

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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While the office is closed, it is staffed Tuesday – Friday; 9am – 4pm

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### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & GRAD RECOGNITION SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2020

Pastor Fran will provide an Online Worship Service starting at 10:30 am, available on the Messiah Facebook page, and YouTube channel. For those without internet access, a telephone conference call is provided beginning at 10:15 am each Sunday. Call the office for the phone access information. All are welcome!

**Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:** We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

**Our condolences to Sue Schmid & Gord Hein and family** on the passing of Sue's father, Roger Schmid on Sunday, June 21, 2020. The Celebration of Roger's Life will be held at a later date. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

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**Messiah Ministry:** Council met this week and in part of the discussion reflected on comments and concerns received from the Messiah congregation. While most are supportive of the current decisions, there are those that express differing points of view. Will people drift away from Messiah because in-person worship or the ability to drop into the church office is not available at this time? How is ministry happening when we can't gather at the church?

We are reminded that hospitality and discipleship are extended through outward actions – a phone call or email message, an offer to pick up groceries or deliver something, a note in the mail, a friendly wave through the window. We know this is happening throughout our congregation; whether you live in Prince Albert, or as a number of our congregation does in rural Prince Albert, Birch Hills, Weldon, Wakaw, Christopher Lake and beyond. We can all reach out in small ways individually through the Messiah directory, and/or share news, say hello, include updates, special events such as birthdays and anniversaries, by phoning or emailing the office so those hellos and updates can be included in the weekly news / worship bulletin.

After prayerful conversation and deliberation, Council confirmed online worship services will continue until near the end of August, including virtual Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of each month. In-person services will remain suspended, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.). Council meets again on July 28, at which time we will put together a working group to prepare for in-person services to start in late August. We'll also talk about fellowship gatherings such as a coffee time during the week, bring your own 'potluck' lunch, or ... Other ideas are welcome as we continue to explore what ministry looks like in these unexpectedly changing times and where we need to reach out to stay connected as the body of Christ. Please talk to Pastor Fran or any Council member to share your ideas or concerns.

**Other Council news:** A camera system will be purchased to continue filming the worship services and providing online access even when in-person services continue. Work will be done to replace the foam (flat) sections of the roof as leaks continue as a result of rain and melting snow. There is a significant cost at approximately \$30,000, so a special roof appeal will be shared with the congregation in the fall. If you have any questions about the project, please call Wayne at 306.960.1074.

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In addition to Messiah's Online Worship Services, our faith can be supported and strengthened through:

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team and Pastor Fran: if you would like a call or have a need of spiritual support, please contact the church office.
- ❖ Reading Scripture, prayer and song. To request your weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletins and/or would like an ELW (red book) hymnal for home use, please contact the church office.
- ❖ Other Worship Services and resources:
  - Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
  - Sunday, June 28 @ 3:30pm, will be the last in the series of 14 ZOOM meditation/devotional times broadcasted from the home of Bruce and June Anonson at Kinasao. For access details, email [june.anonson@usask.ca](mailto:june.anonson@usask.ca). This has been a Christ centered time of hope and sharing during challenging times. Each week was led by pastors, priests and lay people from different parts of Canada, Nigeria, Kenya and Nicaragua. This week Pastor Mark Hornig from Sherwood Park, Alberta & Kate Hanson from Rosthern will lead us in our 1/2 hour together.

A special thank you to Pastor Fran for her leadership at last Sunday's meditation time (June 21). She was joined by Pastor Daniel Wiebe from Nicaragua and together they helped us remember there are others that are much less fortunate than we are and how we can support them.

- Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah, even as we are not meeting in-person – your prayers and concerns for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.

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From Garry Miller: For those of you who do not know me, I live at Christopher Lake. I create Rustic/Modern/Contemporary furniture such as coffee tables, hall/sofa/entrance tables, dining tables, bar height tables, swivel bar stools, benches, wine racks, vanity tops, mirrors, bookshelves using environmentally sustainability practices. The furniture is uniquely distinctive, many pieces are suitable for indoor or outdoor, and fit into many different decors. I do custom work also, with a special interest in vanity and counter tops.

I have been donating items to Camp Kinasao for several years for what I feel is an important part of the development of our youth today. This year, because of Covid-19, I want to help more. So, from the sale of any piece of furniture, I am going to donate "\$19" to Camp Kinasao. Excluded from this will be the wine racks, cutting/charcuterie/serving boards and bowls, but there will be a percentage donated based on the value. If you are interested in photos or viewing any of my creations, please email me at [h2oger@sasktel.net](mailto:h2oger@sasktel.net).

