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Behold A Savior Comes

"If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be a comfort to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to him" (*Luther's Sermon on the Nativity, 1530*).



There is great delight at Messiah this time of year, especially surrounding our Christmas Musical and Festive Dinner. Messiah Sunday school will present "An Unplugged Christmas". Here is a summary:

"Lindsey and her friends are excited! Why? The local TV station is having a contest for 'The Biggest, Brightest Christmas Show Ever' and they are entered to win! They've planned a great show to impress the secret judge - lots of lights, a rockin' carol medley, and even a Silent Night light show. However, all goes well until *BAM*, all the lights go off! It is in the quiet of a small shining star that they are reminded that Jesus is the true Light of Christmas" (*An Unplugged Christmas*)!

This musical will be presented on Sunday, December 14 at 4pm with a festive dinner (*ham, cheesy potatoes, veggies, punch and cookies!*) to follow. You also won't want to miss the Wednesday, December 17 "Community Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols," an ecumenical event featuring traditional carols,



choral music, and readings of the Christmas story. The season of waiting for our Savior is filled with song, joy, community, lights, decorating, gifts, and parties.

Yet Christ's arrival is quiet, simple, and humble. "Mary gave birth to her firstborn son

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and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2: 7). Now immediately after, angels sang and shepherds bowed down as the world began to change, but in the moment of Christ's birth there was peace, the kind of peace only found when the sights and sounds of this world are stilled by a miracle.

Behold! This miracle comes.
Advent and Christmas Blessings!

See you in church!

Pastor Dawn



Comfort and Joy

The holidays can be challenging for all of us, but especially if you have lost a loved one or are separated from them. You are invited to come on Sunday, December 7 at 10:15 to an hour long session of support and comfort. Take some time to feel the not-so-jolly aspects of the holidays before the holidays really get going. We will meet in Luther Center.

Contact Rev. Kerry Dueholm with questions
at pastorkerry@sccnw.org or 773-301-6428.
Donations for supplies are welcome but not required.

Welcome

"Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of Christians seeking to welcome and connect everyone, make disciples of everyone, and share Jesus' love everywhere.

You're welcome here if you're single, married, widowed or divorced; gay or straight; male or female.

You are welcome here if you have more bills than you can handle, and welcome if you have more money than you know what to do with. You're welcome here wherever you went to school, whatever you learned (or didn't learn), whatever language you speak, wherever you're from, and however you get around.

You're welcome here if you grew up Lutheran or if you don't know what a Lutheran is. People who have mixed feelings about religion are very welcome here, as are people who have no idea why anyone would go to church, who are here to make their relatives happy, or who turned onto the wrong "Old Rand Road" from Highway 12. You're welcome here if you never touch a drop, if you're in recovery, or if you're not quite there yet. You're welcome if you can't stand your parents or if you text them five times every day, and you're especially welcome if you do both. You're welcome here if you're angry, cheerful, confused, doubting, hurt, happy, listless, lost, wistful, yearning; right-wing, left-wing, or not into politics. You're welcome here if all you really need is to be around people. You're welcome here even if you root for the wrong sports team, are in the wrong mood, or you just want to sing.

You are welcome here because God welcomes you."

Council Highlights

Lisa Kelderhouse, (847)322-0381

November 4, 2014 – Messiah Council Minutes

Pastor Dawn asked council to tell about a saint that has gone to Heaven and how that person had an impact on your life.

Pam Dopke shared a report from the Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee. The Committee plans the worship events and maintains the decorations and equipment used in worship to promote inspiring worship. Their goal is to increase participation in worship, and provide a variety of music and cultivate a variety of gifts; musical, dramatic, and artistic. Pam shared that they could use more worship assistants, readers, ushers, etc.



Jennifer Rector shared a report on the Spirit Dancers. They are currently looking for someone to lead the "Little" spirit dancers (age 5-7.) They continue to practice and will be dancing at Christmas.

Pam Dadian shared about music at Messiah. They currently have many strong male singers in the choir and could use more female vocalists. Pam currently has a lead on someone who may be able to help her during holiday services. The SANS will be doing a concert at a different congregation as a fundraiser for infant hospice. Pam would like to do this concert at Messiah also, as a fundraiser for a different cause. Council supports this.



