

June 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

**There will be no
service at
Messiah on the
16th of June.**

Happy
Father's
Day



**Please, join us for our
Annual Worship
Service**

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**Camp Kinasao
June 16, 2019**

11:00 a.m.

**Lunch following Worship
Service. BBQ Hamburgers
and Hot Dogs can be
purchased.**

A Heart of Gratitude

by Pastor Dan

In recent days, I have felt so much deep gratitude. I find reason to be thankful for our congregation here at Messiah. To have been Pastor here from 2002-2010 was a gift time. I often felt many of my “outside concerns” diverted me from so much more that I should have done as your pastor. But I am thankful for the undeserved kindness (that is the definition of grace) that the congregation continued to share. That made life rich and the fellowship so special.

In retirement, I have felt so much deep gratitude. Being able to have more time together for Bev and I has been such a gift. Puttering on our acreage with a closer connection to the wonders of God’s creation and creatures, more time for that wonderful gift of family and grandchildren, more time to live (without a Day-Timer), and then the gift to be able to worship in many vacant congregations and build new friendships and share in that broad fellowship of God’s children. And there was time for work and fellowship at Kinasao Bible Camp. And then those most special times when Bev and I could sit together in Worship with this life giving fellowship called Messiah Lutheran Church. Life has been rich.

Oh yes, there have been times of struggle as well as we share in the life of a world that struggles. The rich gifts of life, like the fields in summer also experience the challenge of weeds. And the weeds exist in the midst of all that is good. Jesus suggested ... to let the wheat and the weeds grow together, and when the time comes . . . it is the Lord of the harvest that can make the separation of what is life giving and what is not. (Matthew 13:29ff)

Gratitude is not something that we create, but it is something that grows in the middle of life’s challenges, because of all that is “life giving” from God who in Jesus has graciously called us to be His people.

God’s instruction is also a wonderful gift. In the life we live, we often forget that God’s instruction is not designed to mess up what is good, but it is that which helps guide us away from some of the pits and bogs into which life can wander; it is instruction that comes with a promise . . . that those who are nurtured in God’s instruction are like trees planted by streams of water (Read Psalm 1) and they bear fruit that is life giving. It helps us live!

This instruction was never intended to be harsh legalism (it is just descriptive of what is real) . . . it was given from the heart of our heavenly father who deeply cares for His children. That instruction is a great “gift” and those who allow it to help direct and enlighten their hearts and minds find in following it that there grows this wonderful gift of gratitude. It is a gratitude that finds great celebration in seeking with all we are to live in love for God and love for people, and in a wonderful way frees us from always looking for everything for ourselves. This “freedom” also nurtures that wonderful surprise of gratitude.

It is another gift for us to share for a short time again, in this ministry of Messiah Lutheran. With God’s instruction we also celebrate that gift of forgiveness (that frees us from the past), and those promises of God, which in all the struggling realities of our world give us an anchor for confidence that God is the One who calls us to trust His promises which secure the future.

So, as we enter this time of new life, as grass and trees green, and fields grow . . . I hope you will take to heart the reality that is described in Jesus teaching and the remembrances of God’s working through all of the history of our world. And may you find paths for your life that make life rich, and may you be surprised by the growth of gratitude in the centre of your being for all that is good that we receive from God and from our life in community. Amen.

Pastor Dan

Welcome to June

by Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather that we have been blessed with this last week. The month of May was filled with a Bible study on Thursday nights, called Dwelling in the Word. We have been looking at the book of Esther, following her journey, and highlighting God's presence in the book. The end of May, we saw four wonderful ladies get confirmed. It was a memorable service where God's love was present and active. Throughout May, I was visiting members, planning services, and finished up my volunteer work at the YWCA. It was a blessing to work with immigrants and hear their stories. Their resilience is astounding! In June, many programs are coming to an end as summer is drawing near.

Please keep in mind:

Friday June 14th - Kinsmen Water Park Event - 7:30pm-9:00pm

Bring your friends and family for an evening of swimming and water sliding. The church has rented out Kinsmen Water Park, so the park is closed to the general public. A free will donation will be collected.

