

Messiah Lutheran Church

Council Agenda

April 13, 2021

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Welcome

Prayer concerns and opening prayer

Review & approval of March 2021 Council Minutes

Financial reports – Beverly Prater

Pastor report – Pastor Karl

Ministry reports

We will take just a few minutes to review the reports. Liaisons, if you have anything to add that is not in the report or highlight a point of interest, you will have time to share.

- o Christian Ed - Bob
- o Preschool - Staci
- o Property -1160 Rental Update- Max
- o Community Outreach - Angela
- o Worship and Music - Chris

Old Business

- o Worship, See Pastor's Report, Franklin County Purple???

New Business

- o Council Secretary-fill through summer then reevaluate
- o Access Proposal to Messiah Property-see documents
- o LIC Jennie White-gift?
- o Zoom Council meetings continue or resume in person?
- o Close in May, Volunteers

Next meeting, May 11, 2021 – Via Zoom

Messiah Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

March 9, 2021

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Welcome

Present: Pastor Karl Hanf, Richard Mederer, Staci Stought, Angela Marshall, Max Tusim, Chris Smith-Hughes, Bob Finney, Beverly Prater, Julie Hartman

Prayer concerns and opening prayer

Rich's granddaughter, Amanda Williams, for upcoming heart transplant

Review & approval of January 2021 Council Minutes

Revision to January 2021 Minutes: Financial Reports should be corrected as follows:
"Bev added that COVID Hero bonuses of \$6,200 were included in the ~~January~~ December expenses."

Angela moved to approve minutes with above correction. Seconded by Chris. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence to Council

Rich included thank you letters from Heart and First English in the council attachments.

A letter from Gavin Diehm, a member of our church who we are supporting in seminary, is also attached.

Financial reports – Beverly Prater

See Financial Summary.

Beverly added that a total of \$11,105 is the year-to-date loss of income due to reductions in offerings. To date, the church has been able to absorb this loss because expenses have also been lower. However, February looked more favorable than it would have been because an insurance payment of \$2,700 originally scheduled for February was pushed back to March. If this bill had been paid out in February, a net negative of \$1,700 would have occurred. Beverly emphasized that very close monitoring of the financials is needed going forward.

Beverly also added that while the Building Fund is budgeted at a loss for the year, there is a large cushion with approximately \$50,000 in the account.

Beverly asked about Loose Change. Traditionally, any loose change collected in the offering plates has been designated by the council to charitable causes. With the church returning to weekly in person worship, she asked council to consider where this money might be donated. After discussion by council members, Rich motioned to designate all loose change collected during 2021 to help defray costs of our youth attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried unanimously.

Beverly offered to set up an online donation portal so that members could make additional donations to help our youth attend the Gathering.

Pastor report – Pastor Karl

See attached report.

Ministry reports

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- Children's Ministry

See attached report.

- Christian Ed – Bob

No written report.

- Preschool – Staci

See attached report.

- Property – Max

See attached report.

Also, Joe received a quote of \$1,100 to remove a tree from the 1180 property and another quote of \$1,100 to repair the Outreach freezer.

- Community Outreach – Angela

No written report.

Angela reported that Outreach is collecting donations to make Easter Baskets for Choices. The Schmandt's continue to the ministry to help members find Covid vaccine appointments.

- Worship and Music – Chris

See attached report.

Old Business

- Joseph's Coat update – Staci

No updates.

- Service Offerings to Safe by Council Member:

Rich coordinated council members to pick up offerings at the in-person services through the next month and will schedule upcoming months via email.

- 1160 Rental Update

The property committee has secured highly qualified tenants to rent the 1160 property beginning on April 1. Monthly rental income is expected to be \$1,300-1,500. It was suggested that Messiah do something to welcome the new tenants.

New Business

- Worship Proposal

Pastor Karl's proposal for in-person Easter worship and regular Sunday services going forward are attached. Council was in agreement with the plans. Pastor will send out a letter to the congregation announcing the plans.

Council members will secure and coordinate the many volunteers that will be needed to provide for a safe and pleasant Easter worship experience. Pastor Karl's letter to the congregation will include the list of volunteer opportunities.

