

Messiah Memos

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80 years and counting . . .

- 80 years: that's how long people have been coming together week after week under the name Messiah Lutheran Church.
- 80 years: that's how long Messiah has served as a place in Fairview Park where the promise of God in Christ Jesus gets told and taught.
- 80 years: that's how long Messiah has been launching people into their daily lives in the confidence that their sins are forgiven and that God is working for them, not against them.
- 80 years: that's how long Messiah's saints have been contributing to the work and mission of the wider Lutheran community in Greater Cleveland.
- 80 years: that's how long children have been learning about the love of Jesus at Messiah's Sunday School and discovering the basics of the Christian faith in confirmation classes.
- 80 years: that's how long God has been working through Messiah to stake his claim on people in Holy Baptism and to refresh their spirits through the touch of Christ in Holy Communion.
- 80 years: that's how long Messiah has been helping people to face sickness, loss, and death with unwavering hope in God.
- 80 years: that's how long the Holy Spirit has been working through Messiah to produce generous, faithful people whose commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the life and mission of Christ has been remarkable.
- 80 years: that's how long people at Messiah have been singing and praying and studying the Word of God.
- 80 years: that's how long God has been using Messiah to send the blessing of Christ into more corners and pockets of the world than we can count or even imagine.
- 80 years: that's how long the Holy Spirit has been sending faithful servants—pastors, teachers, musicians—to equip Messiah's saints, and others too, with the promise of the Gospel.

. . . and now it's time to celebrate!

The date: April 17/18
Celebration services that weekend
Celebration luncheon on the 18th
Mark your calendar. Make your reservation.
(Need more information? Call the church office)

From the Pastor—

Time was when Lutheran congregations would hold services not only on the morning of Easter Sunday morning but in the evening as well. At the evening service they'd hear the account from Luke 24 of Jesus walking with two disciples from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus. It's one of the great Easter stories. For one thing, we learn that resurrection is so powerful and transforming that the person it's happened to (Jesus) can't be recognized by people who had known him well. For another, we get to hear Jesus himself underscoring that his death was no accident. Here's how he puts it to his traveling companions: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

It's too bad we aren't exposed to that question year after year as a matter of course, the way our forebears were. One of my teachers, a great theologian, claimed that it was the most important question for any Christian to wrestle with. If you don't, it's all too easy to set Jesus aside as beside the point to whatever issues we may have with God, or God with us.

I've been thinking about that a lot lately as I listen to the political furor that's lashing our country right now over healthcare and taxes and any number of other large, important issues. I'm guessing I'm not the only person at Messiah who's becoming dismayed by the tone that it's taking.

It's one thing for citizens to disagree strongly with each other. When stakes are large they always have and always will.

It's quite another thing when citizens start regarding their opponents as wicked people who hate liberty, or hate the poor, or hate whatever other value I happen to treasure most. That's when thought and conversation cease and fear takes over. Fear leads to

all kinds of damage. Evil feeds on it.

History abounds with horrible stories of Christian people being drawn as contributing perpetrators into the evil that fear generates. I pray with all my heart that this doesn't happen right now, in the times we're presently in. I hope that we at least will have the sense to recognize that when public voices drip with contempt and loathing for fellow citizens on the other side of a debate, they're speaking for the devil, not God. For his part God gives us the eighth commandment—don't lie about your neighbor, including your political neighbor—and he tells us not to break it.

Back to Jesus on that road to Emmaus: "Was it not necessary," he asks, "that the Messiah should suffer these things?" Answer: of course. If we learn anything at all from the present noise and tumult, it's that human beings will not and cannot save themselves from the peril of grieving God.

And here's another reason why "it was necessary": so that when God invites us not to be afraid, we'll have a reason to believe him and to act accordingly. The reason is the promise of God, anchored in Jesus' death and resurrection, that nothing can separate us from his love.

I pray that each of us, trusting God's promise, will find a way this Easter to contribute to civil conversation in our country. This is a large gift that Christians could give their fellow citizens right now, or so it seems to me. The place to start is by remembering that everybody we deal with is someone the Son of God was willing to give his life for. Let this thought shape the example we set in our own thinking and talking with the people around us about issues that matter.



