



FEBRUARY 2024 ISSUE

The Messiah Messenger

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH**



A Note from Pastor's Desk

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Thank you soooooo much!!

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4 NIV

The meal has been prepared. The program planned. Everyone taken care of. After which, those words are so enjoyable to hear. *Thank you* for all you've done. More often than not our doing, giving, living go without a great measure of thanks. We keep putting one foot in front of the other each day. Each opportunity to be of service to others is a chance to glorify God. To bear witness to all that's been accomplished for us on Christ's Cross. We can't serve others because of our own love for them alone. Only Christ is our unlimited source of strength, motivation, and love. To give us the desire to dress ourselves each morning and get back to doing God's Work.

It's that time of year again, to follow the path from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from Manger to Sepulcher. God wants to remind you of the great love, His doing, giving, and resurrecting power. So that when things go well, we can say Thank You Soooo much God for this chance to be appreciated by your children. And when others are less than grateful we can say Thank You Sooo much God for this chance to grow and be reminded that my hope and joy are centered in you alone. Consider joining us this Lenten season, on Sundays for sure, but also on Tuesdays for potluck at 6pm with service, or Bible Study at 1pm on Wednesdays, as we return to the Lord's source of love...

We'd Love to hear from you

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Any Questions about any Events can be directed to Kim

At (716)754-4944

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship Service: 8:15am and 10am
9am Sunday School

LIVESTREAMING

[facebook/LutheranChurchoftheMessiah.com](https://facebook.com/LutheranChurchoftheMessiah.com)

Deacon Schedule

Date	Deacon	Communion Deacon
February 4	Darinda Hoffman	Mike Heath
February 11	George Adamson	
February 14	TBD	
February 18	Susan Smith	Sally Schoonmaker
February 25	Bruce Smithson	

The Lector for the Month of February is TBD.

Altar Guild for the Month of February is TBD.



Sign up sheets available in the Narthex for
Ushers/Greeters, Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors,
Acolytes & Prayer List

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

February

02-07 Joshua Adamson
02-14 Lynnor Printup
02-16 Robin Stevens
02-17 Jeff Schurr
02-19 Lisa Condino
02-20 Amelia McGill
02-21 Joan Spira
02-23 Gretchen Waggoner
02-25 Jeff Wayland
02-26 Lucas McCall
02-27 Evelyn Shear
02-28 Cora Rauch

03-02 Donna Lascelle
03-03 Kyle Nablo
03-04 Bill Baum
03-04 John Snopkowski
03-06 James Cassick
03-06 Thomas Mason
03-08 Lillian McGill
03-18 Sarah Coffey
03-21 Jackie Sutherland
03-22 Sandy Greco
03-22 Joan Waterstrat
03-24 Julie McCall
03-26 Natalie Payne
03-27 Terry Collesano
03-28 David Gierach
03-29 Gretchen Morgan
03-29 Helen Rengstorf
03-30 Gloria Montondo



February

02-04-78 Mike and Judy Heath

Dates to Know

February 4th	Reports for Annual Report due to office
February 9th	9am to 2pm Craft Group
February 12th	10am (W)hole Hearted
February 14th	10am to 1pm Ash Distribution
February 14th	7pm Ash Wednesday Service
February 16th	Youth Ministry Lock In.
February 18th	Annual Congregational Meeting
February 19th	President's Day/ Office closed
February 20th	6pm Lentin Potluck Dinner w/ Service
February 23rd	9am to 2pm Craft Group
February 23rd	6:30pm Monthly Game Night
February 26th	10am (W)hole Hearted
February 27th	6pm Lentin Potluck Dinner w/ Service