Bob shared ELCA communications. Lutheran Hour Ministries has a \$200,000 matching grant raising money to bring the Lutheran Hour to more listeners, build a new ministry center in Mongolia, create new Bible study videos, and more.

Gerry shared the treasurer's report. There are a number of categories where we are under the planned budget; however property is over budget, mainly due to gas bills. The treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor Ben shared a written report. He shared that worship, music, and preaching were very exciting last month. We grew in familiarity with Setting 9 of Holy Communion, celebrated Reformation Sunday, heard the Sunday School sing in worship, and heard some powerful messages in our series "On the One Hand/On the Other Hand." Even if you're not in the sermon based small group, it's not a bad idea to pick up a "My Contribution to the Conversation" sheet to think more about the readings and messages. Mark your calendars for the Festival of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7pm. Adult forum has concluded a series on Peter Rollins' fascinating book *The Orthodox Heretic and Other Impossible Tales*. On October 26 we heard about the complaint-free living (a phenomenon that you may have noticed was community-wide). This month and next, Adult Forum is examining the practice of communing people who are not baptized as part of a national conversation within the ELCA. Pathway is up and running strong. Worship class is new this year for seventh and eighth graders, with some surprising and delightful results. Consider being a substitute or primary huddle leader if you haven't so far. Pastor Kerry Dueholm will have a limited number of hours available on Sundays after church for counseling members of the Messiah community. Speak to Pastor Ben or Pastor Dawn for details. She is also holding a one-day grief support event for the holidays on Sunday, Dec. 7, with an ongoing grief group planned for the new year. Also, the Messiah tablet computer is up and running! If your ministry wants to be able to accept credit cards for fees, contributions, or sales, just speak to Pastor Ben or JoAnn Freeman. Pastor Ben has been teaching Worship and Preaching at the University of Chicago and he spoke on Christian ethics and football at Eureka College on Oct. 21.

Pastor Dawn shared a written report. She thanked those involved in the Blessing of the Animals, Fall Fest, and the Lost and Found concert. Messiah received six new families into membership on Sunday, Oct. 26. Many of these new members are already involved in ministries of our congregation. Also, we have had baptisms on the last 3 of 4 weekends, with many more scheduled! Based on Messiah's Sept. 28 Wellness Survey, Good Shepherd Hospital is working with our Health and Wellness Ministry to design ministry. Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary in February of 2016. The planning group will begin meeting next month. Pam

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Roncal, a Messiah member, and seminary student, has the opportunity to complete her field education at Messiah. "Engaging a Congregation and the Community in Latino Ministry" would be her project title. Per council approval in October, Pastor Dawn has applied for Messiah to become a Field Education site. The Social Justice Ministry, along with the Multi-cultural group of United Partnership for a Better Wauconda hosted a second Temporary Driver's License workshop on Oct. 11 at Wauconda High School, and on Oct. 12 four participants in this ministry attended the workshop "Immigrant Welcoming Congregations" in Evanston. Messiah's fall stewardship/pledging effort has the theme Open Hands, Open Hearts. The stewardship committee is seeking new members. Staff Support continues to work on the co-pastorate transition and will report more on that in December. Ministries are currently working on their 2015 budgets. Also, during the fall, ministries needing volunteer support have been taking turns with Minute-for-Ministries and clipboard passing. Annual reports are due to the church office no later than Wed, Dec. 3.



Pastor Ben shared that he has received two e-mail responses and one verbal response regarding Messiah becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Council will be voting on this next month.

Vinnie shared a Beautification Committee report. The committee met last month and determined that the entrance to the offices and the Gathering Place entrances are their priorities for 2015.



Pastor Dawn also thanked Pastor Kerry for leading grief counseling meetings this holiday season.

Church Council Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in the Martin Luther Center at 7pm.



"Potluck Recipes"

Caramel Corn

from Sally Lubeno

Ingredients

5-6 quarts corn puffs (from snack aisle—2 bags—better than popcorn—no hulls)
1 cup butter
2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F (120 degrees C).

