

# May 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month  
are Services with Holy Communion

Happy Mother’s Day!

May 12 2019



Please join us on  
Sunday, May 26, 2019 for

**Confirmation**

God saved us through the water of rebirth and  
renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
Titus 3:4-5

Petra Finnestad, Reyenna Horner,  
Madeline Taylor and Isabella Waldner invite you  
to join them in the Fellowship Hall for cake  
following worship service. All are welcome!



# The Sermon on the Mount:

*by Pastor Dan*

Matthew Chapter 5-7. (Read it and mark up the text with thoughts to be underlined . . . and maybe comments that cross your mind as you read it.)

In the gospel of Matthew we are introduced to the largest body of Jesus teaching that we know of in one block. It is interesting to note, that the Sermon on the Mount was the instruction Jesus gave while in Syria on a mountain near the Sea of Galilee. This was the land of Gentiles. However, people had flocked from Galilee and Decapolis, Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan River. It still seems true . . . that when people hear the life-giving teaching of Jesus . . . it rings with truth and reality . . . and brings something to life that nurtures new directions that are life-giving.

Jesus sat down, and began to teach. The teacher had something to say about how human lives find what it is to be “blessed.” As one reads the Sermon on the Mount, it is hard not to hear in the background the voice of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:8) who reminds everyone that God’s thoughts are much different than our thoughts. (My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways, says the Lord).

So you can expect that when Jesus sits down to teach, we might encounter thoughts we would never produce in our own minds . . . but that Jesus spent so much time “teaching” reminds us that in God’s love for us, Jesus found it so important to challenge some of our human thoughts and ways with new direction.

Of course, that is why some of us fight with Jesus as well. We might think our own thoughts on life to be more enlightened or modern. The sad thing, is that the time in which we live might raise questions about how well we are doing. We may be walking into more chaos, grief and hardship than we ever imagined.

Maybe the wonders of the modern mind are far from equal to the mind of Jesus . . . and walked into life, we might find that Jesus is more real . . . and following Him brings something more nourishing and life giving than the alternatives.

I hope you take time to pull out your Bibles and read Matthew 5-7. Take every thought and test them out. Use it as a template against which you evaluate your own lives and thoughts.

It is good to remember . . . that Jesus never tried to drive anything down the throats of people. Jesus was not that insecure. His pedagogy (teaching philosophy) is summed up in this “Abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32). My interpretation of Jesus teaching is this: “read what I teach . . . walk it into life (let it shape your direction and evaluate issues for decisions as you encounter your daily life and responsibilities), and you will find it “real” and “life giving”.

May God’s spirit that counsels us infect us with a fascination in Jesus’ teaching. And may you enjoy the adventure of allowing God’s Word to take root in your lives as you journey through all the days and places life might take you. And I hope you will discover the surprise of how life is enriched . . . and even normal people like us can actually bring something life giving to others.

The end of the Sermon on the Mount, we are told “The result was that when Jesus had finished (teaching) these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching, for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.” (Matt. 7:28-29).

**Enjoy the discovery!!! Pastor Dan**

Happy May!

by Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane

I hope the month of April was full of celebration and new life for you and your family. Easter is always a great reminder of resurrection and new life that each new day brings by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Looking into May, we have had the Sunday school windup at the beginning of the month, which was a blast! Old fashioned games such as: gunny sack races, three-legged race, and egg toss were enjoyed by the Sunday School crew. We also had a delicious BBQ potluck that was a success!

Thursdays in May we will be having a 4-week Bible Study on the book of Esther. The Bible study will be a combination of Dwelling in Word and Gospel Based Discipleship. The Bible Study is Thursday May 9, 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Peace Chapel at Messiah Lutheran Church.

The end of May brings Confirmation Sunday and a bottle drive put on by the youth who are interested in going to CLAY 2020. If you know of any youth aged 14 to 19 in the year of 2020 who might be interested in attending the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering please talk to me.

Have a great month of May,

**Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane**

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### *Messiah Church Council*

At the May Council meeting, we began with a prayer from 365 Days of Prayer, Calm and Peace, which focused on gratitude and forgiveness.

