

A Free Love that Costs Everything



The Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026



**Messiah Lutheran
Church**

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Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Sunday Morning Divine Worship

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FROM THE LAY ELDER-DEACONS: Welcome to Messiah. We want to make sure your worship experience goes well. So just as a reminder, please turn cellphones ringers off during worship. Please remove hats, no earbuds, no gaming, no texting, and no social media. If you need to use your phone or have a conversation with someone, please excuse yourself from the sanctuary. Thank you.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Live audio of the worship service is available in the room that is just off the Narthex in the back of the sanctuary. This room has a bathroom and is a safe place for anxious children (or adults) to go and still be a part of the worship service. ***Also, the service is available to hear and see in our Fellowship Hall downstairs during the 9am service only.***

NEW Prayer before worship: (Please pray silently) Bless me, kind Father, as I come into Your house to worship You. I long to hear the pronouncement of the forgiveness of my sins. I love to sing Your praises and hear Your Word. I humbly kneel at Your altar and receive the Body and Blood of my Savior. I cherish this time of fellowship with You and my brothers and sisters in Christ. For all this accept my thanks and praise. In Jesus' Name. Amen. (From *Portals of Prayer*, Jan-Mar, 2026)

LITURGICAL SEASON: During this season of Lent, we reflect upon our sins, not to wallow in guilt or shame, but to acknowledge the ugliness of our iniquities, confess them before God, receive forgiveness, and then focus on living more repentant lives for Christ. ***The purple color on the altar, pulpit, lectern, and stole represent the ancient color for royalty, our King Jesus. And it relates to having a penitent heart.***

WORSHIP THEME: Today we hear the most popular Bible Verse in all of Scripture: John 3:16 which expresses a free love that costs everything. But what is the context of this verse? And, from it, do you believe that God loves you? Why? Or Why Not? Let God bless you to know how He loves you and why.

Please come back this Wednesday for our Midweek Lenten services at 7pm as we look at God's 3rd Commandment of Love on how God blesses you with the gift of Holy Rest. Please join us for supper at 5:45pm.

Today's Flowers on the Altar are from Julie Olson in memory of Ervan Olson, father.

OFFERING: *Please put your offering in the plates at the entrance. Thank you for your support.*

PRELUDE - WELCOME – WORSHIP THEME - GREETING PEOPLE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Bible Verse for the month: *John 3:16 ESV*

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: God bless you with His unconditional love as you worship Him.

HYMN OF INVOCATION.... "My Song is Love Unknown"LSB 430 verses 1-5

(Please turn to face the back and follow the processional light of Christ)

1. My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.
4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

INVOCATION:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silently consider the 10 Commandments and think about your callings in life: spouse, parent, child, student, employer/employee, church member, etc.

- *Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?*
- *Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?*
- *Have you hurt someone with your words and deeds?*
- *Have your thoughts, words or deeds revealed lust or greed?*
- *Have you stolen, been negligent, or wasted anything?*
- *Have you stayed silent and failed to step up to do the right thing?*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(Turn to face altar)* Most merciful Lord....

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS PRONOUNCEMENT/ABSOLUTION

Christ's love transforms you when you believe that your sins are forgiven as you hear the following words.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 121 ESV *(Introit is Latin for entrance. As the pastor enters "the Holy of Holies" Chancel area, he leads the congregation in adoration of the Lord through the responsive reading of one of the Psalms.)*

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

P: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

C: As it was in beginning is now and will be forever.

P: World without end.

C: Amen.

The Hymn of Praise is eliminated during Lent to remind us this is a season of inward reflection as we look forward to the celebration of Easter.

THE SALUATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. *(Moment of silence to collect our thoughts on the worship theme)* O Heavenly Father, You so loved us so much that You gave us Your Son to suffer and die in our place. Today, let us see this free love as priceless that cost Him everything. This way we can know the certainty of His love for us. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Suffering Servant Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Genesis 12:1-9 ESV

500 years after Noah and the Ark landed on Mount Ararat, The Lord came to Abram in the land of Ur (near Babylon) to call him to start a great nation where the Messiah of the world would eventually come.

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING.....Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 ESV

The Apostle Paul compares Abraham's faith and the good works that came from it to ours.

