

## Welcome

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. No matter who you are, you are welcome here! Our expectation is that through Messiah's worship, fellowship, and acts of service, you will experience a caring place to belong and exciting growth in your faith. Following Jesus is what we do, and we invite you along as a companion with us on the journey.

## Communication Is Key

In order to communicate better with one another, we ask everyone to complete a grey worship card found in the pew racks in the sanctuary and in the red pads in Galli Hall. Cards can be placed in the offering plates during all services. In Galli Hall, please complete the card and share the red pad with those near you.

We are especially looking for updated email addresses and phone numbers. Messiah has begun emailing a newsletter to everyone on Monday and Wednesday. Check it out to stay informed. If you are not receiving these email updates, please contact Tia Monsen at [tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org](mailto:tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org). Also, follow us on **Facebook** or our website, [www.mlcauburn.org](http://www.mlcauburn.org).

## Congratulations!

Today, we honor the students who are graduating from high school. They were honored on Tuesday night at the Senior Banquet and will be given their quilts this morning. Please keep the students and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Noble Alexander, Jacob Baldrige, Bailee Doman, Amanda Enz, Catie Hamell, Justen Hardaway, Jacob Hartman, Grace Helman, Molly House, Michael Hughes, Holly Hytrek, Carsyn Kniss, Devan Pierce, Nathan Pinard, Brandon Sanders, Andy Starkel and Blake Taylor.



## Holy Communion

All are welcome to the Lord's table, and this always includes children! We believe that the Risen Christ comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for all.

Please indicate your intention to receive bread and wine with open hands. Folded hands signifies that you choose to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are also available.

We practice communion by intinction—the dipping of bread into either the larger chalice of wine or, for those who prefer, the smaller chalice of grape juice.

Prayer ministers are available to offer individual prayers. If you desire, please also feel free to kneel at the altar rails for a time of personal prayer.

In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to the Lord's Table!

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning July 2, 2017 and continuing through September 3, 2017, our worship schedule will change. We will have worship at 8:30am in the Sanctuary and 10:00am in Galli Hall. Please mark your calendars for this change.

## Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure! At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Sciency-FunGizmos™, team-building games, and cool Bible songs are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) So mark these dates on your calendar: July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. The fun starts at 5:00 pm with a family dinner and will end at 7:30 pm. Pick up a registration form at the welcome wagon, in the office or register your kids online at [mlcauburn.org](http://mlcauburn.org)!

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer please talk to Kelly Mullin or Traci Vatne.

## Elementary Kids at Messiah

Please join us for a Campout in Galli Hall on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm until July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Second through sixth graders are invited to attend. The cost is \$5 per student. Please bring a sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas and a flashlight. Do you have a big tent? We would love to borrow it! Please let Traci or Kelly know that you will be coming to camp out with us!



### Messiah Staff Holds in Prayer

**Requests for prayers:** Katherine Acker, Marilee Berry, Gavin Charbonneau, Ken & Joan Daugherty, Paula Dragseth, Richard Eidal, Sandy Exley, Matt Gartner, Marge Gredvig, Bill Hart, Greg Jones, Don Johnson, Judy Jurca, Gary Lindbo, Gwynne Lindbo, Evelyn Miller, Debbie Recchio, Lori Rogers, Kimberly Smyth, Kathy Shultz, Anita Russell, Howard Taylor, Algretta Sorenson, Katie Walda, Dennis Weatherly, Erik Welch, Barb Weller, Louise Whitehall, Mae Wolfe.

**Ongoing prayer concerns:** Wayne & Char Beckman, Lois & Ken Bradford, Sandy Exley, Karen Floyd, Grayce Fremouw, Edna Frostad, Harley Gilthvedt, Bea & Ron Girdler, Irene Gordon, Dottie Grebe, Martha Guerrero, Kay Gunderson, Derek & Betty Halverson, Marc Harris, Mackenzie Helgersen, Marcia Hoover, Mary Kay Klein, Harold LaDuke, Wayne Lundberg, Lloyd Marion, Karen Miedema, Shirley Morehead, Juan Polio, Debbie Anderson Rupert, Anita Russell, Svava Sigmar, Cecil & Mary Tungsvik, Sam Warmenhaven & family.

**In the Military:** Justin Greathouse, Kenny Hendrickson, Matthew Hottle, Daryl Johnson, Madeline Jones, Kristin & Toph Lake, Josh Samuelson, J.R. Sawyer, Steven Shamion and Sam Harris.

*Every Tuesday, our staff prays for the persons listed above. If you would like to be included in our staff prayers, please contact the church office at 253.833.5280. Individuals will be in our prayers for four consecutive weeks. To be included after the four weeks, please call us again, let us know how you are doing, and we will continue to hold you in our ongoing prayers.*

## Messiah This Week

### Today 6/11

8:15am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:45am	Worship	Galli Hall
12:30pm	New Covenant	Sanctuary
2:00pm	Community Meal	Gathering Space

### Monday 6/12

### Tuesday 6/13

9:30am	Pastors Group	Gathering Space
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Office
2:45pm	Middle Schools	Galli/G.S./Music
6:00pm	Cello Recital	Sanctuary