To get a better idea of what to expect with in-person worship going forward, Sara Reidler has volunteered to distribute a Google survey to members asking them to indicate when they will likely return to in-person worship, which services they are most likely to attend, etc.

Staci asked if the in-person 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday worship would also be online. Pastor Karl said that they both would be streamed and indicated that volunteers are available to help with the technical aspects of both services.

Next meeting, April 13, 2021 – Via Zoom



Dear Mr. Spagnolo

I am a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, and also a member of our Church Council. We had heard word in the media of your intentions to build town homes, and we are excited for new neighbors. The plans indicated that you wished to connect to our parking lot, and this something that we are totally against. For reasons of property maintenance and safety, we do not believe this is prudent for our congregation. If you would like to talk with us about this, please contact our Property Chairman, Joe Gulling 614-440-6322.

Sincerely,

Angela Marshall
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Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 1:25 PM

Hi Angela. We are excited for the coming development as well. Our original plan had an access proposed to your property. We were going to check with the city prior to contacting you, to make sure it was allowable by them. The city did not like the multiple entrances to the development, so we removed the one connection proposed to your property. We did leave a right of way in our plan just in case anyone later in life would like to connect the two parcels. I hope this information puts you at ease. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns.

Very Best Regards,
John Spagnolo, Jr.
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
March 2021

OFFERING vs EXPENSES

Operating Net Income was \$5,890 for the month vs budget of \$997.

Building Fund Net Income was \$859 for the month vs a budgeted loss of (\$286).

OPERATING OFFERING

Operating offering (Account 0100) was \$50,621, which was over budget by \$7,945 for the month.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses were over budget for the month by \$3,052, largely driven by budgeted timing differences in property activities.

Expense item to note:

6000 – Property: Insurance payment budgeted during February was paid in March; year to date expense on track with budget.

BUILDING FUND

Building Fund offering ended the month above budget by \$1,145 and is now tracking slightly better than budget year to date. Note that the building fund is budgeted at a loss for the year with excess monies in the fund to cover the shortfall.

SUMMARY

March was a good month due to strong giving. Offering is under budget 3%, which is after a 7% decline in budgeted income; nearly half of the shortfall is due to projected rental income for the parsonage, which we should begin collecting in April.

**Messiah Lutheran Church
Budget Performance - Mar 2021**

	Mar 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Mar 21	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
0100 - Operating Offering							
0110 - Envelopes	24,470	23,645	825	55,495	67,540	(12,045)	265,330
0120 - Loose collection	5,684	4,240	1,444	11,971	11,785	186	58,780
0130 - Simply Giving	18,751	13,390	5,361	42,975	33,540	9,435	150,240
Congregational Offering							
0140 - Earned Interest Income	48,905	41,275	7,630	110,441	112,865	(2,424)	474,350
0150 - MCS Support	36	6	30	117	20	97	80
0160 - Messiah Night Offering	939	635	304	2,396	2,020	376	2,800
0170 - Miscellaneous	741	260	481	1,051	760	291	5,580
0185 - Net Parsonage Rental Income	-	500	(500)	-	1,500	(1,500)	2,790
Total 0100 - Operating Offering	50,621	42,676	7,945	114,005	117,165	(3,160)	491,600
Total Operating Fund Offering	50,621	42,676	7,945	114,005	117,165	(3,160)	491,600
Expense							
1000 - Missions							
1010 - ELCA Benevolence	2,738	2,738	-	8,213	8,213	-	32,850
1020 - Seminary Scholarships	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	2,000
1030 - Helping Those in Need	-	125	(125)	-	375	(375)	1,500
1040 - First English	150	150	-	450	450	-	1,800
1050 - Joseph's Coat Ministry	1,250	1,250	-	3,750	3,750	-	15,000
1060 - HEART	100	100	-	300	300	-	1,200
Total 1000 - Missions	4,238	4,363	(125)	13,713	14,088	(375)	54,350
2000 - Pastoral Ministry							
2010 - Sr Pastor Compensation	4,603	4,503	100	13,608	13,508	100	54,032
2011 - Sr Pastor Salary	-	-	-	42	27	15	163
2015 - Sr Pastor Workers Comp	1,145	1,149	(4)	3,448	3,447	0	13,790
2011 - Sr Pastor Benefits	2,893	2,993	(100)	8,879	8,980	(101)	35,920
2019 - Sr Pastor Housing	8,641	8,645	(4)	25,977	25,963	15	103,904
Total 2010 - Sr Pastor Compensation	8,641	8,645	(4)	25,977	25,963	15	103,904
2030 - Pastoral Care Compensation							
2031 - Pastoral Care Salary	434	504	(71)	1,301	1,513	(212)	6,051
2033 - Pastoral Care FICA	33	39	(5)	100	116	(16)	463
2035 - Pastoral Care Workers Comp	-	-	-	3	23	(21)	139
2037 - Pastoral Care Benefits	391	339	52	1,173	1,018	156	4,070
Total 2030 - Pastoral Care Compensation	858	882	(24)	2,576	2,669	(93)	10,723
2040 - Supply Pastor Compensation							
2041 - Supply Pastor Salary	250	417	(167)	750	1,250	(500)	5,000
2043 - Supply Pastor FICA	19	32	(13)	38	96	(57)	383
2045 - Supply Pastor Workers Comp	-	-	-	2	0	2	1
Total 2040 - Supply Pastor Compensation	269	449	(179)	790	1,346	(556)	5,384
2120 - Sr Pastor Expenses							
2130 - Sr Pastor Continuing Ed	-	7	(7)	-	45	(45)	500
Total 2000 - Pastoral Ministry	9,768	9,983	(215)	29,343	30,267	(924)	121,011