- Pr. Burce

Last Call for Easter Lilies!



Order your flowers by returning the following form and cash or a check made out to "Messiah Church" to the church office **by Monday, March 29**. Cost is \$10 each. You may take flowers home after the services on Easter Sunday.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

I am ordering (indicate the number of each): _____ Easter Lilies

I have enclosed cash or a check for (\$10/each): \$ _____



“Notes” From the Director of Music

Our 1970 Schlicker pipe organ has officially become our 2010 Schlicker/Hemry pipe organ. It rose to the occasion on March 11, when the international organ virtuoso, Cameron Carpenter, put it through its paces with an incredible cascade of organ music, all the way from Johann Sebastian Bach, to the Beatles, in which he demonstrated the rich palette of tonal colors residing in the Choir Loft. It was an evening of uncommon excellence...and for me, personally, it was God’s voice in music through the mind, hands, and feet of this brilliant young performer, which thrilled me in a manner I’d not experienced from an organ recital for half a century!

To have been able to share this with many people from outside our immediate Church Family is a testament to our growing sense of and success in outreach to not only Fairview Park, but also the Greater Cleveland Community as a whole. For each of us as individuals, Messiah Lutheran Church is a driving force in our lives...and sharing that force with all others is the essence of mission. Messiah Lutheran Church continues to grow as a vibrant, living beacon to all who seek communion with Jesus Christ.

With the organ project completed, there is still a balance due, albeit a small one. We will continue to accept contributions to the organ fund for the foreseeable future. Rather than publish a list of donors, we have decided to place in the organ, itself, a list of donors to the organ fund. In that manner, we feel acknowledgement is made, but without a public component.

With regard to the “small balance due,” I would like to urge you to buy a pipe for \$40.00 and spend an evening with our pipe organ and me.* We’ll investigate what goes on when a key is pushed, how pipes actually generate sound, answer [we hope] your technical questions about the organ, and even provide you with the opportunity of making sounds on the organ yourself... on the pedals, too!

*Evening at the Organ Monday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Now, for some details about Music for Tuesdays at 12:10, namely a switching of April 6 with April 13. For the program on April 6, Ben Czarnota will be joined by one of my favorite composers, Brian Taylor, of New York City, in a presentation of his extant and recent songs, plus what is morphing into a duet for organ and piano – a world premiere! On April 13, Jennifer Woda will perform a group of songs from Kurt Weill’s lesser known oeuvre and Brian Thornton, violoncellist with the Cleveland Orchestra, will perform J.S. Bach’s Sonata in G major for Gamba and Continuo.

Easter is coming – yes, really! I’m going to push for you to attend all of our remarkable Holy Week Services, and climax that experience with Easter Sunday at either the 9 or 11 a.m. Eucharist with Messiah Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ, acclaiming the risen Christ and His promise of eternal life.

Yours in Christ,
David Gooding,
Director of Music Ministries

Music for Tuesdays at 12:10

The programs are held in the sanctuary and are open to the public.

Bring your brown bag lunch—we provide coffee, tea, and cookies.

The programs conclude before 1:00 pm and are entirely informal...come when you can, and leave when you must. While a donation is not turned down, it’s not obligatory.

- March 30 – Robert Thompson, baritone; David Gooding, keyboards: Arias, Songs, and Spirituals
- April 6 – Ben Czarnota, baritone; Brian Taylor, keyboards: World Premiere! Duet for Organ & Piano composed by Brian Taylor of New York City
- April 13 – Jennifer Woda, mezzo; Brian Thornton, violoncellist: Songs from Kurt Weill, J. S. Bach’s Sonata in G major for Gamba and Continuo
- April 20 – Lutheran West High School Chorale and Singers, Ron Muth Director: A varied program of choral works by one of the area’s outstanding high school music programs
- April 27 – Highland Chamber Ensemble: Instrumental works yet to be announced, performed by this always engaging chamber group
- May 4 – Brian Bacon, baritone; David Gooding, piano: Gerald Finzi: Earth and Air and Rain

“Going Global for LMS” Luther Memorial Fundraising Event May 23 4—7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Luther Memorial’s Spring Fundraising Event, “Going Global for LMS”! To celebrate and prepare for the opening of our International Friends Program for our refugee students, LMS will host an afternoon of international cuisine, entertainment and prizes. The event will take place at the Cleveland Yacht Club on Sunday, May 23rd from 4-7pm. The cost of the event is \$50 per person. This is the major fundraising event of our year and we have set a goal of raising \$20,000. We look forward to seeing you, our friends and supporters from Messiah at this event. Call our office at 216.749.5300 to reserve your seat!

Also, LMS is launching an alumni giving opportunity to celebrate our growing school and the next generation of LMS children. “Reinvesting in our Roots” is a campaign to celebrate the immigrant roots of Lutheran education in America and to welcome our next generation of newcomers. For over 60 years (61 to be exact!), LMS has welcomed a variety of children from all walks of life to come to know the love of Jesus through a solid Christian education. We started as a refuge for German immigrants. LMS served as a safe haven where children could learn English quickly and grow steadfastly in their faith. Today, LMS is preparing to open its doors to the next generation of new Americans. Children from the Congo, Bhutan/Nepal, Burundi and Iraq are all seeking a safe and new life. It is our prayer that we will find 165 alums of Luther Memorial and/or Lutheran education in general, who would be willing to give a one time gift of \$61.00. This amount represents each year of LMS’s ministry and will pay

the family portion of tuition for one year for each new refugee student. It will also help support their educational needs in the classroom and provide them with basic school supplies. Messiah has a number of LMS alums and I invite all alumnus and supporters of Lutheran education to consider participating in this campaign.

Blessings,
Peggy Schauer, Principal

Letter from Luther Memorial School

Dear Friends at Messiah,

Thank you for your generous gift from the “Messiah in the City” fund to support the ministry of Luther Memorial School.

This year our theme is “Expect the Impossible.” God works through friends like you, who understand the necessity and urgency of reaching His little lambs in an urban setting with the good news of Jesus Christ. With your help, we are able to help God’s lambs to succeed academically in this life, and prepare them spiritually so that they will someday meet their Heavenly Shepherd face to face. We are teaching sheep to fly!

Thank you again for your commitment to urban Lutheran education and your service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Peggy Schauer
Principal



P.S. Thank you for supporting me as your Missionary in the City. It is a joy and blessing to serve my congregation and bring the God News to our urban kids.



From the Principal's Desk

A State Championship – A Lesson in Perseverance

Some big news in the halls of Messiah Lutheran School during the month of March was the championship won at the All-Ohio Lutheran Basketball Tournament held during the first weekend in March. It was the first time since 2002 that a team from Messiah won the tournament which includes the top Lutheran teams from across the state. The victory also qualified the team for a trip to the National Lutheran Basketball Tournament at Valparaiso University during the last weekend in March.

While the championship itself is noteworthy for many of us, the path it took to arrive at the destination is quite a story of perseverance. For you see, the Messiah Trailblazers white team had lost six games during the season, and five of those losses were to the same team, a very talented bunch, the Jets from St. John, Nottingham. Three times, the Blazers were eliminated from tournaments by the Jets, twice in the final round. Twice during the regular season schedule, our team lost to this same team. All were hard-fought battles, but the Blazers ended up on the losing end each and every time. Additionally, the Jets won every game they played throughout the season. They were, it seemed, unbeatable.

So it would come as little surprise, that most did not give our team much of a chance to beat this powerhouse. Through a close first half, the fans were still a bit tense. We had played them close before, but we knew what result to expect. And then, during the second half, the Jets began to edge out to a lead first two, then three, five, seven...it began to look like another loss was all but in the bag.

But then, somehow, the Blazers began to creep back into it, gradually cutting the lead and eventually taking a one-point lead with only 15 seconds left in the game. Amazingly, we hung on

for an exciting victory. Of course, our fans and players went crazy. Tears of joy were shed.

In Romans, chapter 5, Paul writes,

but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

While some might say there is no significance to an athletic victory for a bunch of 8th graders, I would say that some of the best lessons in perseverance are taught through participation in athletics. By overcoming their suffering, our players developed character and hope.

To be sure, their suffering of repeated losses to one team were nothing compared to what our brothers and sisters in the early Christian church faced. And if the hope they are left with is in their own athletic abilities and in the successes they may have in the future, they are sure to be sorely disappointed.

On the other hand, if the lesson becomes one that can be transferred to other difficult situations - standing up for their faith in front of peers who are faithless, or facing life's challenges with trust in their God – then their perseverance *will* produce character which will lead to hope. And this hope is not in themselves but in their God, who is faithful to them, just as He is to each and every one of us.

So, congratulations, Blazers! Your perseverance paid off with victory. As you remember *this* victory, remember also the victory we have through our risen Lord. Persevere also in sharing that message with others! To God be the Glory!

In Christ,
Kyle B. Chuhran,
Principal



Clothing Drive

April 24 & 25

Messiah is joining other area congregations in a drive to collect used clothing for distribution at key sites in Cleveland. The task of sorting and delivering the clothes will be one of the significant projects on CityServe day, Saturday, May 1 (see page 8).

Messiah's drive will take place on the last weekend in April. Bring your donations to church between 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday or between 9 and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Volunteers will be waiting in the parking area outside the atrium to help you unload – simply drive up and drop off.

Needed: clean, wearable clothing of any kind, for men, women, or children. Pack in plastic bags. Thanks in advance for your contribution!

Messiah's Annual Trash to Treasure Sale

Coming June 10—12

Complete your spring cleaning, declutter those closets, basements and attics, and bring what you no longer want to the Messiah Gym for our annual rummage sale. Donations may be dropped off beginning Friday, June 5th. The sale is Thursday—Saturday, June 10-12. 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Donation slips will be available for tax purposes.

Right now we are looking for volunteers to help with the Trash to Treasure Sale and the Bake Sale.

Questions? Will you help?
Please email Trudy Gustke at
chicamilmom@sbcglobal.net
or call her at (440) 734-1629.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

Hop on over to Messiah's 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Calling all bunnies, oops, children (from infants up to 4th graders), to shake your bunny tails over to Bain Park Pavilion on Saturday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. for an awesome old-fashioned Egg Hunt!

Bring your own basket or bag for the event. Please drop off bags of wrapped candy and items we can use for prizes (spring gifts, filled baskets, stuffed animals, etc.) to the church office by Monday, March 29. We have the eggs!!! If you would like to help with the hunt, please call Carol Moeller at (440)333-1481. See you there!



Job Opening—Messiah 1st Grade Teacher

Messiah Lutheran School is seeking a 1st grade teacher for the 2010-11 school year. Qualified candidates should send a letter of interest and resume by April 12, 2010, to Principal Kyle Chuhran, 4401 W. 215th St., Fairview Park, OH, 44126 or email to kchuhran@messiahfp.org.

Kindergarten Open House!

Do you know someone who's looking for a school for their kindergarten-age child? Messiah will be having an Adults' Open House on Wednesday, April 14, from 11:00-12:00. Parents will be invited to come observe in the classroom, view a Smart Board presentation by Mrs. Sheena Gerrick, the Kindergarten teacher, and have their questions answered.

On Sunday, April 18, Mrs. Gerrick will hold a second Open House immediately following the 80th anniversary celebration dinner. Prospective kindergarteners and their parents are invited to come see the classroom, pick up packets of information, and visit with Mrs. Gerrick.

Sunday Education Hour

April 11—

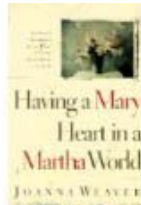
Sunday Magazine, a review of happenings at Messiah and elsewhere in the church. The agenda on the 11th will include:

- an update on the Pangrace property (the strip of buildings and parking between Messiah Middle School and the Giant Eagle parking lot)
- a report from the Faith Mission Board
- Messiah School updates
- a conversation with Messiah's new part-time youth worker (assuming that all details of the hiring process are completed by then).

April 18 & 25—

Pastor's Course: "New Wine in Old Wineskins: What Easter Means for Life Today." This course will explore challenges that every Christian faces every day in a world that still runs on the old pre-Easter rules. We'll use St. Paul and Martin Luther as our guides.

Women's Bible study (Conference Room): "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World," a book by JoAnne Weaver. We work through one chapter per week. For any and all interested women. Call or email Darlene Waugh if you'd like to learn more. 440-331-2405 or dwaugh@messiahfp.org. We will discuss Chapter 6 on April 18—continues through May 23.



Prayer Shawl Ministry—Every Sunday, in the Music Room. Join a group that makes shawls for the ill and homebound, praying for them as they do. Drop a note to Priscilla Hinsch to learn more, phinsch@messiahfp.org

A Note for Women—The Cleveland West Cluster of Women of the WELCA is holding its Spring Rally on April 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hinckley. Pastor Carolyn Wager Hier, the featured speaker, will share new and alternative ways to pray. The event begins with fellowship, refreshments, and registration at 9 a.m. The business meeting begins at 9:30 am and concludes about 1 pm after communion is celebrated and lunch is served. The cost is \$5. All women of Messiah are invited. For a flyer or to get more information, call Diane Bennett at the Faith church office, 216-226-6500

Notes on the Faith Mission Project

Kids of the Kingdom is a Saturday morning program that brings neighborhood children to Faith for an hour or so of fun, learning, and prayer, followed by a lunch. Between 15 and 20 children and their families are presently being served. Messiah's Julie Bacon is directing the program, with the help of several steadfast volunteers. More hands are always welcome. If you'd like to help out this Easter season get in touch with Julie through the church office or drop her a note directly at jbacon3@roadrunner.com

The Faith Mission Board is putting final touches on a plan that aims to recruit a dedicated missionary/evangelist for the work at Faith and to have that person on board before the current year is out. Do you know of someone with the gifts and passion for talking about the Christian faith with people who either don't know it or aren't committed to it? If so, drop a note to Pr. Burce, jburce@messiahfp.org

Children's Bible Study Pizza Night

6 – 7:30 p.m. at Messiah

Drop off your K-4th grade child for this FREE, fun-filled event. Each session features a Bible story and a special game or craft. These programs are on Wednesday nights – April 14, May 12, June 16 and August 11.

The BloodMobile is coming!! April 25

Once again, we are hosting a Red Cross blood drive. April 25, 2010 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. There is a CONSTANT need for blood and blood products. The people of Messiah are known for their generosity in giving--please consider giving the gift of life. Join us and donate blood on April 25. Thanks in advance!!

- Pam Sugrue

CityServe 2010

Saturday, May 1
Lutheran High School West

Come make a world of difference in the city.

Join with hundreds of others in serving the Lord Jesus and His advancing Kingdom to area shelters, urban churches and schools, refugee ministries and social agencies.

Special thanks to signature sponsor: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

A day for Work, Witness and Worship



\$15 per person,
plus a donation of a canned food item!

Schedule

8 am—Register at Lutheran West, receive your t-shirt and Chik-Fil-A boxed lunch and then board the bus to your work site

8:30 am—2 pm—Service projects across town

2:30 pm—Praise/Fellowship back at Lutheran West

3:30 pm—Community BBQ Dinner

4:30 pm—2-Mile “Walk for Hunger” around the track at Lutheran West!



For more information call:

216.281.4673

Your space cannot be reserved without registration and payment

Registration

Use a form located on the table outside of the church office...

or download a form at
www.lutheranwest.com or
www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.

Return a completed form to Building Hope in the City or Lutheran West by April 26. Bring a non-perishable food item with you on May 1 to complete your registration. We'll donate it to a local food pantry.

Youth Mission Trip Opportunities for Summer, 2010

Messiah is pleased to be able to offer three mission trip opportunities this summer. Participate once, twice or in all three. We need adult chaperones and drivers for all three trips. Registration information will follow as we continue to receive the appropriate forms. If you want to participate, and were not able to attend our planning meeting last month, please contact the appropriate person listed below. A \$50 deposit is needed to hold your spot. Submit deposits to Darlene Waugh by Thursday, April 15.



Santa Cruz Lutheran Church ~ Joliet, IL

June 12 – 17

Ages: 8th Grade – High School

Cost: (est.) \$200 – \$250

We are again joining in mission with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church this summer. Under the leadership of Pastor Keith Forni, our servant projects will include serving at a local food pantry, help with landscaping/cleanup at the Santa Cruz Church and offering an outreach street carnival to the neighborhood. We plan to enjoy a Joliet Jackhammers minor league baseball game one evening. This will be our seventh mission trip with Santa Cruz. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Questions: Trish Kvasnicka, 216-509-1469, or itrish@msn.com.

Wilderness Canoe Adventure Algonquin Provincial Park Ontario, Canada

July 18 — 24

Ages 8th grade – High School

Cost: (est.) \$500.00



Messiah is invited to join Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westlake for a 7 day wilderness canoe adventure on the water in one of North America's premier wilderness canoe destinations. Algonquin is a wilderness park. We will have a trip laid out that will take us to several lakes, over a number of portages, and we will sleep in tents each night. The camp sites are well maintained by the park. Passports are needed for this trip. Pr. Sherman Bishop has led many of these trips and invited us to join along. A passport will be required for this trip. Questions: Darlene Waugh, 440-331-2405, or dwaugh@messiahfp.org.



Servant Event ~ Camp Pioneer: Angola, New York

July 25 – 30

Ages: 8th Grade – High School

Cost: (est.) \$255.00 + transportation



Camp Pioneer annually offers this mission trip called "Seizing the City for Christ." Their brochure includes the following description: Be involved in projects that will train youth and young adults as leaders who will raise up regional service opportunities and ignite a passion in others to put faith into action, making *1 Peter 4:10*, a reality: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully, administering God's grace in its various forms. Contact Darlene Waugh, 440-331-2405 or dwaugh@messiahfp.org with questions.

Faith and Family Night with the Cleveland Indians, Saturday, May 9 All are invited

Messiah's Youth Group will again be sponsoring a game at Progressive Field on Saturday, May 09, 2010, against The Detroit Tigers. First pitch is at 1:05 PM. We have reserved 50 tickets in the mezzanine, near the bullpens. Ticket price is \$15 (which represents a \$5 discount!), for this church wide event. Deadline for ticket orders is Sunday, April 18, 2010. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church. Any questions, contact Brad Paton at 440-427-9446. You can either give the form and payment directly to Brad / Diane Paton, or mail it to them at 27296 Watkin Rd., Olmsted Twp, OH 44138-1785.



And this is much more than just a baseball game: This is also a special event with the Cleveland Indians called Faith and Family night. We will get an opportunity to hear from a member of the Tribe how Christ has made a difference in his life. (If you have attended this event in the past, the difference this year is that it is a POSTGAME talk, rather than a PRE-GAME talk). Also, there is a post-game concert featuring the Christian band, The Newsboys. Finally, a portion of the ticket price will support this summer's Mission Trips to Joliet, Algonquin Provincial Park, and Camp Pioneer. There is no extra charge to you for all these additional benefits. But act fast, as we only have 50 tickets available.

(keep top portion for your records, and return bottom portion to Brad Paton, not the Church, with payment.)

Messiah Church / School Night with the Indians

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

of Tickets: _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____





PARISH NURSE NEWS

AEDs Save Lives!

Five years ago Messiah School was the recipient of a grant that gave us a free AED (automated external defibrillator) as part of a research study. Thanks be to God that so far we have never had to use it but this might not always be the case in the future. Today, AEDs can be found in a multitude of places like shopping malls, airports, planes, health gyms, amusement parks, churches and schools. They are becoming more common place for the simple fact that AEDs SAVE LIVES!

So why do we need one at Messiah when we are just 3-4 minutes away from the Fairview Fire Station? Those 3-4mins (if they are actually based there when a call comes in) equate to a 30-40% chance of mortality or in layman's terms; death. The current statistic is that for every one minute in time an AED is not used, that person's chance of survival is decreased by 10%. So here it is:

2 minute delay, 20% chance of death
 5 minute delay, 50 % chance of death
 8 minute delay, 80% chance of death

As of April 2010, all financial support for the AED has to come from us. The other issue is that our current AED is in need of maintenance. If we choose to keep our current AED we will have to buy a new battery, defib pads, and pay for reprogramming. Also we have learned that this model is being phased out in the next five years which means we will no longer be able to get parts or service for it.

Because of these issues we have obtained multiple quotes from different companies as we consider buying one or two new AEDs. (The second one would be placed in the middle school building.)

