



Messiah Lutheran Church Newsletter

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We remember in our prayers; Jeff, Thela, Betty, Cathy, Leona, Tim, Lois, Kim, Larry, Adeline, Piper, Tom, Jean, Sally, Bill, Mel, Lou & Joann, Stan, Jane, Sue, Don, Jackie, Gail, Jean, Robin, Crystal, Rob, Kelly R., Skylar, John, Phyllis, Ralph & Laurie, Bunny, June, Arlene, Austin, Ann, Ted, Charlie, Katie Murray & family, Joyce, Ann, Ernie & Marilyn, Phyllis, Brandon, Mike, Ed, Helen, Jill, Kim, Alex, Emma, and Earl & Jennifer.

Our church leaders: Bishops Elizabeth A. Eaton and Craig Alan Satterlee.

...those in the armed forces, who have served and those currently serving: Nick Anderson, David Cooper; Cole Daniels; Tara Goodell; Erik Mathenia; Ian, Matt and Amy McKenna; Richard McManamon; Peter McWilliam; Ryan Schiffner, Lee Schmidt, Nate Walker, Stephanie & Michael Ysebaert, Don & Dan Sulhoff, Tristan Bunch, Andrew Kurek, Mark Bunch, and for the safe and resolute return of all our nation's POW/MIAs.

Worship – 9:30AM Sundays. One service only.
Worship at the Brook – 2:00 pm 1st Sunday of the Month
ADULT Bible Study – Starts June 5th-7PM
Choir Rehearsal –8:30 AM on Sunday morning.
Sunday school –Children's Bulletins will be available for the kids to work on while sitting with their parents during worship service.

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Service Information for May

We offer (1) service on Sunday at
9:30AM.
Choir practice is at 8:30AM.

Pastor Lonnie Wilkerson is our current
State Supply Pastor.

He is also available for phone calls,
private church meetings at Messiah,
home visits if requested, and hospital
visits.

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Keep checking the information table,
your emails, and the weekly bulletins for
new business or updates.

Reminder-if the office doesn't have your
email we can't share the special messages
coming from the office concerning
members, events, and service changes. ☺
Check us out on Facebook.☺
We also have a new website at;
messiahlutheranelca.com

+++Pastor's Page+++

I need a Hero!

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45, NIV

We are in the midst of identifying the playlist for Movies Under the Moon that will begin at sunset Friday night July 13th in Wallace Park. It is a struggle to make choices that are both interesting and popular but at the same time not oversaturated due to Netflix and DVD sales. But that is a small matter and one in which we are working through.

It is interesting to review the movies that have been released over the past several months and one that caught my eye is Black Panther. To date it has grossed over \$1.34 BILLION worldwide surpassing Star Wars: The Last Jedi and Avengers: Infinity War (HINT – Super Hero movies). It is the highest rated superhero movie of all time.

It has amazing action sequences and outstanding performances. But its deeper message is one I believe to be especially significant for Christians in America.

Black Panther is the eighteenth movie connected to the Marvel Cinematic Universe, beginning with Iron Man in 2008. In case you didn't know, DC Comics has made dozens of movies over the years as well. Who would have thought our Millennial grandchildren would like our childhood comics – albeit in a 21st century format?

Superhero movies are extremely popular these days, in part because the news reminds us daily how much we need protection.

Nikolas Cruz confessed to attacking Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, one of more than 140,000 schools in the US. In addition, there are more than 5.6 million commercial buildings and more than 107,000 shopping centers in this country. These buildings have multiple access points and little if any armed security. The cost of protecting each of them against an armed attacker would be astronomical.

A list of the deadliest single-day mass shootings in modern US history includes schools, churches, businesses, a cafeteria, a McDonalds, a postal center, an immigrant community center, a casino and resort, a gambling club, a nightclub, a navy yard, a street, a movie theater, two brokerage houses, a Buddhist center, a nursing home, and a government center. Clearly, securing every vulnerable location is impossible.

In our post-9/11 world, the promise of superhero protection, even though fanciful, is attractive. But there's an element central to the plot of Black Panther that helps explain its unique appeal as well.

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Black Panther is about an African nation called Wakanda, which developed a metal called "vibranium" from a meteorite. Vibranium helped them produce an extremely advanced civilization and technology they have hidden from the world by posing as an impoverished country.

At the heart of the movie is a dilemma: Should they share what they know with those in need?

If they do, will they lose control of their resources? Will people use their technology for evil? Is their king's highest duty to his nation or to humanity? If he refuses to help those he can, what kind of country will Wakanda become?

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Martin Luther King Jr. noted, "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the Good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

Black Panther resonates with audiences in large part because its dilemma is our dilemma. Every day, we face the question of serving self or serving others.

The best test of our character is how we treat people we don't have to treat well. We find this maxim on display in Genesis 45. In the midst of famine, Joseph's brothers returned to Egypt seeking food. Remember, they sold him into slavery some seventeen years earlier (Genesis 37:28). Now he is prime minister of the most powerful nation in the world, second only to the pharaoh himself.

His brothers' lives were in his hands. For their crimes, he could easily and justifiably have ordered their execution. Instead, he arranged for them and their families to join him in Egypt, where they would live under his protection and provision.

