

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



The Battle of Puebla was an important victory for the Mexican forces over superior French forces. This battle is celebrated today as “Cinco de Mayo,” a day honoring Mexican culture and heritage. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty works to ensure that Gods’ people can freely take a role not only in sharing the Gospel, but in helping society/culture in being humane, civil, and temporally just.

Messiah Lutheran Church May 5, 2024

IT’S TIME FOR VBS SIGN-UPS! VBS is just around the corner! June 9-13, will be, “*Gangway to Galilee,*” and it is an exciting way to learn about Jesus’ life and His great love for His children! So if you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew that you’d like to bring- registration is in the narthex!



SPRING HAS ARRIVED and that means its time to think about outside maintenance again! Please consider volunteering your time to help keep the Messiah grounds beautiful! From simply weeding and clearing of debris to planting flowers and plants- the choice is yours! A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Thank you- Property Management



LAWN CARE Property Management is needed a few volunteers to mow the lawn around the church. If you are interested, please contact Orrin Burch or one of the elders. Thank you for helping to keep our church looking its best!



MILITARY VETERANS of Messiah



A display to honor our members who have or are serving in the armed forces is being worked on. Please consider submitting a picture for the display. Information requested includes: branch of service, highest rank achieved, dates of service. Please submit this information or direct questions to Joyce

Voss. Thank you for your service to our country.

NEW ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for the summer has been published. If you plan to be gone on a given Sunday when you are scheduled, please feel free to swap with another Catechumen and let the head elder know about the change.

SET APART TO SERVE, the LCMS initiative to recruit future pastors and church workers, want to know: Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their lifelong vocation. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

LUTHERANS ENGAGED IN MISSIONS ORGANIZATION is

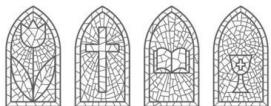


planning another mission trip. We will be going Imuris, Sonora, Mexico, to work at an orphanage called, “Kid’s Kingdom.” We will also be working at a second location called, “Benjamin Hill,” where another orphanage is being built. If you love the Lord, have a spirit of adventure, and a willingness to serve, please consider joining us. For more information contact

Pastor Zellers.

LET’S GET BACK TO NORMAL! Since Covid hit, there were several things that we used to do, but have not been doing in the past few years. It’s time for us to get back to doing the things we used to do, such as serving ice cream at the music events at Art in the Park, Mercy Meals, and Orphan Grain Train. Or perhaps a congregational outing on the river boat or a Larks baseball game? If you are interested in any of these and would consider being the point-person, please let Pastor know.

STAINED GLASS COMMITTEE Copies of the write-up for the proposal are on the display table in the narthex. Please take time to look at the display and pick up a copy of the proposal.



HYPOTHETICALLY SPEAKING would you be interested in taking a chartered bus trip to view the “Ark Encounter” theme park in Kentucky? Pastor Zellers is toying with the notion of possibly offering this trip, sponsored by Messiah Lutheran church of Mandan. Then, by extension, to our local area LCMS congregations to fill the bus. If the bus still has room it could be opened up to larger circles. Right now we are thinking about the possibility of scheduling a full trip. Discuss it with your friends and then speak to pastor. Who knows, God might bless this beyond our wildest notions? – Pr Zellers



MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

- **May 6 @ 6:30 (Location TBD) Forum to discuss issues as the school continues to move forward with middle school**
- **June 1 Deadline for Tuition Assistance Application**



MAIN STREET LIVING

Programs are broadcast starting at **9:00am** -KBMV Xtra Channel 17.3 or anytime at mainstreetliving.com

May 12: Rev. Jim Neubauer, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: **“More Than Meets the Eye”** based on Acts 1:1-11. *“This Is the Life” program: “A Will to Live” - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.*

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