

HAVEN MESSENGER



HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."

March 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary
(social distancing and masks required)

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366> or access by clicking the 'F' icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website www.havenlc.org)



Dear Haven Guests, Friends and Members,

It's the season of Lent. Usually a somber time of reflection and repentance. Yet it seems we are being blessed with light --- a reflecting brightness from the snow and beautiful sun breaking through days of gray. I know we aren't to jump to Easter too quickly. We need this time of Lent to clean out cobwebs of complacency and to redirect our focus from our pandemic-tired self to God and neighbor. Still, this year is so different.

This month it will be a year since we first needed to discontinue worship, fellowship, meetings and Sunday School to discourage the spread of a little-known virus called COVID-19. We've lived in its shadow and mystery and watched unexpected divisiveness and self-centered meanness be unleashed. So, Lord, I ask you to forgive me for wanting to use this Lenten season to turn to you more fully, more deeply, more intentionally for hope, encouragement and the light we so crave after so much darkness. You know the healing we need and the renewed life that we long to know, Lord.

Open our eyes to your presence, your love, your faithfulness and your grace that is evident in each day. Pour your strength and vision into our hearts so that we will keep looking for you and your light and deepen our desire to be your light for the world. As we walk with you through this Lent and through this pandemic, let your promise of resurrection be the air we breathe and your faithfulness be the beat of the song of our hearts. Amen.

Your Pastor and Partner in Ministry,
Linda M Alessandri

HOLY COW!



Easter Flowers

Only ONE week to get
your order in!

Deadline: March 6

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

(flower options)	(cost per flower)
Lilies	\$9.30
Yellow Tulips	\$8.25
Pink Hyacinth	\$8.25
White Hyacinth	\$8.25

Please email (havenoffice@havenlc.org) or call the church office (301-733-5056) to give your order. Payments can then be placed in the offering plate, mailed or dropped in the offering box on the Parsonage porch.

Please include the following information in your email or call.

1. If they are in **Memory** or **Honor** of and the **name(s)** to be printed in the bulletin.
2. Who they are **given by** so these name(s) are included in the bulletin.
3. What **type of flower** and **how many** you want of each one.

COUNCIL

At Haven's Special Congregational Meeting on February 14

IT WAS UNANIMOUS!

**WE'RE GETTING NEW ROOFS, A REBURBISHED STEEPLE AND
NEW AIR CONDITIONER AND FILTRATION SYSTEM.**

WE'RE TAKING OUT A LOAN OF \$100,000.

It's not just a roof, you know. Haven is God's church, a mission outpost. The roof and steeple cross are a witness to God's presence, effort and love for creation right here in the north end of Hagerstown. Our attention to their maintenance announces our "Amen!" to God's work here... it says we are partners with God's redeeming, healing, loving efforts on behalf of the world... and the steeple is just one big exclamation point to the power of God's love and promise of new life for all of creation.

As we face a monthly loan payment added to our 2021 Financial Plan for Ministry, it's not just about money, you know. It's about a living and growing faith in which God truly is a part of every aspect of our lives, including our relationships, time, families and, yes, our finances. As we each look at our resources trying to see from where we can take some money to offer it to God's church, it takes more than good math or budgeting. It means trusting God and God's generosity. It means asking for the wisdom to see how it might work to shift a priority or forsake a luxury for a set time in order to free up funds. If you have never asked God into a conversation over your budget, let me tell you, it is powerful. You would be amazed at what you notice, what you realize you do or do not need and how you can feel empowered and freed when you see that there really are choices you can make, even on a limited income.

I've been trying to play with a theme for our capital campaign. I keep toying with "Praise and Raise." We praise the Lord as we raise the roof of God's church. We will raise the roof with our praise. We praise the Lord as we care for God's mission outpost called Haven and say "we're in" to God's work here. We praise the Lord with our prayer-filled, prayer-planned offerings. And we will grow in faith, trust and joy as we show the community and ourselves that God is alive, faithful and ever ready to bring us to an even deeper life of love and meaning.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM Pastor Alessandri continues to lead a weekly study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Masks and social distancing will be required. Use the door nearest the Big Brothers Big Sisters office & follow the signs. Come explore God's Word with fellow members & see how the Holy Spirit will fill us. We learn... we laugh... we support each other. ALL are welcome.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women of Haven will continue their study of angels in the Bible & in their lives on **Thursday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m.** in the classroom off the main hallway. This third of a 4-part series can be found in the March issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will also be available near the sanctuary entrances. If attending the discussion, please use the entrance near Big Brothers/Big Sister and remember to wear a mask. If you will not be attending but are interested in the study, you may contact Elaine Michael at 301-992-1191 or emichaelteach@yahoo.com to arrange for delivery of a copy of the lesson to your home.

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS Our God Squad will continue to explore the life of Jesus and what he taught us. They will look at what Jesus tells us about helping others. They will also look at how God loves us and everyone. What a great adventure! Thank you for your prayers for our children, their families and our Parish Ed Team.



PARISH LIFE



HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – On **Thursday, March 18 at 2:00pm** our Book Club will meet to discuss **DEACON KING KONG** by James McBride. This is a funny, surprising story of the shooting of a Brooklyn drug dealer & the people who witnessed it. Plan now to join us – all are welcome. (We wear masks and social distance.) Looking ahead, in April we are reading **CARNEGIE'S MAID** by Marie Benedict.

WORSHIP

LENT 2021

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

March 3, 10, 17 and 24 ~ 7:00 p.m. Live stream

Holden Evening Prayer with Reflections

On Ash Wednesday, we renewed our Baptismal promises. During the Wednesdays of Lent, we are considering how we grow and live in those promises.

Take a break each Wednesday. Pause in God's grace and feed your faith.

March 3	"To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper"
March 10	"To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed"
March 17	"To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus"
March 24	"To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth"

WORSHIP READINGS

March 7 *Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22*

March 14 *Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21*

March 21 *Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33*

March 28 *Mark 11:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1--15:47*
Palm Sunday

SONG LEADER SCHEDULE

March 7 – Margaret McKee, Bill Clark
March 14 – Aura Wiles, Grant Wills
March 21 – Nancy Newkirk, Charlotte Loveless
March 28 – Margaret McKee, Grant Wills

WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar. 7 Aura Wiles	Danny Kiblinger	Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder, Marge Cunningham
Mar. 14 Marge Cunningham	Austin Suchy	Doug Wright, Dave Resh, Susan Strobl
Mar. 21 Danny Kiblinger	Maddie Haupt	Marge Cunningham, Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder
Mar. 28 Terry Trovinger	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason, Dave Resh, Susan Strobl

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

March 2

Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell

March 12

Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

HAVEN FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Even during a pandemic, we have 13 faithful volunteers at St. Mark's Food Bank this year. A day at the Food Bank happens every other month and is only 2 hours of your time. All precautions are in place for your safety. We also need volunteers that can be called upon to substitute. Serving as a Food Bank Volunteer is a rewarding service opportunity. If you are interested, please call Pat Pile at 301-791-3470.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Haven Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kindness, your generosity and your desire to let the Meritus Health Care Heroes know they are in your thoughts and prayers. Please know how grateful we are to you for your donation of 20 meals from Locust Pointe Restaurant to support Heroes!

From individual school teachers and business owners, to the team members of local manufacturers and restaurants, we have been receiving an outpouring of support for our frontline caregivers coming to our hospital doors! We are humbled and grateful for your kindness and the kindness of our neighbors.

Haven Lutheran Church, the gifts you have given mean so much and your generosity will bring comfort swirled with a touch of joy to our Heroes amidst difficult days and high-stress situations.

Warmly and with much gratitude, Jennifer C. Maust Bowers (Ex. Dir., Meritus Healthcare Fdn.)



Easter

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ANGEL

CROWN

EMPTY

HOLY

JOURNEY

LILIES

MARY

PALM

SACRIFICE

SPRING

TOMB

ASHES

DAFFODILS

FRIDAY

HOPE

KING

LORD

MESSIAH

RESURRECTION

SALVATION

SUNDAY

CROSS

EASTER

GOOD

JESUS

LENT

LOVE

OF

RISEN

SAVIOR

THORNS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Dolores Carson	03/06
Jennifer Yaraghi	03/09
Candace Reynolds	03/10
John (Cliff) Britton Sr. Sr	03/14
Kristen Schupp	03/14
Janice Merique	03/15
Cindy Rhodes	03/17
Valerie Wills	03/17
Inez Winebrenner	03/17
Brenda Hassinger	03/22
Ken Tice	03/24
Alan Butsch	03/27
Charles Huguenin	03/27
John Britton Jr.	03/30
William Clark	03/31



Is your special day missing?
Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is missing from our list.

We want to celebrate all our members' special days with them.

We celebrate all of God's children!

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Kaplan	03/01
Sandy Powell	03/01
Valerie Wills	03/17
Sharron Moser	03/21
Abigail Andrews	03/23
Dustin Black	03/24
Brenda Manspeaker	03/26
Carol Shull	03/29
Dolores Carson	03/30



NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Phyllis Meyers 301-800-9937

Marge Cunningham 301-991-7022

Please contact the church office if your phone, email or home address has changed. Thank you!

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 AFG	3 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten <u>Holden Evening</u> <u>Prayer</u> Lenten Worship Live stream on Facebook	4 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Coda	5 5:30 AFG	6
7 (<i>Noisy/Hunger offering</i>) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	8	9 1:00 AFG	10 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten <u>Holden Evening</u> <u>Prayer</u> Lenten Worship Live stream on Facebook	11 6:30 Coda	12 5:30 AFG	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Starts</i> 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	15 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Council Meeting	16 1:00 AFG	17 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten <u>Holden Evening</u> <u>Prayer</u> Lenten Worship Live stream on Facebook	18 2:00 Book Club 6:30 Coda	19 5:30 AFG	20
21 (<i>Holly Place offering</i>) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	22	23 1:00 AFG	24 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 pm Lenten <u>Holden Evening</u> <u>Prayer</u> Lenten Worship Live stream on Facebook	25 6:30 CoDa	26 5:30 AFG	27
28 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	29	30	31 NO Bible Study	1 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Live stream on Facebook	2 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service Live stream on Facebook	



Haven Messenger

March

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