Every Wednesday at 1pm is Bible Study

Any questions about a date or event please call the Office (716)754-4944

2024 Easter Schedule



Date	Event
February 13th	5pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
February 14th	10am to 1pm Distribution of Ashes
February 14th	7pm Ash Wednesday Service
February 20th	6pm Potluck Dinner w/ service to Follow
February 27th	6pm Potluck Dinner w/ service to Follow
March 5th	6pm Potluck Dinner w/ service to Follow
March 12th	6pm Potluck Dinner w/ service to Follow
March 19th	6pm Potluck Dinner w/ service to Follow
March 24th	10am Palm Sunday Service
March 28th	7pm Maundy Thursday Service
March 29th	Good Friday Service @ Zion Lutheran Church
March 31st	10am Easter Service

Church News

Messiah Lutheran Preschool

We are accepting applications for the fall beginning February 1st



LCW

As we move into the New Year, we are looking forward to again participating in the 10 mile garage sale as well as our annual Bazaar. Our proposed budget is available in the Narthex, we will be having a meeting to vote on the budget on February 11th at 11 AM. As always we welcome new faces and ideas and look forward to the year ahead.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Happy New Year everyone. This year we will be having the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 18th right after the 2nd Service.

All church members are welcome to sit in on this meeting and participate. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The office is asking that all groups submit their reports by email in either word or google docs to the Office@messiahlewiston.org by February 4th.

Newsletter

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email please email the office and let us know.

Office@messiahlewiston.org

Church News

Messiah's Angel Tree 2023

Thanks to the generous members and friends of Messiah as well Messiah Pre-K family members, 13 children attending Lewiston - Porter and 9 residents of Creek House on Creek Rd had a wonderful Christmas with many gifts, comprised of needs as well as wants. The Angel Tree Program at Messiah Began with Charlotte Perri, now deceased, and continues through our members and friends as well as the participation of our Pre-K, directed by Rose Aloian, Charlotte's granddaughter.

Choraleer Concert

On Sunday, December 10th there was approximately 150 attendees at the Lewiston Choraleer's Concert and Messiah provided sandwiches: egg salad and chicken salad using 14 loaves of bread. Due to scheduling conflicts and illness, many stepped up to help with short notice. Judy Amanita, Jeanne Balcom, Cathy Bennion, Devin Borget, Mike Duckett, Kathy Harold, Pawn Moore and Jackie Sutherland were Messiah's kitchen elves. We even had more offer than the kitchen could accommodate. Thanks to all who helped and all who offered!

Messiah Youth Ministry

Welcome to 2024. Messiah's youth group hosted a Bills (vs New England) tailgate and New Year's fellowship potluck on 12/31 following late service. We had a great group of folks hang out to enjoy breakfast pizza, chili, sausage dishes, manicotti, and lots of other treats. We learned how to make a paper football and squeezed a game of Bingo in before our "champagne" toast and the start of the football game. Everyone went home with a full belly, lots of memories and some New Year's Eve hats and glasses. Our football square fundraiser had 3 winners. Lynn and Kyle won a quarter each and the big winner with the correct final score was Mattison. She donated \$50 back from her grand prize.

The big winner was Messiah Youth since we raised \$425 to use toward our activities this coming year. We plan to put the money we've raised to use and we need your help with ideas for the children in your family circle. We will plan to go bowling, attend the Bisons game (hosted by Lutheran Charities date TBD) among many other ideas. Our Messiah Youth will be free for each event and be able to bring a friend too. Parents/Guardians of anyone younger than 5th grade will be required to participate with their child.

We have a year of fun activities planned beginning with a game/movie night for all Messiah Youth and with a lock in February 16th for grades 5+ immediately following. Youth must preregister (for the lock-in) and complete the permission slip in the office. Again, all Messiah youth are encouraged to bring a friend, a game, and some ideas for their vision of youth group along with their overnight supplies. Attendees will be provided dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Contact the church office to sign up and complete your permission slips.

March 10th will bring us our first fundraiser of the year where we will bring back the very popular spaghetti/meatball/salad dinner. Tickets will be available by 2/12 in the office. Cost will be \$12 again this year. The goal of that fundraiser will be to help raise funds for an irrigation system for our community garden. All proceeds beyond that will go to our Youth Group programming and future outings. We will keep a schedule of upcoming events in the Fellowship hall on the Bulletin Board for reference.

