

March 12, 2023 Announcements

March Prayer verse *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-14*

Worship at 10 am and 5 pm. Masks are encouraged, but optional. Selected bulletins have a reading or prayer highlighted for those who wish to read. **The 10 am service is on Zoom** with the following link: us04web.zoom.us/j/573579627 If you do not have internet, listen by dialing 270-2524. After the greeting, enter conference ID 291-1296 followed by the # key. At the prompt, state your name, and press the # key again. The service will be recorded and can be accessed through Messiah's Facebook page. Join us downstairs for **Coffee Hour** after the 10 am service. Lenten question cards are on the tables for you to discuss with those who join you as you enjoy some fellowship time. If you can help serve, a new sign-up sheet is on the communications board.

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Deb Johnson as our guest preacher and presiding minister.

New Members With joy, we welcomed the following new members last Sunday: Kat Bourque, Mark Renz, and David Treadwell. Additional new members will be received April 2.

Lenten Devotionals are in the narthex. There are a variety - Lent in a Bag; daily devotional booklets and question cards. Take any and all for yourself and a friend. If you would like a devotional mailed to you, contact the church office. Each day Pastor Aileen is also doing a brief devotional/reflection on the question of the day on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, all you need do is friend Pastor Aileen and you can join in.

During Lent we will be joining our ecumenical partners on Fridays for soup and bread at 6:30 pm followed by a prayer service at 7. Postcards with dates and locations have been sent. (Extras are in the narthex). A sign-up sheet for carpooling is on the communications board if you need a ride or are willing to provide one. **Drivers needed.**

A note of thanks: Dear, Dear Messiah Family, Thanks so much for your cards and calls, your love and support, your care and concern, and especially your prayers for Dick and for me as we travel through his recovery and hospitalization following the fall in December. Your prayers uphold and sustain us, and all of you mean more to me than you know. Dick is now a resident at Crimson Ridge and is doing as well as he can. We don't know as yet what the prognosis might be - only time will tell. It is totally in God's hands. Always know how much you are loved and appreciated! Blessings, Peace, and Love, Sandy Moncrief

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to join the **study group** on police violence that has just started meeting at 6 pm on **Sunday Nights** at Messiah. We will be reading the award winning journalist, Wesley Lowery's book, **THEY CAN'T KILL US ALL.** We've only met once for an introduction and would welcome more participants as we are about to begin reading and discussing this book about an issue of deep concern to all of us. No, it's not an easy, comfortable read, but an important one for us to grapple with as Christians. To join by zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82521224814?pwd=UnZtclVlaU9ZTG9QcVM2N21ocThNdz09>
Meeting ID: 825 2122 4814 Passcode: Irmer Dial-in audio: +1 929 205 6099 US Meeting ID: 825 2122 4814
Contact Pastor Hans with any questions at [hjri24@gmail](mailto:hjri24@gmail.com) or (585)225-0156.

Beautiful flowers will grace our chancel area on **Easter Sunday, April 9th**. Out of care and compassion for those among us with health issues, especially allergies, a variety of *non-fragrant* plants will be available. Reiger Begonias (\$11.50), multi-colored Mums (\$11.50), Daffodils (\$6.50), or Tulips (\$6.50). Please place orders through the church office, or sign up on the communications board. Payment and dedication must be made before the order **deadline Friday, March 24th** Place in the mail or offering plate: checks made out to Messiah Lutheran Church--Easter Flowers in the memo. If mailed, please write Easter Flowers on the envelope as well.

Creative Hands Pre-pandemic, the Creative Hands group met to make handmade items such as knitted or crocheted prayer shawls, hats, etc. all while enjoying fellowship with one another. The group is looking to start up again. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Stio.

Word in Season for April-June is now available in the narthex and at the main entrance. To have one mailed to you, contact the church office.

William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran Youth Applications are being taken for Lutheran high school seniors pursuing a college education. \$500 scholarships are awarded to winning candidates. Criteria and application process are on the communications board, or contact the church office. Deadline is April 16, 2023.

