



MAY THE LORD
DIRECT YOUR HEARTS
TO THE
love OF *God*
AND TO THE
steadfastness
OF *Christ.*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5



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Let's Honor the Past, look to the Future and trust in God!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

Honoring the past, looking to the future, and trusting God is the message I want to share with you this month. Many of you might not be aware of this but we are a mere 3 years away from celebrating 100 years of ministry. Almost 100 years of sharing the love of Jesus with the community of Emporia and around the world.

As we get closer to celebrating 100 years, we will be looking back to the history of those who made so much effort to start a ministry and build a church – it was much harder 70 years ago when our existing church building was built. It was a several step process, all made possible because of the generosity, faith and trust in God that people had. The dedication and the perseverance were awesome!

We have spent the last few weekends sitting as a congregation and looking to the future. How can Messiah Lutheran Church live and teach Jesus' love for the next 5, 10, 50 or 100 years. We shared our hopes and our dreams regarding a wide range of topics. There were so many amazing ideas and so many possibilities of ways that we can continue serve. The underlying idea that I kept noticing was, how do we honor our past while looking to our future.

This congregation has such a rich and beautiful history. This history has made us who we are and will shape and guide us as we continue to live and teach Jesus' love. Do we need to wait for a special celebration to share the stories of those who have shaped our lives and our faith? I've discovered that people listen with great interest when we share what matters to us. The time to tell our stories is now! It is by remembering stories, people and events that we can build towards

tomorrow. How did things come to be the way they are now? Who shaped our lives?

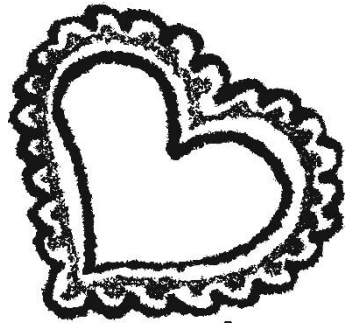
Our future is intertwined with the people around us, our community. As people of faith our reason for existence is about serving and loving others and to respond to needs; whether it is offering classes, support groups, collecting and giving things or countless other ways. Our future is, Faith in action!

As I look to the future it's about connecting with others. It is to respond to every opportunity to offer what we have that might be needed. It may just be a kind word or inviting someone to an event.

In reality, the best future we can hope for is one where we trust God with the outcome. Trust that God will provide the means necessary to carry out our ministry. By honoring the past with appreciation, and doing our part to live as faithfully as we can to contribute to God's future, we can let go and trust that God will be with us, will provide for us, and will work through us.

In Christ!

Pastor Eddie



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PROVERBS 3:5. ESV

Themes & Menus for LOGOS

February 5 **Horrible Hair Night**

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit salad

February 12 **Be My Valentine**

Menu: Sandwiches, tossed salad, cherry fluff

February 19 **Pizza Party**

Menu: Pizza, fresh veggies & ranch, rice krispy treats

February 26 **Prayer - Ash Wednesday**

Menu: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, fresh veggies & ranch, cupcakes

LOGOS Needs! LOGOS is in need of several items for activity time. We need panty hose for Feb. 5 and empty rectangular tissue boxes on Feb 26. If you have any of these items, please talk with Michele Olson or Elaine. Thanks so much!

Belize Mission Society: As many of you are aware we were blessed to be joined last month by Rev. Duane Meissner from the Belize Mission Society. I have had several people ask me, "what can I do?" Prayers are always so appreciated for any missionary and the work that they do to serve the Lord. If you would like to donate to the mission itself you can go to their website www.belizemissionsociety.net there you can find information about sponsoring a child through a scholarship to go to school or to provide a healthy meal for a child at school. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry, God's blessings!



Belize Missions Trip

Messiah Lutheran is planning a servant missions trip to Belize in Summer 2020.

For those interested in being a part of the trip, participation forms are available in the back of church and are **due back by February 22nd**.

Trip Summary:

Dates: June 27th-July 4th

Mission Focus:

Pastor Duane would like us to visit the town 'Valley of Peace' as Belize Mission Society has just launched a new children's school that will bring a host of opportunities to pitch in. Just remember that no matter your skill set you can help spread the love of Jesus. The location of our trip will depend on how many participants sign up.

