

# THE VOICE

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## Come to Messiah's Annual Meeting!

The Annual Meeting of our congregation, required by our Messiah constitution, is a time for necessary church business to be conducted. It is also a time to give thanks for the ministry of the previous year. One thing I love to do every year is summarize numbers. For example, in 2014, 1000 pounds of produce came from Messiah's Caring Garden, 5300 food items were collected for the Food Pantry by Vacation Bible School participants, and \$55,234 was given by our congregation in benevolence. I look forward to reading about our 2015 accomplishments as the 2015 Annual Report is compiled.



Yet what I am most blessed by at each year's Annual Meeting is the chance to look ahead and imagine God's call to us in the coming year. In 2016, two efforts I look forward to are "Investing in People" and "Embracing Diversity".

"Investing in People": Beginning in February 2015, Pam Roncal and I were blessed to participate in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod's Intentional Impact Ministry. By mid-year we were sharing Intentional Impact principles with Messiah leaders and the congregation. Intentional Impact is designed to help congregations recruit and develop leaders. It is based on the conviction that all people are brilliant, and we are called to look for and acknowledge the gifts of our brothers and sisters in Christ. "ICNU" (I see in you ...) is a phrase to help us share with others the gifts we see in them. This model also encourages apprenticeship so that new leaders have current leaders as mentors, and personal invitation is emphasized. Leadership is beginning to use this model, an "Investing in People" retreat will take place in early January, and I look forward to opportunities for our whole congregation to invest in people, in and outside our congregation.

"Embracing Diversity" has also been a highlight in the second half of 2015, and will continue in the coming year. Our relationship with Sagrado Corazon has been a blessing as they assist us in being relevant in a changing community (School District #118 is currently 26% Latino). We are thankful for bilingual

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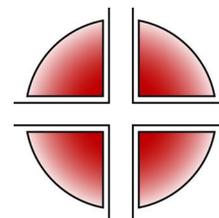
Pastor T. "Carlos" Anderson's September sermon, the continued efforts of the Mission Development Team, the "Church in a Changing Neighborhood" series, our immigration stories and Gathering Place map, our congregation's participation in the Cultural Diversity group of United Partnership for a Better Community, and our members teaching ESL at Wauconda High School and the Wauconda Area Library. A highlight of 2015 was the bilingual Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Sagrado Corazon, which we look forward to as an annual event. Local Spanish speakers helped with our event publicity. In 2016, our Mission Development Team, among other things, will help us to be more culturally inclusive and work to form a core group of leaders in this ministry, as we consider the future need for a local Latino missionary.

"Long-term Financial Sustainability" and "Community Visibility" will also be focus topics as we look to the coming year. Watch in particular for the "Signs of the Time" effort. We have an exciting future before us!

The Annual Meeting of Messiah will be held on Sunday, January 31 following the 10:30 a.m. service and a potluck lunch. Town Hall Meetings, related to the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17 after each Sunday service in Luther Center. All topics are welcome. Let's gather, face to face, and listen to each other and listen to God's voice that leads us into the future.

Love and Blessings!

*Pastor Dawn*



## 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

Dec. 1, 2015 - Messiah Council Minutes

Pastor Dawn asked Council to share what they are grateful for in 2015 and what they are looking forward to in 2016.

Julie Kendrick shared a ministry report from Joyful Outreach Ministry. JOM has not had a line item in the budget for the last few years, meaning that they raise money for any events that they organize. For the past few years there was money in dedicated accounts for Outreach. However, this money has run out and JOM will be requesting budget money. JOM would like Messiah's signage to be more lasting and would like some help from the church to raise money for the signs. Preschool has offered to help with the signs as well. Julie also shared a report from Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry will send Julie Kendrick to leader training in April. The Stephen Ministry program ministers to people in need of counseling. Many times people will talk to a Stephen Minister after they have talked to a Pastor and now need further counseling. Stephen Ministers train for 80 hours. The Stephen Ministry program will send one or two people to training in St. Louis for leadership training. Pastor Ben has contacted Stephen Ministers from the Village Church in Barrington and Julie will be collaborating with this ministry.

Sally Lubeno provided a written report from the Hospitality Committee. In January the committee coordinated, set-up, and cleaned up the annual meeting potluck. In each month following they also coordinated a potluck at events such as the New Member Class Reception, Agape Feast, Ecumenical Picnic, Musical and Festive Dinner, and many more. Hospitality Committee relies on volunteers to help with various events. They are always in need of helping hands. Please let Sally or Sue Shepherd know personally or via e-mail ([sally.lubeno@comcast.net](mailto:sally.lubeno@comcast.net)) or phone (847-526-9308) if you would like to volunteer.

