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Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice
BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION

Campaign News Briefs

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Capital Campaign News from Messiah Lutheran Church

*"We care and share,
serve and celebrate
through God's
love in Christ"*

Calendar of Campaign Events

Enrichment Gatherings
Taking Place During April
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Children's Sunday
School Art Day
Beginning April 25

24-Hour Prayer Vigil
5:30 PM Friday, May 7, to
5:30 PM Saturday, May 8

Advance Commitments Gathering
Thursday, May 20

All-Church Celebration Banquet
Sunday, June 6

Commitment Worship Services
Saturday, June 12 and
Sunday, June 13

Celebration Worship Services
Saturday, June 26 and
Sunday, June 27

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Messiah Lutheran Church Sanctuary

5:30PM Friday, May 7 until 5:30PM Saturday May 8



This Prayer Vigil is an opportunity for spiritual growth, individually, as a family, and also as a church family. We encourage you to join with us as you make a commitment to pray for one hour during the vigil.

Bring your personal prayers, prayers for others, prayers of gratitude, and

prayers for our church as we renew, reach out and rejoice in the hopes and dreams for the future. Join with others in silent prayer in a quiet place—our sanctuary.

A sign-up poster will be in the fellowship hall.

Your Prayer Vigil Team †

"As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice." Psalm 55:17

A Word About Commitment

Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice...Building On Our Foundation

Three years ago Messiah entered a capital campaign—Looking Back, Moving Forward. We as people of God committed ourselves to financially support our expanding ministries. The blessings of that campaign have created wonderful ministry outreach. As part of our last campaign we also Looked Back at the fifty years of ministry started by 57 families that made a sacrificial commitment to begin Messiah.

Now we are able to see the blessings of this commitment as we celebrate the Preschool, the Hybrid Pipe Organ, the Video, Audio and Lighting technologies and the joy of our second site outreach in the Ridgefield area. This also represents Messiah ministries expanded by sacrificial commitment.

Once again we are being called to make another sacrificial financial commitment to our building renovation. The **call for commitment continues**. During this time of financial change in America many people felt the impact of difficult financial times. We at Messiah faced the challenge with the faith that God will provide. Some ask why we are asking for another campaign during this time of financial change. The answer is **with faith we can take advantage of the doors that God opens** and know with confidence that He is in control of our goals and our lives. This faith has allowed Messiah to grow and prosper. We have grown in His confidence. We are a stronger, more faithful congregation because of growth in Christ. We continue to grow in the faith that God will truly provide for us and that He will always renew and replenish our gifts.

We now want to **Renew** our commitment to the blessing of God, we want to **Reach Out** with existing and new ministry opportunities, and we want to **Rejoice** in the blessings that are growing each day. At the same time we want to honor all of the sacrificial commitments that have created our Foundation.

Over the next few weeks we will be actively engaged in our new campaign. We are asking that you again make commitments. **First, commit to prayer**. Ask God to continue to grow your faith and to pray for our renovation. Not because of the building but because of His ministry outreach and growth. **Second, consider a sacrificial financial commitment** to the Renovation and all of the ministry that it will provide. Challenge yourself with your giving to put your reliance in God and His renewing capability.

In Christ, George Webber and Jay Bukant, Campaign Co-Chairs

All-Church Celebration Banquet Set for June 6 Save the Date!

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this landmark celebration for our congregation. Please be sure to reserve Sunday evening, June 6 on your calendars now for a great event celebrating the life, fellowship, and ministries of Messiah Lutheran Church.



**Attend the
All-Church Banquet
Sunday, June 6, 5:30PM,
Royal Oaks**

As one of the culminating events in our “Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice—Building On Our Foundation” campaign, we will gather at the newly remodeled Royal Oaks banquet facility for a delicious dinner, fellowship and inspiration. There is no charge for this banquet and a wonderful program is being planned, so don’t miss it!

A children’s party at the site will also take place, so no need to get a baby-sitter!

See you at the celebration!

Everyone Invited!

Coming April 25

Sunday School Art Day!

As part of the Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice Campaign, the Sunday School students had a tour on April 11 of the existing courtyard. This gave the children an idea of how the church building and fellowship hall will be remodeled.

The students will be creating posters on the following Sundays depicting the wonder that is Messiah from their point of view. The Sunday School students will then create their very own art masterpieces to be displayed in a Sunday

School Art Show beginning April 25. Please don’t miss these important dates as we would like every child to have the opportunity to participate and create a work of art about Messiah.



Enrichment Gatherings

These are exciting days at Messiah. The congregation is moving forward on plans to enhance and extend mission and ministry into the future by renovating and updating important parts of its facility.

As part of this process, you are invited to attend one of the Enrichment Gathering meetings planned throughout the month of April. These meetings are a very important part of Messiah’s Renew, Reach Out, Rejoice – Building On ur Foundation capital campaign. Their purpose is to communicate the ministry goals and plans that are part and parcel of the campaign. We are confident that you will benefit from participating in one of these gatherings.

At these gatherings a leader will provide various resources to “enrich” you with information about the campaign. The leader will facilitate discussion about the mission and ministries of Messiah, answer questions about the campaign and its goals, and gather the ideas and concerns of those present. The gatherings will be strictly informational; no financial commitments will be asked for or received.

In order for as many people as possible to learn about the campaign and to comfortably share their feedback, many of the gatherings will take place within Messiah’s extensive web of small groups. Six other gathering opportunities are scheduled—four of which will happen on Sunday mornings.

We are assured that the Holy Spirit will work through these gatherings to inspire and inform everyone who attends.

Enrichment Gathering Opportunities

Small Group Gatherings

Martha Circle Women’s Group,
Thursday, April 8, 9:30AM

Monday Morning Group,
Monday, April 12, 9:30AM

Quilters for LWR,
Tuesday, April 13, 10:30AM

Material Girls,
Tuesday, April 13, 12:00 noon

Pastors’ Class Wednesday, April 14,
11:00AM and 7:00PM

North County Adult Bible Study,
Sunday, April 18, 6:00PM

Sunday Night Adult Bible Study Group
Sunday, April 18 6:00PM

Golden Opportunities Group,
Wednesday, April 21, noon

Sanctuary Worship Chorale,
Wednesday, April 21, 8:00PM

Hosted in Homes

John & Beth Moritz’ Home
Friday, April 23, 7:00PM

Tom & Marlene McCutcheon’s Home
Sunday, April 25, 7:00PM

Hosted at Church

Sunday, April 18, 9:20AM Adult Forum

Sunday, April 18, 10:35AM Adult Forum

Sunday, April 25, 9:20AM Adult Forum

Sunday, April 25, 10:35AM Adult Forum

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20



Enrichment Gatherings Under Way

The Enrichment Gatherings are now under way. The gatherings will provide both inspiration and information for you. View a video, pray together, listen to Messiah leaders illustrate our plans, and enjoy one another.

These small group gatherings will give everyone a chance to ask questions and learn about these important initiatives for the future of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Please plan on attending one of these gatherings. The committee prays that these Enrichment Gatherings will be helpful to you in committing to the future of Messiah. †