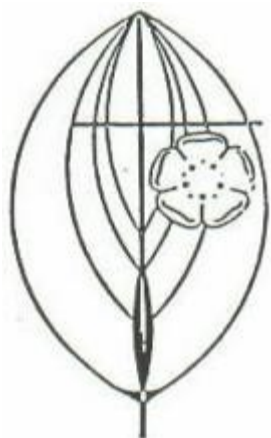


## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Jesus is risen, and as I write this, the trees seem to be celebrating with a profusion of blossoms! It is meet, right, and salutary that we join them in celebration.

John 19:26-27 tells us that when he was hanging on the cross and saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

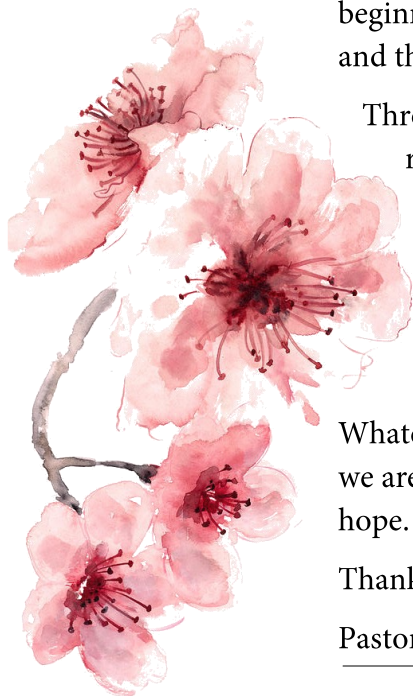
God has given us as gifts to one another. Each week of this Easter season, we realize a little more of what it means to give ourselves and receive one another as gifts. We thank God for his good gift of everlasting life, which we are all just beginning. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that though life is hard, life is good, and that the best is yet to come.

Throughout the season, we'll continue to worship and meet together, to receive God's gifts, to be strengthened in faith and fellowship, and to offer ourselves to others. Special events include a meal packing event at Hope Lutheran Church in Levittown, PA, on May 11, and an architectural tour of the Princeton University campus, led by Jon Hlafter the afternoon of May 19. I will lead a summer book discussion group, more details of which are on page 2.

Whatever is going on in our lives, baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection we are part of his life. He is risen! He is alive, and his life fills us with joy and hope.

Thankful for you and for our life together in Christ,

Pastor Erhardt



*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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER BOOK GROUP

**June 19:** *The Cube and the Cathedral*, by George Weigel

**July 17:** *The Remains of the Day*, by Kazuo Ishiguro

**August 21:** *The Crisis of Islam*, by Bernard Lewis

Discussions begin at 7:30pm at Messiah.



Please obtain and read the book before each discussion, and come with your thoughts and questions. All are welcome, but space is limited, so if you'd like to participate email [LCMprinceton@gmail.com](mailto:LCMprinceton@gmail.com) or call 609.924.3642 to reserve your place.

### ADULT FORMUM

This past March, both houses of New Jersey's legislature passed bills to legalize assisted suicide in our state, in certain circumstances. On Sundays at 9 AM, April 28 – May 26, Pastor Erhardt is leading a study of what Christian theology tells us about how to love a person as they near death. We will use the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR)'s 1993 report, *Christian Care at Life's End*, to guide our discussion. The report is available [here](#) and on the back pew (just the pages we'll study). We meet on the top floor of the parish building. Please join us!

- **April 28:** I(a): Christian Care or Mercy Killing, Cases A-D (pp. 3-9)
- **May 5 (Leader: Kyle Sorkness):** I(b): Christian Care or Mercy Killing, Cases E-H and Summary (pp. 9-16)
- **May 12:** II & III: Advance Directives and Spiritual Care at Life's End (pp. 16-21)
- **May 19:** IV & V: End-of-Life Decisions and Justification by Grace; The Christian Community's Responsibilities in Public Debate (pp. 21-25)
- **May 26:** Any of the above material we haven't yet covered



Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.  
<http://www.princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html>

## CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPDATE ON THE WHEELCHAIR

Messiah has contracted with the Abby Lift Co. to replace our wheelchair lift in the parish building. The project will require significant modification to the existing lift area, mainly to accommodate a door on the basement level. We expect that the work will be completed this spring, and will cost \$15–17,000. Because the Executive Board has been a careful steward of Messiah's financial resources, we do not plan to have a fundraising campaign for this project. Donations are certainly appreciated, however. If you have questions, please speak with Jon Hlafter, who is managing the project for Messiah.

### PRINCETON ARCHITECTURE TOUR

**Sunday, May 19, 1:30 PM:** Walking tour of Princeton University led by Jon Hlafter, focusing on architecture in the historic central area of the campus. Meet at the Fitzrandolph Gate on the south side of Nassau Street at the intersection with Witherspoon St. Sign up on the sheet on the back pew.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm**  
*LCM Table Talk*



**Saturday, May 11, 10 am**  
*Meal Packing Event*  
*Hope Lutheran Church & School*  
*Levittown, PA*



**Friday, May 17, 6 pm**  
*International Student Dinner*



**Saturday, May 18, 9 am**  
*Men's Forum*



**Sunday, May 19, 1:30pm**  
*Princeton University*  
*Architecture Tour*



**Thursday, May 23, 7 pm**  
*Executive Board Meeting*



**Sunday, May 26**  
*Last day of Christian Education*



**Sunday, May 26, 12:15 pm**  
*Congregational Voters Meeting*



**Sunday, June 2**  
*9:30 am worship begins*  
*(June-August)*



**Friday, June 28, 7pm**  
*Trenton Thunder Game*



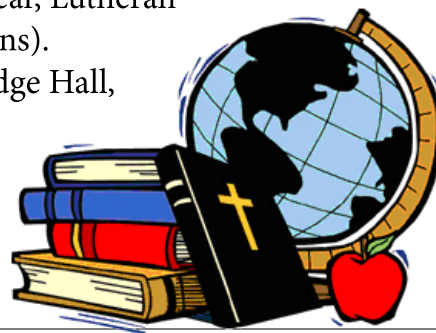
**Saturday, June 29, 9 am**  
*Men's Forum*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAY 2 TABLE TALK

