

# THE VOICE

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## Living Face to Face

*For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face.* - 1 Corinthians 13:12a

"One day we will see God face to face and all relationships will be perfected. In Christian community, our vision is to live face to face now - with God, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and with the most vulnerable." - Messiah's Vision



On Sunday, October 21, 2012 Messiah participants came to church with small slips of paper in our hands - slips of paper that answered the question, "What is God calling Messiah to do over the next five years?" With the answer to this question in mind, people began to work in pairs, then fours, then groups of eight and then sixteen, sitting face to face, listening and discerning.

For the next few months, Messiah's Long Range Planning Team met to compile both the large group and individual responses to the question at hand, and the answer that has come is so simple, yet so compelling, "We are called to live face to face!"

### **We are called to live face to face with God:**

(our desire for spiritual inreach)

We are called to come before our Lord face to face in confession, to kneel before the altar, and receive the bread and wine. We are called to times of silence and reverence and to places set aside for our spiritual care.

### **We are called to live face to face with our brothers and sisters in Christ:**

(our desire for lasting connection):

We are called to community, connection and friendship, to small groups, and ministry teams. We are called to the kind of visible love and understanding that takes place, no matter what the situation, when we sit at the table face to face.

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## **We are called to live face to face with the most vulnerable:**

(our desire to care for those who need us most):

We are called to sit at the table with those in and outside our church whose hurts are not going away. We are called to bring ourselves face to face with the most vulnerable, including those we thought we'd never meet. We are called to love and to help.

"Messiah's Vision" is available in the Gathering Place. Please take a look, and please also plan to attend the special congregational dinner on Sunday, February 10 from 5 to 7pm. We are "Setting the Table" that night so that we might gather face to face - with God, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and with the most vulnerable.

*For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. - 1 Corinthians 13:12a*  
The feast is yet to come.

See you in church.

See you at "Setting the Table" on February 10 (for more information go to page 6)

Love and Blessings,

*Pastor Dawn*

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## **Midweek Worship in Lent**

**Ash Wednesday** is Wednesday, February 13. Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will take place at 12:30 and 7:30 pm. No Wednesday dinner will be served that day. Instead, come to dinner on Sunday, February 10 from 5 to 7pm.



**"Setting the Table"** is this year's Lenten theme. Plan to come to church on Wednesday evenings for a catered soup meal at 6pm. (at the usual cost of \$5 per person and \$20 per family). We will gather for Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30pm. in the sanctuary.

## **Sermons Available Online!**

Thanks to the work of Steve Eck, Jason Miller, and our wonderful sound technicians, audio recordings of sermons from Advent and Christmas are now online at <http://messiah-wauconda.org/#/sermons-media>. Click on "Launch Media Player" to see the list of sermons you can hear!



## Venturing Crew 2090

Venturing Crew 2090 meets the 2nd Tuesday (next meeting Feb. 12) of each month in the Spirituality Center from 7 to 8:30pm. What is Venturing? Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts for young men and women who are 14 (or 13 and have completed 8th grade) through 20 years of age. Several goals of Venturing are to experience a program that is fun and full of challenges while acquiring skills in areas of high adventure, leadership, and community service. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please join us at the meeting or contact Dave or Julie Ryman at [dnjryman@ameritech.net](mailto:dnjryman@ameritech.net) or (847) 487-1079. No previous scouting experience is required.



## Blood Drive

Messiah Lutheran Blood Drive will be held Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 12:30pm in the Martin Luther Center. Please consider donating if able. Each blood donation can save up to 3 local lives. Please bring your ID with you on the day of the blood drive. Sign up in the Gathering Area or call Nancy Karnatz, (847)526-2055.



## From The Congregation President

David Kimes, (847)526-6507

I hope this note finds you well. As I pen this message, leadership is finalizing plans for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Congregation, scheduled for January 27 at noon. It's a busy time, but also one that allows us to reflect on where we've been and more importantly where we are going. Solid plans are in place for yet another big year at Messiah. I can't wait to see everything the vision of the future you provide coming to fruition in the coming years. With all of us getting involved, there is no challenge we cannot overcome. It's amazing to see everything that Messiah has to offer and how its missions support people all around the world.