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in ^[a] him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(If you are able, please stand)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION...“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB 422 (RED 179 for the notes)

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

THE GOSPEL READING.....John 3:1-17 ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Apostle, St. John, the 3rd Chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus¹ by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh

is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world,[]] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and Earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY..... "God Loved the World So That He Gave"LSB 571

(To prepare for the sermon)



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON: "A Free Love that Cost Everything" John 3:16

THE SERMON: "Do you believe God loves you? Why? Or Why Not?"

Text: John 3:1-17

(If you are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY: “Psalm 56:11-12 in Common Meter”

(To the tune of “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”)

In God my trust is all in You
There’s nothing that I fear
For what can others do to me
As long as You are near.

The vows I’ve made will be fulfilled
To You, my God and King;
To thank You by a sacrifice
Shown in my offerings

**Adapted from The Psalms in Common Meter by D. Scott Foote. Greyden Press LLC, Dayton, OH*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(If it helps you to concentrate better, you may sit during the Prayers of the Church.)*

P: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Our World, Our Nation, and Our Communities:

- Those in authority over us: elected officials, government and community leaders, judges, law enforcement, and teachers.
- Economic relief for those struggling financially
- Marriages and families
- Learning in schools

The Church: Being a light of the Gospel.

- Synodical President Matt Harrison, District President Nathan Meador, VPs., and other leaders
- For the work of KFUE.org worldwide radio and their ministry of bringing the Good News to people around the globe through their programs and podcasts.

Our Congregation:

- Women’s Day Celebration Event THIS Saturday, March 7 from 10am to 2pm

- For good discernment of congregational survey results handed out at the end of the service.
- For Wednesday's Lenten Services at 7pm continuing on God's Commandments of Love
- For Midweek Lenten Suppers Wednesdays at 5:45pm and Fish Fry Dinners Fridays from 5-7pm
- Looking for more musicians and singers to enhance our worship services: vocal, guitar, wind, horn, bells, and/or string instruments to make a joyful noise to the Lord
- Good learning with Bible study opportunities: Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth, Adult, Men's Group, Ladies Bible Study Class, **and upcoming Monday Evening Bible Study**
- For the work of our Security Committee to make our facilities safer
- For people to offer rides to members to worship.
- For members to help members do light cleaning for older members
- For more individual regular offering contributors
- Thanks for our Food Pantry feeding 81 local households this past Thursday equating to 246 people.
- Thanks for good February birthday celebration during Fellowship time
- Thanks for Sunday School ringing bells during 11am service last week
- Offerings: Thanks to those who make faithful contributions of time, talents, and treasures
- Proper preparations for Holy Communion.

Body, Mind, and Spirit:

- **Leon:** Father of Virginia Cook, at UW Hosp, for improved function of one remaining kidney
- **Jeff Frick:** Brother-in-law to Cindy Pingel, rare form of cancer, going to Mayo Clinic, strong believer.
- **Ronald O' Leary:** Father to Kellie Cumberland, for healing from complications after Lung Cancer surgery
- **Montgomery family:** Friends of Eddy's extended family, as they face the probable loss of Tammy, in a medically induced coma and not expected to survive. For husband Brian and children Caleb and Cole.
- **Andra:** Friend of Vickie Dansbury, to be able to have double transplant of heart and kidney. For son, Shamarr as he goes to school and takes care of his mom.

Birthdays: Andrea Stageman (3-1), and Angela Peiffer (3-6)

Messiah's Homebound Members: (Members who want to be here for worship but aren't able) Carl Creedy, Fay Fink, Bettie Harris, Brett Fawcett, Donna Steinkellner, Barb Thurman, Jerry and Elaine Guetschow, Janette Alf, Pastor Pingel, Vergean Jurs, Kathy Murray, Clifford Reiman, Terry Morgan, Barb Kenney, Kristen Anderson, and Roberta Pretsch.

LWML Messiah Prayer Chain Members: Pastor Dan Eddy, Vickie Dansbury, Cindy Zimmerman, Sandi McDearmon, Larry Wilkins, Karl Wetzel, Mary Lou Palmer, Carol Wilkins, Corky Borre. Jeanne Ritchie, Terrell Pignes-Bedford, and Debra Hubb.

Missionaries: Dan Schmelzer in Kenya with Capstone Ministries and Pastor Samuel Bobby in Latvia through LCMS Office of Missions.

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or PM Pastor Dan.