*Seeking Fulfillment*, led by Pastor Erhardt. During the academic year, Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsors monthly Table Talks (dinner discussions). Table Talks are scheduled for 6:30 – 8:00 PM in 210 of Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton University. After 5:00 PM on weekdays, free parking is available in the university lot on William St., between Washington Rd. and Charlton St. All are welcome! Please join us and invite friends.



### SUNDAY, MAY 26, AT 12:15 PM: CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

Please attend this important meeting, at which voting members of the congregation will elect church officers to serve in the following positions in the coming year: President, Vice President & Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Social Ministry. Most of the incumbents are willing to continue to serve in their current roles, but we are looking for candidates to serve as Vice President & Secretary (one position), and as Financial Secretary. Thank you to Justin Hylden and Trish Oelrich for serving in these roles, from which they are stepping down.

Messiah members may nominate a candidate to stand for any elected office described in Messiah's constitution in a letter or email signed by two voting members of the congregation. This must be accompanied by a letter or email of acceptance by the nominee. Nominations should be submitted by Sunday, May 5, via mail or email (lcmprinceton@gmail.com) to the church, via email to Miranda, or by giving the nomination(s) to Miranda Hempel in person. If you have questions, please contact Miranda or another current Executive Board member. More information is also available on p. 5 of the March/April newsletter.

### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:

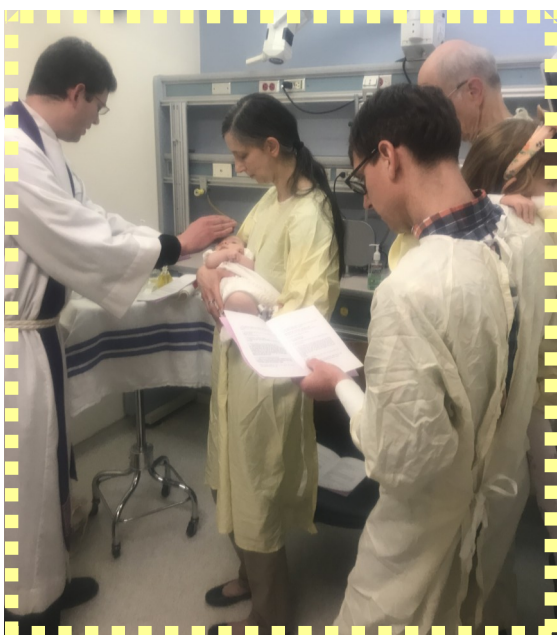
**Wednesday, May 1, 5:00 PM** *Medicaid and You* seminar at Acorn Glen  
See the flyer on the Cedar Lane bulletin board for more details.

**Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM** Meal Packing Event at Hope Lutheran Church & School, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA. Clothing donations will be accepted on the same day. See poster on Cedar Lane bulletin board for details and sign up on the sheet under the poster by May 1.





## BAPTISM OF JULIA MAJSZTRIK ON MARCH 16, 2019



**Julia was born in February.**

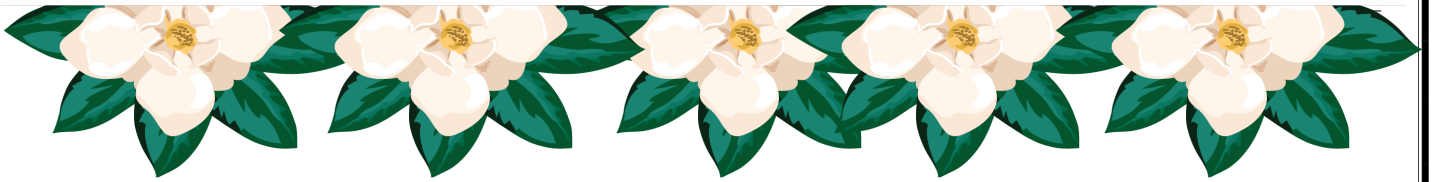
**Her proud parents are  
Paul Majsztrik & Laura Bennett.**

## PALM SUNDAY 2019





## EASTER SUNDAY 2019



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## EASTER SUNDAY 2019 CONTINUED

# easter sunday





# Blast from the past



**SEE ANYONE YOU RECOGNIZE?**

*Photos courtesy of Messiah archives*

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

EASTER YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019	Acts 9:1-20	Psalms 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019	Acts 9:36-43	Psalms 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019	Acts 11:1-18	Psalms 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019	Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67	Revelation 21:10, 21:22 - 22:5	John 14:23-29





## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE

<b>EASTER PENTECOST YEAR C</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>PSALM</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL READING</b>
The Sunday after Ascension June 2, 2019	Acts 1:1-11	Psalms 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost June 9, 2019	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, 25-27
Trinity Sunday June 16, 2019	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2019	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Psalms 42	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 30, 2019	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



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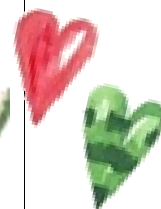
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5 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	6	7	8  7:30pm Choir	9	10  7:30pm Catechism	11 10am Meal Packing at Hope Lutheran, Levittown
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26 9am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion 12:15pm Voters Meeting	27 Memorial Day	28	29  7:30pm Choir	30	31  7:30pm Catechism	



# June 2019



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