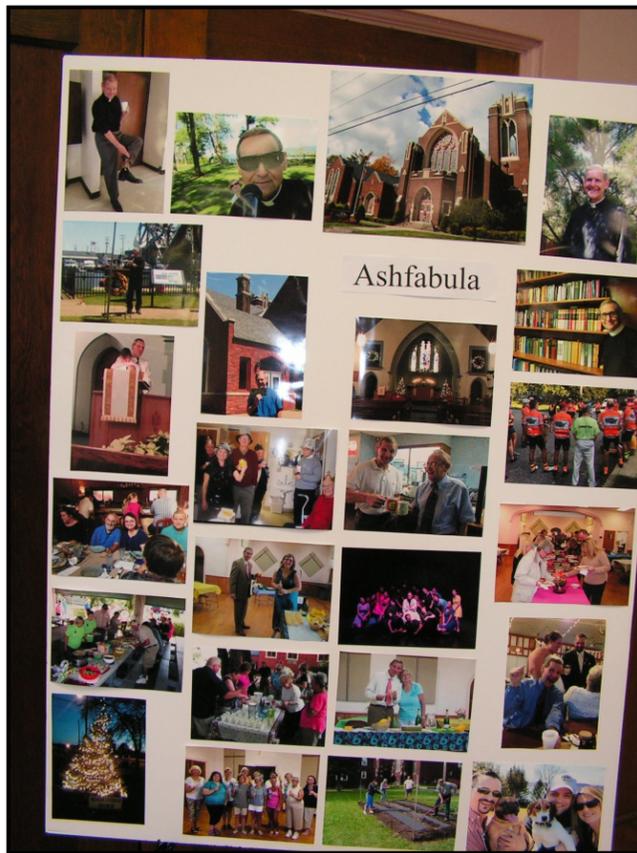


Pastor At Messiah



The pictures here are from Pastor Meranda's storied tenure here at Messiah. Starting in the upper right hand corner, Pastor is seen conducting one of his first Adult Forums in the Luther Room on Sunday morning in 2008. Continuing clockwise he is greeting Bev Ekensten after worship one Sunday in 2013. To the left, Pastor is participating in a Property Committee meeting in 2022. Above he is talking with John and Penny Endruschat during coffee hour in 2019.

The rest of the pictures are from Pastor's retirement party after Church April 24. The beautiful poster display was put together by Mary Meranda. She had a display for each of the five parishes they served. Part of the large crowd at the reception. Hope Hunt is enjoying her donut.

Mark Anderson, our President, conducted the brief formal recognition of Pastor. We thank him for leading the Council and congregation thru this very important time.

Worship Messiah Lutheran Church

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What a great "coming home to Messiah" we experienced at Easter and the Sunday after. It was wonderful to have extended families from far and near back in worship together again, and guests who came to help celebrate the risen Christ and the ministry of our dear pastor for 14 years, Pastor Michael Meranda as he retired at the end of April. Those who were able to visit with Pastor on April 24th enjoyed the return to fellowship in the hall with coffee and donuts, cheese & crackers, fruits, and other goodies. We shared, had good times with friends in Christ – all in celebration of Pastor's leadership and retirement. Thank you to Council who planned and carried out the celebration and purchased numerous meaningful gifts.



What's next? The Council will share with you details of what's next regarding our pastoral leadership; they will continue to fine-tune the process with synod staff members Pastor Mitch Philips and Pastor Julianne Smith in the next few weeks. In the meantime, we'll be holding worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM, either with an interim or with substitute preachers week to week. Come to worship and see! Let's be the Body of Christ for each other, caring for those who are absent with phone calls or visits, sharing burdens and joys, supporting the workings of the church with your offerings, and coming to church for worship - praising God for God's activity in our lives.

Pentecost is June 5. The 3rd biggest festival of the church year is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. To help us make it festive, plan to wear something red that day. If you have some white candles and glass holders you can spare for a special display that weekend, please bring them to church by Memorial Day weekend. (If you want the holders back, please mark with your name on the bottom.)

See you in church!

Hospitality Co-Chair Needed

By: Mark Anderson, President

Beth Anderson has graciously agreed to be a Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Mark says the Council needs to recruit another Co-Chair to work with Beth.