Combine the butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring enough to blend. Once the mixture begins to boil, boil for 4-5 minutes stirring frequently. Remove from the heat, and stir in the baking soda and vanilla. The mixture will be light and foamy.

In a large bowl filled with the corn puffs immediately pour in mixture and stir to coat. Don't worry too much at this point about getting all of the corn coated.

Place the corn puffs onto shallow greased baking pans. You may use roasting pans, jelly roll pans, or disposable roasting pans. (I used silicone sheets to line the pans. I used 3 jelly roll pans).

Bake for 1 hour giving them a good stir every 15 minutes.

Allow to cool completely on pans, break apart, then store in airtight containers or resealable bags.

Children's Ministry

Tracy Meyer, Director, (847)525-2740

Santa Claus is coming to Messiah! Please join us for a Christmas Musical and Festive Dinner on December 14 at 4pm. This will be a night of joy for the entire congregation and community presented by Messiah's Children and Youth. All are welcome! The Spirit Dancers and the Children's Choir will also be performing at the 9am service on Sunday, December 14 in the sanctuary. The Sunday School Choir (PS-5th grade) is currently working on the songs for "An Unplugged Christmas", a simple musical about the biggest and brightest Christmas show ever!

We have already started the lessons of Hannah and Samuel and The Lord is my Shepherd. We will continue on with An Angel Visits and Jesus is Born as we get closer to the beautiful Christmas season. There will be a lot of excitement happening around the hallways of Sunday School. If you have not registered for Sunday School please pick up a form in the Gathering Place and return it to the Christian Education office. You may also return your completed form in the mailbox outside the CE office or give directly to your child's Sunday School teacher.

Our next Bible Buck Sunday is December 21. Bible Bucks have been introduced to your children this year. They may receive a Bible Buck for class participation, bringing a friend, bringing their Bible, and/or their offering.

Our early winter Mission Project was to work closely with the Good Samaritan Ministry on the "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox gifts. Each class collected items for a child and packed their items into a box. We were able to use our very own CE offering to support this program and help children all over the world. Thank you so much for participating in this project.



Dates to remember:

- December 13 - Cookies with Santa from 10-12
- December 13 - "An Unplugged Christmas" rehearsal 2pm
- December 14 - Children's Sunday School Choir and Spirit Dancers (PS - 5th) will perform at 9am
- December 14 - Christmas Musical and Festive Dinner presented by Messiah's Children and Youth at 4pm
- December 21 - Bible Buck Sunday
- December 28 - No Sunday School
- January 4 - No Sunday School



Knocking down walls of Jericho

MLPK (Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten)

Erica Jawnyj, Director, (847)526-7479

Merry Christmas from Messiah Preschool and Kindergarten! Our hallways are simply buzzing with anticipation of the upcoming holidays and the fun to be had. Amid thoughts of presents, sugar plum fairies and candy canes, our staff will take time out to share with our little learners the true reason for the season-the gift of Jesus.

We are excited to announce that we are hosting our 3rd Annual Cookies with Santa Family Event on Saturday, December 13 from 10-12. The cost for the event is \$10 per family. Activities include making ornaments, snow globes, marshmallow snowmen, and much more. All are welcome to join in the fun...and munch on a warm cookie with Santa! Registration forms are available in our main school office, as well as on the Children's Ministry tables located outside of the sanctuary.

Although it is only December, we are already busy planning for the upcoming 2015/2016 school year. Registration for our popular classes is now open to the community. We offer preschool classes for students ages 2-5, private Kindergarten, Mommy and Me classes, as well as Before and After School Care. Please call the Main School Office at (847) 526-7479 for more information, or to schedule a tour. We would love to show you around and answer any questions that you may have.

Many Blessings to your family from ours this holiday season,

Good Samaritan

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

Jo Ann Isleb, (847)540-0835



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We were able to send 175 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse this year,

well more than any other year! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. With your generosity, our congregation was able to give tremendous support to this mission.