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3000 - Worship/Music							
3010 - Music Director							
3011 - Music Director Compensation	2,295	2,295	-	6,885	6,885	-	27,540
3013 - Music Director FICA	176	176	(0)	527	527	(0)	2,107
3015 - Music Director Workers Comp	-	-	-	14	14	0	83
Total 3010 - Music Director Compensation	2,471	2,471	(0)	7,426	7,426	0	29,730
3040 - Cont Worship Engineer							
3041 - Cont Worship Engineer Salary	624	434	191	1,332	1,301	31	5,203
3043 - Cont Worship Engineer FICA	48	33	15	102	100	2	398
3045 - Cont Worship Engineer BWC	-	-	-	3	3	0	16
Total 3040 - Cont Worship Engineer	672	467	205	1,437	1,403	34	5,616
3060 - Accompanist Compensation							
3061 - Accompanist Salary	-	-	-	-	-	-	918
3063 - Accompanist FICA	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
3065 - Accompanist Work Comp	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total 3060 - Accompanist Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	991
3070 - Organist Compensation							
3071 - Organist Salary	1,149	1,149	-	3,446	3,446	(0)	13,783
3073 - Organist FICA	88	88	-	264	264	0	1,054
3075 - Organist Workers Comp	-	-	-	7	7	0	41
Total 3070 - Organist Compensation	1,236	1,236	-	3,717	3,716	0	14,878
3180 - Maintenance	209	50	159	301	150	151	600
3200 - Altar Guild	678	395	283	828	850	(22)	2,500
3220 - Music Licenses	179	335	(156)	179	585	(406)	1,570
3310 - Choir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3320 - Bell Choir	-	40	(40)	-	210	(210)	600
3340 - Mens Chorale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3360 - Childrens Choir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3410 - Contemporary Worship	-	100	(100)	-	100	(100)	400
Total 3000 - Worship/Music	5,445	5,094	352	13,886	14,439	(553)	56,885