Folks interested should contact Mark at 440-796-3799. Or by email at mark726golf@gmail.com.

Prior Chair Ruth Hlinovsky is willing to train both people for this important position.

Memorial Fund Contribution

In memory of Jim Lindberg by Joyce and Lanny Anderson

May Altar Flowers

May 1 – Ruth Hlinovsky
May 15—Nancy Krajec

Church Mouse Heard:

Martin Luther King, Jr. say "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends".



Property Committee Meets

The Property Committee has been meeting right along during the Pandemic. Here they are at a recent meeting L to R: Ed Spencer, Beckey Young, Sue Leitert, Homer Young, Emelia Lindberg and Pastor.

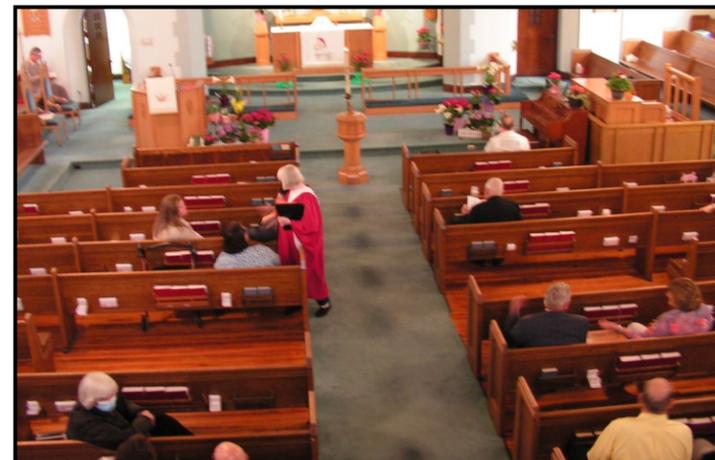
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion 10 Fayth Jerome	2 Lend A Hand 10:30 Clothing Bank 10:30 Committee night	3 Tapestry 10-11:30 Last Tapestry of the year	4	5 Choir Practice 7:00	6	7
8 Holy Communion 10 Shyanna Lindberg	9 Lend A Hand 10:30 Clothing Bank 10:30 Council 7:00	10	11	12 Choir Practice 7:00	13	14
15 Holy Communion 10 Mary Schroeder	16 Lend A Hand 10:30 Clothing Bank 10:30	17	18	19 Choir Practice 7:00	20	21
22 Holy Communion 10 Keith Reinker	23 Lend-A-Hand 10:30 Clothing Bank 10:30	24	25	26 Choir Practice 7:00	27	28
29 Holy Communion 10 Hal Cooper	30 Lend-A-Hand 10:30 Clothing Bank 10:30	31 Messenger Deadline				

Church Secretary, Arthur, prepares this calendar every month. If you'd like dates included, let him know before the last Tuesday of the month.

A Marvelous Easter Sunday!

We enjoyed a simply fantastic easter Sunday. Pastor's sermon was inspiring, well over 100 members and friends attended, the Easter garden was beautiful, and after an absence of several weeks we sang the "alleluias" again!

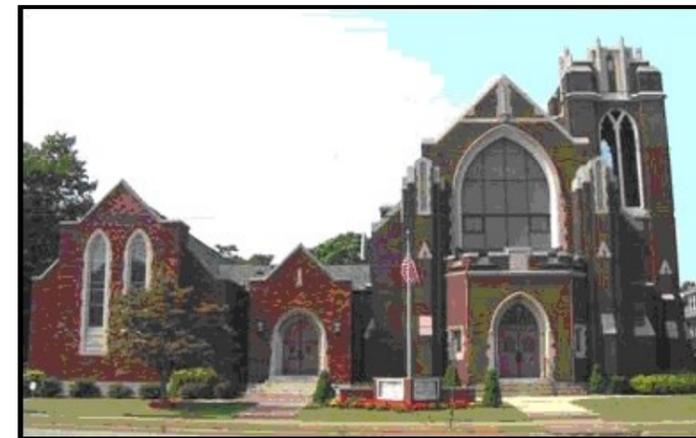


We look forward to hearing who our interim Pastor will be to continue this momentum we now have.

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