Erika Jawnyj shared that the Preschool had a great year financially and would like to spend some money on flooring in the classrooms. They would like to replace the flooring in the first four classrooms in the Preschool wing classrooms. This will be fully funded by Preschool and completed over Christmas Break. It will be installed by a church member. Erika is asking for council approval. Council voted and approved. Deena and Erika also shared some concerns about the shared space between the Before and After School and PADS ministries. There are over 80 kids in the Before and After school program and the program has a lot of equipment that is moved in and out to share the space. Deena Rossi shared some safety concerns about items left by PADS that could fall into the hands of the children. Pastor Dawn shared that after the PADS leaves the basement is cleaned, then Sunday School uses that space, then the cleaning crew cleans, and then Before and After School employees come in to move everything back in place. It was determined that there needs to be better communication between groups. There is a meeting set up between the PADS ministry and the Preschool/Before and After School.

Bob Nash shared ELCA Communications. ELCA celebrates 45 years of ordaining women. Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is the denomination's first female presiding bishop, elected in August 2013 by the ELCA Church wide Assembly. She was ordained in 1981, 11 years after the first Lutheran woman, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Platz, was ordained Nov. 22, 1970, by the Lutheran Church in America, one of the ELCA's predecessor church bodies. Today, the proportion of active clergy who are women is 35 percent, compared to 21 percent in 2000. In the past five years, 49 percent of people ordained were women and in the ELCA's eight seminaries, the number of women and men preparing for ministry is about equal.

Lee Armagost shared a Finance Committee Report. He also shared a 2016 preliminary budget.

Gerry Lemke gave the treasurer's report. November was a great month financially. We had \$70,000 in income which means we are now \$5,500 behind our planned amount. We are at \$616,000 year to date and need \$105,000 in December to reach our budgeted year-end amount. Treasurer's report was approved.

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Pastor Ben shared a written report. November marks the end of the church year, with All Saints' and Christ the King, and the beginning of a new one, with the season of Advent. This means a lot of change and activity in worship, music, and preaching. We celebrated the festival of Christ the King on Nov. 21-22 and the first Sunday in Advent on Nov. 28-29. The Advent seasonal music will be distinctive, with all the verses of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" being sung over the course of the season as the gathering song and "He Came Down" as the offering response. We also had a strong and well-attended Worship with Pathway and a joyous bilingual Thanksgiving Eve service, both reminding us how powerful these occasional services can be when they are done with such care and purpose. Big, big thanks to everyone who was part of those services. Pam Roncal deserves particular praise for her work in bringing us together with Sagrado Corazon for Thanksgiving. In Advent we are switching from the usual Revised Common Lectionary to a relatively new option called the Narrative Lectionary for our Scripture readings. This series of readings uses longer sections of the Old Testament and goes in a clearer chronological order. It is an option we may wish to consider for year-round use at some point. Adult Forum was very busy in November as well. We had great presentations from Sandy Moran of School District 118 and Maria Rojas from Calvary Lutheran Church in Chicago. We also discussed theology, worship, and the economic impact of immigration. These conversations have been powerful and informative. They chose to extend the series one more week to Dec. 6 to allow an open session for imagining how our church family might faithfully respond to a changing neighborhood, and what it could look like. Pam Roncal did a great deal of work in making this series happen. Thank you to everyone who participated. For the rest of December and into January they will be reading Nadia Bolz-Weber's new book *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. Christian Basics is over for the year after two very successful groups, but they're already looking ahead to February and two new groups during Lent. Anyone interested in membership, baptism, adult confirmation or general learning is invited. The communication ministries were active in promoting events by Facebook and email. The messages continue to be opened by about 40% of recipients; they are no doubt lacking many addresses. Facebook posts continue to reach anywhere from 40 to 500+ people recently. Keep 'liking' and commenting to ensure wider reach. The bilingual materials have been a great way to get connected with people in the Latino community as well. An integration of the Voice material and more social media management is still needed; think of tech-savvy folks who might enjoy helping out with this. Pastor Ben had the chance to lead preschool Jesus Time and Pathway worship class. They also had a very fun, if rather sparsely attended, youth dinner and jazz concert on Nov. 8. Be sure not to miss upcoming events: The Christmas Musical and Festive Dinner on Dec. 13, in which Pastor Ben is playing the greedy and lonely Mr. Carmichael, the ecumenical Festival of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 15 at Church of the Holy Apostles, and the Posadas celebration at Sagrado Corazon on Dec. 16. Pastor Ben also attended a meeting of the Let's Talk editorial board on Nov. 7 at Irving Park Lutheran Church in Chicago, the Wauconda-Island Lake Ministerial Association at the Relationship Center on Nov. 10, and the North Conference of the synod at Atonement in Barrington on Nov. 19. There were eight pastoral visits, one coffee meeting with a couple considering church membership, and a funeral as well. The parsonage work is very nearly complete. Thanks to Steve and Judy Snow for housing Pastor Ben's family while the basement floor epoxy was drying.