Lodging

It will be comfortable and safe. This is covered in the cost of the trip.

Age:

The Belize Mission Society policy is participants must be 15 years or older.

Cost:

\$1,100 per person plus round trip flights and misc expenses. We will be fundraising for all or some of this. Scholarships may also be available.

Feel free to contact Caleb Tegtmeier with questions
(620.412.3763)

Air B-n-Belize

With the growing popularity of the Dirty Kanza and the Glass Blown Open Disc Golf Tournament there is increasing need for lodging for riders and players in the Emporia area. By signing up for AirBnB and offering up your spare bedroom(s) you can:



- 1) Help solve this lodging challenge
- 2) Be a welcoming witness to Christ to all those that come through Emporia
- 3) Earn a little extra cash!

This is where Belize comes in....

Messiah is planning a mission trip to Belize this June to support the efforts of the Belize Mission Society. We are asking that in the upcoming Emporia "Tourist Season," folks that are willing to host AirBnB guests donate some or all of the proceeds to Messiah's team working to fundraise for this trip.

If you are interested but not sure how to get registered on AirBnb or are just a little hesitant to sign up, we will be hosting a group sign up after church on Sunday, February 23rd to answer questions about the AirBnb experience and help you walk through the online registration process. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the fellowship hall by the mailboxes and grab a flyer that shows the required info needed to register on AirBnB.

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach



February

Three ways to help strengthen your faith:

- 1) Nurturing
- 2) Meaningful
- 3) Encouraging

- 1) Take the time to work through a difficult situation by writing down your blessings. Turn the situation over to the Lord in prayer. Chances he will help you see something positive and uplifting through the whole process.
- 2) Consider packing Valentine care packages for college students and/or military personnel away from home. Include notes of encouragement and Christian literature such as small devotion books or pocket New Testaments. You may also wish to donate to "Faith Comes by Hearing" to send BibleSticks to our service members.
- 3) Send Valentine's Day cards to your pastor's wife, the church organist, shut-ins from the congregation, and anyone else who could use a little extra encouragement.

FEBRUARY

<i>February 5</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>HETLINGER COOKIES - Ruth Circle</i>
<i>February 5</i>	<i>1:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Executive Board</i>
<i>February 9</i>	<i>11:00 - 1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Ruth Circle</i>
<i>February 18</i>	<i>11:00 - 1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>LWML Soup Lunch for World Hunger</i>
	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Dorcas Circle</i>

LWML is in need of large containers that can be used to send home leftovers from funeral dinners. If you have clean ice cream containers or larger cool whip containers, please leave them in the kitchen.

Lenten Small Group Study

Joining Jesus on His Mission will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your life. You will feel both relief and hope. You may even hear yourself say, “I can do this!” as you start responding to the everyday opportunities Jesus is placing in your path.



This will be a much richer study if you take time to read the book – a couple of chapters each week - they should be here next weekend. If you are able and would like to donate \$5 to offset the cost, a basket will be next to the resources. Plans include a possible college age group and a second 30-something aged group as well as other options. Please join us as we learn of Joining Jesus.

Host:

Gene & Marietta Whitson
Elaine Benz
Marcy Neff
Wednesday Noon
Braum's Bible Study

Facilitator & Day:

Sandy Schroeder
Beth Hanschu, 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Jenn Esau, Mon/Youth House
Carol Kohr, Wed/Youth House
Norma Hodges, 7:00 a.m. Thursday

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Fellowship Hall Study - This group will finish their study on the book of Revelation by Feb 16 with plans to begin a new study on Feb 23! Greg Rahe will begin leading a study and Pastor H will lead a small group Lenten study.