Food Pantry

The Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry is in need of donations. Please bring contributions of nonperishable foods, paper goods, and toiletry items. You can place them in the bins in the Gathering Place or near the mailboxes by the office. You can also make a monetary donation directly to the food pantry. These funds are used to buy perishable items such as milk, eggs, meat, and cheese. Their address is Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, 505 Bonner Road, Wauconda, IL 60084.



Save Stamps from Jewel for Stainless Cookware

Jewel Foods has a promotion to get free cookware. For each \$10 spent, a person will receive a stamp. Good Samaritan Ministry is collecting these stamps to get cookware for various projects such as a refugee family and clients of Love INC. If you shop at Jewel and you don't plan to save the stamps yourself, please consider donating them to us. You can put the stamps in the container in the Gathering Place or Good Samaritan's mailbox.

Messages from Angel Tree Parents



When an incarcerated Angel Tree parent fills out a form requesting gifts for his/her children, there is a place to include a message for the children. We'd like to share some of these messages with you.

Education is the key.

Love you. I promise to change my ways and be the father I'm supposed to be.

Merry Christmas. I love you and God bless you.

The message for my children is that Daddy loves them and misses them. I pray we will be back together soon and that they be good until I come back.

Love you and miss you deeply.

To my daughter who I love and miss the most. I wish I was there next to you on that beautiful day but I wish you well. Merry Christmas. I Love you.

A beautiful gift for a beautiful girl.

God loves you and I love you. So you are loved two times more than enough to grow. Don't leave Christ out of the season.

Merry Christmas son. I love you with all of my heart.

Keep up the good work in school! I'm very proud of you.
Love, Dad

One lady stopped by our table and told us about something she heard on the radio about Angel Tree. A prisoner had lost contact with his family. One year Angel Tree provided gifts for his children. Receiving the gifts actually brought the family back together and they have become a faithful family believing in God.

Youth News

"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."--- Mark 12:31

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350



PATHWAY had its first Worship with Pathway for the year and it was AMAZING! If you missed it, our next one is February 4 at 7pm. Students shared the Lord's Prayer in English AND Spanish with friends, family, and congregation members that joined us. Our Make-Up Pathway class for students that are unable to attend the usual Wednesday night fun has been going great. Students are able to catch up on what they missed in a smaller group setting. They just completed a service project night and helped with some much needed cleaning in the Rock! This class meets a few Tuesdays a month in the Rock Youth House from 7-8pm.

IMPORTANT PATHWAY DATES:

Tuesday, December 2 - Make-Up Pathway Class

Tuesday, December 16 - Make-Up Pathway Class

Wednesday, December 17 - Lessons & Carols Event

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - NO Pathway - Enjoy Winter Break!

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - NO Pathway - Enjoy Winter Break!

Wednesday, Jan. 7 - Pathway Resumes



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP has been spotted volunteering all around town. They recently helped with Emmaus Haus in Lake Zurich. They helped serve dinner to over 200 people and helped run the kid's game and craft station. Next event will be our Holiday Volunteer Day on December 7!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING has been registered! As of now, we have 17 confirmed students and adults going! We will be headed to Detroit, MI from July 15-19, 2015 for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. There are 25 total spots reserved with the possibility of adding a few more. If you are interested in attending this amazing faith growing experience, please contact Kim for registration forms and information as soon as possible. Once spots are filled, we can't add any more!

We successfully had our first Java with Jesus fundraiser breakfast! Thank you to everyone that helped support us! Our next breakfast will be December 21 after all three worship services.

Phantom Ranch Youth Retreat



For more pictures from Phantom Ranch see pictorial on page 11



Melodeers Chorus

An audience of approximately 9,000 watched as the Melodeers Chorus won an unprecedented 7th International Championship at the Sweet



Adelines International Convention in Baltimore earlier in November. Messiah members Dorothy Schilling, Ann Reid, and Julie Kendrick sing in this award-winning choral group. Sweet Adelines International is the world's largest singing organization, with over 600 choruses world-wide.