Reading the last issue of the Lutheran, specifically the article on the shrinking church, caused me to pause. As I read this article and thought about the challenges the ELCA is having and compared this to Messiah, I realized how lucky we are to have such a strong place to worship. We are not seeing the same issues that a lot of our sister churches are, which gives us a dubious distinction. Messiah is considered a reference church by the Synod because the things we do help us stand out amongst our peers. This distinction means we have the responsibility to help other churches when they reach out to us. And we do this with our arms open wide.

This past weekend, I looked around at those attending service, all the people that make up Christian Education, and those we interacted with at the Town Hall meetings, and one thing was clear. It's the people, their dedication to their own spiritual development and helping others, that makes Messiah unique. You, all of us, are the most important asset of Messiah.

My tenure as your Congregation President ends January, boy how fast the last two years have gone, guess that is what is meant by... time flies when you are having fun (serving the Lord). Thank you, it's been an honor being your President and helping in some small way to support all the wonderful ministry that Messiah has to offer.

Living Face to Face....

# Good Samaritan

... *Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.* -Proverbs 14:31

Jo Ann Isleb, (847) 540 0835

## Baby Bottles for Tri-County Pregnancy Center

We have the opportunity to help Tri-County Pregnancy and Parenting Services again by filling baby bottles with our spare change. This is such a simple thing to do, yet it can provide resources, for the lost and lonely girls and their babies that come into the center, that they might not get elsewhere, as well as the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Tri-County is a not for profit ministry and they count on donations to continue their services. We will be distributing baby bottles on February 9 and 10. Please help by putting your spare change in a bottle and returning it by February 24.



## Giving Tree Thank You



We received several thank you letters from Giving Tree gift recipients. One was a very nice card from our sister church in Waukegan, Sagrado Corazon, saying, "Thanks for everything. We are very grateful."

We also sent Christmas cards to the prisoners from Angel Tree to let them know that we gave gifts to their children. We received some thank you letters from the inmates. One said, "Thank you for your service and may God bless you all." Part of another letter said, "Shalom and grace be multiplied to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus.....I am writing to say thank you for your kind efforts and love for my kids. I remain you brother in Christ." A third letter said, "Saints, this is merely a sincere letter to tell you all thank you for the Christmas card and most definitely a big thank you for providing Christmas presents for my beautiful daughters through the Angel Tree Program."



**Love INC** (Love in the Name of Christ) Lake County Southwest will be starting their third year of serving people through a partnership with churches including Messiah. Some of the needs that they have filled are:

- A mother who lost her 6 year-old daughter in a drive-by shooting needed furniture, appliances, and lots of love and hope to get established in a new home.
- A senior citizen living alone in a very unhealthy situation needed help making his apartment livable, as well as encouragement to take control of his life.
- A young mother who made ends meet going door-to-door cleaning offices needed help finding a steady job with potential for training and growth.

In 2012 Love INC received more than 750 calls for help from people in southwest Lake County. They also delivered more than 500 beds, dressers, table and chair sets, and appliances to families with verified needs. To learn more about them, visit their website [www.loveincsouthwest.org](http://www.loveincsouthwest.org).



## LSSI Storybook Project

In March, Good Samaritan Ministry will participate in the Storybook Project, a program of LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) and part of their Prisoner and Family Ministry. The focus of this program is to connect inmates and their families. This program allows the inmates to choose a book to record for their children. More information will be included in next month's Voice. You can read more about this project on LSSI's website at <http://www.lssi.org/Service/StorybookProject.aspx>.

# Council Highlights

Nancy Karnatz, (847) 526-2055

## January 8, 2013 - Messiah Council Minutes

The Annual Meeting agenda was discussed. The Council and the Human Sexuality Forum Team will propose to vote at the Annual Meeting on the following:

"In the spirit of "do no harm", leadership recommends that the 2005 and 2009 resolutions be retired and that a vote not be taken on the 2012 resolution."

Council would like to propose the use of both Welcoming Statements for different purposes. One is a more formal version; the second is a longer informal version.

Pastor Dawn presented the "Living Face to Face" document that Long Range Planning (LRP) has assembled from Messiah's Oct. 2012 All Congregation Visioning Event. There are three main categories: Living Face to Face with God (our desire for Spiritual In Reach), Living Face to Face with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ (our desire for Lasting Connection), and Living Face to Face with the Most Vulnerable (our desire to care for those who need us most).