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4000 - Christian Education							
4010 - Children's Ministry Material	-	55	(55)	24	345	(321)	1,050
4040 - Confirmation	-	90	(90)	-	810	(810)	1,800
4070 - Vacation Bible School	-	100	(100)	-	100	(100)	500
4130 - Nursery Supplies	-	-	-	-	25	(25)	100
4140 - Breakfast with Santa/Bunny	-	60	(60)	180	130	50	300
4150 - Adult Education	-	50	(50)	-	95	(95)	950
4160 - Jr/Sr High Youth	-	-	-	-	290	(290)	1,450
4170 - Special Services Events	-	-	-	-	200	(200)	750
4210 - Dir Childrens Mnstry Compensation	833	833	0	2,500	2,500	-	13,500
4211 - Dir Childrens Ministry Salary	64	64	0	191	191	0	1,033
4213 - Child Ministry Dir FICA	-	-	-	2	7	(5)	41
4215 - Child Ministry Dir Work Comp	-	-	-	2,693	2,698	(5)	14,573
Total 4210 - Dir Childrens Mnstry Compensation	897	897	0				
4220 - Nurserly Nanny Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4221 - Nurserly Nanny Salary	-	99	(99)	-	298	(298)	1,191
4223 - Nurserly Nanny FICA	-	8	(8)	-	23	(23)	91
4225 - Nurserly Nanny Workers Comp	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	4
Total 4220 - Nurserly Nanny Compensation	-	107	(107)	-	321	(321)	1,286
4260 - Youth Director Comp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4261 - Youth Director Salary	935	1,020	(85)	2,805	3,060	(255)	12,240
4263 - Youth Director FICA	72	78	(7)	215	234	(20)	936
4265 - Youth Director Work Comp	-	-	-	5	6	(1)	37
Total 4260 - Youth Director Comp	1,007	1,098	(92)	3,025	3,300	(276)	13,213
Total 4000 - Christian Education	1,904	2,457	(553)	5,922	8,314	(2,392)	35,972
5000 - Administration							
5010 - Admin Assistant Compensation							
5011 - Admin Assistant Salary	1,977	1,977	-	5,931	5,931	-	31,918
5013 - Admin Assistant FICA	151	151	0	454	454	-	2,442
5015 - Admin Assistant Workers Comp	-	-	-	12	16	(4)	96
5017 - Admin Assistant Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Total 5010 - Admin Assistant Compensation	2,128	2,128	0	6,397	6,401	(4)	36,456
5020 - Sec Admin Assistant Compensation							
5021 - Sec Admin Assistant Salary	504	750	(246)	1,344	2,250	(906)	3,750
5023 - Sec Admin Assistant FICA	39	57	(19)	103	172	(69)	287
5025 - Sec Admin Assistant Work Comp	-	-	-	1	6	(4)	11
Total 5020 - Sec Admin Assistant Comp	543	807	(265)	1,448	2,428	(979)	4,048
5050 - Office Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
5060 - Office Supplies	164	295	(131)	847	1,805	(958)	4,700
5070 - Postage	439	-	439	903	675	228	2,000
5080 - Telephone	195	165	30	567	500	67	2,000
5090 - Copier	614	540	74	1,659	1,625	34	6,500
5100 - Web Service/Fees	38	20	18	113	100	13	430
5110 - Payroll Processing	362	118	244	905	628	277	1,690
5120 - EFT Charges	108	105	3	297	305	(8)	1,200
5130 - Bank Charges	-	4	(4)	-	13	(13)	50
Total 5000 - Administration	4,589	4,183	406	13,135	14,480	(1,344)	59,177

