



MESSIAH MESSENGER

March 1 - March 8

Powered by God's grace to live God's love in the world!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Sunday, March 1st

9:00am Worship
10:15am Little Learners
10:15am Adult Education

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:30am Moms in Prayer
9:00am WELCA Quilting
10:00am— Pastors @ Text
3:00pm Study & Visits
7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 4th

5:30pm— Community Free-
6:30pm Will Offering
 Lenten Meal
6:00pm— GLOW!
7:00pm Lent Worship

Sunday, March 8th

9:00am Worship
10:15am Little Learners
10:15am Adult Education
1:00pm Council Mtg.
3:00pm Nebraska Brass at
 United Lutheran

Welcome!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their hymnals, bulletins, follow the screens, and sing & speak loudly! We value the noise made by our children!

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you! **Please come again!!**

We are the body of Christ gathered in this place! As we come together for worship, we encourage you to reach out for personal needs, community needs, or ministry needs.

At the end of each pew you will find a **Fellowship Pad**. Please fill this out and hand it to the person next to you so that we can learn each other's names & connect with you!

In the back of each pew you will find these resources:

- **Doodle Pad (green)**—especially for our younger worshippers
- **Prayer Card (yellow)**—please fill out if you have prayer concerns to be kept confidential or to share with the congregation. These can be placed in the offering plate.
- **Ministry Opportunity Cards (white)**—Check out ways you can join in ministry here at Messiah. If you fill a card out, please place it in the offering plate as we give our time, talents, & treasures to God.
- **Electronic Giving Cards (multicolored)**—if you give offerings through our Electronic Giving means, please feel free to place one of these cards in the offering plate as it passes you.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Cassandra Hahn, *daughter of Randy and Pauline Hahn*
Clark Swantek, *Great Nephew of Dan & Dixie Ziegler*
Dale McBride, *Elaine Graves Brother-in-law*
David Grothen, *Cousin of Mark Jobman*
Dennis Einsphar, *Harold Junker's Brother-in-Law, cancer*
Deryl Danielson, *VA Hospital Care, Grand Island*
Ed Rathje, *throat cancer and knee replacement recovery*
Kerragen Jensen, *ankle surgery*
Ken Werner, *recovery from surgery*
Lenette Gleason, *friend of Craig & Diana Shaffer*
Lois Plate, *mother of Glen Obermeier—Good Samaritan, GI*
Marg Holland, *declining health*
MaryAnn Wege, *recovering from a fall, Cheryl Holland's mother*

Marlene Mersch, *ongoing health struggles*
Martha Saddler, *Jane VanderTuig's friend, cancer*
Nancy Doris, *Niece of Dave & Cheryl Frickel*
Nick Herringer, *brain cancer*
Randy Drew, *father of Stacy Groetzinger, cancer*
RoseAnn Meyer, *Charlene Coon's friend*
Robin Shanks, *former member, cancer*
Shari Krejci, *Aurora teacher, cancer*
Shelley Carlstrom, *Shelbie & Abby Collingham's mother, Breast Cancer*
Susan Obermier, *friend of Tammy Chaney, Car accident*
Sue Schultz, *wrist surgery recovery*
Tammy Craig, *Harold & Marj Junker's daughter, breast cancer*

We pray for the family & friends of these individuals as they grieve:

Duane Ericksen, members of United Lutheran Church, Hampton

We pray for these individuals & their family & friends as they serve in our military:

PFC Rebecca Bicknase, daughter of Walter & Cheryl Bicknase
Cody Schultz
Carson Zimmermann, great-grandson of JoAnn Landenberger
Major Daryl Thul, Chaplain, stationed in Iraq, friend of Pastor Sarah & Pastor Miles

**Serving Us in Worship
THIS WEEK 3/1/20 @ 9am**

Ushers	Duane Katt Bill Arndt
Youth Ushers	Alex Johnson Daniel Helzer
Reader	Elena Kuehner
Acolytes	Keegan Chaney Quinton Lange
Musician	Beth Johnson
Greeters	Charlene Coon Lue Erpelding
Sound Booth	George Chaney
Video Recorder	Hannah Ruch
PowerPoint	Caleb Ruch
Worship Asst.	Ellie Cerveny

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers:

All members & friends worshipping today!

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Sarah Ruch

Pastor of Children, Youth,

& Family Ministries:

Pastor Miles Ruch, Jr.