We were short \$5,995 for the 2012 budget. We had an actual income of \$699,502. However, due to the finance committee and the fiscal responsibility of the ministries we ended the year positive due to limited spending. There were many end of year gifts. The proposed 2013 budget will increase to \$720,000,



Lutheran World Leaders met with leaders in the Sandy Storm damaged area. There are prayers of intercessions posted on the web site for the Newtown, CT shooting victims. Many additional ELCA activities and programs can be viewed at the ELCA web site (<http://www.ELCA.org>).

A grief support group will begin in January



Lent and Easter theme will be "Setting the Table". We will move from hunger to feast. On Palm Sunday there will be a progressive dinner and a viewing of the movie "Babette's Feast". The next series of Sermon Based small groups will take place during Easter.

The outgoing council members were thanked for their years of service, Randy Johnson, Jerry Stark, and Nancy Karnatz.

The 2013 Executive Board will be Rand Baldwin, President; Dave Kimes, VP; and Lisa Kelderhouse, Secretary.

There will be three Town Hall Meetings on Sunday, Jan. 13 to go over the "No Resolution" proposal and discuss the 2013 Annual Meeting budget and proposals.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 5 at 7pm.





# Youth News

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350



PATHWAY has resumed and we have begun the Apostles' Creed. Thank you to everyone that joined us for Worship with Pathway - we had a great turnout!

## IMPORTANT PATHWAY DATES:

Wednesday, February 13 --- Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 20 thru March 20 --- Huddle Groups at 6:50pm, followed by 7:30pm Worship

Saturday/Sunday, March 2-3 --- FINK Retreat to Phantom Ranch

YOUTH GROUP (formerly REFUGE) is open to all high school and college students! We meet and attend the 9am Worship Service. After the service, we will travel to the Rock (around 10:30) and meet until 11:30.

## FEBRUARY DATES

3 - NOOMA Lesson - Rhythm

10 - Pre-Mission Trip Wauconda Care Center (10:30-noon)

17 - NOOMA Lesson - Matthew

24 - NOOMA Lesson - Rich

MISSION TRIP in the summer of 2013 will be to St. Louis, Missouri! If you are interested in attending this trip, please let me know as soon as possible and I can get you the needed information. Thank you to everyone that joined us for breakfast two weeks ago! It was our first fundraiser for the trip and it went very well! Keep an eye open for our next fundraiser!

FIRST EVER COLLEGE MISSION TRIP! We will be traveling to the small town of Gentry, Missouri the first week in August 2013. We will be helping the local residents with things around their houses, which could include building fences, painting sheds, or yard work. We may also be bailing hay, making jam, feeding cows, and much more. There are 13 open spots - first come, first serve. I will need to know if you are going by June 1st, so you have some time to figure out your summer plans and school schedules.

*The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble;  
he protects those who take refuge in him, even in a rushing flood. -Nahum 1:7-8*

## Setting the Table

Everyone is invited to a Special Congregational Dinner on February 10.

"Setting the Table" will help us focus on hunger and lead us into Lent. Come find out what you can do to help fight hunger. The dinner/event will take place from 5 to 7pm. Please plan to arrive a few minutes before 5! Tickets are available in the Gathering Place at a cost of \$5 per person and \$20 per family. The cost is \$6 per person and \$25 per family at the door.



## College Student Spotlight - Emily Wortmann

Hi! My name is Emily Wortmann, but my parents call me Princess. I am a junior Elementary Education major at Purdue University. I hope to become an elementary school teacher once I graduate. I am involved in the group Big Brother Big Sisters and an educational group for my major called PSEA, and in November I participated in a Purdue University Dance Marathon.

At Messiah Lutheran, I was a FINK for Pathway for 3 years. I also went on 2 mission trips - South Dakota and Minneapolis. I was involved in VBS at my aunt's church as well. My most memorable experience was going to South Dakota for my first mission trip. Religion has played a big part in my life. It made me closer to my family and friends at church.

The scariest thing I've ever done was moving to Hong Kong when I was in 7th grade. My favorite vacation is when my family went to Australia when I was in 8th grade. And the #1 most played song on my iPod is "Somebody that I Used to Know" by Gotye.