Sunday June 16th - Worship at Kinasao - 11:00am

Through our Bible study I was reminded of the different ways God works in our lives. Sometimes God's work is clear and bright, and you know it was God. Other times God's work in our lives is quiet, and hard to see until we gain a new perspective. And sometimes God's work is something we never realize or understand. God has variety of ways to be active in our lives! The reflection during Bible study led me to the question, how is God working in the lives of the people at Messiah Lutheran Church? I would love to know how God is working in your life. Send me an email, drop by the office, or tap me on the shoulder Sunday morning and let me know how God is present in your day to day, life.

Looking forward to hearing what summer has in store for you and how God is present in your life!

**Cheers,
Intern Pastor Brooklynn Lane**

***Messiah Church Council* - Council Update – June 2019**

The June 2016 article was sent to Donna in error for the June 2019 newsletter. My apologies for this mistake on my part, although it offers an opportunity to read how much we were doing three years ago. And because I missed a very important thank you in the original document, I've added that to this edited version.

Upcoming congregational services and gatherings include:

- Thanks to Pastor Sheldon Gattinger for participating in our worship service this Sunday, June 2.
- Family night at the Kinsmen Walter Park (water slides at 50-28th Street West, Prince Albert) hosted by the Youth Group on Friday, June 14, from 7:30pm – 9pm. 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 by June 14.
- Brooklynn's final service at Messiah on August 11, with a farewell potluck following the Service.

Council meets on Tuesday, June 18, at 5pm. Please contact me if you have any items for discussion at that time. Although Council meetings are not regularly scheduled during July and August, we will meet in person or via email if required.

The Search Committee has been in contact with rostered leaders who may consider a call to Messiah. Work will continue over the next few weeks, and there may be a need for a congregational meet as a result of the Pastor call process. If so, details and information will be provided.

AND THANK, THANK, THANK YOU ... The Property Maintenance Ministry Team (Wayne Hyde, Dick Honch, Troy Hufnagel, Alfred Kristensen, Wilf Litzenberger, and Darren Sundbo) coordinated Clean Up Day at messiah, and lead projects prior to and during the day. The Men's Group lead by Don Becker provided lunch for the hard-working which also included Corrine Amyotte, Haze Schultz, Willi Baessler, Kathy Kristensen, Dan Haugen, Bev Haugen, Gordon Fossen, Kirby Woodhouse, Lois Tomtene, Terry Tomtene, Jeannette Tomtene, Steve Tomtene, and Gordon Dixon.

And on a final note, if you would like a printed or emailed copy of the Messiah directory contacting listing of members and friends, please ask Donna at the office (306.763-7374; messiah@sasktel.net).

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



Petra Finnestad

I have really enjoyed my past years at confirmation class. I made some great new friends, learnt tons and eaten A LOT of Pastor Iris' candy. I grew up in the church and it has been a big part of my life since the very beginning. So I've always known that God will always be with me through all the hard times in the future. Being in confirmation class for the past three years has helped me see how God can affect my life in a positive way. The Bible tells us that we should love our neighbours and yet, there is so much hatred in the world. God has shown me how to love instead of hate.

Isabella Waldner

I am here today to confirm my faith in God. In the past three years of confirmation classes, many of my questions surrounding God and religion were answered. This strengthened my faith and brought me closer to God. I have had the privilege to meet many new people that share the same faith as me. Pastor Iris and Brooklynn always had a fun way to bring us all together to study the word of the Lord by starting our classes by always playing a fun game around the church, to follow a very intense game of FinkMania. We also had opportunities to gather together outside of the church by attending CLAY, retreats and end of the year wind-ups, and other trips like that. Throughout this journey I feel I have grown as a person. It has taught me there are a lot of questions that can't be answered and there is no such thing as perfect. I have chosen to continue my faith, I feel more at peace and not alone when I am around others that share the same beliefs. I've learnt that despite my fears, I know that God will be by my side.