Messiah Lutheran Church Budget Performance - Mar 2021

	Mar 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Mar 21	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
6000 · Property							
6010 · Custodian Compensation	2,834	2,786	48	8,407	8,359	48	33,434
6011 · Custodian Salary	217	213	4	643	639	4	2,558
6013 · Custodian FICA	-	-	-	67	90	(23)	539
6015 · Custodian Workers Comp	284	287	(3)	853	861	(9)	3,445
6017 · Custodian Benefits	3,335	3,286	49	9,969	9,949	20	39,976
Total 6010 · Custodian Compensation							
6020 · Sunday Custodian Compensation	-	71	(71)	-	212	(212)	847
6021 · Sunday Custodian Salary	-	5	(5)	-	16	(16)	65
6023 · Sunday Custodian FICA	-	-	-	-	0	(0)	3
6025 · Sunday Custodian Workers Comp	-	-	-	-	228	(228)	915
Total 6020 · Sunday Custodian Compensation							
6026 · Vacation Coverage	-	95	(95)	-	95	(95)	380
6030 · Church Utilities/Expenses							
6031 · MLC Gas	1,664	1,150	514	4,814	4,360	454	8,500
6032 · MLC Electric	1,184	1,295	(111)	3,641	4,075	(434)	18,000
6033 · MLC Water/Sewer	1,659	1,815	(156)	1,659	1,815	(156)	7,000
6034 · MLC Trash	217	200	17	642	640	2	2,390
6036 · MLC Pest Control	330	230	100	474	395	79	1,490
6038 · MLC Maint/Repairs	961	500	461	1,622	1,500	122	6,000
Total 6030 · Church Utilities/Expenses							
6070 · Insurance	6,015	5,190	825	12,853	12,785	68	43,380
6075 · Net Insurance Repairs	3,137	375	2,762	3,137	3,075	62	13,300
6080 · Snow Removal	140	50	90	532	380	152	500
6090 · Lawn Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
6095 · Landscape	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
6096 · Community Garden	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
6100 · Custodial Supplies	133	595	(462)	504	1,600	(1,096)	5,000
6115 · Promissory Note Interest	-	-	-	80	80	-	160
6120 · Parsonage Expenses							
6121 · Parsonage Gas	85	-	85	222	-	222	-
6122 · Parsonage Electric	46	-	46	137	-	137	-
6128 · Parsonage Maint/Repairs	134	165	(31)	515	500	15	2,000
Total 6120 · Parsonage Expenses							
6160 · Inspection Fees	265	165	100	874	500	374	2,000
6230 · Church Van Maint/Gas	177	175	2	254	525	54	2,500
6240 · HVAC Maintenance	1,066	675	391	1,066	420	(166)	2,000
6320 · Secondary Property Expenses	390	320	70	1,099	1,880	(814)	6,000
6322 · Secondary Property Electric	-	85	(85)	-	1,145	(46)	2,100
6328 · Secondary Property Maint/Repair	390	405	(15)	1,099	250	(250)	1,000
Total 6320 · Secondary Property Expenses							
6900 · Cap Fund Contribution	1,250	1,250	-	3,750	3,750	-	3,100
Total 6000 · Property							
	16,128	12,477	3,651	34,697	36,663	(1,966)	136,866

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7000 · Fellowship							
7020 · Fellowship Activities	-	55	(55)	-	175	(175)	700
7030 · Kitchen Supplies	197	250	(53)	275	875	(600)	2,500
7040 · Messiah Night	1,152	1,130	22	2,232	3,090	(858)	8,400
7050 · Messiah Chef Comp							
7051 · Messiah Chef Salary	857	857	(0)	2,572	2,572	(0)	10,287
7053 · Messiah Chef FICA	66	66	0	197	197	-	787
7055 · Messiah Chef Work Comp	-	-	-	5	5	0	31
Total 7050 · Messiah Chef Comp	923	923	-	2,774	2,774	-	11,105
Total 7000 · Fellowship	2,271	2,358	(87)	5,281	6,914	(1,633)	22,705
7500 · Outreach							
7520 · Community Concerns	36	-	36	52	-	52	250
7530 · Community Meals Provided	219	190	29	537	410	127	2,500
Total 7500 · Outreach	255	190	65	589	410	179	2,750
8000 · Welcome							
8010 · Welcome Center	133	95	38	133	95	38	650
8020 · Advertising	-	20	(20)	-	20	(20)	80
8040 · New Members Class	-	-	-	-	75	(75)	330
Total 8000 · Welcome	133	115	18	133	190	(57)	1,060
9000 · Stewardship/Finance							
9010 · Contribution Envelopes	-	460	(460)	645	680	(35)	680
9020 · Stewardship Supplies	-	-	-	-	120	(120)	150
Total 9000 · Stewardship/Finance	-	460	(460)	645	800	(155)	830
Total Expense	44,731	41,679	3,052	117,344	126,565	(9,221)	491,598
Operating Fund Net Income	5,890	997	4,893	(3,338)	(9,400)	6,061	2
Income							
0200 · Debt Servicing Income	4,426	3,730	696	11,398	12,130	(733)	45,730
0210 · Envelopes	3,961	3,515	446	9,324	8,350	974	39,460
0220 · Simply Giving	7	4	3	54	13	41	50
0240 · Earned Interest Income	8,394	7,249	1,145	20,776	20,493	283	85,240
Total 0200 · Debt Servicing Income	8,394	7,249	1,145	20,776	20,493	283	85,240
Total Income	8,394	7,249	1,145	20,776	20,493	283	85,240
Expense							
10000 · Debt Servicing	7,073	7,073	-	21,219	21,219	-	84,876
10300 · Church Mortgage Servicing	462	462	0	1,386	1,386	0	5,545
10300 · Parsonage Mortgage Servicing	7,535	7,535	0	22,605	22,605	0	90,421
Total 10000 · Debt Servicing	7,535	7,535	0	22,605	22,605	0	90,421
Total Expense	7,535	7,535	0	22,605	22,605	0	90,421
Net Income	859	(286)	1,145	(1,830)	(2,112)	283	(5,181)

