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Messiah Lutheran Church has preached and taught the Word of God for over 90 years on the northwest side of Chicago. We seek to do this well into the future through worship, works of service, activities for all ages, and involvement in the community around us!

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DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

- Miguel (A,B,C,D)
- Dave (E,F,G, H)
- Al (I,J,K,L)
- Mike (M,N,O,P)
- John (Q,R,S)
- Matt (T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z)

Messiah Matters is published for the members and friends of Messiah Lutheran Church. All articles for the next issue must be turned in the Church Office no later than the second Tuesday of the month.

Article contributions to this newsletter are gladly accepted! Please send them to the Messiah Church Office, ATTN: Messiah Matters. *The Editors of this newsletter may edit articles prior to publication.*

Messiah Lutheran Church presents:

WACKY

 ***OLYMPICS!***

Saturday, May 4, 2024

**Fun for the whole family
starting at 10:00am**

6201 W PATTERSON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60634

**Free! Open to the public. Registration not
required but advance notice is helpful as
we plan for games, drinks & snacks.
RSVP to messiahchgo@sbcglobal.net
or call the office at 773-725-8903**

VBS

Vacation Bible School

**is coming to
Messiah!**

June 24th-28th, 2024

UKANDU will be back to host VBS/Camp at Messiah during the last week of June! Half-day (morning) schedule. Children Pre-school (potty-trained) - 4th grade are welcome to join us. FREE!

For more information:

Call Messiah at 773-725-8603 or
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A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

The following chain of communication exists within our church structure for the benefit of our members:

- Church members can call the church office at any time and speak with Barb if she is in. If not, they may leave a message, which will be checked by Barb the next time she is in the office.
- If the situation is urgent and requires a more timely response, church members should call their respective deacon and the deacon will assess the need. Phone numbers and email addresses for Deacons will be published every month in *Messiah Matters*.

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Family assignments are as follows:

Miguel- A-D / Dave- E-H / Al- I-L / Mike- M-P / John- Q-S / Matt- T-Z

- Pastor Hanson will be with Messiah until further notice. You can reach him at bp_hanson@bellsouth.com or 251-454-1169 if you would like to speak with him directly.



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If you are in need of prayer, or know of anyone that is and should be added to the prayer list, please let the office know.

Please continue to pray for our members, family, and friends...

Who are living with cancer or other medical conditions:

Rebekah Dembowski, Alison Grim, Pamela Hanson, Scott Kempster, Steve Natschke, Mark Marino, Bill Stoeckicht, Suzanne Jakstavich, Mary Rybarczak, Nevette Johnson, Mark Freshour, Susana Gonzalez, Gina Szyska, Jim Lohse, Dawn Skowronek, Alice Segura, Alan Rippe, Fred Rippe, Gareth Owen-Webber, Fred Park, Tom Emanuel, Larissa Cruz-Jones

Who are recovering: Dave Johnson, Susana Gonzalez, Julia Markworth, Pamela Hanson, Blanche Fedanzo, Breanne Fahy

Who are homebound: Jackie Beck, Dorothy Bornhauser, Ross Gabel, Edith Gentry, Marilyn Irsch, Scott Kempster, Anne Krickhuhn, Patty Lehman, Robin Lehman, Marie Novak, Carolyn Peithman

Prayers for Church Leadership: Synod President - Matthew Harrison, District President - Allan Buss, Circuit Visitor - Phil Robarge, Messiah's Visiting Pastor – Bruce Hanson, Missionaries, & all area Lutheran Churches & Schools.

Prayers for Civic Servants: U.S. President - Joe Biden, IL Gov. - Jay Pritzker, Chicago Mayor - Brandon Johnson, 38th Ward Alderman - Nicholas Sposato, IL Senators - Tammy Duckworth & Dick Durbin, U.S. Rep - Mike Quigley, Judges, Magistrates, Military, Police, Fire, Paramedics, and all who serve.



Please pray for the family and friends of Lawrence "Larry" Bishop, who was called home on March 27, 2024.

Please pray for Mike Figueroa & family as his mother, Maria Guadalupe Cardenas, was called to be with the Lord on April 19, 2024.

MEMBER UPDATES

Lawrence LeRoy Bishop Obituary

We are sad to announce that on March 27, 2024 we had to say goodbye to Lawrence LeRoy Bishop (Franklin Park, Illinois), born in Renville, Minnesota. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. You may also light a candle in honor of Lawrence LeRoy Bishop.

He was predeceased by: his children, Randal Bishop (Toni) and Crystal Lee Silvestre (Lorenzo); his sisters, LaVonne Rhode and Gloria Jean Haley; and his parents, Opal Faye and Lowell LeRoy Bishop.

He is survived by: his wife Linda Helen; his children, Daniel Bishop (Pauline) and Kendal Bishop (Elizabeth); his grandchildren, Jace Silvestre, Max Silvestre, Rebecca Bishop, David Bishop (Brooke), Richard Bishop (Kaylee), Dylan Bishop (Kyla), Linda Margaret Bishop, Damien Bishop, Brandon Bishop and Toni Marie Bishop; and his great grandchildren, Katherine, Eloise and Kinsley.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, April 21st 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Franklin Park American Legion Post 974.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER:

We say “goodbye” and “best wishes!” to **Barbara & Connie Natschke** who have transferred their membership to St. Paul Lutheran in Mount Prospect, a church closer to where they reside.

Scott Kempster is in rehabilitation for walking with his prosthetics. Prayers that he will be home soon! Cards & well-wishes may be sent to Scott at: Generations at Regency, 6631 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714

MAIL: Richard Schepler writes, “I hope the Church is doing well and I pray that Messiah continues to be blessed. I miss you all and God willing, plan to get back there if I am ever able. I do miss my Messiah family so very much!”

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Wacky Olympics 10:00am
5 9:30am Service Praise Jesus Band 10:45am Sunday School	6 Monday Night Bible Study 7:30pm	7 ESL 1:00pm	8	9	10	11 Childcare Event @ Our Saviour Lutheran School 5:00-8:00pm
12 9:30am Service w/ Holy Communion <i>Mother's Day</i>	13 Monday Night Bible Study 7:30pm	14 Senior Fellowship 10:00am ESL 1:00pm	15 <i>Messiah Matters</i> <i>Articles Due</i>	16	17	18 Picnic & Auction @ St. John's Lutheran School 12:00pm-4:00pm
19 Pentecost 9:30am Service w/ Holy Communion 10:45am Voter's Assembly	20 Monday Night Bible Study 7:30pm	21 ESL 1:00pm	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Service w/ Holy Communion	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 ESL 1:00pm	29	30	31	

Save the Date: June 24-28th UKANDU will be back to host VBS at Messiah! Half Day (morning) schedule. Members and Non-Members are welcome to join us for free! Details and registration information coming soon.

MAY CELEBRATIONS



05-06 Lauren Whittington
05-14 Edward Pergande
05-21 William Dembowski
05-30 John Franklin
05-31 Miguel D. Cruz Sr.
05-31 Daniel Natschke



Sunday, May 12, 2024



05-18 Wayne & Paulette Egebrecht
05-27 David & Tammy Jauch



Sunday, May 19, 2024



05-01 John Sowizrol
05-01 Beth Stoeckicht
05-04 Adam Dembowski
05-07 Patrick Grant
05-10 Marilyn Irsch
05-09 Ezra Cruz
05-13 Barbara Kinast



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR



Monday, May 27, 2024

ARTICLE SPOTLIGHT: PENTECOST

The Meaning Of Pentecost

May 15, 2016 Pastor: Rev. Lloyd Gross

<https://www.christlutherancleveland.org/sermons/sermon/2016-05-15>

Verse: Zechariah 12:10

Welcome to an important feast day. In the Church Year, today ranks with Christmas and Easter. It is one of the few days when we use red paraments, symbolic of the Holy Spirit. In the Hymnal it is called "Whitsunday," a name remaining from early modern English. The word "Pentecost" is really a number, Greek for "fiftieth." It is the fiftieth day after Easter. There is an Old Testament Pentecost as well, called shevuoth in Hebrew, which means "weeks." Moses commanded that seven Sabbaths after Passover such a festival should be celebrated. Since Easter was the Sunday after Passover, Pentecost would become the Christian Feast of Weeks. In Jewish tradition this feast is connected with the Ten Commandments. We celebrate the writing of the Law on our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The best thing about this feast is that it has never been commercialized. There are no greeting cards that say "Happy Pentecost." May this festival be preserved from such decadence for many years to come.

Our text is from the prophet Zechariah, after the return from the Exile. It is an extremely important passage because it points out how the New Testament fulfills the Old. I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication they will look on Him whom they have pierced & they shall mourn for Him. Consider "I will pour out." God was, is, and always will be the supply base for all human operations. We consume; He produces. He wants it that way. His gifts keep coming, while we sinners spoil, wreck, ravage them, and eventually turn them into garbage. God answers this by pouring out more. For sin God poured out the blood of His Son. By that blood He purchased us so that we no longer belong to the devil, but to Him. As if that weren't enough, God continued to pour out the Holy Spirit, to repair us on the inside. The Holy Comforter is the Spirit of Compassion. As Jesus' blood took away the guilt of sin, so the Holy Spirit takes away the power of sin, making us over from consumers of mercy into producers. Remember, however, that the mercy and kindness we produce is not from us, but directly from Him. The text continues. I will pour out on the house of David. This isn't about a building. Nor is it really about David's biological descendants, although they are the shadow of the Apostles to come, who would proclaim David's One Great Descendant, the One who fulfilled all the prophecies. Today the Holy Spirit creates a new house of David, beginning with the Apostles, then including all who have believed through their testimony. So we come to you and me. God pours out the Holy Spirit on us, making us compassionate and leading us to pray. He shows us Him whom we have pierced. Yes, I do mean "we." Our sins nailed Him to the cross just as surely as anyone's. The Holy Spirit softens our hearts by showing us the dying Savior, and leads us to repentance. Talk about miracles! By giving us a good look at Him

whom we have pierced, the Spirit performs this miracle even in hardened criminals. History records thousands who have repented on contemplating the cross. The word "pierced" reminds us at once of the centurion on Good Friday. He was a veteran sergeant, not the sort of person anyone would consider delicate. But as he watched his spear go into Jesus' side, he was crushed with repentance, and prophesied that Jesus was the Son of God. Similar things could be said of Paul on the road to Damascus, Augustine listening to the preaching of Ambrose, or Luther trembling as he raised the Communion Chalice. All these men were filled with awe on contemplating the sacrifice of Christ! So were the people of Jerusalem on that first Pentecost Day.