Office Manager:

Pam Tyma

Custodian:

Carrie Swanson

Church Email:

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**Serving Us in Worship
NEXT WEEK 3/8/20 @ 9am**

Ushers	George & Tammy Chaney
Youth Ushers	Carsen Staehr Drew Knust
Reader	Laura Jobman
Acolytes	Tyson Dvorak Hayden Farris
Musician	Beth Johnson
Greeters	Randy & Pauline Hahn
Sound Booth	Mark Jobman
Video Recorder	Craig Shaffer
PowerPoint	Cassidy Knust
Worship Asst.	Dixie Ziegler

LENT WORSHIP SERVICES—We'll worship together at 7:00pm each Wednesday during Lent as we share in a drama, "The People vs. Judas Iscariot". **Volunteers for acting roles are still needed!** There is no need for memorization or costumes! Please sign-up on the counter of the Information Center today! **Our Lenten offerings** from worship & our meal will be divided evenly between the Hamilton County Backpacker's Program & the Hamilton County Ministerial Association's campaign with R.I.P. Medical Debt, which you can read more about below.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY MEALS DURING LENT—Each Wednesday during Lent we'll have a free-will offering, Community Meal from 5:30pm-6:30pm. If you'd like to prepare & serve one of these meals, please sign up today on the Information Center counter! If you'd like to prepare & serve a meal but need some extra help financially or in labor needs, please don't hesitate to speak with either Pastor or a Council member. There is help available!

NEBRASKA BRASS AT UNITED, HAMPTON, Sunday, March 8th—You are invited to join our siblings in Christ at United Lutheran in Hampton for a Nebraska Brass concert on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$12 at the door, & well worth the expense!

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY JAZZ CHOIR CONCERT, Saturday, March 14th—Join us at Messiah on Saturday, March 14th! Our very own Vanessa Wergin is a member of the NWU Jazz Choir & we are honored to welcome her home along with her choir! Please join us!

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION CAMPAIGN TO END MEDICAL DEBT FOR NEBRASKANS! Our area Ministerial Association has begun a campaign with R.I.P. Medical Debt to raise funds that will erase medical debt in the state of Nebraska! Because R.I.P. Medical Debt (a non-profit organization) has purchased these debts for a reduced cost, we can clear debt for Nebraskans with \$30,000 (actual cost was \$3 million!). We have 3 months to raise these funds. Donate online from Messiah or the Hamilton County Ministerial Association Facebook pages, ask for the link, or make checks payable to: RIP Medical Debt, 80 Theodore Fremd Ave, Rye, NY 10580 and write "Hamilton, NE" in the memo line. Share this information with your friends and family please! Together we can make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow Nebraskans!

LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS AS LENTEN FOCUS—During Lent many people choose to give up or take on something as a way of penitence & reflection on Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem & the cross. In this spirit, Messiah will be collecting an item each week for Lutheran World Relief Personal Kits. Last year our congregation, alongside our Women of the ELCA group, sent 84 Personal Health Kits to LWR for those in need throughout the world. How many individuals will we be able to impact with God's love this year? Please join us in this important ministry!

1st Week of Lent	2/26—3/8	Dark-colored, Bath-size towel (approx. 52" x 27")
2nd Week of Lent	3/8—3/15	Bar soap, any brand, in original wrapping (4-5 oz.)
3rd Week of Lent	3/15—3/22	1 adult toothbrush in original pkg. (multiple packs are okay)
4th Week of Lent	3/22—3/29	1 sturdy WIDE-TOOTH comb
5th Week of Lent	3/29—4/5	1 metal nail clippers with nail file
Holy Week	4/5—4/12	Twine, bias tape, or thick ribbon (used to tie kits)

YOUTH GROUP BRUNCH MEAL— SUNDAY MARCH 22nd! Our High School Youth Group invites you to enjoy a delicious brunch feast following worship on Sunday, March 22nd. They'll be serving waffles, bacon, sausage, baked goods from *The Maker's*, bagels & more! In addition to the delicious food there will be a raffle including fun items from local stores, crafters, & restaurants. This is our High School Youth Group's main fundraiser of the year and we hope that you'll come support them on the 22nd! Tickets to attend will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 & under. Raffle tickets will be 14 tickets for \$10 or 1 ticket for \$1. There will be no pre-sale of tickets this year. You can purchase tickets for brunch & for the raffle on the 22nd when you arrive for the event. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward coming youth group events & Mission Trips. This summer our youth are traveling to Denver, CO for their mission trip. In 2021 they'll be travelling to Minneapolis, MN for the ELCA Youth Gathering. *If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please speak with Pastor Miles!*

OUR ANNUAL SEDER MEAL will take place on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30pm. All members and friends and all ages are invited to this night of remembering the first Passover night which the disciples were celebrating with Jesus on the night before he was handed over to Roman officials. We will begin right at 6:30pm, so please plan accordingly. **If you will be attending, please sign up on the counter of the Information Center by Sunday, March 29th.** Those who attend share in preparing and bringing our dinner items and these recipes and needs will be communicated with you after Sunday, March 29th.