## **Welcome**

We welcome Samuel Deckmann, parents are Alex and Ina Deckmann, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated on June 23, 2020. We welcome you as a member of the body of Christ and into Christ's mission in the world.

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that*

*Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

*A Reading from Jeremiah.*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**<sup>4</sup>I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.' "**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

**<sup>18</sup>Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MEDITATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #641 - "All Are Welcome"**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

We pray for the gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem so small an offering in thanksgiving for all you have done. Make an abundance of all that is given, so that those who are in need or want in any way may have the physical, emotional and spiritual support that is needed. Bless these gifts and those who give them, that we may be a blessing to the world in this time of uncertainty. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world, praying hear us, O God, and responding, **your mercy is great.**

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Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

God, the creator, +‡ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: ELW #656 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



## HONORING OUR GRADS - 2020

### GRADE 12 GRADUATES

**Bella Amyotte** has graduated from St. Mary's High School. A virtual graduation was held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Proud parents are Greg & Lori Amyotte.

**Taylor Berge** graduated from Carlton Comprehensive High School. A virtual graduation was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She was also co valedictorian for Carlton. Proud parents are Barry & Colleen Berge.

**Ethan Waldner** has graduate from Carlton Comprehensive High School. He will be attending Edwards School of Business in the Fall to pursue a combined B.Comm/Law degree. Proud parents are Greg & Kari Walder.

Bryan Rindal (and of course Preston and Peyton) would like to honour his Goddaughter, Miss **Tess Lane**, graduating high school from Centennial in Saskatoon.

### UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:

**Hailea Bellerose** obtained her Degree in Nursing. Hailea set a goal for herself and with long hours of schooling, studying and working, and accomplished what she set out to achieve. Hailea is working in her chosen profession at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert. Super proud grandparents are Ray & Judy McCallum.

Daughters have both graduated this spring from the University of Saskatchewan:

**Kelsey Fenton** – Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology – Exercise and Sport Studies

**Nikea Fenton** – Bachelor of Science in Anatomy and Cell Biology – with Great Distinction. Proud parents are Dan & Carolyn Fenton.

**Josie Lehner** received her Bachelor of Kinesiology in Human Kinetics from the University of Regina this spring. She will be continuing her education in the fall at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Josie has been accepted into the Master's program in Occupational Therapy. Proud parents are Nola & Joey Lehner.

**Bless Livingstone** recently completed her Bachelor of Social Work - University of Regina. Proud parents are Grace & Stanley Livingstone.



### Psalm 16:7-11

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
I keep my eyes always on the LORD.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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## Elders' Musings About COVID



One of our youngest Elders, Brendyn Beaudry interviewed his peers and Mont St. Joseph (MSJ) Home staff to determine what their thoughts were of COVID. He indicated that his fellow Residents shared a common message while being interviewed.....everyone misses their families and friends.

With Dr. Saqib Saab's announcement to restrict visits, people living at MSJ Home had their life change dramatically. Residents and families miss one another. Elders miss the recreational, therapy and social opportunities they are accustomed to. They miss sharing their faith with the clergy and parishes who visit. Carol stated "this place is so quiet now. I've never seen it so quiet." Donna looked pensively and said "I miss the children.....we are all so lonely." Shirley misses everyone at Kin Enterprises. Brendyn believes Kin misses Shirley!

When Elders were asked what they thought of COVID, the response was unanimous – "it sucks!" But, Brendyn indicated that Residents are "appreciative of the MSJ staff. They bring their stories, humour and personal touch that make Mont St. Joseph a great place to live." He understands staff are very impacted by the virus and believes this makes their contributions "even more special." He shared stories he had heard from Elders how staff care and support Residents in kind and unique ways.

Shirley, Cecilia and Carol all spoke about staff doing 'little' things that make a difference. The haircuts, visits with family through Skype, FaceTime and the phone, the treats, the pictures and messages shared on the monitors are so appreciated. Carol wondered "where would we be without these opportunities to visit?" Cecilia quietly observed how much she missed her friend.

Brendyn is excited about Phase II of *Re-Open Saskatchewan*. For it to be successful, "everyone needs to co-operate and follow the rules." He's not sure how long COVID will be here but someday, he will tell people he was here "when COVID changed the world."