*"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."*



## Pajama Program

Now in their 5th year, Sarah Ulrich and Meg Basco will be collecting new pajamas and new books for the Pajama Program. With Messiah's help, they have collected 738 pajamas and 929 books so far! Please help them reach their goal of over 1,000 pajamas and books.



Last year, the pajamas were donated to the Zacharias Center for sexually abused adults and children. The year before, pajamas were sent to the children in Japan after the devastating tsunami's. The Pajama Program is a non-profit group that supplies new, warm pajamas and new books to needy children, many waiting and hoping to be adopted. They are youngsters who do not know the comforts of a mother or father to tuck them into bed and read them a bedtime story. Many have been abandoned or abused. Pajamas can be for a boy or girl, size infant to size 16. Collection boxes will be in the doorway vestibules until February 28.

For more information call Mary Ulrich at 847-721-5563 or go to [www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org).

*Left to right: Meg Basco, Stephanie Garrity, Director of Stewardship and Development at the Zacharias Center, Sarah Ulrich*

# MLPK (Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten)

Lynda Janezic, Director, (847) 526-7479

We had so much fun learning about snow at the preschool. We learned all about animals that live in snowy and icy regions of the earth. Some of us even built our own igloos! We had a special time on a Saturday with our VIPs sharing a typical preschool day. January was a very special time!

February brings extra love to the preschool. The children share Jesus' love with one another and join in the excitement of mailing Valentine cards. Special gifts for families will be created by little hands to share love. Hugs and kisses will decorate the hallways. The children will enjoy some construction fun and learn about presidents as we celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Family Fun Fest 2013 on Sunday, February 24 from 3 to 5pm. The Family Fun Fest is Messiah's largest fundraising event and is designed to raise funds for the school. This year the proceeds will be dedicated to security enhancements. Plan to join us for tumbling, bouncing, and jumping fun at Cary Gymnastics Center, along with raffles and silent auction items. An exciting Extended Care Day Field Trip is being offered on February 18 for the Presidents' Day off from school.

Please contact the Messiah Preschool office for details.

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is ongoing. Many classes are filling up quickly, so tell your family and friends to join us soon for our tour and introduction to the wonderful learning experience at Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten. Contact us at [luhl@MLPK.org](mailto:luhl@MLPK.org) or 847-526-7479.





# Children's Ministry

Tracy Meyer, Children's Ministry Director, (847)540-9223

Hope this New Year has been happy and healthy so far. We have a lot going on in Sunday school. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the families and the community surrounding the Sandy Hook Elementary school during this saddened time. The children at Messiah made some beautiful snowflakes and we sent them in a care package to the Connecticut PTA. Some snowflakes came from different parts of the world. It's amazing how small an effort can become so beautiful for someone else in need.

We are well on our way studying stories from the New Testament. We are and will continue learning about The Sower (Matthew 13 1:-9, 18-23), Jesus Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-23), and The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15).

Marshmallow Mania is well under way. Thank you for bringing in your Bibles and offerings.

Also, please remember to share Jesus' love by asking a friend to come worship and join your child at Sunday School.



## Upcoming Dates

March 31 -Easter Sunday Egg Hunt (No Sunday school)

May 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion (5<sup>th</sup> grade students should all have received information)

May 19 - Marshmallow Mania

June 10-14 - VBS

It is truly a blessing to teach your children about Jesus' love. Thank you for being a part of our Sunday School. As always, I am looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping with Sunday school or VBS please contact Tracy at [Messiah.CE@Messiah-Wauconda.org](mailto:Messiah.CE@Messiah-Wauconda.org).



Baby Shower for Jennie and Jason Miller

## Adult Forum: Heaven and Hell

Have you ever wondered what we are "saved" from? Who is saved? And how? What about hell? What about people who aren't Christians, or who are not observant in their faith?

Come to the Adult Forum in February and March to hear about these and other questions about what Jesus did, how, and for whom. We'll be discussing selections from Rob Bell's recent, controversial book *Love Wins* along with key passages of the Bible and ancient wisdom on these big questions. For more information, contact Pastor Ben at [pastor-ben@messiah-wauconda.org](mailto:pastor-ben@messiah-wauconda.org).



## Generosity Team

Dave Jarcek, (847)719-2865

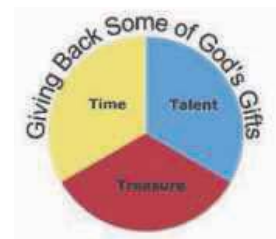
### Thank You!