We're looking forward to a great year of service, fellowship, and most importantly fun for the Messiah Youth. If you want to help or be involved in any way, please reach out to Kyle Heath 716-628-2491 or Sabrina Balcom 716-940-5959 or contact Kim Borget in the church office @ (716)754-4944.

See you 2/23 for our Lock-in!

Soul Fire

Youth Ministry of Messiah

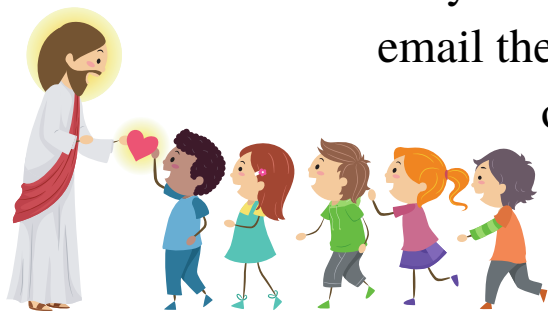
The next Confirmation class will be February 11th
Remember to watch the Band app for any changes

Please bring your binder and books

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte
February 04, 2024	Noah Balcom	William Borget
February 11, 2024		
February 14, 2024		
February 18, 2024		
February 25, 2024		

As a friendly reminder we are still in need of Acolytes. Please email the office with the dates your available.

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C O N F I R M A T I O N

This Months Lessons

The Message of the Prophets

Prophets of Israel

1 Kings 11:1-13; Amos 1:1; 5:21-24; 8:1-18;
Hosea 1:1-9; 4:1-3; Jeremiah 11:18-23;
15:15-21

Prophets of Judah

Isaiah 5:1-7; 9:2-7; 10:1-2; 1:16-20;
Jeremiah 31:31-34; 7:1-15, 23-26

This Months Readings from The Story

Date	Chapter Number	Chapter
02/04/2024	Chapter 19	The Return Home
02/11/2024	Chapter 20	The Queen of Beauty and Courage
02/18/2024	Chapter 21	Rebuilding the Walls
02/25/2024	Chapter 22	The Birth of a King



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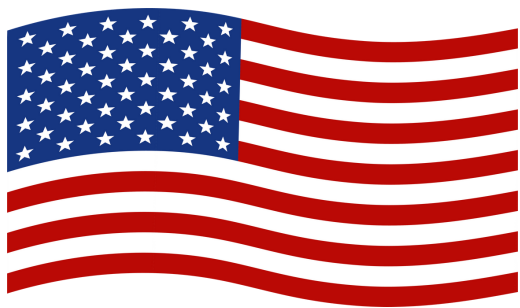
Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Evelyn Shear
Al Sandstrom
Gretchen Morgan
Jared Lombardi
Adela Gunkelman
Beth MacSwan
Jon MacSwan
Michael Coffey
Steven Heinz
Daniel Wade
Renee Balcom
Marion Helwich Wrobel

Brian Ziemendorf
Arlene Sliz
Frederick Schmidt
Ted Sadler
Mary Beth Brault
Marisa Balcom
Brian Besaw
Christi Lynch
Daniel Acome
Chad Heath
Judy Capolupo

Those who are caregivers or those suffering from
Alzheimer's disease.

Those who serve our country:



Jim Bane
SSgt. Andrew Baxter
Captain David Broderick
SSgt. Justin DeVantier
MSgt. Bill Ingwersen
2nd Lt. Mitchell Sembert
Specialist Anthony Tamul
Sgt. Hannah Mergi
Sgt. Tyler Colby

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Lent Potluck

February 20, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 5, 2024

March 12, 2024

March 19, 2024

Dinner starts at 6pm with Service to follow
at 7pm

Please Call the Church to sign up for a dish to pass (716)754-4944