Music is four-part a-cappella harmony, barbershop style—but this is not your grandfather's barbershop! The 130-voice Melodeers Chorus invites you to attend a rehearsal and join in the fun: 7:30pm Wednesdays at Mart Mariam Chaldean Church, Willow and Pfingsten Roads, Northbrook.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, get well cards, and well wishes during my recent surgeries and I am happy to report that I am on the road to recovery. I officially retired from my position at Metro Storage in Lake Zurich effective the end of November and have moved. Bonnie and I look forward to soon being "on the road" with our travel trailer and seeing the U.S. We plan to travel for the next year or two and, of course, we'll be back to IL visiting our kids, grandkids, and our friends at Messiah so this is not good bye-- it's just... see you in church!!

With much love, Greg (and Bonnie) Jones



Save The Date

February 7, 2015

Feed My Starving Children

For more info,
please contact Noelle Duym

A Time to Mourn

Grief is part of life. The culture tells us that after the funeral we should be done with our grief, but that's simply not true or possible. Come for support, a time for sharing stories of lost loved ones, and education about grief and its effects. This group is for people who have recently lost a loved one or who are still struggling with longer term grief. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons at 4pm beginning January 11. A donation of \$10 a session is requested. Speak to a pastor if you need a scholarship.

Please contact Kerry directly to register or with any questions at 773-301-6428 or pastorkerry@sccnw.org.

Rev. Kerry Dueholm is an ordained pastor. She is completing a master's degree in pastoral counseling at Loyola University.



Messiah's Amazon.com Fundraiser

You can support Messiah through the purchases you make at amazon.com, at no additional charge to you!

Just go to the Messiah webpage (www.messiah-wauconda.org) and click on the shopping cart icon at the bottom of the page.

Once you're on Messiah's Amazon.com webpage, bookmark it so you can return to it directly (or just go through Messiah's webpage again).

Remember to use this link every time you shop at Amazon.com, it's a permanent fundraiser throughout the entire year.

DINNER AND A SHOW

Santa is coming too!

Christmas Musical & Festive Dinner

Presented by

Messiah's Children and Youth



Yours in Scouting Troop 90 Updates

It's that time of the year for our troop's annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser. If you like the smell of fresh pine, are looking for a tree to beautify your home and would like to support our troop, please stop by our tree lot that is set up at the Masonic Lodge across the street from the Wauconda Jewel shopping plaza. We are selling Balsams, Frazier firs, and Scotch Pines. We also have wreaths and garland available for purchase to decorate your home or office, or to give as a gift. Our tree lot hours are Mon.-Fri. 4:30-8:30 pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, and Sunday 9am-5pm. We would love for you to stop by and purchase a tree from us!

Skylar A. just completed his Eagle Scout project. He put in three sets of erosion-preventing stairs going down to the Study Pond at Volo Bog State Park. Nice job Skylar!

Zach T. completed his Eagle Scout project. His project was building a new fire pit at The Chapel in Grayslake. Great job Zach! Thank you for your contributions to The Chapel!

A campout was held at The Hollows in Cary the weekend of October 25. Scouts enjoyed hiking and fishing in this beautiful conservation area of McHenry County. Webelos from Cub Scout Packs 90 and 290 joined us, and the Boy Scouts taught them first aid and camping skills to meet requirements for their Readyman and Outdoorsman pins. It was a successful campout enjoyed by all!

November 8th was Wauconda Care Day. This is a day to give back to our community by helping the seniors and disabled neighbors with yard work and easy clean ups. Thank you everyone who donated your time and service by reaching out to help others in our community!

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from Troop 90!



New Members
and Sponsors



This is a picture of Trevor Cook, who received his Faith Stepping Stone quilt last Sunday. His parents, Al and Deb, Pastor Dawn and Pastor Ben join him.

Thanks to Norma Scheck, who puts all the quilts together for Messiah's youth

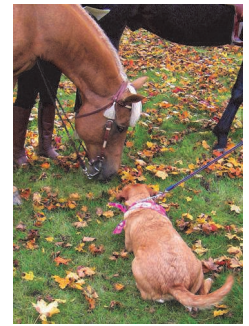
Pastor Ben recently celebrated the 5th Anniversary of his Ordination. His mother surprised Pastor Ben with not one, but two cakes for the occasion. Messiah celebrated with Pastor Ben on his special day. Pastor Ben has been and continues to be a blessing to Messiah.



