April 1 – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service	– April 2 – 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	April 4 th

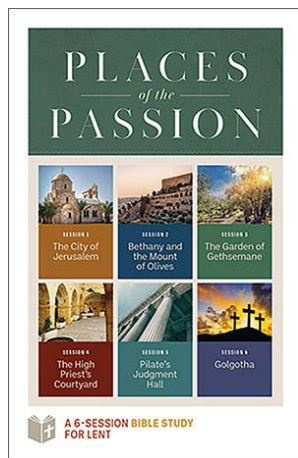


If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please call the Church Office or drop a note by the Church with who is donating the lily and if it is in Memory of or in Honor of someone.

DO NOT Bring your lilies before Thursday, April 1st so they will still have blooms for Easter Sunday. You may pick up your lily after the 10:00 Easter Worship.

Sunday Sermon Series: Places of the Passion

The places where the passion of our Lord took place hold special meaning to Christians the world over. These places remind us that Jesus walked this earth and stood in locations we can still find today to carry out His mission of salvation. Journey with our Savior, exploring the spiritual relevance of key points along the path of Christ's passion in our Sunday Lenten Series beginning Sunday, February 14th through Holy Week and Easter. This series follows along with the Lenten Devotions Group Bible Studies.



March 7: The Garden of Gethsemane

March 14: The Courtyard

March 21: Pilate's Judgment Hall

Palm Sunday: Bethphage

Maundy Thursday: The Upper Room

Good Friday: Golgotha

Easter Sunday: The Garden Tomb



Pastor and the Board of Elders are excited to announce that on **Saturday, April 10th at 6:00pm** we will be re-starting our **Saturday Worship services.**

Invite your friends, family and everyone in between to join us.

Communion News

Pastor, in coordination with the Elders is working on a new plan for Communion that **will begin Sunday, March 21st**.

- Pre-packaged wine and host will be placed at back to be picked up just as before.
- The common cup will be available at the Altar rail for those who would like to receive it.

During Worship

- After the words of institution are said each family group will be invited forward (by ushers or Elders) to the Altar rail to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Bring your pre-packaged wine and host with you or just yourselves to receive the common cup.
- For those who would like to remain in their pew, please join the first table in receiving the Body and Blood.

Messiah Scholarships

High school seniors and postsecondary students are welcome to apply for scholarships from Messiah Lutheran Church. Applications for 2021 will be submitted digitally.

Instruction/information sheets are available at Messiah Lutheran Church. You also can email Gwen Larson, scholarship chair, at gazettegl@yahoo.com to request a copy.

All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 4 (Easter).

Mother's Day Casseroles!

Treat your mom to a Mother's Day Dinner provided by the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2022 who will be making casseroles for you to serve that day! Orders may be placed beginning April 1st for either a 9x13 or 8x8 casseroles. A free will offering will be received. Your choices are:

Enchilada Lasagna Casserole – Gluten Free
Spaghetti Casserole
Tater Tot Casserole

Available for pick up:

Sunday, May 2 from 9:30 AM – Noon

Monday, May 3 from 9:30 AM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 4 - Thursday, May 6 from 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Look for the link to order April 1st.

National Youth Gathering 2022

Mark your calendar! Those interested in attending the National Youth Gathering will be hosting a casserole fundraiser for Mother's Day.

Assembly day will be April 25 after church. Lunch will be provided for youth and parents. Then we will tackle the jobs scattering folks throughout the building. If you are unable to help on that day you are asked to brown hamburger in preparation for the assembly day.

Supplies will be purchased using a Thrivent Action Team card. Sign up to help today! <http://bit.ly/2NA9aWT>

Help Churches Texas

There are many churches, schools and preschools with burst pipes, not to mention all the families struggling with all the issues. Churches can benefit from gift cards or money. If you want to give through the Texas District, so that funds can be sent to the churches with greatest needs, here is a link to the Texas District Disaster Relief website:

<https://txlcms.org/congregations/disaster-relief>



Roses to

- † Roses to Terry Textor and crew for clearing the parking areas of snow.
- † Roses to Ken Taylor and Jim Young for keeping the sidewalks clean. Watch out for the hidden ice!
- † Roses to Amanda Fischer and Laci Hansen who organized the fundraiser for Alex Conley.
- † Roses to the 40 or so people who came out to help with the fund raiser. And special thanks to all of his friends and family who signed up to help.
- † Roses to the many who supported the fundraiser. The fundraiser served about 425 people! Such generosity.
- † Roses to all those who worked so hard to keep furnaces going, water lines maintained and kept gas and electricity up during that brutal cold. Thank you!
- † Roses to Taylor & Regan Botkin whose son, Easton Wade, was born on February 10th.
- † Roses to those working in the community to help people to receive the Covid vaccinations
- † Roses to the MCE Calling Team who are sorting through applications and interviews to discern good matches for Messiah and the ministry in this place. Members are Norma Hodges, Caleb Tegtmeier, Sara Mitchell, Marcy Neff, Melissa Carson, Chuck Weidner, Gwen Larson.
- † Roses to Amanda Fischer, Amanda Neff, Amber Pankratz and Jennifer Rethman who helped with Youth Quake.
- † Roses to Riley Neff who volunteered to be a buddy to the only boy in a sea of girls at the Virtual Youth Quake
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Lenten Bible Study Series