It was about nine in the morning when the Apostles went outside to preach to the crowds, noticing that everyone was hearing the message in his own language. Most of their words are not recorded, but Peter's are. He talked about Jesus. He preached forgiveness to the very people who had demanded, "Let Him be crucified." Some people did not hear clearly, and thought the apostles were drunk. So there will always be those who cannot hear any good news, who know nothing but evil and will hear nothing of good. But for those who heard, Peter fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah. He showed them Him whom they had pierced, they wept, tore their clothes, and asked, "What shall we do?" Peter answered: Repent and be baptized, every one of you, into the name of Jesus the Messiah, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The weeping was coming true, so was the repentance. Jesus was indeed an Only Child, the only Son of the Father, the true Son of Abraham, the ideal Son of David, the Righteous Remnant of Israel. He was the One who could and did keep God's Commandments. Notice Peter says nothing about inviting Jesus, or making a decision. Such talk is not found in the New Testament. Those are doctrines of men. Peter directed his hearers to the God-given way of regeneration, by Holy Baptism in which we are joined to the cross and resurrection of Jesus. That is what Jesus meant by being "born of water and the Spirit." That is the way of salvation for Jews, Gentiles, everyone. Zechariah also calls the Holy Spirit a "Spirit of supplication." That means a Spirit of devotion and prayer. How does He fulfill this? He does it by making you the temple of God. You are the house of David today. You are a member of the Body of Christ, the Church, the Bethel where heaven touches earth. That is a big responsibility. When you belong to Jesus you become like Him. He said that the Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor. You can say the same about yourself. You are anointed, a peculiar people, the Spirit is in you to stay. You can drive Him out by persistence in hard-heartedness. You can break the relationship by insisting on your one natural right, the right to God's wrath rather than His grace. Now as we say that it might sound stupid, but remember the flesh doesn't like to look at Him whom we have pierced. We have received a Spirit who makes good use of our knees, getting us down in the dust of contrition, then picking us up by the Gospel of forgiveness. In Him we have freedom not only from the penalty for sin, but from sin itself. He changes you from a consumer of love to a producer. You drink from the Fountain of Life, you become a fountain of life.

Today is the great festival of this Third Person, this Divine Spirit and His gracious work of sanctification. We keep it best by imitating Christ. AMEN.



REDEEMING LIFE



Redeeming Life Maternity Home

Redeeming Life will host an open house, Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be continuous food service at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 E. Main Street, East Dundee, IL 60118 with shuttle service to the maternity house for tours.

Meet the founders and celebrate the new maternity home ministry here in the NID!

Do you have a favorite recipe? One that family and friends ask you for? One that you would like to share with others? The past 2 years we've collected donations in baby bottles for **Redeeming Life Maternity Home**. This year, **we're collecting recipes and the non-perishable ingredients to prepare them.**

During the month of May, Messiah members are invited to share a favorite recipe (or recipes!) with the new Redeeming Life Maternity Home in East Dundee.

In June, we'll collect the non-perishable ingredients to prepare those recipes. After the recipes are submitted, we will determine what we need and how much of each ingredient. To ensure we don't get too much of a certain item, there will be slips for each item we need in the Narthex. Select the one for the food you would like to donate and place it in the box in the Narthex. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome.

Thank you for supporting life!

Barb Kinast



SENIORS SECTION

Senior Fellowship: The next gathering starts at 10:00am on **Tuesday, May 14th** in Giese Fellowship Hall. Coffee & conversation followed by lunch. Invite a friend or two! RSVP to the church office so we can prepare for all of our guests. Thank you!

Chicago Police Department's 16th District Senior Meetings:

Every third Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the 16th District Community Room (5121 N Milwaukee Ave). 312-742-4521 Next meeting: **May 21st**.

- Meet new friends
- Monthly speakers
- Refreshments served
- Learn about crimes that target seniors & personal/property safety
- Play bingo for prizes!

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Saviour Lutheran School is hosting a childcare event from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Saturday, May 11th. Ages 3-8 years will enjoy dinner, games, crafts, & movie! \$20/child or \$32/two children. Register at 773-736-1157/office@oursaviourls.org

St. John's Lutheran School invites you to their Family Picnic & Auction on Saturday, May 18th from 12:00pm-4:00pm on the school grounds (4939 W Montrose Ave). Food, fellowship, games, raffles, silent auction, music, face-painting, and more! Free entry and open to all. Proceeds will support PTL activities and the St. John's Playground Renovation Fund.



ANNIVERSARY PLANNING



Messiah will celebrate 100 years in 2025!