### Wednesday 6/14

6:00am	Kiwanis	Gathering Space
9:00am	Food Bank	Gathering Space
10:30am	New Covenant	Classroom F
11:00am	C. Peckenpaugh Memorial Service	
2:45pm	Middle Schools	Galli/G.S./Music
5:00pm	Cello Recital	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Youth Tour	Offsite

### Thursday 6/15

6:00pm	Worship Teams	Sanctuary/Galli
6:30pm	Council	Classroom E

### Friday 6/16

8:00am	Synod Assembly	Offsite
8:00pm	New Covenant	Music/Nursery

### Saturday 6/17

8:00am	Synod Assembly	Offsite
12:00pm	Youth Play Auditions	Youth Room

### Next Sunday 6/18

8:15am	Worship	Sanctuary
8:45am	Adult Forum	Youth Room
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45am	Adult Forum	Youth Room
10:45am	Worship	Galli Hall
12:30	New Covenant	Sanctuary
1:00pm	Community Meal	Gathering Space

## Messiah Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars for the Messiah Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, 2017. Save all your good stuff to donate to the sale. Please contact Adriana Chandler at 253-833-4550 if you have questions.

## Carolyn Peckenpaugh Memorial

Carolyn's service will be Wednesday, June 14th at 11:00am. If you would like to provide food for the luncheon following the service, please contact Sharon Carlson at 253-927-7062.

## Pastor Greg and Meta Kaurin

Bill Messecar will drive the church van to the Kaurin's reception on Saturday, June 17, 2017, leaving at 3:45pm. There are still a few spots left in the van. Please let the office know today or tomorrow if you are interested in a spot.

## Food Bank

The Messiah Food Bank provided 36 families with a bag of food this week. Thank you to Richard Ode, Marien Johnson, Carolyn Towner, Phyllis & Erv Steinle and Loraine Schroeder for helping distribute food. The Messiah Food Bank is in need of all sizes of clothing, especially men's clothes and jeans in all sizes and children's clothing. Please mark donations for the food bank and bring them to the office. Thank you.

## Actioneers

The Actioneers event for June will be a trip to the Puget Sound Navy Museum in Bremerton on Tuesday June 20th. The group will meet at Messiah at 10am and drive to the museum for a visit then have lunch nearby at Anthony's. Cost will be \$5 for gas and tolls plus money for your lunch. Please let the Jensens the Messecars know if you plan on attending.

## Homemade Drinks for Summer Sundays

For each of the ten Sundays of our summer worship schedule (8:30 & 10:00 services from July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>) we will have refreshing drinks available between services. It would be wonderful to have unique concoctions from our members for some of those days. If you know how to make a tasty homemade lemonade, punch, root beer, juice, or other drink, please contact Pastor Eric by calling the church office or emailing [eric.wooldridge@mlcauburn.org](mailto:eric.wooldridge@mlcauburn.org).

## Immigration

Both Pastor Chuck and Pastor Eric recognize that the conversation around immigration and refugees continues in our country. It is an important conversation, and one in which our own Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has been thoughtful about for many years. In addition, our local bishop, Richard Jaech, has written thoughtfully about these topics. To help Messiah people become acquainted with and begin to understand the perspective of our larger church, and to gain increased depth for our own conversations, both pastors commend the following material for reading and reflection:

[-http://www.elca.org/en/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Immigration](http://www.elca.org/en/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Immigration)

[-https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7873](https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7873)

[-http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Bishop-Letter-on-immigration-and-refugees-4-19-17-2.pdf](http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Bishop-Letter-on-immigration-and-refugees-4-19-17-2.pdf)

Thank you for following the above links and prayerfully considering these issues.

## Adult Forums

Pastor Harris will lead two adult forums on Sunday, June 18. These forums will be an informal conversation around Messiah's Vision and Mission process and our 2017 Mission Priority Goals. Each forum will be approximately 45 minutes in length. The first will be held in the youth room at 8:45am and the second will begin at 9:45am. They are scheduled at these times in order to allow everyone to attend both a service of worship and a forum. The third forum will be held Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30pm in the music room.

A special component of each forum will be the introduction of a possible partnership being explored by the Messiah Lutheran Church Council and the Auburn School District. The concept of this partnership involves Messiah hosting some expansion the school district is planning for its Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).

## A Quick Note

A number of Messiah members and friends, along with other folks from our synod, have expressed to me their positive thoughts or agreements in relation to my recent Letter to the Editor. These responses have been encouraging and helpful. However, I'm fairly certain there might also be folks who may have questions, concerns, or disagreements with the opinions I expressed. Unfortunately, none of those who might be in disagreement have spoken with me directly about their views.

It is important in a Christian community to speak directly to one another, especially when we might be in disagreement. This direct communication and conversation is a sign of community health, enables increased understanding, and is a sign of the gospel in action: we can be different together.

I welcome all open, direct, and honest conversation around any topic that is of concern in the Christian community. As an ordained minister, I am called to speak in a public manner whenever I believe God's imperative to care for the marginalized and vulnerable among us is being ignored. I do so without regard for partisan politics, economic or social status. Right, Left, Independent, Rich, or Poor: any grouping in society will hear my views if I believe they are standing opposed to the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

It's important to talk together about these things, as there will always be disagreements and dissenting points of view among us. In the Christian community, we are freed by God's grace to talk with one another, agree or disagree, but most especially live joyful together with both our similarities and our differences. —Blessings, Pastor Harris