

April 2019 Newsletter

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement:

“Through the hearing and sharing of God’s Word, we, as a worshipping community, encourage a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In faith, we reach out with Christ-like caring for the community and the world in which we live.”



Sunday Worship

10:00am Coffee On

10:30am Worship Service

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month

are Services with Holy Communion

10:45am Sunday school and Bible Study for
older youth and children.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
Easter Services . . .**



Thursday ~ April 18th – 7:00 p.m.



**Friday ~ April 19th – 10:30 a.m.
Good Friday Service**



**EASTER SUNDAY – April 21st
8:00 am ~ Sunrise Worship Service**

**8:45 am - 9:45am – Fellowship Hall
Continental Breakfast hosted by Men’s Group**



**10:30 am ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Holy Communion**

Happy Easter

by Pastor Dan

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Now that I am back at Messiah, I am sure some people wonder where we have been. One of the gifts of retirement has been the task of being a “spare tire” pastor, who has been able to fill in when needed in vacant parishes. So, since retiring I have likely been in congregations thirty to forty Sundays most of those years. It has been a special pleasure to be able to be with so many people over this time, though the frustration that comes with it as one gets to know more faces than names because we live in separate communities.

But through that time a great gift for Bev and I has been the continued fellowship of Messiah, and it was always a special gift (when we were home) to be able to sit in the pew and worship with this very special gathering of God’s people. This is indeed a “holy place”, a place “set apart” where life finds focus in the fellowship we share with God and the fellowship we share with each other and in the broader communities in which we live.

Wherever God’s Word is proclaimed in the inescapable realities of our sin and failure, we find the message of forgiveness that meets us, and frees us.

Where God’s Word is proclaimed we find “instruction” that gives us “thoughts that are not our thoughts and ways that are not our ways” (Isaiah 55:8) and we are challenged to walk that “instruction” of God into life and discover the equipment it gives us that guides our lives and decisions in a life-giving way.

Where God’s Word is proclaimed we hear God’s promises that come to us in the middle of life’s uncertainties and challenges which give us reason for confidence even in the toughest parts of our journey, and God does fulfill those promises.

We are preparing in this Lenten Season by retracing that journey Jesus made to Jerusalem some 2000 years ago. God chose to remove the barriers of sin through Jesus’ payment of our debt on the cross. The world lives with open doors and Jesus continues to call all people to himself. Yes, with stubborn hearts we still struggle. But that undeserved kindness of God there is a gift and the blessing of God that enriches life. This is a grace to be shared as we live each day, and as we look ahead “Happy Easter”!

Pastor Dan



Easter and Spring Greetings!

by Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane



April is a time of growth, birth and refresh. As the snow melts, flowers bloom and the trees begin to bud, may this be a reminder of the constant death and resurrection we see in our lives. In the coming weeks, we will lament Jesus' death on Good Friday and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, God giving his only son for the forgiveness of sins. Because of this, we experience the forgiveness of sins day to day, and thus our life is full of mini deaths and resurrections. Each day our sins die and we are resurrected to new life in Jesus Christ! What a wonderful gift of grace and love from God.

These past few months have provided excellent learning opportunities. I have been leading Lenten services. During Lent, we have been focusing on turning inwards and identifying the negative habits and actions that lead us away from God. Lent is a time of reflection and wrestling in the wilderness. Additionally, I have been visiting congregation members and have started volunteering at YWCA once a week with newcomers. What knowledge and new ways of knowing and understanding they bring to the community! February and March were also a time of transition as we saw Pastor Iris take a new, chaplaincy position in Saskatoon. She was a great mentor! I am thankful for the opportunity to learn with and from her. I will miss her and cherish the moments of working in ministry we shared together. With Pastor Iris leaving, Pastor Dan has become my supervisor and I am thankful for the chance to learn with and from an experienced pastor and administrator. It will be great to work with and alongside Pastor Dan in the coming months!

In April, I will be continuing with Lenten services, along with helping plan Holy Week with Pastor Dan. Also, there will be a youth meeting at the end of April to discuss CLAY and fundraising for the gathering, which takes place, August 2020. Towards the end of April, beginning of May, information for a spring Bible study will come out. If you have any ideas of what the Bible study should be on, please let me know.

Looking forward to spring time at Messiah Lutheran Church,

Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane



Messiah Church Council

At the March Council meeting, we began with prayer and a devotion for the unity of the church, giving thanks for those who work ecumenically at the international and local levels.

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. God, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.' (John 17:20-24)

Ecumenism is the collaborative work of different churches, despite differences in doctrine, to express a vision of unity in seeking to build the realm of God. It looks to overcome the problems of the past, by recognizing diversity as a strength rather than a cause of division and strife. Instead of fearing that working with other denominations might dilute in some way the purity of the one to which a person belongs, Ecumenism recognizes that the unity sought by Jesus in the reading from John above comes through upholding each other's diversity. One of the most unifying themes of Ecumenism is the desire for justice. Churches and faith based organizations, working internally within their own parishes and groups, and also in partnership with other faith traditions partner together toward common goals of justice and peace. Over the last few years, in communities across Canada, churches of different denominations have come together to sponsor and help resettle refugees. And in turn, partnerships have been formed between denominations and other religious and non-religious aid groups. "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one." The almost-mystical and passionate prayer of Jesus expressed in the reading asks God for a unity among Christians that reflects the unity of God and Jesus, so that the world may see that all, including Jesus, were loved before the foundation of the world.