With finances the way they are, we are asking for donations so we can purchase one or two new AEDs. Please consider making a donation so that we can give everyone who enters this building a fighting chance of survival in the presence of a life threatening cardiac arrhythmia.

For more information contact Nancy Mickan at 440-777-3869 or Paula Mickan at 440-625-1110.

The fact is simple; AEDs save lives!

GOURMET PRAYER

I Understand

By Jay Woods

When I understand
 I stand under

When I stand under
 I support

When I support
 I lift up

When I lift up
 I raise

When I raise
 I praise

When I praise
 I encourage

When I encourage
 I strengthen

When I strengthen
 I empower

When I empower
 I release

When I release
 I let go

When I let go
 I let God

When I let God
 I understand...



Young In Spirit

Monday, April 19



Come Hear About the Cleveland Indians!

Curtis Danburg, from the Indians Communications and Creative Services Department will present.

Enter a FREE raffle to win prizes!

Come at noon!

Remember to bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

All 55+ are invited!



Market Day News

Thank you to everyone who supported our March Market Day sale.

In April, you'll receive a FREE Get Grillin' starter pack with the purchase of two (2) qualifying grilling items.

Order forms are available outside the church office. Thank you for supporting our school!

Are We There Yet?

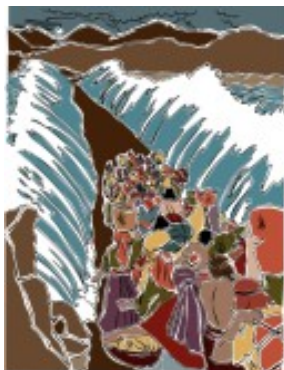
Messiah School Musical

K-4th Graders

Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Messiah Gymnasium

"Are we there yet?" Did you ever hear that during a long trip? Moses did! That refrain will be repeated again and again as the Kindergarteners, First, Second, Third and Fourth Graders of Messiah Lutheran School tell the story of the Exodus in song and drama.



Be sure to join us for this Biblical adventure, "Are We There Yet?" on Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Messiah's gymnasium. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who would like and could use a Prayer Shawl, please contact Eleanor Huetter at 440-260-0091 or Priscilla Hinsch at 440-333-7554 or Pam Sugrue at 440-716-9338. Prayer Shawls are not only for the sick, but for anyone facing difficulties in life, where they could use a little extra comforting.

Do you know of a baby being baptized? Call one of the ladies above and we will have a white blanket there for the baptism.

Pierstorf College Loans

Lutheran students who need financial assistance and who will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university for the 2010-2011 school year are encouraged to apply for this interest-free



loan. For video and information, go to www.pierstorf.org. The 2010-2011 application is also available for downloading from this website. **The deadline for all applications is Friday, May 28, 2010.**

Walk For Hunger Saturday, May 8

Mark your calendars to come join the fun to Walk for Hunger on Sat. May 8th. This is only a 3 mile walk through downtown Cleveland. A complimentary breakfast and lunch are provided. There will also be a kid's fun area to make Mother's Day cards.

Interested walkers should contact Joy Avallone **no later than April 16th.**

Email j.avallone@sbcglobal.net
or call 216.526.3468
for details to be a team member*.

Can't be a walker? Still call to get a pledge form and help Joy raise money for this event. The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland serves over 75% of all hungry people in Cuyahoga County.

**A minimum of 10 walkers is needed for a team &/or \$400 combined contribution.*



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*To the glory of God,
through the strength
of the Spirit.*



Holy Week at Messiah

Maundy Thursday

We remember our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples
Services at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday

We remember our Lord's crucifixion
Services at 12 noon (Stations of the Cross),
7 p.m. (St. John's account of the crucifixion),
and 8:30 p.m. (Service of Darkness)

Holy Saturday

In first century Palestine the new day began at 6 p.m.
So we begin our celebration of Easter at 7 p.m. with the great Easter Vigil,
recalling the mighty deeds of God in saving his people

Easter Sunday Morning

We continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord
Sunrise Service at 6:30, at Fairview Park's Bain Park Cabin
Early Communion at 7:30
Festival celebrations (with brass, timpani and choirs) at 9:00 and 11:00