

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 18 2018**

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church: [www.messiahlutheranchurch.net](http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net)  
Lutheran Church of Concord: [www.concordlutheranrochester.org](http://www.concordlutheranrochester.org)

**Thank you** to Pam Nicholls for being our organist today. Thank you to Lucille Kraemer for hosting Messiah's coffee hour this morning.

**Easter Flowers** have been ordered. A reminder of the cost if you have not yet paid: Lilies are \$8.50, Daffodils, Hyacinths, and Tulips are \$7.00. When paying, be sure to put Easter Flowers on your check or envelope.

**Messiah's Easter Breakfast** is being changed this year due to the reconstruction of the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, coffee and juices in the narthex from 8:00 - 10:00 am. There is no charge, but we will take up a free will offering for our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in June. We will provide bagels, coffee, juices and fruit. We are looking for volunteers to provide baked goods. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing a breakfast treat.

**Prayer Chain Leader** Stacy Crudele is the new Prayer Chain leader. Thank you Stacy! To place a prayer request contact Stacy either by phone: Cell: 456-6907, Home: 355-4545 or email: [stacycmzoe@gmail.com](mailto:stacycmzoe@gmail.com).

**OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP**

**Our last Midweek Lenten services are this Wednesday.** Worship either at 12 noon at Messiah with a soup and bread lunch to follow, or 6:30 pm at Concord with a soup supper at 6:00.

**Holy Week Worship Assistants** are needed. Sign up sheet is on the communications board.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>Maundy Thursday 3/29</b>	<b>7:00 pm at Messiah</b>
<b>Good Friday 3/30</b>	<b>7:00 pm at Concord</b>
<b>Easter Vigil 3/31</b>	<b>8:30 pm at Messiah</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 4/1</b>	<b>9:00 am at Concord</b>
	<b>11:00 am at Messiah</b>

**Extra Communion assistant sign up** For the 2nd Sunday of the month, an additional communion assistant is needed for Intinction. Since this is not assigned, we are asking for volunteers to sign up in the white binder.

**Ecumenical Walk of the Cross Good Friday, March 30.** All are welcome to attend this solemn ecumenical Christian pilgrimage. Participants will gather at 8:45 am at Aquinas Institute on Dewey Avenue. At 9 am the walk will proceed with youth carrying the symbolic wooden cross of Christ throughout the neighborhood, stopping along the way to pray and "make holy" sites of violence and places where there is hope and rejuvenation. The speakers will meditate and pray on the "seven last words of Christ", and how His ministry still speaks to the hearts of those who are suffering in our neighborhoods

today. The 1 1/2 mile walk will take approximately 1 1/2 hrs. See poster on communications board for more info.

**The William Shortz Scholarship** aids Lutheran high school seniors pursuing a college education. More information on criteria and guidelines is posted on the Communications board. Application deadline is April 13, 2018.

**Prayer verse for March:** *Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2: 4)*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Greece Food Shelf** Suggested items for March: Cleaning products, Personal products, Chunky Soup, and Baked Beans. Place all items in the blue bin at the main entrance.

**Habitat for Humanity Blessings for Change** During Lent, count your blessings to change the future of another family. Share your spare change or use the Lent giving Calendar as a guide to fill blessing bricks (both are on the card table in the narthex) each day. Return your bricks to church on Easter Sunday or by the following Sunday. Any ?s, contact Sheri Treadwell at [Sheri.treadwell@gmail.com](mailto:Sheri.treadwell@gmail.com).

Student Christopher Strouse at Concord is collecting **Box Tops for Education**, for Lakeshore School's Box Top contest, through today, March 18. After that, he will still be collecting them, so gather yours and place in the plastic bag on the bulletin board in **Concord's narthex**. Thank you!

**CROP Walk 2018** – May 6<sup>th</sup>, let's get walking to eliminate hunger! Messiah will be hosting this event. Beat the rush & register and donate online at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org). Search for our Walk name: 'GREECE CROP HUNGER WALK' and our team is 'Messiah Lutheran Church'. Then follow the prompts. You can even setup your own page. Packets will be available soon.

**Top's Bread Pick-up** There is a new sign-up sheet available on the Communications Board. We pick up bread from Tops, Mt. Read Blvd., anytime between 7am and 9am on Sunday morning. And then deliver it to Cameron Community Ministries, [48 Cameron St.](http://48CameronSt.com), on Monday morning, between 9:00 am and 10:30am. For questions, please contact John Corman 329-9413 or [jcorman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jcorman@rochester.rr.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

**Messiah's Sunday Night Study begins at 6:00 pm. (No potluck)**

**Lenten study through March 25 When God Doesn't Fix It** We pray, we hope, but sometimes it seems that God just doesn't fix our problems. Join us as we learn from each other through the DVD study, "When God Doesn't Fix It," featuring Laura Story, the Christian singer/songwriter. Laura's life took an unexpected turn when her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Laura examines how God used crises in the lives of people in the Bible to bring them closer to Him and set them on the path he wanted them to take. We will watch short videos and then discuss this challenging topic and how it may help us today.