The Messiah Call Committee was installed on May 5. Debbie Honch will serve as Chair, Jeannette Tomtene as Secretary, together with committee members Elaine Serfas, Dennis Ulmer, Troy Hufnagel, and Cheryl Bauer Hyde. The Committee met with Bishop Sid Haugen on May 2, and will be contacting some of the clergy presented. Bishop Sid indicated that the names of the individuals must be treated confidentially. If you have any feedback or information you would like to share with the committee, please talk to any of the members. Your input is welcome.

Pastor Dan has moved to half-time service effective May 1. He will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday and most Sundays. Intern Pastor Brooklynn's last Sunday will be on August 11, and a farewell potluck will be held following the Service.

Upcoming congregation potlucks and services include:

- Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 26, with cake and coffee to follow.
- A 'cold item' potluck will be held on Sunday, June 2, following the Service.
- Family night at the Kinsmen Water Park (water slides at 50 – 28 Street West, Prince Albert) hosted by the Youth Group from 7:30 – 9am. A free will offering will be collected.

- The Sunday Service on June 16 (Father's Day) will be at Kinasao beginning at 11am. Barbecued hotdogs, hamburgers and canteen (ice cream bars, etc.) are available for purchase following the service. For those people who may require a ride, please contact the office prior to June 14.

Council meets next on Tuesday, June 18, at 5pm. Please contact me if you have any items for discussion at that time.

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

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## CLAY INFO 2020

### **What is CLAY?**

CLAY is a gathering of Lutheran and Anglican youth from across Canada who get together to worship, to question, to grow in their faith, and to have a lot of fun! The 2020 theme is still to be determined.

### **When is CLAY?**

CLAY 2020 will take place in Calgary Alberta. The date is TBA, but will likely be August 20 to 23. The whole trip will be around a week (bus trip and CLAY).

### **Who can go?**

Anyone between the ages of 14-19 in the year of 2020.

### **How will we get there?**

Specific travel plans are TBA. However, we are looking at doing a bus trip, joining up with other youth, and touring for a few days before the gathering.

### **How much will it cost?**

We are budgeting \$1500. This cost does not include all meals or extra events/activities that could pop up. Hopefully, we will be able to narrow down the cost when we find out if the bus trip is happening. We budgeted high in most of the areas just in case and as it is a year this should help with any increase in prices for gas, hotel rooms, etc.

### **That's a lot of money?**

It's true. Thankfully, we have just over a year to fundraise! (We're also really lucky that our congregation supports youth ministry, so we will have to access to some additionally funds).

### **Sounds cool. Can I bring a friend?**

Absolutely! If you have a friend who is not a member at Messiah Lutheran Church, but would like to come to the gathering and/or pre-gathering events, that is awesome.

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestion please contact me.

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### **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.

# Messiah Lutheran Church Family Event



## Kinsmen Water Park

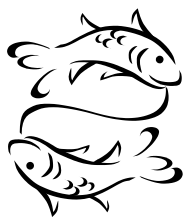
Located on the corner of 28th Street East and First Avenue West

Friday, June 14, 2019

7:30 – 9:00pm

This is a private booking for our group. The Water Park will be closed to the general public during our event.

Cost: Free-Will Donation



Please bring snacks and drinks to share

Reminder of pool rules: Children under 8 years must be within arm's reach in with water with an adult at all times. One adult can supervise a maximum of three children. Children 8-10 must be accompanied by an adult (18+) within the facility. **If needing more information – call the church!**

**Bring a friend!**

## Sunday School

The Sunday School wind-up on Sunday, May 6, was very successful. The children had a great time participating in gunny sack races, three-legged races, and an egg toss. Thank you to Anne Barlow and Brooklynn for planning this great event. The congregation then enjoyed the hotdog and hamburger potluck after the service as part of the Sunday School windup.



### Baby News!

**Congratulations to Cordell & Yvonne Haugen** on the safe arrival of their 7<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, Emilia Kathyn Tanasichuk born on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Congratulations to Lisa Rascher** on the safe arrival of her great-grandson Asher David Sheldon, born April 16, 2019 at 9:07am weighing in at 8lbs 7oz. Proud parents are Jessica Scharf-Rascher and Travis Sheldon. For those of you who the late Dave Rascher (great-grandpa), Asher's name was derived by taking the "r" and "c" out of Rascher!

**Congratulation to Bruce & June Amonson** on the arrival of their grandson Edison Bruce (after Poppa Bruce) Terrance Boyenko on April 29th weighing in at 8lbs 8oz. Mom & Dad (Hilary & Michael) are doing well!



### Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp

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](mailto:faith@kinasao.ca).

### An Ecumenical Prayer Vigil will be held In Remembrance of Missing peoples



On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert.

There will be refreshments and food following.

We encourage you to bring a photo of your loved one.

Together, we will pray for courage, strength, and hope for a better future,  
Through Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

Please share this information to the community and surround area to come together for this Vigil Service.

Greetings,

On behalf of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, thank you very much for your donation that recently arrived at our Winnipeg warehouse. Because of your support we are able to place essential aid into the hands of men, women and children around the world that desperately need your help. Together in 2018 we dispatched three containers of supplies to Mauritania, Liberia and Cameroon. These shipments benefited many children, and elderly. For families that have already lost so much a warm quilt or a carefully prepared We Care kit means a lot. We are happy to report that in 2018 the We Care program with your help shipped 13790 quilts and blankets and 7807 We Care kits. Together we were able to send 31,858 kg of aid, valued at over \$303,784. We know that with your help we will be able to do so much more in 2019. The challenges facing the world's poor are immense, but together we have the opportunity to make a positive change in the lives of those displaced by war, famine and natural disaster. Thank you very much for your continued support of CLWR and the *We Care Program*.

Sincerely, Ian Mair, We Care Program Assistant

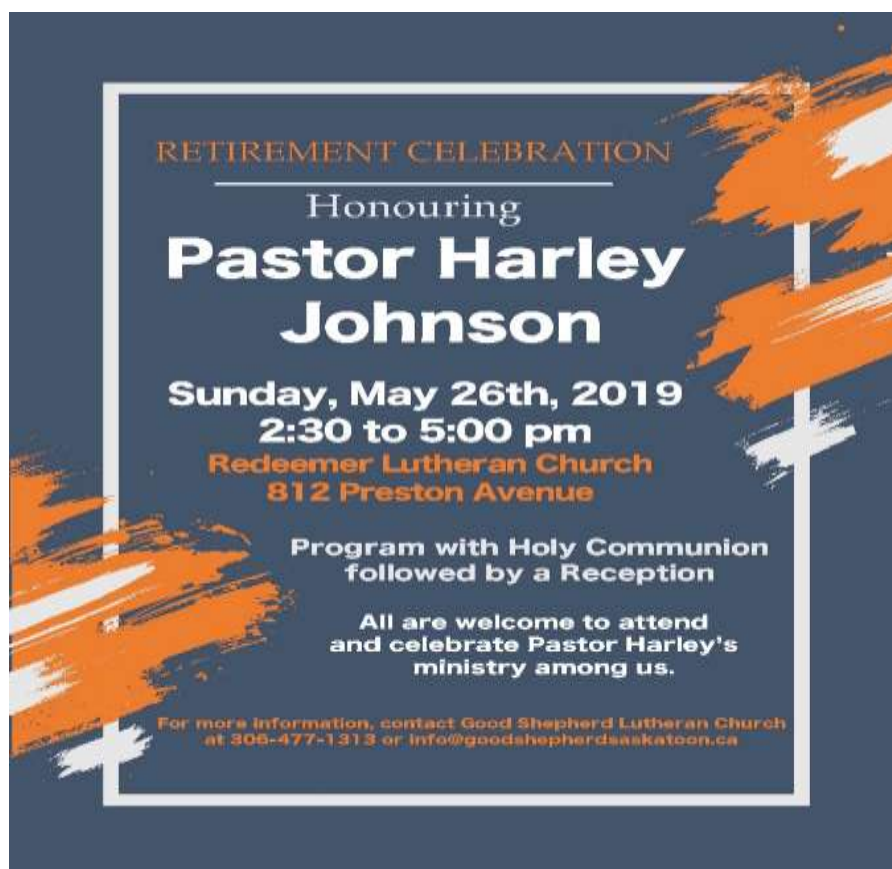
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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Honouring  
**Pastor Harley  
Johnson**

Sunday, May 26th, 2019  
2:30 to 5:00 pm  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
812 Preston Avenue

Program with Holy Communion  
followed by a Reception

All are welcome to attend  
and celebrate Pastor Harley's  
ministry among us.

For more information, contact Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
at 306-477-1313 or [info@goodshepherdssaskatoon.ca](mailto:info@goodshepherdssaskatoon.ca)

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*Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)*

*<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*