Madelyn Taylor

I can do everything through him who gives me strength Phillipians 4:13

I believe that God has a plan and that everything happens for a reason even though it's sometimes hard to understand during the moments in life when I'm struggling. My faith was tested this past year when a loved one was taken away from me, and through this experience I questioned lots of things that were happening to me and had some doubts. However, through many prayers and support from family and friends I realized I was so blessed to have had someone I loved so deeply and there were others who loved her so much too. God had given me this amazing Christian family to grow and learn about him and his son, Jesus. He seen the suffering and he took the pain away. My faith will be challenged but I know I can always pray and he will always listen. I am never alone. Jesus to me means I will have an everlasting life through the Grace of God. He walks with me every day. He feels my joys and my struggles, he is my friend. I pray for continued strength throughout my life here on earth and am so thankful for the teachings and support from Pastor Iris, Brooklyn and all the Christian family I have here at Messiah.

Reyenna Horner

What is faith? Faith is something that everyone in this room has. For me, my faith is knowing that God loves me no matter what. That he forgives all. It's knowing that nothing will make him love me more or less. That is something I will take away from my confirmation years. I know this because that is God's promise, that he will forgive and love us. My faith has also allowed me to make long lasting strong friendships, whether it was through confirmation itself, youth group or any other church gathering. My years in confirmation has taught me a lot. They've taught me to stand up to what I believe in as Martin Luther did, to follow gods path, even when it's difficult, as Paul did and to trust in Jesus as the fishermen did when asked to fish on the other side. This is what faith means to me.

“Take the first step in faith.”



Grade 12 - Graduates 2019

- ♥ **Andreas Horner** graduates this year on June 27 from St Mary. He is planning on moving to the mountains in Alberta for a couple of years to be a ski instructor. Son of Mike & Jana Horner. ♥
- ♥ **Kai Finnestad** graduates this year on June 27 from St. Mary. He will be going to attend the U of S Edwards School of Business in Saskatoon. He also hopes to find opportunities around the university campus to continue to make music whenever possible! Son of Craig Finnestad & Colleen Bowen.♥
- ♥ **Thomas Bratvold** is graduating from grade 12 at LCBI. He plans to go to U of S next year for computer science. Son of Rob Belinda Bratvold. ♥
- ♥ **Colter Taylor** is graduating from Kinistino High School this year. He has been accepted into the Agribusiness course at Lakeland College in Vermilion and will be a part of their High Performance Rodeo Team. Son of Lynne & Marilee Taylor. ♥
- ♥ **Heather Rodgers** is graduating from High School in Chilliwack, BC. Granddaughter to Marion Primeau. ♥



University Graduates - 2019

- ♥ **Karli Hufnagel** will convocate on June 5. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Education from the University of Regina. She is the daughter of Shannon Pettem and Troy & Laurel Hufnagel. ♥
- ♥ **Jenna Bratvold** is graduating from University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science degree and Certificate in Research. She has begun her first Job in Calgary doing research for a new company. She is the daughter of Rob & Belinda Bratvold. ♥

♥ **Brenna Feher** is graduating from U of S; B Sc N, With Distinction. She is the daughter of Tracy & Art Feher and granddaughter to Linda & Don Moriarty. ♥

♥ **Michael Haugen** is convocating from the College of Agriculture with a Degree in Agriculture Business. He is the grandson of Pastor Dan and Bev, son of Tim and Patti. ♥



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!



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The Central Lutheran Broadcast was first aired in 1956 and is the longest running radio broadcast by a single organization. The faithful listeners and supporters now see this ministry in its 63rd year. It can be heard each Sunday morning on CHAB 800 AM at 7:45am on the radio, or on cable and satellite providers. Our website is www.centrallutheranmj.com. There you can see our congregation happenings and listen to past radio services. Our mailing address is Central Lutheran Church, 27 Hochelaga St. West, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 2E9. Our phone number is 306-694-5575. And, if you happen to be in the area on a Sunday, our worship services are at 10:00am, in the heart of downtown Moose Jaw.

*³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)*