

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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The symbol in the upper left corner expresses by means of candle and messianic rose the worship of the Messiah and the Truth of Christ. The cross signifies His central deed and the five crosses in the rose the sacred wounds.

Truth and Hope

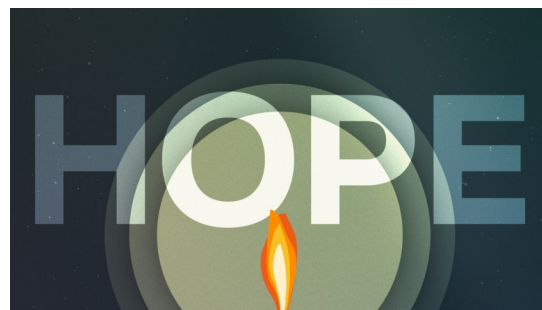
This can be a tough time of year. In the winter, days are short, illness is common, some of us face difficult anniversaries without loved ones, and most of us know of — and feel inadequate to help — someone who is suffering. Winter, and especially Lent, remind us of our mortality and sinfulness, of the passage of time, and the fallenness of Creation. It is right that we should mourn these things, and that we grieve the loss of loved ones and of other good gifts of God. We shouldn't be afraid to cry out to God in lament. It's not bad to be sad. Many of the psalms in the Bible, like Psalm 130, are songs of lament.

One of the great things about the church is that we are a community. We bear one another's burdens and share one another's joys. There is no such thing as a Lone Ranger Christian. One of the fundamental marks of Jesus' disciples is our habit of gathering each week to worship God, to hear God's Word, to share in our Lord's Supper, to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness, to be reminded of and re-oriented to what is true and important, to share our concerns and our reasons for celebration, and to give and receive encouragement.

In a fallen world, at a difficult time, it is easy to lose hope. But part of God's mission in the world is to sustain and strengthen hope, and to carry it into hopeless places. Jesus' incarnation — his life, death, resurrection, and ascension — gives us reason for hope, even as we face difficult truths about ourselves and our world.

Wishing you a truthful yet still hopeful Lent,

Pastor Erhardt



CHURCH CALENDAR

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, March 6
7:00 PM Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes

Subsequent Wednesdays in Lent

March 13—April 10

6:00 PM Soup and Salad Supper
7:00 PM Evening Prayer (LBW p. 142)
7:45 PM Choir



Hearty thanks to our Lenten soup & salad supper hosts:

March 13: Carolyn Gishlick
March 20: Louise Cooper & Pam Shebel
March 27: Rachel Tabris
April 3: Renate Giller
April 10: Debbie Baer

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 pm
LCM Table Talk



Thursday, March 21, 7 pm
Executive Board Meeting



Friday, March 22, 6 pm
International Student Dinner



Saturday, March 30, 9 am
Men's Forum at Wegmans



Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm
LCM Table Talk



Friday, April 12, 6 pm
International Student Dinner



Thursday, April 18, 8 pm
Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Friday, April 19, 8 pm*Good Friday Tenebrae***Sunday, April 21, 10 am***Easter Sunday**Festival Service of**Holy Communion***Note the 10 am service time****Friday, April 26, 7 pm***Trenton Thunder Game*
**TRENTON THUNDER GAME:
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7 PM**

Trenton Thunder vs. Erie Seawolves
at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton

Pork Roll night!

(\$2.00 pork roll sandwiches)

Miguel Andujar bobble head night!

There are 15 tickets available at \$7 per ticket

Please contact Debbie Baer
for more information.


**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
TABLE TALKS**

Upcoming
Lutheran Campus Ministry Monthly
Dinner Discussions

Thursday, March 7:*Overcoming Negativity*

(Pastor Erhardt)

Thursday, April 4:*How Unified Should the Church Be?*

(Justin Hylden)

Thursday, May 2: TBD

(Pastor Erhardt)



All discussions are scheduled for
Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM in **Room 210** of
Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton University.

Dinner is included.

After 5:00 PM on weekdays, free parking is
available in the university lots
on William St., between Washington Rd.
and Charlton St.

All are welcome!

Please join us and invite friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING ADULT FORUM TOPICS

Adult Forum series (Feb. 10 – Mar. 3): *Where is God in suffering?* Leader: Justin Hylden

Augustine's Confessions

From March 10 and April 14, Paul Rorem will present St. Augustine's famous *Confessions*, one of his teaching emphases at Princeton Theological Seminary. The first session will introduce the memoir part (the first half of the work) and encourage participants to read some or all of it during Lent. (This is for education, not penance!). Some copies will be available, and it is also free online. The second session will feature discussion of the memoir sections read (or not), and then go into his more introspective and theological reflections (Book X), especially the part Luther liked. Any and all are welcome to one or both sessions.

Adult Forum series for Lent

From March 17 to April 7, Justin Hylden will lead a Lenten Adult Forum series entitled, *At the Crossroads*. You can learn more about the series at <https://bit.ly/2SR4lt2>.

MESSIAH MOVIE NIGHTS



Messiah Movie Nights meets informally. Please join us for our next movie at AMC Market Fair on Canal Point Boulevard near Princeton.

“LIKE” MESSIAH ON FACEBOOK

From Debbie Baer:

We'd love to have members, former members, and friends to like and join our Facebook page, [@MessiahChurchPrinceton](https://www.facebook.com/MessiahChurchPrinceton). We post pictures, events, videos of music, and the upcoming service information. It's a great way for family, friends, and former members to keep up with what is going on at Messiah!



CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Congregational Voters Meeting is coming up in May.
At this meeting, members of the congregation will elect church officers.

Trish Oelrich and Justin Hylden are stepping down from the Executive Board as Financial Secretary and Vice President/Secretary, respectively. The Executive Board is grateful for their dedicated service on behalf of the congregation.

At present, we have no candidates for these two positions. The responsibilities are described in Messiah's Constitution as follows:

The Vice President and Secretary

- Shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall perform the duties of the president in the latter's absence or inability to act.
- Shall keep accurate minutes of all Congregational and Executive Board meetings and shall keep a register of attendance at each meeting.

The Financial Secretary

- Shall keep an accurate record of all envelope offerings and submit quarterly statements to the contributors.
- Shall supervise a distribution before the beginning of the year of contribution envelopes to communicant members and contributors.
- Shall be responsible for recording all monies received by the congregation.

In addition, Executive Board members participate in Executive Board meetings (held monthly or every other month) and the Voter's Meetings, held twice annually in May and December.

Trish Oelrich will train the new Financial Secretary in Church 360 software and the necessary financial procedures.

If you are interested in serving as Financial Secretary or Vice President/Secretary, please contact congregational president Miranda Hempel in person or via email.

Nominations may be made for any office in a letter or email signed by two voting members of the congregation. This should be accompanied by a letter or email of acceptance by the nominee. Please contact Miranda if you have any questions.



SEE ANYONE YOU RECOGNIZE?



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

LENT YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Transfiguration Sunday March 3, 2019	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-43a
Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalms 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
The First Sunday in Lent March 10, 2019	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
The Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
The Third Sunday in Lent March 24, 2019	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 31, 2019	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

LENT HOLY WEEK EASTER YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 7, 2019	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Palm Sunday April 14, 2019	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 19, 2019	Tenebrae Readings			
Easter Sunday April 21, 2019	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
The Second Sunday of Easter April 28, 2019	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	4	5	6 7pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	7 6:30pm LCM Table Talk	8 7:30pm Catechism	9
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24 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	25	26	27 6pm Soup & Salad 7pm Evening Prayer 7:45pm Choir	28	29 7:30pm Catechism	30 9am Men's Forum
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April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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