



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Our Vision: Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God's compassion and love.

TODAY’S HYMNS		
*GATHERING HYMN “The Lord is My Shepherd”		ELW #778
*HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is ”		ELW #502
*SENDING HYMN: “Savior, like a Shepherd”		ELW #789

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS		
Service (04/25)	10:30am	Worship
Thursday (04/29)	9:00am-11am	Food Pantry
Service (05/02)	10:30am	Worship

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS



We pray for God's comfort, strength and healing in the lives of the following people: Craig Allan, Mason, Sue Hartman, Mike Allen Jr, Sharlyn C, Kim H, Lisa Deleo, Izen Tsitsos, Lisa, Gabe, Chris, Gayle Kern, Donnie Carlson, Matthew Thormeyer, Murph, Mesha Gottesman, Don Mercer, Tara, Marge Baima, Steve, Janis Jones, Carol Deller, Vicki DeMeyer, Avery Smith, Matthew Carlson and his family and the friends and family of Clare Rademaker, John Kanser, and Toni Evilsizor.
Receive our prayer, good Lord.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Steve Boland

4/21



~ *Happy Anniversary!*

N/A

Council Minutes April 2021

- Revenues for the month ending 03/31/21 were \$18,110.32 with expenses of \$10,025.00 and a net of \$8,085.32. Revenues for the year are \$30,451.39 and expenses for the year are \$31,990.21 with a net for the year of (\$1,538.82). Our approved budget for the year requires revenue of approximately \$11,000. per month.
- Covid-19 protocols will continue until further notice. Council voted to allow "outdoor funeral lunches hosted by Congregation members; outdoor funeral activities may be permitted as of June 1, 2021. Anyone entering the Church must wear a mask.
- The forms used by weekly counters have been revised.
- Next Council meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Soup Kitchen

All service will be curb-side, and volunteers will bring the food out. Mondays from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

In case of emergency, you may reach Pr. Chris Laughlin at the following:

Cell: (989) 225-9443

Sunday's Reader Of The Week

Glen Carlson

Ascension Day

Ascension Day Worship in the Park!
with St. John Lutheran Church, Three Rives
Thursday, 13 May 2021 7pm
Lafayette Park, Three Rivers

From Pastor James:
Springtime is here: Rise up and celebrate the Ascension with us! Grab a lawn chair and join us outdoors at Lafayette Park, or grab a computer and a favorite beverage and join us on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 825 8743 7057
Passcode: 218674

3/23/21 Vaccine Update

BHSJCHA has now opened up vaccinations for COVID-19 to anyone who resides in Branch, Hillsdale, or St. Joseph County ages 16 and older. As always, if you would like help getting your COVID-19 vaccine, please let Pr. Chris know.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

May 05: Cinco De Mayo

May 09: Council Meeting/Mother's Day

May 13: Ascension Day

May 15: Synod Assembly

May 17: Messiah's turn at soup kitchen

May 31: Memorial Day

for I KNOW the plans
I HAVE FOR
YOU.
declares THE LORD.
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
HOPE & A future.
jeremiah 29:10-12

Holy Communion

"My plan is to celebrate Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of May.
We will sing April 25.

Outside Worship

As long as the weather cooperates, we will move outside for worship next Sunday. This year, I do not expect to be outside all summer.

Electronic giving

Just a reminder that we offer Tithe.ly electronic giving. You can find it on our website, and you can set up automatic/recurring giving. Please remember that there is a fee to give this way.

Council Meeting

Next council meeting will be May 9th

Soup Kitchen

Messiah's turn at soup kitchen will be May 17th.

"Others sin on the right hand. They are much too rash and reckless, tempting God and disregarding everything which might counteract death and the plague. They disdain the use of medicines; they do not avoid places and persons infected by the plague, but instead lightheartedly make sport of it and wish to prove how independent they are. They say that it is God's punishment; if he wants to protect them he can do so without medicines or our carefulness. This is not trusting God, but rather tempting him. God has created medicines and provided us with intelligence to guard and take good care of the body so that we can live in good health."

Martin Luther, "Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague," (1527) in Pastoral Writings, vol. 4, The Annotated Luther, p403.

Synod Assembly

This year's synod assembly will be Saturday, 15 May 2021. It will be "virtual" – entirely online; just one day long, it will focus only on business. Special thanks to Deb Hart and Greg Bojanich for being the voting members from Messiah.

News

"We will use PowerPoint as long as we're inside and in-person. We will have congregational singing as long as we're in person."

Offering Counters

"Now that we have returned to in-person worship, I would like to ask that those who used to count the offering on Sunday mornings to please return to counting the offerings on Sunday morning. If you have not counted the offering in the past and are interested in counting, please let Pastor Chris know asap. This is a vital function. Thank you very much."

Pastor News

"My June class has been moved to May! I will be instructing 10-21 May. The class will again be virtual, so I will not miss worship on the Sundays around my class, but I will be unavailable during those weeks. – Pastor Chris"