MLPK
Annual
Book
Fair



WOW!
Looking
good !



Annual Blessing of the Animals



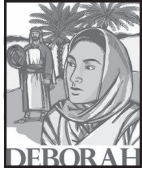
Phantom Ranch Youth Retreat



December Birthdays

Haley, Nicole	1	Rasmussen, Erik	8	Henandez, Aryel	16	Sharp, Joseph	22
Kasula, Steffan	1	Robinson, Amy Jo	8	Hunt, Jenny	16	Aigner, Allison	23
Meyers, David	1	Stapleton, Jonathan	8	Jurey, Paul	16	Hartmann, Samantha	23
Fehsenfeld, Michelle	2	Crispe, Amy	9	Kelderhouse, Lindsay	16	Pelka, Sandra	23
Felderman, Will	2	Gareiss, Chaundre	9	Kimes, Courtney	16	Stanley, John	23
Mandel, Lucas	2	Holden, Linda	10	Lundgren, Abigail	16	Christ, Diana	24
Meese, James Jr.	2	Nebert, Melana	10	Milosch, Chip	16	Morales, Jan	24
Cazares, Julian	3	Pakaski, Matthew	10	Rabe, Emily	16	Stark, Joshua	24
Drobnik, Justin	3	Scott, Sydney	10	Hodera, Kelsey	17	Hass, Dan	25
Engelbrecht, Lyric	3	Danner, Thomas	11	Holden, Kimberly	17	Hazen, Maggie	25
Eddy, Nick	3	Kristof, Jimmy	11	Kasula, Alex	17	Jung, Connor	25
Blair, Jay	4	Pressney, Karen	11	Pakaski, Cindy	17	McCann, Julia	25
Boelke, Dean	4	Vrenios, Susan	11	Scott, Kris	17	Niziolel, Violet	25
Fosbinder, Christ	4	Yacono, Alex	11	Tesch, Holly	17	Reutenauer, Kelsey	25
Murphy, Pete	4	Buesching, Danielle	12	Thompson, Bill	17	Rudden, Catherine	25
Rueb, Charlie	4	Burmeister, Mason	12	Wynveen, Jan	17	Pytlarz, Carol	26
Christoph, John	5	Caudle, Sabrina	12	Barna, Mary Ellen	18	Schwarz, David	26
Gomez, Maximus	5	Cieziak, Jade	12	Charnogorsky, Jeff	18	Day, John	27
Harding, Rick	5	McIntosh, Corey	12	Gonzalez, Rey	18	Dopita, Andrew	27
Kleiner, Tessa	5	Wiersma, Wyatt	12	Holmes, Karen	18	Dopita, Kerry	27
Norris, Bill	5	Winters, Lois	12	Kendrick, Julie	18	Janezic, Steven	27
Pugeseck, Erik	5	Everhart, Samantha	13	Pakaski, Bob	18	Kerkering, Matthew	27
Wylie, Stephanie	5	Houston, Sarah	13	Ranelli, Julie	18	Logan, Desiree	27
Duff, Callum	6	Lewis, Andrew	13	Rinard, Sharon	18	Berg, Cole	28
Jones, Linkoln	6	Lewis, Sophia	13	Anderson, Ethan	19	Graber, Tom	28
Kelderhouse, Paul	6	Lundstedt, Lauren	13	Anderson, Joshua	19	Jones, Stacey	28
Krause, Mick	6	Moser, Matthew	13	Kroes, Kimberly	19	Kidd, Garrey	28
Little, William VI	6	Becker, Jakob	14	Brinkman, Bob	20	Boyko, Tegan	29
Maki, Wendy	6	Cooper, Sarah	14	Broj, Glenn	20	Neeland, Pat	29
Mathiesen, Alex	6	Klesch, Melissa	14	Cudworth, Brandy	20	Peterson, Amy	29
Olson, Chris	6	Sierocki, Ed	14	Haske, Krista	20	Wiersma, Georgia	29
Ahlgren, Lance	7	Burch, Tim	15	Pickup, Katrina	20	Kunath, Bryan	30
Jones, Stacy	7	Dick, Marilyn	15	Prokup, Alden	20	Nick, Madisen	30
Schuhknecht, Kevin	7	Foley, Jim	15	Wozny, Susan	20	O'Malley, Katelyn	30
Frey, Hunter	8	Talbot, Joyce	15	Epstein, Brooke	21	Ornig, Samantha	30
Myers, Grant	8	Vrenios, Ryan	15	Marquis, Robin	21	Anderson, Brian	31
Myers, James	8	Boyko, Chris	16	Petralia, Alex	21	Morrison, Dee	31
Myers, Olivia	8	Hass, Gene	16	Scott, James	21		
Myers, Reagan	8	Heinz, Tyler	16	Thompson, Samantha	21		





Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will meet at 9:30am on December 17 in The Luther Center at church. We will be watching and discussing the next speaker on our Women of Faith Video. Following that we will sing Christmas carols and have a gift exchange. Make sure your gift is wrapped and of value no more than \$5.00. All women are welcome to join us.

Judy Snow 847 526-6880

Generosity Team

by Dave Jarcik, (847)719-2865

THANK YOU!

While the results of the 2015 Pledge Drive, *Open Hands Open Hearts*, are still coming in we just wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone who made or will make a pledge to keep Messiah strong in 2015. Together, with our gifts combined, the people we can bless are endless.

Remember it is not too late to make a pledge. If you missed Consecration Weekend, feel free to drop your pledge card in an offering plate or mail it to the church. Every pledge counts!

Also know that if you still need to catch up on your giving, it is possible to make an online contribution or sign up for Simply Giving by going to our website, click on the \$ sign in the lower left corner and follow the instructions

(<http://www.messiah-wauconda.org/>).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



A.A. & Al-Anon Support Groups

Tuesday	weekly in Faith Hall	7:00p AA; Tom 847-400-4823
Wednesday	weekly in Faith Hall	6:45p AA (Each Step Forward); Tom 847-400-4823
Wednesday	weekly in Faith Hall	8:00p Al-Anon (Port in the Storm); Donna T. 420-4939
Thursday	weekly in Faith Hall	7:00p AA; Mike 847-815-3334
Friday	weekly in Van Buskirk	7:30p AA (<i>Polish speaking meeting</i>); Tom 847-400-4823



Wednesday 9:30am-Marcy B.
Saturday 7:30 & 9am-Patty.

Weigh in times are 30 minutes before the meetings

Be our Guest for a free meeting
Location: Gathering Place

Reminder

The Voice deadline for the
January issue is

Thursday, December 11, 2014

All articles submitted can be e-mailed to
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Thank you very much for your
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Worship Services

Saturday, 5pm

Sunday, 7:30, 9 and 10:30am

Sunday School (Children and Adults), 9 and 10:30am

Join in the fellowship between services!

Messiah's Family

We grieve with. . .

Noelle Duym and family at the death of her step-father, Vitro Rizzi.

We welcomed to the family through Holy Baptism. . .

On Sunday, October 19, Nola Page Bergfalk, daughter of Shawn and Kerry Bergfalk.

On Saturday, November 1, Nolan Robert Setterstrom, son of Brian and Nichole Setterstrom.

On Sunday, November 16, we welcome Sullivan Avery Kinser, son of Robert and Stephanie Kinser.



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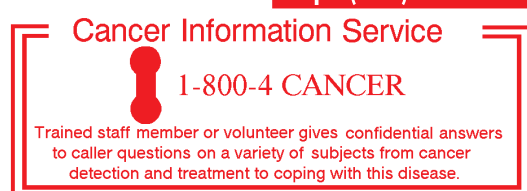
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****Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm**

Community Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols *(Dinner at 6pm)*

****Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship**

3pm Family Worship

5pm Contemporary Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

11pm Traditional Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

****Thursday, December 25 at 10am**

Christmas Day Worship

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