I personally want to thank everyone who contributed to help keep Messiah strong in 2012. As you recall, to finish on budget we needed to reach \$140,000 in giving for December. I'm proud to say that we almost made it; only \$7,200 short! The leadership of Messiah had done everything they could to cut expenses in 2012; the shortfall in giving was offset by these reduced expenses. As they say in the business world, we finished in the "black". Let's build on this momentum in 2013! Why wait until December of 2013? Have you considered on-line giving? It is an easy way to budget your cash flow, which helps Messiah's cash flow too. To sign up for Simply Giving go to our website, click on the \$ sign in the lower left corner and follow the instructions (<http://www.messiah-wauconda.org/>).

Did you also know we need your time as well? We have so many ministries that need volunteers. Whether it is helping in Sunday School, stuffing envelopes, swinging a hammer, or helping PADs; any amount of time you can give would be awesome! No experience necessary!

Which leads me to another question, what is holding you back? We all have excuses, but have you seriously prayed to God and asked for his guidance? Prayerfully consider what you can do to give back to your church and community. Time and time again we are reminded by God that we are all in this together.

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



## Sunday Adult Forums

The Adult Forums meet in the Martin Luther Conference Room each Sunday at 9 o'clock. We invite you to bring your coffee and donut as we continue to learn and apply God's word to our lives. This month we will continue to explore "The Big Questions".



## Small Group Opportunities:

**Bible Study** on Revelation in Feb./March led by Suzanne Delacruz on Mon./Wed. night.

**Concert Group** invites all to hear Greater Vision (southern gospel) at Evangelical Free Church, Wauconda on February 24 at 7pm

**Servant Group** serving at soup kitchen in Feb./March.

Register at connect table in gathering area or for more information call Karen Logan, (847)526-5845.

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## Lent Worship: The Meditations of All Our Hearts

For Lent this year, we are going to experience greater periods of silent prayer during worship. In ancient times, the season of Lent was a period of intense preparation by people who were preparing for baptism. They would fast, pray, and give alms, and the congregation would share those disciplines as a way of joining more closely in unity.

At Messiah we are seeking to have a heightened experience of God's presence by creating more times for silent prayer and reflection during our Lent worship services. First, there will be a brief silence for prayer between the introduction ("Let us pray") and the prayer of the day. We will pray individually, and the communal prayer will collect all our prayers together before God.



Second, we will keep silence for a period following the sermon. This will give all of us the chance to meditate on a word, phrase, or prayer petition that occurs to us, or simply to dwell in the silence of God for a moment before we begin the prayer of the day.

Third, the prayers of intercession will not have any spoken responses by the congregation. The minister will conclude each intercession with an invitation to "pray for the church," "pray for the world," and so on, and each of us will continue our prayer silently.

Lent was not originally meant to be a time of gloom and sorrow. It can be a time of joy, a time of special focus on the prayers of our hearts and on the voice of God to us, as we prepare for the glorious (and noisy!) feast of Easter.