Pastor's Report

April, 2021

Thoughts and Musings

- With all of the pandemic changes and subsequent uncertainties, I was pleased with Holy Week worship. Worship Director Tyler Driggs found all the music we needed and sang it wonderfully. The two of us created an entirely new Good Friday service that was well received. Council person Staci Stought was instrumental in helping me find enough volunteers. Wesley Stought was able to make all the different slide shows. Church Administrator Linda Thompson was able to keep all of it straight as we prepared, made bulletins, announcements and such. It was a great team effort. The many smaller alterations to what we “normally” do went off well, too.
- In person worship attendance continues to increase and online worship remains strong. In person worship is not gaining as fast as I would like, but at a rate that matches what our sister churches are experiencing. Major obstacles continue to be in our way to improve in person worship attendance. Primarily, the pandemic continues to rage. Franklin County is near purple level again. Until pandemic subsides, even our vaccinated members will choose to stay home. For those who do attend, the pandemic restrictions take away from the experience of worship, cf. seating, communion, congregational singing, no fellowship, no organ. With these restrictions, many won't return simply because it doesn't feel right. Finally, going from three to two worship times with two distinct styles is a big ask. No one is worshipping the style they did at the times they did a year ago. I hope in the summer that the rate of spread in our county will have decreased significantly and that everyone who wants a vaccine will have had one. At that point, we can begin to talk about removing carefully some of our pandemic restrictions that affect the quality of our in person worship. A longer and frankly more difficult discussion will have to be had over worship times and styles that make sense with whatever Messiah looks like post pandemic.

- I was excited to welcome back the Children's Ministry. Children's Minister Dawn had ten children in attendance for the first Children's Church she put together Sunday April 11. We had a genuine crowd for the Bunny event, with about 75 children and their family that came. We will be opening up our nursery, soon, too. It will be wonderful to have children return to worship.
- Deacon Elaine continues to be a blessing for our congregation and for me personally. She works hard providing pastoral care for all of us at Messiah. In her wake, as I talk to people who have been sick or in crisis, she has been well received and appreciated. Her ministry that began as a short term fix until we called a new associate has become a valuable gift for our community.
- It was good to see the Praise Team last Sunday. I genuinely enjoy traditional hymns and contemporary hymns. I hadn't realized how much I missed the guitars and drums and until I heard them again. Especially pleasing to my ears is the return of Sarah Schatz playing rhythm guitar again. She is not only excellent, but it allows Wes Stought add to our songs with lead guitar.

Monthly Ministry Report for Messiah Christian School
Submitted by Lisa Powers, Director
April 7, 2021

The fun and learning continues at Messiah Christian School and we are looking forward to the final 7 weeks of school. It feels wonderful to be in school during the month of April as this was not possible last school year. We enjoyed a variety of Easter activities to begin our month and even though Mother Nature played an April fool's joke on us on our Easter egg hunt day, there were smiles and bunny ears all around. We also spent time talking about the events of Holy Week and most recently celebrated chapel with Pastor Karl as he acted out the various stages of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly and how that beautiful butterfly is like the resurrected Jesus. In keeping with the spring and butterfly theme, all our classes will be witnessing the stages of a butterfly first hand as we create habitats in each of our classroom communities and watch our caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies which will be released later this month. Our kindergarteners will be taking the Terra Nova standardized test the week of April 19th, the results of which will be shared with their parents and future school districts upon request.

We are happy to announce the marriage of our beloved teacher Ms. Allison Krischak who is now Mrs. Carroll. Allison and her husband Jonathan were married in a beautiful ceremony at Messiah on March 20th. Mrs. Gabe's class made a beautiful toilet paper wedding gown for Mrs. Carroll prior to her ceremony!

Many of the teachers and staff members of the school are now fully vaccinated and those who have not begun the process have been encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school year continues along with our "curbside" enrollment. We are currently enrolled at 46% of our capacity. Tours are being offered after school hours by appointment. Enrollment will remain open into the summer and until our classes are filled.