Planning has already begun and we could use your help!
Share your photos, stories, and Anniversary ideas with us at messiahchgo@sbcglobal.net or send to the church office –
ATTN: Anniversary Committee



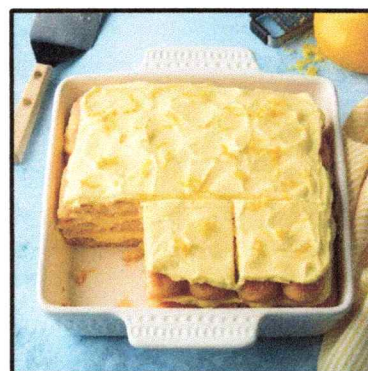
-Lemon Tiramisu-

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. + chilling

YIELD: 9 servings

Ingredients

- 1 carton (8 ounces) mascarpone cheese
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant lemon pudding mix
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 24 crisp ladyfinger cookies
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest



Directions

1. Beat first 5 ingredients on medium speed until blended, 2-3 minutes (do not overbeat).
2. Whisk lemon juice and sugar in a shallow bowl until sugar is dissolved. Quickly dip 8 ladyfingers into lemon juice, allowing excess to drip off; place in a single layer in an 8-in. square dish. Spread a third of the mascarpone mixture over top. Repeat layers twice.
3. Sprinkle with lemon zest. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours before serving.

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SUNDAY FUNNIES

"THE PATRIOT"

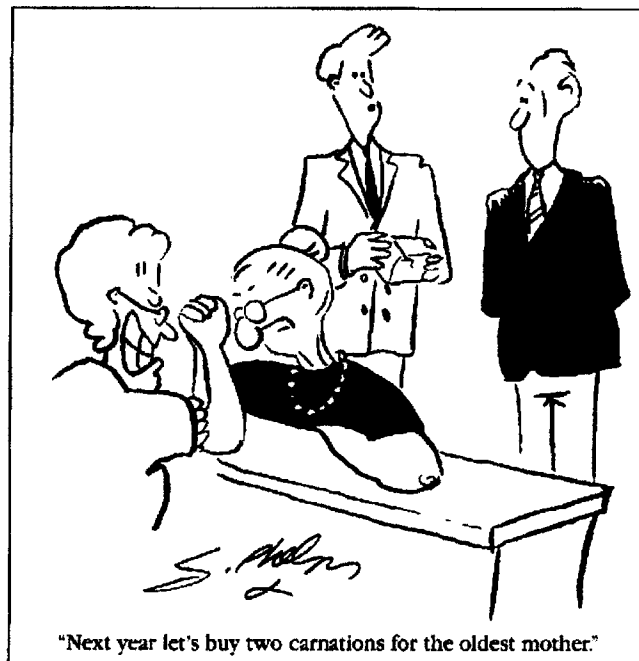
Memorial Day weekend was coming up, and the nursery school teacher took the opportunity to tell her class about Patriotism.

"We live in a great country," she said. "One of the things we should be happy about is that, living in this country, we are all free."

One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said.....

"I'm not FREE! I'm FOUR!"






JOKE OF THE MONTH: Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use a "honey-comb"!



Kids' Corner

Send a LETTER to a Friend

Materials you'll need:

-  Paper
-  Something to write with – pencil, pen, crayon or marker
-  Scissors
-  Envelope
-  First Class stamp ...

Spiral Letter

Write a letter to a special friend. Make the letter fun by writing in a spiral. Start at the top corner of your paper and rotate the paper as you write. Your words will spiral into the center of the page.

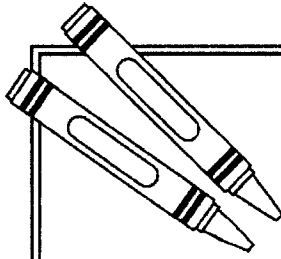
Dear Susie, I hope you are doing well. You are my best friend. I want to visit you soon. Love, Kate. Happy Friendship Day!



Puzzle Letter

Draw and color a picture of you and your friend. Sign your name and then cut your picture into 6 or 8 pieces. Don't make the pieces too small or it will be hard for your friend to put them together.

Put your letter or puzzle pieces in the envelope. Address the envelope, put the stamp on and mail it to your friend or deliver it in person.



Just for KIDS

Friendship Day Is This Month!

Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

	1	2	3	4	5
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▲	F	G	H	I	
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Answer: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.

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