## Birthdays

Capek, Jessica	1	Thompson, James	8	Nikolich, Christine	14	Collins, Kathy	21
Henrie, Madelyn	1	Vargas, Nutiri	8	Carlson, Daniel	15	Day, Ellen	21
Jetson, Ayden	1	Whiteley, Jean	8	Falk, Matthew	15	Innes, Kelcey	21
Meeke, Tina	1	Abrahamson, Peter	9	Jones, Ed	15	Matasek, Mary Kay	21
Snoke, Edgar	1	Ahlgren, Kendra	9	Kane, Laurie	15	Richartz, Stephanie	21
DeWyze, Jared	2	Carlson, Benjamin	9	Miller, Don	15	Liddell, Mark	22
Dougherty, Audra	2	Durante, Christina	9	Mueller, Remi	15	Lloyd, Robert	22
Erickson, Raegan	2	Krieter, Kyle	9	Way, Kevin	15	Lloyd, Sara	22
Kazimour, Jake	2	Landwehr, Edie	9	Wright, Bridget	15	Meyer, Carol	22
Prate, Nicole	2	Mantell, Jacob	9	Zinke, Alec	16	Niziolek, Karen	22
Anderson, Toni	3	Nedli, Randi	9	Duffy, Andris	16	Nordmark, Brynn	22
Fritz, Danielle	3	Rowley, Steve	9	Edwards, Catherine	16	Pennino, Kim	22
Himmelman, Debbie	3	Whitman, Peggy	9	Harrop, John	16	Schildkraut, Eric	22
Johnson, Christopher	3	Berg, Aimee	10	Harrop, William	16	Dempsey, Jacob	23
Kivlehan, Aidan	3	Day, Karen	10	Hornsby, James	16	Nelson, Jeannine	23
Messerschmidt, Sarah	3	Keagle, Jim Jr.	10	Carpenter, Jessica	17	Ross, Laura	23
Sandquist, Benjamin	3	McKeon, Alyssa	10	Osburn, Ashton	17	Salte, Katie	23
Brandt, Michael	4	Olson, Lorri	10	Ruhnke, Kurt	17	Blomberg, Erik	24
Conlon, Katy	4	Pearl, Bruce	10	Tischauer, Amelia	17	Jukich, Jenene	24
Graber, Colin	4	Vrenios, Michelle	10	Walker, Cameron	17	LaBelle, Nick	24
Hayek, Michael	4	Berzigan, Ed	11	Dunn, Joan	18	Reinhardt, Mary	24
Lomas, Amy	4	Bobowski, Lindsay	11	Lunsford, Christian	18	Boe, Sara	25
Snedecor, Jessica	4	Bobowski, Tyler	11	McNulty, Jack	18	Flanagan, Nicole Jenkins	25
Burmeister, Makala	5	Falconer, Caitlin	11	Miller, Amanda C.	18	Helms, Kristin	25
Fella, Cassidy	5	Fritz, Alexandra	11	Offenwanger, Walter	18	Irlbeck, Jim	25
Henrie, Cole	5	Hinz, Henry	11	Pate, Michael Jr.	18	Katsma, Kellan	25
Kivlehan, Aubry	5	Raaths, Jennifer	11	Shaver, Matthew	18	Ziemba, Tom	25
Langel, Brooke	5	Jarcik, David	12	Beck, Derek	19	Benson, Debbie	26
Fewkes, Maggie	6	Lulis, Dave	12	Clark, Tori	19	Karris, Jack	26
Hoffman, Matthew	6	Markko, Beth	12	Cutro, Tricia	19	Myers, Russ	26
Kerbs, Bob	6	Richards, Makayla	12	Himmelman, Rhiannon	19	Rennels, Kelly	26
Lundsten, Jordan	6	Salte, Terry	12	Merkner, Charles	19	Beziring, Kayla	27
Lunsford, Hal	6	Wisniewski, Tasha	12	Nebert, Dawn	19	Karnatz, Nancy	27
Morrison, Jacqueline	6	Filipiak, Charles	13	Verdico, John Jr.	19	Kasula, Dean	27
Bell, Gracey	7	Krachtus, Carlie	13	Adams, David	20	Mantell, Sophie	27
Crispe, John Jr.	7	Reyes, Alexander	13	Allare, Mike	20	Mullaney, Dolores	27
Dungjen, Hannah	7	Smizinski, Lucas	13	Carpentier, Kaylee	20	Niziolek, Bridget	27
Isaacson, Ryan	7	Voeller, Kasey	13	Howell, Cameron	20	Ruhnke, Dawn	27
Penar, Larry	7	Ciezak, Aleena	14	Olson, Dan	20	Whitman, Melissa	27
Erdstrom, Caileigh	8	Deshler, Patrick	14	Schmitz, Derik	20	Carlson, Zachary	28
Karas, Nicole	8	Frey, Mike	14	Ward, Sally	20	Harling, Vicki	28
Thomas, Julie	8	Hewes, Katie	14	Brinkman, Amy	21	Schultz, Eric	29

## Grief Support

The newly formed Messiah Grief Group had been postponed until late March or early April. The sessions are about 1 ½ hours and run for eight weeks. Please watch the bulletin for details. We will need to have a minimum of 5 members to start the group.

If you have experienced a loss and need to talk to someone before the group begins meeting, please feel free to call Cheryl Batchelor, (847)526-1708; Grace Jorgensen, (847)526-4306; or Pat Neeland, (847) 526-7409. They have been trained as Grief Facilitators at Good Shepherd Hospital. Our pastors are always available as well as our Stephen Ministers.