Come join us starting Sunday, February 14th. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. More details as they become available.

“In this Bible Study for Lent, participants walk in the footsteps of Jesus to the places where His Passion took place to learn more about His sacrifice for us. This study will help to remind us that the places Jesus went on this earth made it possible for us to have a place in heaven with Him forever.

Leader	Day/Location
Beth Hanschu	Sunday, 6:30 p.m. F.H.
Chuck Weidner	Wed. Noon/Fellowship Hall
Elaine Whiteneck	Zoom

9:45 AM Sunday Morning Adult Studies

Men's Study - I Am A Church Member

Class Dates will be March 14, April 4 & 11, May 23 & 30, June 6 & 27. This study starts conversations about the attitudes and responsibilities of church members.

Pastor's Class – Places of the Passion

Masks Required - Just a Reminder!

Masks will be required to stay on the entire time you are in the building for worship, LOGOS and Sunday School Classes.

Exceptions are children under 5 years old
or those with medical conditions,
under a doctor's recommendation not to wear one.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach March 2021



Gospel Focus: "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart and a humble mind." (1 Peter 3:8)

Working Together for the Good of Others: "As Lutheran Women in Mission we adapt to ways we can safely support those in our community. We look for new ways to serve one another while social distancing. We continue to recognize the needs of others as we plan for a new month."

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us the privilege of creatively serving others in Your name during this time of pandemic. You have directed us to realize that there are still plenty of ways to be Your hands and feet and think outside our normal avenues. Guide us as we strive to reach out to others while keeping everyone safe. We know that You are the God of grace, mercy and peace. Grant each of those strengths to us as we plan a servant event. In the name of Jesus Your precious Son, we pray. Amen"

MARCH

HETLINGER COOKIES - Dorcas Circle

MARCH – LWML PRAYER MONTH

<i>March 3</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Executive Board</i>
<i>March 3</i>	<i>1:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Ruth Circle</i>
<i>March 16</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Dorcas Circle</i>

Member News

The following members have been in the hospital sometime during the month. Please keep them in your prayers for continued healing and comfort: Alex Conley, Marcia Janzen

If we left off your name, please let us know. Remember to call the Church Office if you are planning to go into the hospital. Let your family know that they need to call us. The hospital will no longer notify Pastor when you enter.

Remember our service men and women in your prayers:
Josh Lawson, Aaron Cuadra, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds,
John Ritchie, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship

CHURCH
What's missing?
UR (you are)

Prayer Calendar

For each day of the month, the name of a Messiah Family is listed for you to pray for. We ask that you keep the prayer calendar in a place where you will see it each day and then include that family in your daily prayers. Pray that God will watch over them, grant them good health, and keep them strong in the faith. We hope that our prayers will strengthen and bind us together as a family of God.

March 2021

1. Lucas & Lacie Succi, Layton & Elise
2. Stormy & Peggy Supiran
3. Carol Swint
4. Mark & Marlene Swisher, Dallas & Ty
5. Donna Switzer
6. Justin Tabares, Arabella & Arianna
7. Ken & Brenda Taylor
8. Joshua Taylor
9. Caleb & Bethany Tegtmeier, Eliza & Nellie
10. Terry & Karla Textor
11. Trisha Theas
12. Jerry & Bonnie Thomas
13. Floyd & Tammy Thomas, Taylor & Logan
14. Debra Thompson
15. Judy Thurston
16. Robert & Brandi Turner & Brayden
17. Mike & Jan Utech, Brayden, Ben & Jaxson
18. Katherine Vahsholtz
19. Wayne & Tamie Vahsholtz
20. Christopher & Alex Vahsholtz, Oakley & Cooper
21. Kimberly Vanley
22. Margaret Vogts
23. Mike & Shelly Vogts, Emily
24. Tim & Julia Wacker, Bennett
25. Jacquelyn Wall
26. Jeremy & Kristen Way, Seth & Piper
27. Paul & Brittany Weakley, Kale, Karden & Kyndal
28. Dominik Weidner
29. Charles & Kathy Weidner
30. Damian & Amy Weidner, Joshua, Abigail & Anthony
31. Hans & Fallon Weidner, Sadie, Aria & Rorik