Donations to our Food Pantry may now be made online, using one of the following methods:

- Messiah's Food Pantry page on our website (where the link is used):
<http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net/content/food-pantry>
- PayPal donation link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=5CUM2F7D2LHUU
- QR code (will take people to that same PayPal link as above)
Note that Paypal can be used for any credit/debit card transactions – the donor does not need to have a PayPal account.



Food Distribution needs: Canned veggies and fruits, peanut butter, pasta, and white rice. Place in bin under the table by the stairs. **Checks and gift cards (Aldi's especially helpful) are always welcome.** Place in the offering plate, mail, or use one of the above methods to donate.

Thursday morning Bible Study Please join us in the conference room on Thursdays from 10-11:30 as we gather to discuss the Great Prayers of the Bible. This week 3/16 our focus will be on the prayer of Solomon: Hear and Forgive (2 Chronicles 6.1-7.4) For those unable to attend in person, join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946152750?pwd=d2ZONTVESFg5MVhKL2ZPNWVYY2lyZz09>
Meeting ID: 859 4615 2750 Passcode: 369438

This **tax season**, AARP will be in Dean Hall at Greece Baptist **every Tues., Wed., and Thurs. by appointment 10 am - 4 pm through April 7th.** To make an appointment call 351-3400. ?s call Wayne Reabold.

Spiritual Growth Group meets by zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm for study, prayer, lively discussion, and discovery to understand how we can engage the world as Christ's disciples.
Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81810845014?pwd=S2VhaStUVEIvQXZDRGc4eIFmUHBlZ09>
or Audio only: (929) 205 6099 Meeting ID: 818 1084 5014#

Ripples Chair Yoga is on hiatus.

Mindful Meditation with Joyce Callen each Wednesday from 10:45 am - 11:05. Join us to learn how 20 minutes of meditation can bring composure and calmness to your life. Any ?s, contact Joyce.

Meow Ministry collection box for wet and dry food as well as supplies is downstairs outside the Fellowship Hall. To donate monetarily, make check out to Messiah with Meow Ministry on the memo line.

Our Prayers:

Dave Hanning, Donna Hedstrom, Jan Schroeder, Dick Moncrief, Judy Merritt-Speed, Cherri Crudele, Patti Burger, Jean and Don Brugger, Brian and Liz Smith, Myah Pios, Tamara Ligtenberg, George and Donna Schudel, Bruce Ingram, Tom Plutchak, Deb Solveson, Gerry Snow, Shirley Bovay, Lynne Hunter, Maer Rivera, Richard Nicholls, Tara Pios, Ray DiJames, Debbie Bartlett, Peggy Dahlheim,

Cole Johnson (Judy's grandson) and the Johnson family, David Kraemer II (Lucille's grandson), James Ling (John's brother), Bob Ulreich, Pr. Steve Gretz (Greece Baptist Church), Khaleel Dasher (Quincy's father), Donna Thiel (Marcia Laskowski's mother), Evan Snow (Gerry's son), Larry LeBlanc (Gerry Snow's son-in-law), Christine, Collen (friend of Sharon Seman), Maggie Harris, Gary and Becky Riscignolo, Rob Koff (Peggy Dahlheim's nephew), Marilyn (Fred Fant's sister), Karen Fazio (friend of Maer Rivera), Rob Jelfo (friend of Roy Baird), Nate Baker, Anthony Desanferdinando (grandson of a friend of Maer Rivera), Jim McConnell (friend of Tamara Ligtenberg), James Dalheim (Margaret's son), Bill Kahle (Kodie's grandfather), Michelle G. (Sharon Seman's cousin), Alex Holloway (Shelly Knapp's nephew), Michelle Alloco (Sharon Gigliotti's cousin), Jean and Howard Peterson (Carol Maier's aunt and uncle), Jacquie VanAuken, Chris (Myah Pios's dad), Ron P., Debbie Z., Ralph P., Evan Wexler (friends of Rod Speer), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen), Nancy (Sandy

Moncrief's sister), Bill and Meaghan Magee (Joyce King's friends), Michael Coons, Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew).

Those in the Armed Forces: Scott Moncrief.