Great things happen every day at MCS. We ask for council's continued prayers and support as we work together to keep our school happy, healthy and open.
#vaccinate

MONTHLY MINISTRY REPORT

Ministry: Children's Ministry - Dawn Shepard

Month: Mar

Ministry Chairperson:

Previous / Current Events:

Recorded Prayer Practices with Dawn - Thursdays in Lent, posted to FaceBook
Fun with the Bunny, Saturday, March 27 2-4pm: 72 Children (MANY THANKS to the volunteers who assisted the day of and filled eggs before the event)

Future/Long-range Planning:

Bibles for 3 year olds: Planning for 5/2 and 5/9
Children's Time during 11 am Worship starting 4/11
Thinking about Sunday School
Thinking about Vacation Bible School

Projects Ongoing:

Assistance that would be helpful:

Monthly Ministry Report

Ministry: Property Committee

Month: April 2021

Chairperson: Joe Gulling

Current Events

- **Landscape**
 - **Community garden has 33 of 36 plots returning**
 - **Jimmy and Kathy doing spring cleanup in the memorial garden**
 - **Paul working on the mowing schedule**
 - **Fertilizer completed and mulch will be done soon.**
 - **Kathy replanted front flower pots for Easter**
 - **Need to finish the retaining wall this year!**

- **Parsonage (1160)**
 - **Rented as of April 1st. Tenants moved in Saturday April 3rd.**
 - **Received check for \$2895 which is for rent and security deposit minus management fee.**

- **1180**
 - **Removed pine tree**
 - **Need to repair coach light with cable wrapped around it.**

- **Repaired both the outreach refrigerator and freezer over the last month. Outreach freezer needs the evaporator replaced (\$1149.42). Need to decide whether to repair or replace.**

- **Need to repair gutter and replace a light in shelter house.**

- **No meetings scheduled. May try to meet in shelter house weather depending. Will send out updates to the committee.**

MONTHLY MINISTRY REPORT

Ministry Outreach Ministry

Month April 2021

Ministry Chairperson Suzanne Schmandt

Current

Outreach has been full speed ahead the month of March. We have served our normal monthly meals to the shelters plus 4 Messiah Night Carry Outs Meals. This brought us to providing about 1200 meals. Our many volunteers have been very busy, baking, cooking & delivering.

We provided 40 Easter Baskets to the Children at Choices for their celebration. Our Messiah Family was very generous providing many needed items to fill the Baskets with snacks, candy, toys such as: jump ropes, slime, play doh etc. Choices sent thank you messages and photos to share with the congregation. They greatly appreciate our generosity.

Messiah Carry Out Meals shared the Easter Joy with our neighbors. The children were provided Craft Kits to make Egg Stuffed Pillows, Bunny Ears, candy & treats. Our deliveries received: Easter Artwork provided by the Preschool Children and handmade paper butterflies. Thanks to Dawn and Lisa for providing these special touches for meals.

The Quilters shared the Easter joy with our Shut-ins by delivering Easter Lilies. Everyone was surprised and happy to be remembered.

Harold & Lucinda Thomas have been regularly delivering Food & Personal Care Items to Friends of the Homeless Shelter.

Mike Cochran has been monitoring the Blessing Box weekly, being sure it is well stocked.

We are continuing to post daily vaccine availability on Facebook & assisting as needed.

Respectfully submitted
Suzanne

MONTHLY MINISTRY REPORT

Ministry: Worship and Music

Month: April

Ministry Chairperson: Hollye Burgess

Current Events: There's not much to report. This Sunday will be our first to have two services (other than the Easter services). 9am is tradition, 11 will be the Children's service, featuring the Praise band musicians, whom we welcome back. We hope to have singing as soon as it is safe. (Online worship is always an option as well).

We continue to watch Franklin county COVID numbers and follow guidelines such as masking, social distancing, and contact tracing. Many of us are vaccinated and I urge everyone to get it as soon as you're eligible and can get an appointment. Many, many thanks to Gary Schmandt for his ministry in helping us get appointments.

Thanks for all you do. Peace and blessings.

Hollye

Future/Long-range Planning:

Projects Ongoing:

Assistance that would be helpful: