

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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## IN OUR PRAYERS:

- For those with immediate health concerns: **Karl Mueller; Amy Osborne**, friend of Kris O'Herin; **Todd Berry**, friend of Kris O'Herin; and **Pete Blackwell**, brother-in-law of Pastor & Diane Love.
- For those with ongoing health concerns: **Marguerite Hamilton**, friend of Jackie Cobb; and **Bob Easdon**, brother-in-law of Jackie Cobb.



(Please pray for the above in your prayer time at home. If there are additions, deletions or changes to the above list, please inform the church office by Wednesday noon.)

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - We'll continue "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" reviewing the history of part two against the text of Revelation, then moving on to part three, "Proceed With Caution." Join us at **9:45** in the Fellowship Hall!

### THRIVENT'S SAUERKRAUT DINNER:

Plan on staying after the late service **TODAY** for the annual dinner. Our menu is, roast pork, sauerkraut, red cabbage, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, applesauce, assorted breads, desserts and drinks. All for \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 4-12, and 3 and under are free.

**PASTOR'S DAY OFF** – During Lent, Pastor will be taking Fridays off instead of Mondays, starting with Friday the 24th.

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be **TOMORROW at 9 am**. Please provide the church office with information we need to share with members and guests.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is this **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Services will be at **11 am and 7 pm**, with a dinner preceding the evening service at 6:00 pm. Lenten Services continue on Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Please plan to join us!

**CARES LADIES** – Just a reminder that due to the 11 am Lenten Services on Wednesdays our study of "Grace Upon Grace: The Mystery of Prayer" will be starting 10 minutes earlier.

## YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR:

- *Senior High Sunday Night tonight from 6 to 8 pm* at church. Bring a snack to share and join us for devotions, prayer, planning, food & more fun!
- The snowed-out *Senior High Lock-In* has been rescheduled for **Friday, February 24 at 8 pm**, ending at 8 am the next morning. Cost: *\$15 per person*; guests are welcome.
- *Junior High Sunday Night February 26 from 6 to 8 pm*.
- The Senior High youth will host a Euchre Tournament on the evening of **Friday, March 9**; euchre players of all ages are invited! Proceeds will benefit a mission project chosen by the youth group. Watch for sign-ups soon!
- Junior High will head for the Kentwood *Bounce Party/Blast Factory* on **Saturday, March 17 from 3 to 5:30 pm**. Watch for more details!

## MESSIAH'S FOOD PANTRY:

Our Social Ministry's committee is again asking for the congregation's help. Our food pantry is running very low and we have a few of our church families that need help. We know that you did so much when we asked for food items during Thanksgiving and Christmas as 25 baskets were given. We could not have done that without your support. Now, we are asking for your help again! God bless all of you and thanks for your support. The food table will be in the narthex February and March.

**LWML RETREAT** is **this Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **8:30 am** at Mt. Calvary, Greenville. Ladies, find out how much You Are Treasured! Carpool will leave from Messiah at **7:45 am**. Contact Shirley Hoese regarding carpooling.

**ORGAN COMMITTEE UPDATE:** our "test drive" of a Rodgers digital organ, courtesy of Classic Music, has been extended until next Sunday, February 26. If you haven't already shared your impressions of this instrument, we would appreciate you filling out the card in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate for the Committee's consideration. Thanks!

## LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:

Ash Weds. through Palm Sunday our offering will benefit Lutheran World Relief "Baskets of Promise." For every \$1.40 we collect, eight pounds of school supplies can be sent to refugee children around the world. Let's be witnesses of Christ's abundant love

**GREETERS NEEDED:** Be the welcoming face of Messiah! There are many openings. Please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center or in Adult Bible Class on the clipboard. Thanks!

## LADIES SPRING FLING:

Save the date, **Saturday, April 21, 5:00 PM** for Messiah's wonderful, entertaining event for Ladies of all kinds: Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Aunts and even Friends. Cost is \$6 for Ladies, \$2 for girls age 4-12, with those 3 years and under free. Fun, food, prizes are in store! You will enjoy a Chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, tossed salad, dessert, coffee, tea and punch. Reservations are a must! Please call the church office at 363-2553 or email [office@messiahgr.org](mailto:office@messiahgr.org) and leave your name and the number of ladies/girls attending **by Monday, April 16**. The dinner will be followed by a **7 pm concert** by David Paul Britton in our church sanctuary.



**CELEBRATE LUTHERAN HIGH WITH MUSIC** is our Annual Celebration and Fundraiser where we have entertainment from individuals, small groups, choirs, and the Singing Pastors. This year it is on Friday March 23 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the High School office at 455-2200 or email us at secretary@wmlhs.org by **March 16** to reserve your place for dinner. Tickets are \$12.50 a piece. We are so excited to provide you with an opportunity to hear about our past, present and future.

**"COLLEGE RECRUITING** for Small School Students" seminar will be **Saturday, February 25, from 10AM to noon** at WMLHS. The cost is \$15 per family and all proceeds will be going to the Boosters. Learn what coaches are looking for, where to find information, how to approach the process, how to put video together, what to expect from your high school coach and much more. Please RSVP with the school office @ 616.455.2200 or with Bill @ 616.929.3024.

It is a great blessing to be part of the Messiah Christian family. Thank you for all you did for us during Gene's illness and after his death – the prayers, the cards, and the visits were such a blessing.

A special thanks to Pastor Bartzsch for his prayers, visits, and for being with Gene and us at the hospital while Gene was dying.

Thank you and may god bless each and every one of you.

- The Gene Gerke family

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE** gifts to Messiah in memory of Gene Gerke by Pete & Sherry Garchow.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:**

(February 19 - 26, 2012)

**TODAY**

Sauerkraut Dinner ..... 12:00PM  
 Senior High Sunday Night ..... 6:00PM

**MONDAY**

Newsletter Deadline ..... 9:00AM

**TUESDAY**

Lifelight..... 1:00PM  
 Lifelight..... 6:30PM  
 Trustees Meeting..... 7:00PM  
 Sunday School Meeting..... 7:00PM

**WEDNESDAY**

CARES..... 9:30AM  
 Ash Wednesday Service..... 11:00AM  
 JCC & PCC Classes ..... 5:30PM  
 Lenten Supper..... 6:00PM  
 Ash Wednesday Service..... 7:00PM  
 Choir..... 8:00PM

**SATURDAY**

LWML Winter Retreat @ Mt. Calvary, Greenville ..... 8:30AM  
 District Theological Conference on Apologetics @ Holy Cross, Jenison ..... 9:00AM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship ..... 8:30 & 11:00AM  
 Classes ..... 9:30AM  
 Bowling League..... 3:00PM  
 Junior High Sunday Night..... 6:00PM

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT MESSIAH** are

encouraged to speak with the Pastor or call the church office (363-2553) for more information.

