

ANNOUNCING

Return To In-person Worship

FIRST OUTSIDE SERVICE ON JULY 5TH

Dear Members and Friends,

Every time we think of you, we give thanks!

After months of prayer, study, and discussion the Church Council met on June 23 and came up with a plan for our first attempt to have worship again. The full council report can be found at MessiahOfWashburn.com.

We started our meeting by answering questions: If Messiah were no longer here what would you miss the most? Answers: inclusivity, closeness of the people, purpose in life, flowers, stained glass windows, worshipping together, sights and sounds, choir, the body of Christ, and Holy Communion.

What would the Washburn community miss? The spirit of parishoners, the all-inclusive message Messiah gives, youth program, bible studies, a building that houses groups such as AA, community outreach, flowers, a place for weddings, funerals and other rituals, lutefisk, youth program, community meals, holiday meal boxes, and a gathering place for friends and families to worship together.

These answers emphasize the importance of our church fellowship and outreach. So, at this time of pandemic and racial unrest, let us pray, God how can we continue to do your mission?

With careful thought for how we might respect the most vulnerable, minimize risk, and still come together, the Council voted to have **our first outdoor worship service on July 5, 9:00am** at the Washburn Elementary School parking lot. Owen Polifka will play the piano. Plan ahead by bringing along the bulletin, bread and wine or juice and a lawn chair if you prefer to sit outside of your car.

Volunteers will help with set-up and parking. Extra effort will be made to have a good sound

system. Wearing masks is highly encouraged especially if you intend to sing.

The enclosed sheet has guidance provided by the Bayfield County Health Department which is consistent with guidance we received from Synod leadership. The Council hears many are not ready for in-house worship and some are ready. This gentle start on July 5 will be evaluated during the next July 7 council meeting. See names of council members on the back of this newsletter and feel free to share thoughts with any of us. We want everyone to have input on how we move forward.

On another note, council members and I are so thankful for every one of you. Thank you for your prayers and your ongoing commitment to financial giving. Thank you for those who are doing on-line giving. As of the end of May, Messiah was over \$2,000 in the black for the year. While we are deeply grateful for this financial posture we recognize fundraising efforts could be different this year. To that end, we thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

And mostly, thank you for all of your efforts to still be the body of Christ. We are in this together and we need each other.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Nancy



P.S. For info on future experiments and if there are cancelations due to weather, please see MessiahOfWashburn.com or **Facebook**, or call 715 373-5378.

Greetings from our Youth Ministry Team!



We hope you enjoy the photo collages of highlights of last summer and the 2019-2020 GIFT/WWW program. Due to Covid-19, we won't do in-person ministry this summer. However, we want to give you and your family a few ways to grow in faith:

- 1 Participate with Luther Park Bible Camp counselors this summer through videos on the internet. New ones are posted weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
Videos can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZgSKtuMJ_T8RSDriUaZhnw?view_as=subscriber

- 2 Find your passport book in our last manila envelope package. When three milestones are completed, text Pastor Nancy a video at 715 209-1100. This will be posted on our Facebook page and you'll get a free ice cream coupon.

- 3 Watch weekly children's sermons on messiahofwashburn.com

Love in Christ.

*Dana Benson, Linda Coleman, Bonni Gary, Angel Grueble, Tracy Martinez,
Bob & Linda Lois, Laura Pederson, Sally Randell, Mary Skerik and Pastor Nancy.*





Messiah *Bulletin Board*

Racial Justice Study+Action Weekly Gathering

Fridays, 5:00 - 6:30pm

Washburn City Hall Courtyard

Join WWW/GIFT guitar player Alex and his partner Ellie as they lead community discussions on next steps we can take in the fight for racial justice in our region.

The goal is to spur formation of groups which can organize their own projects and actions. Bring your ideas about community issues or needs that need to be addressed, actions which can be taken, study materials, and more.

Please ponder these questions:

- *Who are the unheard voices in our community?*
- *How can we invite people into this shared work?*
- *How can I contribute?*
- *How can we listen better?*

At these events please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Church Council

Pastor Nancy – 715 209-1100

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Kelly Beirl – 715-373-0334

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Messiah Garage Sale

SAT JULY 11th 8-Noon LIVE & CAREFUL SHOPPING

For a **private showing** contact Bob Leis 373-0187, Bob Follis 373-2133, or Pastor Nancy 209-1100. We will schedule a time to meet you.

Almost all items have been donated by Robyn Meyerson.

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| * upright healthometer scale | * 2 car ramps | * Black & Decker workmate |
| * 8-inch bench grinder electric | * new 2 deluxe trunk carrier | * Black and Decker blower |
| * 4-foot work bench stack-on | * antique 100+ year old wooden door | * shop vac (Craftsman) |
| * 2.5-ton floor jack + jack stands | * aluminum 4-foot step ladder | * circular saw (Skill Saw) |
| * antique rolling chair | * 29 inch Roadmaster bike (ridden less than a mile) | * 2-1/4 hp 7-1/4 inch, front hitch for Chevy pickup |
| * large plastic wheel barrow (True Temper) | * computer table | * bifold door |
| * weed & brush cutter Cub Cadet BC4900 (new) | * 2-drawer wood grain metal file cabinet | * rotary seeder, 2-wheeled (Scott) |
| | | * pruning saw and lopper 16-foot pole. |

Volunteers Needed For Video Production!

Many thanks to all who are helping Messiah and First offer online services as of March 22. Mary Childs from Port Wing receives the raw video and edits together our services. Keith Holm is at the ready to post these services and anything else to our website and Facebook. When Mary volunteered to do this she had no idea it would go on this long. She needs a break.

We are looking for a new person to do video editing and possibly filming.

If you know of anyone who might possibly be interested in helping make videos of services and posting them online please call or text Pastor Nancy at 715 209-1100.

Thank you!

Lectionary Texts

FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8,
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26

I Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52