



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

March 22 - March 29

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

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

### PLEASE NOTE:

**This schedule may change as our Council assesses the needs of the congregation regarding in-person worship & activities.**

### Sunday, March 22nd

9:00am      Worship  
10:15am     LL & Adult Ed.

### Tuesday, March 24th

8:30am      Mom's in Prayer  
6:30pm      Lions Club

### Wednesday, March 25th

6:00pm      GLOW!  
7:00pm      Lenten Service

### Friday, March 27th

6:30am      Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, March 29th

9:00am      Worship  
10:15am     LL & Adult Ed.  
10:15am     Ushers & Youth  
                 Ushers Mtg.  
10:30am     Communion  
                 Stewards &  
                 Worship Assistants  
                 Meeting

*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*  
*Diane Haden, Breast Cancer*  
*Ed Rathje, throat cancer and knee replacement recovery*  
*Elaine Graves, St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln*  
*Frankie Saunders, Mark Mersch mother-in-law*  
*Heidi Wess, niece of Ron & Diane Haden, breast cancer*  
*Janie Griffith, Jeff Griffith's mother*  
*Joni Oswald, Cancer*  
*Kerragen Jensen, ankle surgery*  
*Ken Werner, recovery from surgery*

*Lois Plate, mother of Glen Obermeier—Good Samaritan, GI*  
*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*

\*All health care workers, teachers, and first responders

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

**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 Wed.  
THIS WEEK 3/25/20 @ 9am**

Ushers	
Youth Ushers	Keegan Chaney Parker Smith
Reader	Cooper Reeson
Acolytes	Alexa Katt Tyson Dvorak
Musician	Beth Johnson
Greeters	Koby, Quinton, Caleb, Hayden, Naela
Sound Booth	Rick Penner
Video Recorder	
PowerPoint	
Worship Asst.	Kenny Howland

**MESSIAH'S 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:**

messiah@hamilton.net



**Serving Us in Worship  
NEXT WEEK 3/29/20 @ 9am**

Ushers	John Farris Troy McCain
Youth Ushers	Jameson Herzberg Jeremy Oswald
Reader	Gen Weiss
Acolytes	Jorja Pohlmeier Alexa Katt
Musician	Beth Johnson
Greeters	Craig & Diana Shaffer
Sound Booth	Rick Penner
Video Recorder	Duane Katt
PowerPoint	Noah Ziegler
Worship Asst.	Kim McCain

**PLEASE NOTE:**



We have included our regular information in this insert. This information may change in the coming days as our Council along with our Pastors make important decisions regarding our congregation's in-person worship services and other activities/events.

Please stay tuned for information to come regarding our plan for future weeks.

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE DURING LENT— GLOW!** will meet from 6:00pm-7:00pm, Worship will be from 7:00pm-7:30pm. **Our Lenten offerings** from worship & our meal will be divided evenly between the Hamilton County Backpacker Program & the Hamilton County Ministerial Association's campaign with R.I.P. Medical Debt. Please take a look at the additional insert to learn more about the **HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION'S CAMPAIGN TO END MEDICAL DEBT FOR NEBRASKANS!**

**LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS AS LENTEN FOCUS**—Remember our Lenten focus of LWR Personal Care kits! Please join us in this important ministry by bringing these items and placing them in the marked boxes in the narthex!

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)

**MESSIAH MINISTRIES: HAMILTON COUNTY BACKPACK PROGRAM—**

Have you given much thought to the baskets of food by the front doors? Your food donations are given to the Hamilton County Backpack Program and the Food Pantry.

In 2020, we would like to concentrate on **one item** needed by both – **canned fruit (15 oz cans of peaches, pears, or fruit cocktail)**. The Backpack Program alone needs about 250 cans of fruit. You of course may donate other items as well. During the school year, we will support the Backpack Program. During the summer months, we will support the Food Pantry.

If you aren't familiar with it, the Backpack Food Program started about 10 years ago, giving to 13 Hamilton County families to help them get through the weekend. They now deliver food for 35 food insecure families in area elementaries, Headstart, and Sixpence. Sacks containing food supplies for a main meal, a breakfast and a snack for each member of the household are delivered to the schools to be sent home with the children for the weekend. In addition to food donations, the cost of the program is approximately \$10,800 per school year. They rely heavily on grants and donations from area churches, civic organizations and businesses.

We appreciate your thoughtful donations of canned fruit for the remainder of 2020!

Diana Shaffer, WELCA Co-Chairperson

*Please note: Aurora Public Schools along with other Hamilton County Schools have announced that they will be providing lunch for students during the time that they will be out of school. They are offering these meals for ANY student, not just those who qualify for free or reduced-rate meals. These are being offered at 3 pick-up points, one in Aurora, Marquette, and Phillips. During this time the need for extra food donations will increase. Please consider donating to Aurora Public Schools or to the Food Pantry/Backpack Program, who are in conversation now about how they will continue to support families during this time.*