Thirty-eight centuries later, his benevolence serves as a model for us.

Let's learn a lesson from Joseph: When we treat with kindness those we don't have to treat well, God blesses our compassion. And we manifest the character of the One who "*came not to be served but to serve*" (Mark 10:45).

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1, ESV. Are you ready to be a hero?

Calendar Events-Looking Ahead- June and beyond. 😊

June 2- 10AM-4PM- Warbler Festival-Help needed

June 3- Noisy Offering and Food Pantry Collection-Worship at the Roscommon Brook

June 5-July 23- 7PM-Bible Study- "Lasting Impact"-Messiah Lutheran

June 7- 1PM-WELCA Meeting-All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend

June 10- Directory photo make-up day

June 12 & 26-10AM- Cut-Ups Quilting Group

June 13- 5PM- Messiah Community Dinner- Beef Stroganoff

June 16-4PM-Painting class-hosted by Shay's Play Place-25 seats available-\$15 fee-There is a sign-up sheet outside the daycare door-please sign-up by June 12th -Location Messiah Fellowship Hall

June 18- 7PM- Council Meeting

June 21,22,23- Messiah Yearly Yard Sale-Items can be brought in after 7PM on Wed. June 13th once we are cleaned up after our Community Dinner that night. 9AM Thursday set-up begins-Early bird sale Friday -3-6, Saturday Sale-9-2. Tear down and pack up help will be needed to prepare items left for St. Vincent's pickup on Tuesday 26th.

June 23- Food Giveaway-St. Helen- Charlton Heston Academy-11AM

June 24-Congregational Meeting-Election of Council Members-9:30AM Service

July 7-9AM-4PM- Arts Festival- Volunteers needed for set-up Friday evening the 6th-5-7, Saturday volunteers needed throughout the day 9-4, and then to tear down the tent and other items at 4.

July 22-Mortgage burning celebration-after 9:30 AM Service-watch for more details

July 28- Wedding- Makayla & Dylan-2PM

Watch for updates and changes. We have a busy summer ahead. Volunteers will be needed for our Outreach events.

Please let Cory know if and when you can help. Thank you. 😊

**REMINDER- We are still in need of people to run for Church Council. Please consider taking a term. Let the office know if you are interested. We will be voting for new members at our Congregational Meeting-Sunday-June 24th after worship service.
Thank you.**

JUNE-2018	WORSHIP ASST.	MAY REMINDERS
JUNE 3	9:30AM	WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 MESSIAH COMMUNITY DINNER
READER	JIM KRAUSS	PATSY'S SCRUMPCIOUS BEEF STROGANOFF
USHERS	RON & WENDY WILTSE	NOODLES, VEGETABLE, BREAD
COM. ASST.	RUTH C. & ANN JORDAN	DESSERTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Bulletins will be provided to work on at the pew every Sunday.	SATURDAY JUNE 2ND- ROSCOMMON
WORSHIP ASST.	RON ANDERSON	KIRTLAND WARBLER FESTIVAL 10-4-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
JUNE 10	9:30AM	REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY ☺
READER	JOAN JAGUSZEWSKI	
USHERS	DON & LAUREL GARDEY	PRAYER PARTNER LETTER
COM. ASST.	GARY GRAY & RED BRUNKE	Please remember to sign the PPL that is
PASTOR'S ASST.	DAVID OSIM	found on the information table. Each week we send a letter to another church in our synod that we pray for. ☺
JUNE 17	9:30AM	
READER	BETTY CRIBBINS	COFFEE HOUR
USHERS	CHRIS & MIKE MCMANAMON	IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BAKE
COM. ASST.	CORY REINHOLZ & DOTTIE JURY	COOKIES OR BAKE A CAKE TO SHARE
PASTOR'S ASST.	CORY REINHOLZ	DURING COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE FEEL
JUNE 24	9:30AM	FREE TO DO SO. HOMEMADE DESSERTS
READER	PATSY LIPPERT	ARE ALWAYS ENJOYED BY ALL. ☺
USHERS	RON & CAROL LEE ANDERSON	WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO POUR
COM. ASST.	MARGARET & MARY ANN PERSSON	COFFEE AND CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS.
PASTOR'S ASST.	JIM KRAUSS	YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED. ☺
REMINDER	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	THIS LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
COUNTERS LAUREL & DON GARDEY	FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED BOXED RICE MIX DEODORANT MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED ITEMS COLLECTED GO TO THE FOOD PANTRY AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ☺	ALTAR CARE ANN JORDAN

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Pray for each other....

06/03---06/09

Mary & Gary Gray

Diane & Dan Hagle

06/10---06/16

Bill & Varlya Hanusik

Sue Hecht

06/17---06/23

Joan & Jim Jaguszewski

Trisha Jones

06/24---06/30

Ann & Al Jordan

Dottie Jury

June Anniversaries

24* Emily & Tom Borton

27* Tom & Vicke Raymond

28* Dianne & Terry Sanders

29* Jerry & Marlene Hensler

June Birthdays

8* Diane Goodell

15* Ruth Christopherson

17* Alton Westover

19* Jen Hockstra

27* Jase Miller