And so, we ask ourselves: How does our community model that love? What are the partnerships that our faith community has participated in which have helped bring healing and joy to others?

The meeting continued:

- Approved the members of the Call Committee - Elaine Serfas, Debbie Honch, Dennis Ulmer, Troy Hufnagel, Jeanette Tomtene, Cheryl Bauer Hyde. The Committee will choose a Chair and Secretary, and will be installed at a service in April.
- Reviewed the Congregational Profile which will be submitted to Bishop Sid for use in determining a call to a rostered leader.
- Ministry Team Liaisons will be reaching out to people who indicated interest in additional volunteer areas. There will be an orientation for those people who indicated a willingness to serve as ushers.
- The Worship Ministry Team will be meeting to discuss how the Reserve 107 video can be incorporated into our Lenten services.
- The Caring Ministry & Community Service Team will be working to gather household and clothing donations for distribution.

- Sunday School co-ordinator for the past two years, Anne Barlow, has indicated that she will not continue in the role in September. The Education Ministry Team will be asking for a volunteer(s) to fill this role.
- The Property Management Team will meet to set a date for a spring clean-up (likely in May). A list of what needs to be done will be compiled so that people can complete tasks, prior to or after the date, if they can't attend that day. The Men's group may provide breakfast for the Saturday clean up.
- Upcoming congregation potlucks and services include:
 - o Sunday, April 7 - the Sunday School children will serve homemade soup at the potluck. Members will be asked to bring food items to complement the soup such as sandwiches and dessert items.
 - o Easter services including Easter Sunday sunrise service followed by breakfast hosted by the Men's group.
 - o The Women's Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend supper on May 4.
 - o Sunday, May 5 – hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at the potluck as part of the Sunday School windup. Members will be asked to contribute salads, desserts, etc. There will be activities for the children after the potluck lunch.
 - o Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 26, with cake and coffee to follow.

**On behalf of Messiah Council,
Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Chair**



CLAY COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Messiah is looking for a CLAY coordinator. We need someone to organize fundraising and the registration for CLAY. If you may or are interested in the position, please talk to Intern Pastor Brooklynn for more details on what the role would involve.

The Caring Ministry Team

~ Jean Meyers and Lois Manchur

The Caring Ministry Team, along with the Church Youth, will be collecting donations to be taken to various charitable organizations in Prince Albert. As you put away your winter items and pull out your spring and summer things, please consider donating any items you no longer need to this cause. We are collecting clothing, household items, toys, and books. You can bring them to the church or we can pick them up from your house. Contact the church at 306 763-7374 or email to messiah@sasktel.net if you want your items picked up and we will contact you to make arrangements.





Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp - Annual Meeting Update

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 17, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Saskatoon. Copies of the Annual Report are available for download on the website (www.kinasao.ca/welcome/annual-report) or by contacting the Camp for a copy (306.982.3327).

A motion of appreciation and thanks to Kari Alford for her years as Executive Director of Kinasao was passed. A gathering for Kari will be held at 2:30pm on April 14 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Saskatoon.

Kristi Stolee has assumed the role of Interim Executive Director until a permanent Executive Director is hired.

Discussion included moving forward with a broad consultation in a process to articulate a Vision to guide the future direction of the Camp. The process should be guided by a facilitator using a variety of methods and locations to gather input. It is anticipated that the process will take place over the next months. It was also recommended the Board consider establishing a Constitution Review Committee.

Elected or re-elected to the Board are:

- One-year terms: Shelly Froese and Lowell Johnson.
- Three-year terms: Emmanuel Aristide, Tyler Calow, Garry Davis, Nancy Guebert, Wayne Hyde.
They join continuing board members Stephen Davis, Scott Brown, Hugh Farmer, Hans Graupe, and Lorne Ridgway.

The Nominating Committee for the 2019/20 year will consist of Ron Folstad, Elaine Hesje, and Harley Johnson.