P: Into Your Hand we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from Evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in Holy Communion God comes to us with forgiveness through tangible means. Because the gospel has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in his Supper to bring forgiveness of sins received through faith and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of unity in our beliefs, if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or one of her sister church bodies, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our beliefs before we have had an opportunity to explain them.

For those who cannot tolerate alcohol of any kind, the center glass in the individual cup trays and the glasses surrounding it contain grape juice with a few drops of wine added to it.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might

C: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Hosanna in the highest.

C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The Word of our Lord proclaimed to bless the bread and the cup on the Consecration Table to also now be His body and blood.*

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

PAX DOMINI *(Latin for "Peace of the Lord")*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Latin for "Lamb of God")*

P: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

C: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us. Grant us peace...Grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION and DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Just as I am without One Plea" RED 388

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER: *(Please pray silently after receiving The Lord's Supper)*

Almighty God, I thank You for feeding me this life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in order to preserve my forgiveness and salvation from You. Send Your Holy Spirit to help me live, by not sinning, and by serving You through helping others with my thoughts, words, and deeds. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

P: With the light of Christ, go in peace, blessed with the priceless love of Christ to joyfully serve others.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ESV: English Standard Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal

BROWN: The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

Attendance:

- Sunday School, Feb 22: **14** (10 children and 4 adults)
- Adult Bible Study, Tues. Feb 24: **30** (14 in-person and 16 on-line/phone)
- Worship Sunday, Feb 22 – 9am: **77**; 11am: **32**;
 - Midweek Lent Wed, Feb 25 – 7pm: **69**
 - Net Attendance: **141**

On-Line Streaming:

- Sunday, Feb 22: **12** devices watching LIVE on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel
 - Facebook Total Views: **250**
 - YouTube Total Views: **40**

<u>General Fund Operating Offerings Needed Per Month:</u>	\$ 19,534
Month-To-Date Plate Offering:	\$ 17,935
Month-To-Date Givelify:	+ \$ 2,105
General Fund Operating Offerings received for February (4 of 4 weeks)	\$ 20,040
General Fund Operating Offerings still needed to pay February bills	\$ 0

***We give praise You, O Lord, for the gifts we have received;
Please, help us receive more for Your glory. Amen.***

Servants helping with Worship: **Organists:** Sue Kolander and Mary Lou Benz **Keyboard Operators:** Virginia Cook, Alejandro Reid, and Carter Stocker **Communion Assistants/Ushers:** Karl Wetzel, Zach Anderson, Adrean Avery, Mark Boos, Jeff Sennett, Bob Altenberg, Jim Waters, Eddie Underwager, Larry Wilkins, Jim Shellenberger, and Brian Morse **Cantors:** Debbie Drost and Joel Steinke **Streaming Crew:** Garrett Cook, Joe Goff, Joe Laidig, Carter Stocker, Eddie Underwager, and Virginia Cook. **Acolytes:** Audrey Veale, Aiden Berrier, Miley Berrier, Holly Anderson, and Kay'Lee Cumberland. **Fellowship:** Cindy Zimmerman, Beth Thompson, Ruth Komprood, Sandi McDearmon, Sue Kolander, Vickie Dansbury, Jean Behl, Teresa Behl, Chrissy Behl, and Bonnie Burzinski. **Altar Guild:** Terry Zimmerman, Mary Knueppel, Ruth Komprood, Lisa Barrett, Sue Rogers, Jenn Delaney, Tim Veale and Audrey Veale, and Trina Pettitt.



If you don't carry much cash or write many checks then Givelify is the perfect and easy way to give your offerings to Messiah. Simply download the app at the *Google Play Store* or *Apple App Store*. It is safe and secure. If you need help setting up the app, please contact Jim Shellenberger at (815) 275-2081.

St. John's Paper Pantry is held every 1st Monday of the Month. Donations of Toilet Paper, Shampoo 2-N-1, toothpaste, soap, or deodorant are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Church Office. Call 608-718-7922 to schedule a donation time.



Looking for Volunteers:

- **Council Secretary.** Contact Jared McCannon at 815-973-8798
- **PR Committee Chair.** Contact Pastor Dan Eddy at 314-775-7371
- **LWML President and Vice-President.** Contact Pastor Dan at 314-775-7371

Food Pantry Announcement: Currently the food pantry has an overabundance of paper and plastic bags. At this time, we are asking you to hold off from dropping donating them. We don't have the storage for any more bags. We will let you know when we need more. The Messiah Food Pantry deeply appreciates all your support.