Lutheran Hour Program Guide

Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on 96.1 FM at 10:00 a.m. and also on WIBW - 580 AM at 7:30 a.m. Messiah Lutheran's radio program is on 96.1 FM following the "Lutheran Hour" at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

March 7 - "A Place to Belong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. (Mark 11: 1-26)

March 14 - "Widow's Mite"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. (Mark 12: 13-34)

March 21 - "But He Is Strong"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark 14:10-72)

March 28 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Mark)



Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
February 1, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Zach Hansen motioned to accept the January minutes with correction on his report. It should be \$3400 for a Cedar fence instead of a vinyl fence; Amanda Fischer seconded. Motion carried.

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

The church is on the list with Fender Fence for a new fence. They are eight weeks out.

Outreach Team Report – Amanda Fischer

There will be a drive-thru biscuits and gravy breakfast fundraiser for Alex Conley on Saturday, February 20th from 7-10am.

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

No Saturday service in February

Adult & Family Life Team– Laci Hansen

The directories are out for distribution. Some have been saved for office and archives, others are available for purchase, \$5 each

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

No report

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

Elaine is leading a group of parent volunteers to organize a casserole fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering trip. Also talking about the possibility of an Easter breakfast. The breakfast runs like clockwork. The real question is whether we will be able to even have it given COVID restrictions.

A group of six youth are registered to participate in a virtual Youth Quake on February 27. Youth Quake is for those in Grades 6-8.

Normally it is a Friday night through Sunday morning in Wichita but is restructured for virtual this year.

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	1/1/2021	\$85,983.27
Deposits	\$ 48,171.68	
Checks	\$ -48,074.05	
Journals	\$ 89.50	
Ending Balance	1/31/2021	\$86,170.40

Committee Reports

MCE call team: Meet on Thursday 2/4/2021 to look at applications. There are 10-15 to look at.

Health & Wellness:

Long Range Planning:

Harvest Home:

Membership Changes

Death:

Brenda Stock (1/25/21) * not a member

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee – hope to have it setup by end of February.
2. Streaming Services update – The equipment is ordered. Bluestem Productions will do a walk through the week of 2/8.
3. Year-end reports for our Annual report – please turn them in by the end of February.
4. Talked about adding money to the contingency fund since we have a 2020 surplus – submit ideas with dollar amounts on where to use extra money within Messiah church.

5. Doug Epp is no longer leading the Family Promise Board. They are still looking to see if anyone would like to serve on the Board.

New Business

1. Yes/No vote for synod vote....please respond.

Announcements

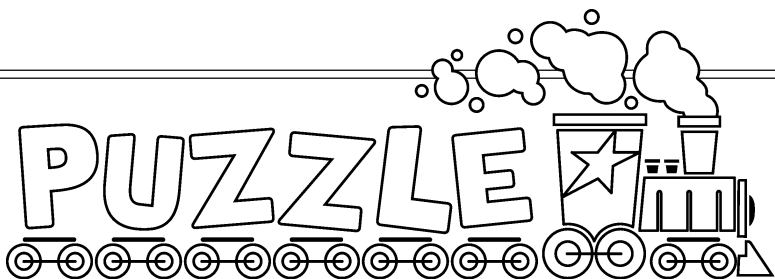
Next meeting: Monday, March 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Amy Christensen - Secretary





BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

___ _ _ _ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

___ _ _ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

___ _ _ _ _ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

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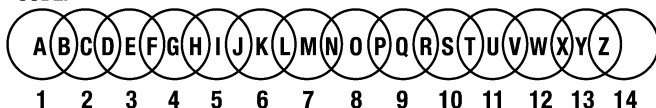
“Are not five ___ _ _ _ _ sold for
two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten
by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth
more than many ___ _ _ _ _.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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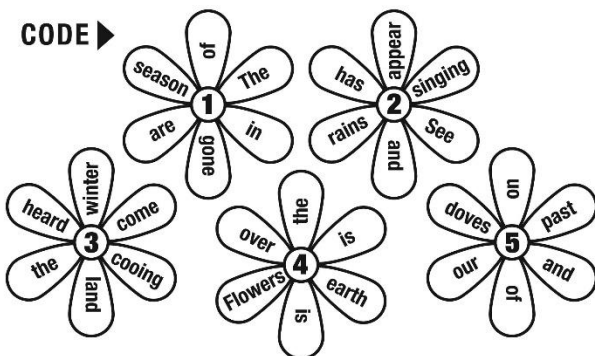
EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ►



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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV

