

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



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I was privileged to be able to attend a Catholic Mass with our senior high Sunday school class last week. We were at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Little Italy. In their worship books they had this short poem printed on cards that were used as bookmarks. I liked this so much I shared a copy with everyone attending services on January 24th. Here it is one more time:

STEWARDSHIP CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

**It will be friendly,
if I am.**

**It will be holy,
if I am.**

**Its pews will be filled,
if I help fill them.**

**It will do great work,
if I work.**

**It will be prayerful,
if I pray.**

**It will make generous gifts, to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.**

**It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.**

**It will be a church of loyalty, and love of
fearlessness and faith, of
compassion, charity, and mercy,
if I who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.**

**Therefore, with the help of God, I now
dedicate myself to the task of
being all the things that I want my church to be.**

I think that poem reminds us of something that we tend to forget... we ARE the Church. If we want to change the Church, we need to allow Christ to change us.

Please continue to pray for Messiah, our Synod, and the Church universal. We are, together, the Body of Christ in the world.

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Fox

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michael Butler
- 10 Gail Bradach
William Krall
James Mikolich
- 11 Fritz Neil
Raymond Sabolich
- 17 Marty Hassink
Nils Pearson
- 18 Meredith Brown
Laurene Pride
- 19 Diana Fox
Michael Joliat
- 20 George Schneider
- 22 Lynn Houlis
- 25 Christine Maharg
- 26 Jeffrey Dlugosz
Ed McTernan
- 27 Corey Best



THE MEN'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON

will be held at noon, on Friday, February 26th at Milano's Restaurant located at Cuyahoga County Airport on Richmond Road.

PLEASE PRAY for Craig Cline, Clay Lindeman, John Basch, Phyllis and Lawson Anderson, Lisa Perry, Carol and Nils Pearson, Barbara Budzinski, Adam, Alma and Fred Fanto, Jack Ferree, Murawski Family, Jeremy, Margurite Gardner, Gladys Elliott, Ann Marie Grossman, Robert Kalvesmaki, Linn Chan, J. D. Sidley, Eunice Hassink, Carol Grodell and family, Alicia Korosic, Richard Scharlotte, Jim Steiner, Clare Joliat, Heather Argo, Daniel Peel, Brian Gelabert, Manny Gelabert, Don Fromm..



FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, February 18th at 12:00 noon. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided by Nancy Reichenbach. Pastor Fox will continue a study of the History of Christianity.

THE LITERARY LADIES OF MESSIAH

The Phony Marine is our selection for February. It is written by Jim Lehrer who many of you may know from *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS. With this book, he dives into a highly controversial topic and delivers his most compelling character portrait to date. Hugh Marder is about as unremarkable as they come but he has always wanted to make more of his life and when he was younger, wanted to be a marine. He stumbles on an online auction for a Silver Star, the medal awarded for bravery in battle. What follows is a story alive with detail, emotional depth, and unexpected twists of plot. *The Phony Marine* is a tense, revelatory work of fiction that will cause every reader to consider his or her own stance on what truly makes someone great. We will meet on Tuesday, February 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the church library.





CONGRATULATIONS to Esther Hodgkinson on the birth of her first great grandchild, James Andrew Cross, son of Andy and Abigail, born January 10th.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Social Ministry Committee is again sponsoring the annual Lenten Food Drive for New Covenant. The collection begins on February 21st and continues through March 28th. Please bring non-perishable food. Paper products and cleaning supplies are also appreciated. No glass containers, please.

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR LENTEN VESPERS

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area if you are willing to share your musical talent during our Wednesday evening services in Lent. Call Esther Hodgkinson (440 729-9550) or Vicki Lester (339 468-4115) to arrange rehearsals, select music, or arrange for accompaniment.



Friendship Sunday

February 14

Bring your friend, neighbor,
co-worker, cousin, (and
more) to Church!

Join us with your friend
after each service for
COFFEE HOUR

Every visitor gets a special
goodie bag to take home!

SAVE THE DATE

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Game Night and Pizza Party on Saturday, March 20th. Games will be for all ages (child to adult) so bring your favorite game (board game, card game, etc...) and join us for a fun evening.



SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SUPPERS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will meet for supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays in Lent prior to the worship service at 7:00 p.m. Each dinner is hosted by a different group with a special menu. If you plan to attend a dinner, please sign up on the sheet and indicate the number attending. Put a check mark in the appropriate column if you would like to bring a dish (i.e. the first dinner is soup, bread and dessert. If you are planning to bring soup, place a check in the soup column.) Note your phone number in case you are asked to switch from main dish to dessert or vice versa. It is not necessary to bring a dish to attend. Volunteers to help clean up will be needed, so please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are able to help.

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 17TH

We will come together at 7:00 p.m.

for worship that will include

Holy Communion and the voluntary

Imposition of Ashes.

Remember to keep the Wednesdays in Lent open. We will begin with supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. prior to worship in the sanctuary at 7:00.

Easter is April 4th