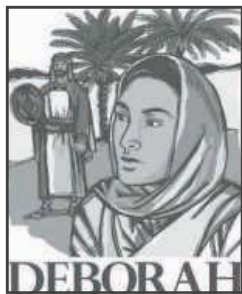
## Mission Interpreters

Messiah's Mission Interpreter's Bonnie Jones and Grace Jorgensen have been really busy working with Pastor Dawn and the newly formed Justice Ministry in preparation for Lent and Easter. The emphasis at Messiah during Lent and Easter is going to be on global hunger. We hope everyone enjoyed and learned from our first event which took place on February 10. "Setting the Table" showcased the problems of hunger in our own community and around the world.

We hope everyone will participate in our Grocery Bag Project. Stop by our table to participate in this project. For a donation of \$5.00, you will receive a Grocery Bag which we are asking you to take home and decorate. Perhaps you would like to share your favorite Bible Verse or an inspirational quote. Maybe you prefer flowers and smiley faces. Be creative. (Remember Building God's House? You can do it.) Bring your decorated bags back to church filled with non-perishable food. Your donation of \$5.00 for the grocery bag will go to ELCA World Hunger and your food donation will go to the Wauconda Food Pantry. By participating in this project you will help fight hunger locally and globally.



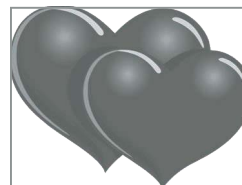
These are just the first of many exciting projects that are planned for Lent and Easter. Please watch your bulletin and future Voice articles for future updates. If you would like to help with any of these special projects, call Bonnie, (847)540-5798 or Grace, (847)526-4306.



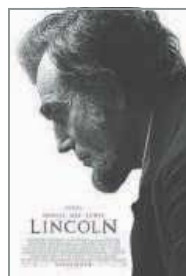
Deborah Circle will meet in Luther Center at church at 9:30am on Feb 20. We will be doing session three of our book and video series, "When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box,"

## Manna Cards

Valentine's Day will soon be here. Manna cards are the perfect size to tuck into a card to send to your mom or grandmother. You can even tie one onto a single rose or a huge bouquet or put one in a box of chocolates. A manna gas card for your college-age son or daughter would be much appreciated. We also have many restaurant cards for you to purchase to use when taking your special sweetheart out to dinner. Remember to get manna cards for yourself when you go shopping for that special gift for your loved ones. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. School will be out on President's Day--take the kids out for a fun-filled day at the movies followed by lunch--think ahead and get a manna card for your favorite restaurant. All manna card purchases benefit Messiah ministries at no additional cost to you.



## Lunch and Movie



The Lunch/Movie Group finished 2012 with the "Lincoln" movie and began 2013 having lunch at Panera Bread and seeing "Zero Dark Thirty". They hope to see more

of the Oscar nominated movies coming up. Everyone is welcome to join us whenever you can. Announcements are made via e-mail and in the Sunday bulletins. Send an e-mail to [sally.lubeno@comcast.net](mailto:sally.lubeno@comcast.net) to be added to the address list. See you at the movies!!



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### **In Our Prayers ...**

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Erica Wagner  
Bonnie Miller

### **Birth Announcements:**

To Jason and Jennie Miller, a son, Rowan Alexander

### **Holy Baptism:**

Welcome to Ethan James and Riley Orin Carr, sons of  
Bradley and Stasia Carr



### **We Extend Our Condolences to ...**

Jason and Jennie Miller and family at the death of Jason's uncle Deacon Anderson  
Debbie Hoy and family at the death of her sister-in-law, Susie Hoy  
Al and Debbie Cook and family at the death of Deb's mother, Carmella Foster  
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Sunday, Feb. 3 Super Bowl Sunday



Tuesday, Feb. 5 Council Meeting 7pm

Sunday, Feb. 10 "Set the Table" Dinner 5-7pm

Wednesday, Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday



Thursday, Feb. 14 Valentines Day



Monday, Feb. 18 Presidents' Day



Sunday, Feb. 24 Blood Drive 7am-12:30pm  
Return Baby Bottles  
Family Fest 3-5 pm



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