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Members Need Help with Cleaning: If you would like to do light cleaning with pay for some of older members who are unable to complete these tasks, please let Pastor Dan know in-person or call/text 314-775-7371.

Women's Day Celebration at Messiah, Beloit

As many in our culture observe International Women's Month in March, the women at Messiah Lutheran Church would like to take the opportunity to emphasize the Christ centered spiritual development of women. So, we are inviting ladies to a special Women's Day Celebration at our congregation on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 1531 Townline Ave in Beloit.

This event will support women as they grow with their faith in Christ.

In addition to singing, Holy Scripture reading, and prayer, Mrs. Vickie Dansbury, who leads our Ladies Bible Study Class will encourage women in the study of God's Word. The topic will be on the power God gives to a praying woman through His Word.

What a great way to mature in our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have questions or want to attend, please call 608-365-3794, with the count of attendees. Messiah wants to adequately prepare for a luncheon and refreshments for those attending.

Upcoming Events at Messiah

- **Food Pantry now open again twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3:30-5:30pm**
- **Midweek Lenten Suppers** continue every Wednesday at 5:45pm till March 25
- **Fish Fry Dinners** continue every week Friday from 5-7pm till March 27.
- **Midweek Lenten Services** continue every Wednesday at 7pm, till March 25. **God's 10 Commandments of Love sermon series continues**
- Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm: **Parish Planning Council** – Upstairs Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 11: 5:45pm: **Youth Bible Study**
- Saturday, March 14 at 9am: **Men's Group** in Downstairs Conference Room
- Sunday, March 15 at 9am: **New Member Sunday**
- Sunday, March 15 at 12:15pm: **Lay Elder-Deacon Meeting** – Upstairs Conference Room
- Thursday, March 19 at 5:30pm: **Ladies Bible Study Class** – Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, March 21: **Food Pantry at Winter Farmer's Market** – Downtown Beloit
- Sunday, March 22 after 9am service: **Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall**
- Tuesday, March 24 at 6pm: **Stewardship Committee** – Upstairs Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 25 at 5:45pm **Youth Bible Study**
- **Palm Sunday, March 29 and April 1**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7pm**

- **Good Friday Tre Ore at St. John's from Noon to 3pm. Pastor Dan preaching on Jesus Words from the cross: "I thirst"**
- **Good Friday, April 3 at 7pm**
- **Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9am and 11am and April 8 at 7pm**
- Sunday, April 12 at 11am: **Sunday School ringing bells**
- Monday, April 13 at 7pm: **NEW Evening Bible Study starts** – Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, May 10 and Wed May 13: **Mother's Day services with brunch between services on Sunday**
- Sunday, May 17 at 9am: **Confirmation Sunday**
- Sunday through Tuesday, July 25 - 29. 5:30-7:30pm **VBS**; 5-5:30pm free dinner

Mid-Week Wednesday Supper -
Wednesday, March 4:

Hosted by Food Pantry

- Soup
- Subs
- Chips
- Dessert Choices
- Coffee, Milk, and Soda

Supper is at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Midweek Lenten Services:
God's Top 10 Expressions of Love

Wednesday, March 4 at 7pm, **we look at God's 3rd Commandment of Love: The Blessings of Holy Rest. Honoring the Gift of God's Word.**

Do you see worshipping the Lord a chore or a blessing? How do you perceive the Word of God? Are you excited to hear it? Does it have relevance to your everyday life? How can we honor this commandment to your benefit?

CDs are in the Narthex of previous services covering the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th/10th Commandments on Authority, Murder, Adultery, Stealing, Gossip, and Coveting,



Sunday	9am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10am	Fellowship and Sunday School
	11am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	6pm	Confirmation – Upstairs Conference Room
Tuesday	1pm	Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall and On-Line
	7pm	Dartball – at River of Life
Wednesday	5:45pm	Midweek Lenten Suppers – Fellowship Hall
	7pm	Midweek Lenten Service – God’s 3 rd Commandment of Love
Friday	5-7pm	Friday Fish Fry Dinners – Fellowship Hall
Saturday	9am	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
	10am-2pm	Women’s Day Celebration Event – Fellowship Hall
	9am	Moves Clocks Forward One Hour
Next Sunday	10am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11am	Fellowship and Sunday School
		Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

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