Basement Women's Study – This group will pick up their study *“Having a Mary Heart in a Marth World”* on Feb 9

Roses to

- † Roses to all those who helped clear snow. Thanks for keeping the sidewalks clean!
- † Roses to Pastor Duane Meissner who came to tell us about the people of Belize.
- † Roses to Caleb & Bethany Tegtmeier for organizing the first meeting to consider an international mission trip to Belize
- † Roses to Lisa Shaver, Lydia Kolanowski, Karen Belford, Andrea, Ava & Ty Karcher, Jennifer, Haylee & Alexis Brothers, Lexi Hosch and Mande Schumann for helping with the MOPS babysitting
- † Roses to Messiah and the generosity they pour out through anniversary celebrations, Loving Hands Ministry, Harvest Home and so much more
- † Roses to the many who contributed such beautiful things to the auction and silent auction of Harvest Home Festival
- † Roses to Gwen & Luke Larson who are navigating High School on Wednesday nights
- † Roses to Sheryl Wiemers and Linda Sadowski who are team leaders for Sunday School
- † Roses to

Breakfast Fundraiser for Robert Spain

Join us each Sunday in February for Sunday morning breakfast to benefit Bob & Maggie Spain. We hope to help offset some of the burden of Bob's medical and travel expenses. There will be a free will offering each week – Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23! Join us for good food and a good cause.

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: Lea Koch, Charlene Young, Keith Shaver, Jason Birk, Malinda Riles

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:
Terry Rhoads, Josh Lawson, Dillion Grother, Aaron Cuadra, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds, Darren Schroeder, John Ritchie, Christy Bryant, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship

Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
January 4/5	250	\$9,327.00
January 11/12	187	\$4,479.68
January 18/19	248	\$7,684.00
January 25/26		\$8,994.50

Weekly Budget Needs: \$8,396.00

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.

February 2020

1. Reason & Amy Bradford, Addi, Ashlyn & Skyler
2. Dale & Candice Brecht
3. Joshua Brecht
4. Guthrie Briggeman & Collin
5. Roy & Brenda Briggeman
6. Kimberly Britain
7. Eddie & Vicki Brooks
8. Josh & Jennifer Brothers, Alexis & Haylee
9. Jody Bryant
10. Tanner & Kylie Burenheide, Jetta & Adrick
11. Kylee Burns
12. Lori Burns
13. Tristin Burns
14. Carmon Burris
15. Jamie Burris, Dakota & Ashlyn
16. Steven Burris
17. Norene Carroll
18. Ryan & Anna Carroll
19. Dustin & Melissa Carson, Caleb, Emily & Brooklynn
20. Gennie Casteel & Kathy
21. Courtney Cates
22. Rick & Rita Cates
23. Whitney Cates
24. Grant & Jamie Charpentier & Jaida
25. Angie Childears
26. Casey & Amy Christensen, Allison & Emily
27. Kathy Cisneros
28. Travis Cisneros
29. Cierra Cisneros

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.

February 2 - "Gold Without Glitter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining. (Genesis 42)

February 9 - "Break Through the No-Go Zone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough. (Genesis 43-45)

February 16 - "Happy Families Are All Alike"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Genesis 50:15-26)

February 23 - "Know-How"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Save the date for the IF:Gathering 2020

IF:Emporia will be on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be partnering with Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church and they will host this year. We hope to have many tables full of Messiah ladies! If you are interested in serving on the leadership team, volunteering, or have any questions, contact Beth Tegtmeier at 620.412.1032.

February 2020	
February 1 - Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Elder: Don Bauck Acolyte: Trevor Barnett
February 2 – Sunday	8:30 a.m. Elder: Ken Taylor Acolyte: Drew Wells Greeter: Maggie Hinrichs Ushers: Richard & Janice Gibson 11:00 a.m. Elder: Bill Huth Acolyte: Kale Weakley & Jonah Weidner
February 8 - Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Elder: Don Bauck Acolyte: Rhianna Birk
February 9 - Sunday	8:30 a.m. Elder: Ken Taylor Acolyte: Lacy Rust Greeter: Maggie Hinrichs Ushers: Richard & Janice Gibson 11:00 a.m. Elder: Bill Huth Acolyte: Kayleigh Housholder & Nathan Hansen
February 15 - Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Elder: Don Bauck Acolyte: Nolan & Clara Heitman
February 16 - Sunday	8:30 a.m. Elder: Ken Taylor Acolyte: Ava Karcher Greeter: Maggie Hinrichs Ushers: Richard & Janice Gibson 11:00 a.m. Elder: Bill Huth Acolyte: Kyla Herfkins & Mariell Neff
February 22 - Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	Elder: Don Bauck Acolyte: Caleb Schroeder

February 23 - Sunday

8:30 a.m..... Elder: Ken Taylor
Acolyte:
Greeter: Maggie Hinrichs
Ushers: Richard & Janice Gibson
11:00 a.m..... Elder: Bill Huth
Acolyte: Lexi Hosch & Karder Weakley

**Church Council Meeting
Making God's House a Home
January 6, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen

The wooden front doors were brought up again. Zach will contact Schmidt cabinetry to get an estimate on doors. Stove in fellowship hall is still having issues. Zach will contact Muchenthaler's again about fixing it or buying a new one.