Assistant to the Bishop, Dennis Serfas presented a Blessing for the Visioning process, Camp Kinasao and for the potluck meal following the meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Board met to select the 2019/20 Executive. They are:

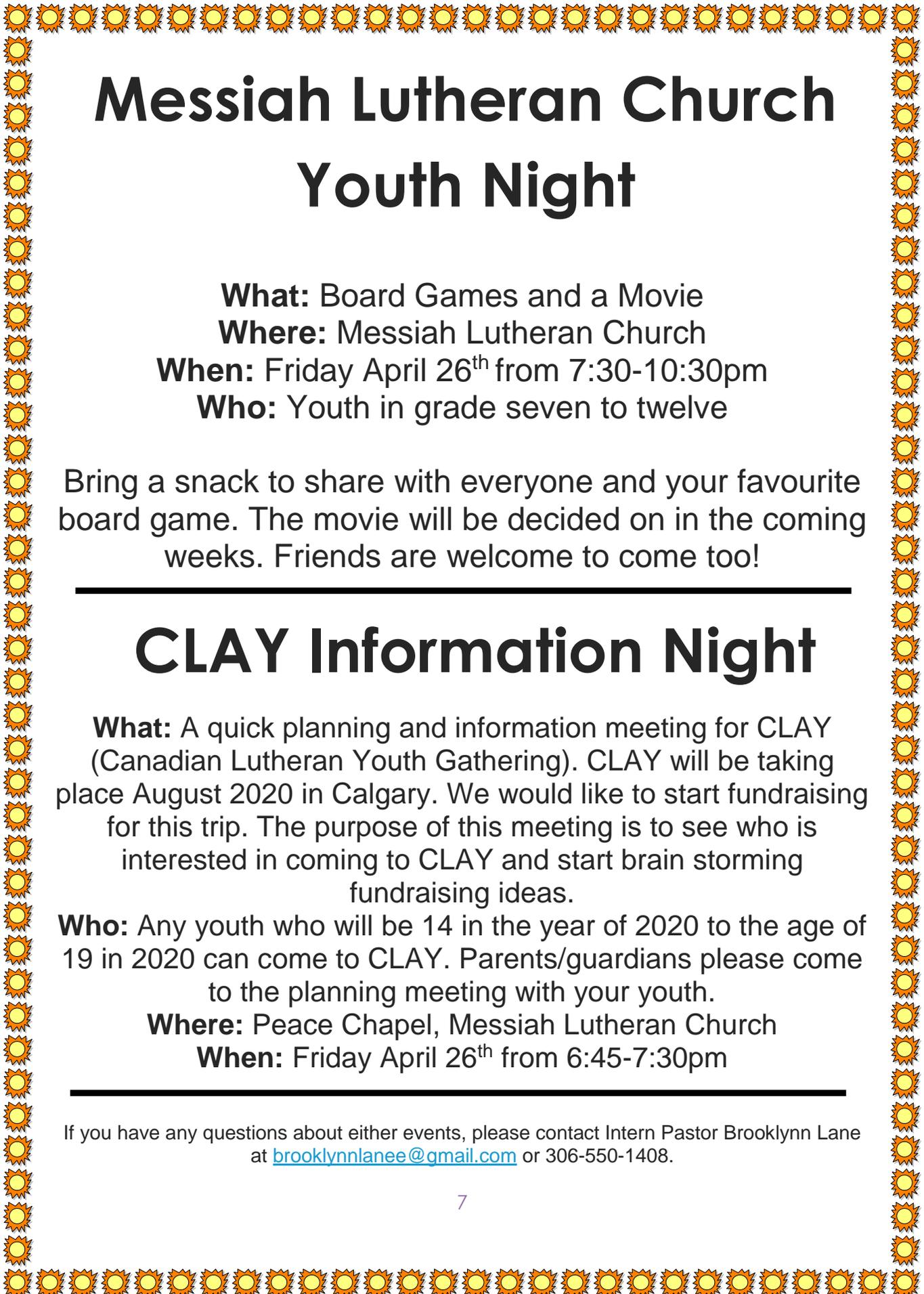
Chairperson	Tyler Calow
Vice Chairperson	Scott Brown
Secretary	Wayne Hyde
Treasurer	Hans Graupe

Please keep the Kinasao staff, volunteers and board in your prayers. **Messiah congregation will hold our annual church service at Kinasao on Sunday, June 16 beginning at 11am. Please note there won't be a service at Messiah that day.**

Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp is urgently still searching for applicants for the positions of Head Cook, male counsellors, and lifeguard. **Positions run from May-August or July-August.** Spread the word to anyone you think should work at camp this summer!

For more information and to download an application, visit:

<http://www.kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/staff-and-volunteers> or email faith@kinasao.ca.



Messiah Lutheran Church

Youth Night

What: Board Games and a Movie

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church

When: Friday April 26th from 7:30-10:30pm

Who: Youth in grade seven to twelve

Bring a snack to share with everyone and your favourite board game. The movie will be decided on in the coming weeks. Friends are welcome to come too!

CLAY Information Night

What: A quick planning and information meeting for CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering). CLAY will be taking place August 2020 in Calgary. We would like to start fundraising for this trip. The purpose of this meeting is to see who is interested in coming to CLAY and start brain storming fundraising ideas.

Who: Any youth who will be 14 in the year of 2020 to the age of 19 in 2020 can come to CLAY. Parents/guardians please come to the planning meeting with your youth.

Where: Peace Chapel, Messiah Lutheran Church

When: Friday April 26th from 6:45-7:30pm

If you have any questions about either events, please contact Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane at brooklynnlane@gmail.com or 306-550-1408.