

*We Welcome You to Worship and Fellowship  
here at Messiah Lutheran Church*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 31, 2019 10:30 AM**

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus.

Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!



**Welcome To All Visitors**  
**This Morning**

Please visit our Welcome Centre at the back of the sanctuary for information about our congregation and to sign our guest book.

Please join us for



**following the 10:30 am service**  
**in the Fellowship Centre**  
**with host Cece Watts.**

**Today**

9:15 am	- Adult Education	Basement Auditorium
9:30 am	- Friendship Class	A007
NO	- Sunday School	
10:30 am	- Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 am	- Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Centre
12:45 pm	- Worship Screen Group	Lounge
7:00 pm	- Kuimba Youth Choir	Choir Room

***Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation Sunday***

*will be on Sunday, April 7.*  
*The Service Committee will be*  
*providing and serving cake*  
*at Coffee Fellowship.*



*All are welcome!*

# IN OUR WEEKLY PRAYER CYCLE

**Each week we hold in special prayer  
some of the people and ministries of Messiah.**

**This week we pray for:** Mark, Maria, Cohen & Alec Skriver; Bonnie Smith & Ralph Van Assen; Donna Snethun; Berniece Sogge; Marvin & Barb Sonfloo. We also pray for our Bishops Susan Johnson and Larry Kochendorfer, Pastor Brian Rude, Faith House and our partners in ministry in the other congregations of the East Central Area including Bethel Lutheran Church and Pastor Deborah Ann Taylor and our Dean Pastor Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson.

## **MONDAY, APRIL 1**

- 10:30 am - Lectio
- 12:00 pm - Church Council Executive
- 2:00 pm - World Mission Group @ Blacklock's
- 2:00 pm - Refugee Centre
- 7:00 pm - Camerata
- 7:00 pm - MLW Bible Study Briefing

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Service @ United Church

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

- 12:00 pm - Announcements Due**
- 7:00pm - ATP Musical Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

- 10:30 am - Handbells
- 10:30 am - Care Group Meeting
- 12:00 pm - All Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm - Kuimba Youth Choir
- 6:45 pm - Confirmation @ Bethel
- 7:00 pm - Messiah's Choristers
- 7:00 pm - Support Committee

## **Next Sunday's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

- 6:00 pm - Camerata Dress Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm - Junior Youth

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

- 8:45 am - Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Camerata Coffee House

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

### **Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation Sunday**

- 9:15 am - Adult Education
- 9:30 am - Friendship Class
- 10:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 11:45 am - Coffee Fellowship

### **What are your Pastors up to... please pray**

**Monday:** Pastor Bev's day off

**Friday:** Pastor Calvin's day off

**Along with regular pastoral  
ministry and care:**

**Pastor Bev** will be at the following;  
Lenten Service, Ministerial, Care  
Group, All Staff Meeting and Junior  
Youth.

**Pastor Calvin** will be at the following;  
Church Council Executive, MLW Bible  
Study Briefing, Lenten Service,  
Ministerial, All Staff Meeting and  
Support Committee.

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sharing Jesus Christ  
with All People*

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## Church Office Hours

**Monday to Friday**  
**9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

### **Attention all hearing aid users.**

We will be testing a hearing loop system beginning next week. Contact your hearing aid provider to see if your hearing aid is T-coil compliant. If so, obtain the instructions for activating it.

The Support Committee

## Sunday School

**Today:** NO Sunday School

## Sunday Morning Adult Class

9:15 - 10:15 am Basement Auditorium

**Today: Living a Life of Happiness in Times of Adversity** presented by Ron Baier, a retired educator and administrator who, after spending 35 years in that profession is now managing the Safeway seafood department. Ron has been battling a pituitary tumour for 27 years which has included a myriad of medical interventions including three neurosurgeries, countless scans and injections as well as daily medications. He will talk about the power of prayer, faith, having a positive attitude and experiencing moments of Grace.

**April 7: Jesus' Self-Understanding of His Death** presented by Pastor Craig Wentland. How might have the Hebrew Scriptures and historical events in the life of Israel informed how Jesus understood that his vocation would lead to the cross?

**April 14: DELIGHT: A Pathway for Change** presented by Pastor Brian Krushel. Drawing on the wisdom of the psalmist David, Pastor Brian Krushel will share how the Lord guides us through our most challenging transitions.

**Easter Sunday April 21: NO CLASS**

**Thank you to the many people who are assisting us in our worship service today.**

ROLE	10:30 AM
GREETERS	Eleanor Kopperud, Elaine Taylor
USHERS	Lorne & Mary Broen
LECTOR	David Larson
SCREENS/AUDIO/VIDEO/CAMERAS	Caleb Hawkins, Dean Steinwandt, Chris Shuman, Lowell Dahlman
PAPER PACK	Mary Broen, Shirley Peters
SNOW SHOVELLING	Milt Gilbertson, Gord Myrehaug

*This brother of yours was dead and has come to life;  
He was lost and has been found.*  
Augustana Setting

**GATHERING**

Prelude & Welcome

The Life of the Community of Faith - Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie ..... page 3

Absolution

Song 666 *What Wondrous Love is This*

Greeting ..... page 5

Prayer of the Day:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**WORD**

Children's Time

First Reading - Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Return to the Lord ..... page 13

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon - Pastor Calvin Skriver

Song 779 *Amazing Grace*

Apostles' Creed

**PRAYERS**

Prayers of the People

*Hear us, O God.*

Your mercy is great.

Lord' Prayer (*sung*) ..... page 19

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer ..... page 16

**SENDING**

Blessing (*sung*) ..... page 23

Song *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