Outreach Team Report – Teresa Bauck

Dec 24th men's shelter's Christmas Eve meal was served to about 12 men. Thank you to the following volunteers for their time and food they prepared for the meal: Wes Matson, Brenda Taylor, Sandy Lahr, Donna Spain, Lyndsay Stephens and Tiffany Timmons. Social Concerns gave \$250.00 for a member that is struggling with health concerns. We would like to do a breakfast fund raiser for him sometime in January

Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher

Working on safety and security plan.

Adult & Family Life – Laci Hansen

Working on the church directory and getting families scheduled for pictures. Laci is still looking for people to help with the library.

Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor

Logos-Logos begins again on January 8,
Sunday School-Sunday school teachers and helpers are still
needed. Suggestions for teachers are welcome.

Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson

Spaghetti supper fundraiser for youth will be in February.

Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers

Beginning Balance	12/1/19	\$ (7,341.84)
Deposits	\$ 65,112.78	
Checks	\$ -40,042.71	
Journals	\$ 6,282.79	
Ending Balance	12/31/19	\$ 24,011.02

Old Business

1. Setup 100th Anniversary Committee – a few suggestions
for names are Pastor Hosch, Beth Hanshu, Karen Hinrichs,
Bill Huth, Sandy Schroeder, Tara Davis, Caleb and Bethany
Tegtmeier, Natalie Schnakenberg, Andrea Karcher, Ken
Taylor and Grant Riles. Pastor Hosch will contact these
people and see if they are interested. 1/1/2023 is the
100th year.
2. Family Promise
3. Building Expansion

New Business

1. Round Table Discussion: January 19th – Staff
 January 26th – Future
 February 2nd – Location
2. Streaming services in the Nursery: Pastor Hosch will check
with Jim Belford on price to set up streaming in the
nursery.

3. The annual report is due. Team leaders please get your year-end reports done by the next meeting. Please email them to Denise.
4. Housing Allowance: Messiah Lutheran Church authorizes and establishes the following individuals housing allowance for the year 2020:

Pastor Hosch for \$33,202.50

Elaine Whiteneck for \$14,956.76.

The housing allowance will be paid from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Grant Riles motioned to accept the 2020 housing allowance. Gwen Larson seconded it. Motion carried.

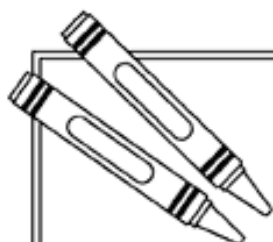
Announcements

Next meeting: February 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with Lord's prayer.

Amy Christensen, Secretary



Just for **KIDS**

THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
O A Q C Z T

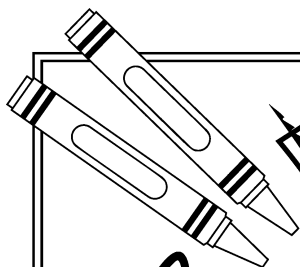
"DO NOT _____

_____, _____

_____."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."



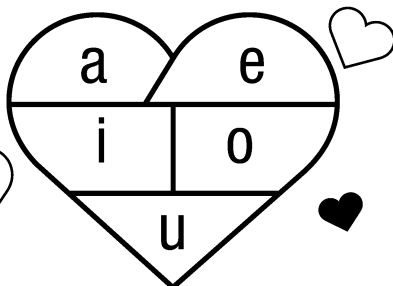
PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



*Directions: Use the heart key
to fill in the missing vowels
from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



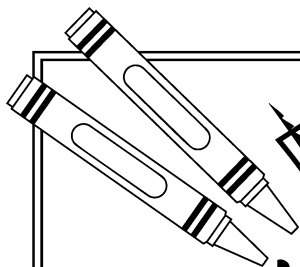
“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