**Thursday morning Bible study** 10 am - 11:30 in the Conference room. All are welcome as we study the book "A Faith of Your Own," by Ronald Allen.

**Weekly Prayer Cell:** Tuesdays 9 am at SoHo Bagel in Stone Ridge Plaza. All are welcome to join us. Any questions, call Royal Stellrecht at 865-6941.

Join the **Spiritual Growth Group** for discussion of current events using The Wired Word – linking news to Scripture. We meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 7-8:15 pm in the Conference Room. We love to welcome new participants! Contact Julie Gerstenberger for more information or to be added to the email distribution list for our lessons (jkgerst@yahoo.com, 281-5484).

**Library News:** We have a selection of books on our display table to guide you in your Lenten journey. MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Please note our poster display. Selected books will be featured each week on our library counter. Our larger collection of women's studies is located on the bookshelves across from the church office.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP**

The next meeting of **Concord's Joy Beyond the Bend** is this Tuesday March 20 when they will meet in Concord's parking lot at 11:30 and carpool to lunch at Applebee's. For information about the group, please contact Joyce Callen (225-3868) and to RSVP for lunch, Shirley Bovay (225-4002) by late afternoon Monday, March 19. Joy Beyond the Bend is open to anyone who has had a loss whether it be a family member, friend or a beloved pet. They are a support group, not a grief group though they do recognize significant anniversaries or when a member needs to "talk." Everyone is welcome!

**Adult Youthers!** Saturday, March 24th at 2:15, we will be touring the George Eastman Mansion located at 900 East Ave. Please arrive by 2:00 so the 2 hour tour can start on time. Cost is \$11 per person, unless you are a member. Members get free admission. We look forward to seeing everyone out! Please contact Megan or Neal Bourque for any questions. [315-759-9908](tel:315-759-9908)/ 350-8571

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 18**

9:00 Worship at Concord  
11:00 Worship at Messiah  
12:15 Confirmation  
5:00 Worship at Messiah  
6:00 Bible Study at Messiah

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 20**

9:00 Prayer Cell at Soho Bagel  
11:30 Concord's Joy Beyond the  
Bend  
7:00 Spiritual Growth

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 21**

12:00 Worship at Messiah  
6:30 Bell Choir  
6:30 Worship at Concord  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY MARCH 22**

10:00 Bible Study

7:00 Accompaniment Team

**SUNDAY MARCH 25**

9:00 Worship at Concord

11:00 Worship at Messiah

12:15 Confirmation

5:00 Worship at Messiah

6:00 Bible Study at Messiah

**Messiah's Prayers:** Joyce Schencke, Essie Climer, Greg Laskowski, Nancy Anten, Pat Maibohm, Gerry Bandemer, Vanessa Solveson, Zip Kraemer, Cindy Ling, Stacy Crudele, Judy Johnson family, Bob Green (Sharon Gigliotti's brother), Pastor Kit Neel, John Moncrief (Sandy's brother-in-law), Sherry Weaver (Sandy McLellan's sister), Molly Fant, Bill Cyphers (Pam Nicholl's brother), Margaret Schaffer (the Orlandos daughter-in-law's sister), Kevin Knapp (Jonmichael's dad), Richard Collins (Karen Treadwell-Collins father, Kodie Kahle's grandfather), David Howe (Tammy Ligtenberg's friend), Michael Coons, Nicole Crisp (Sheri Treadwell's step-sister), Liz (friend of Deb Solveson's), Joanne Knobel (Lynne Hunter's daughter), Grady Albertson (Lynne's grandson-in-law), Susan Sturdevant (friend of the Orlandos), Florencio Rivera (Maer's husband), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew), Harry Warner (Mary Lou Reabold's brother-in-law), Louise Taylor (friend of Vicki Robinson), Kathy Pospula (friend of Joyce King.)

Prayers for our shut-ins & those in the Armed Forces: William Lydic (Pam Nicholl's grandson), Scott Moncrief, Rick (friend of Deb Solveson).

**SERVING NEXT WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**Sunday (3/25) 11:00 am**

Assisting Minister: Sandy Moncrief

Lector: Essie Climer

Communion Assistants: Joan Cooper and Tarri Mundt

Ushers: Doug Webster, Andrew La Favor, Diane Donoghue

Greeters: Nicole and Dan Sinski

**Sunday (3/25) 5:00 pm**

Assisting Minister: Sandy Moncrief

Lector: Sandy Moncrief

Ushers: Bob and Sharon Gibson