Pastor Dawn shared a written report. Focus: Tonight council will hear about our Goals Group's focus on three areas. In our congregation's lifecycle position, we will trust God to lead us in three principles: Investing in People, Embracing Diversity, and Planning for Long-term Financial Sustainability. We will focus on these principles in all we are doing (rather than adding many new things, using old models, etc.) Currently Council and Ministry Directors have begun to focus on the first two. The congregation's engagement in all three will have the greatest impact. The "Investing in People" Retreat will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9 beginning at 8:30am. We will finish by noon. Pastor Dawn could use a couple of people from council to help with set-up, food, etc. Please attend if possible and please RSVP when you receive your invitation. Our Mission Development Team met with Rev. Hector Garfias from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod on Thursday, Nov. 19. Some action steps include working to make our church culturally welcoming, creation of a core prayer or Bible study group, and developing the need for a local Latino missionary. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Bilingual Thanksgiving Eve Worship. We served 150 at dinner and 169 were in worship. Thank you especially to Pam Roncal for being the liaison between Messiah and Sagrado Corazon. Next year will be our third year of

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bilingual worship. Each time we learn things and look forward to using our learning to develop other bilingual worship opportunities. Thank you to Sally Lubeno for the welcome signs in Spanish. Next year we will add intentional ways to reach out and connect with visitors. Sagrado Corazon has invited Messiah to join in their Posadas on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in the evening. This will be one evening in a nine day reenactment of the holy family seeking "lodging/posada". Pathway students and all Messiah participants are invited! Current and Future example of Investing in People and Embracing Diversity are available in previous reports. Our Goals Group look forward to Celebrations of Milestones and People related to our goals! PADS leaders met on Wednesday, Nov. 18, about 20 were in attendance. Thank you to Lisa Charnogosky, our Volunteer Coordinator and Martha Lemke, our Food Coordinator. Thank you also to Gerry Lemke, Jen and Lance Stengel, and Joe Schwarz who will serve as Site Manager in January-April. Thank you to Candy Leonard, our outgoing Ministry Director, for supporting the transition, and thank you to Dave Isleb, who will continue to schedule laundry and bus volunteers through Jan. 1. It takes our whole congregation to support this ministry, so thank you Messiah! Additionally, a space-sharing meeting will take place on Friday, Dec. 18. Thank you to Lee Armagost for reporting for Finance this evening. Finance has collected budget requests and has put together a rough draft budget. We have about 75% of expected pledges in. Over half the pledges show and increase from last year. Steve Snow and Pastor Dawn are putting together a year-end letter letting the congregation know of the \$105,578 needed in December. This need is consistent with December income for the past several years, so with a reminder and God's help, we are encouraged. Council will approve the 2016 budget on January 5, once 2015 income is determined. Thank you also to Tom Meyer, Dave Jarcik, Pastor Ben, Benjamin Bullfrog, Messiah's Prayer Ministry, and Valerie Campbell for helping with "Spirit of Gratitude". They look forward to adding Long-term Financial Sustainability to their work. Messiah's Social Justice and Mission Interpreters Ministries have combined and will focus on three areas this coming year: The Fair Trade Fair which will be held this weekend, our Annual Lenten Focus, and Care of Creation in the late spring. They are using the Intentional Impact model to recruit new leaders for each focus. Messiah's prayer team continues to meet each Friday from 1pm-2:15. All are welcome to join and give prayer requests. Thank you to Cyndi Jordan for leading this ministry. Thank you to Karen Logan for her leadership in "Don't Cook with Candy" and Wednesday evening programming. December and January midweek events include: "Expecting Peace, Hope and Joy: A Different Kind of Holiday Season - Part II" presented by Chaplain Suzanne Martinez from Good Shepherd Hospital and Dr. Denise Casey from Barrington Behavioral Health, Christmas Carols, Posadas, and two sessions related to the Reformation, led by Pastor Ben. Ministry Directors meet next on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Youth and Generosity will report to council in January. Annual reports are due on Thursday, Dec. 3. The Annual Meeting will be held following the 10:30 service on Sunday, Jan. 31, the week between the playoffs and the Super Bowl.

Barry Polhemus shared a Goal Task Force report. The team met on Nov. 24. They are planning an interactive workshop session at the January Council Meeting.

Vinnie Jordan shared manna card update. The manna cards are presently approximately \$500 behind where they were last year. Each year since the beginning of the program in 2012, participation has dropped. Dave Kimes expects the profits to be around \$3,250 this year vs. the target of \$5,000. It is still worth keeping the program since this year's results are similar to having a family donate \$60 per week. Vinnie also shared a report from the Outdoor Beautification Committee. In the past, the office area landscaping had a "prairie look" with scattered plants such as milkweed and cone flowers throughout. Due to our discussions with the landscape architect, the updated plan for the office area is more formal with clusters of various plants. This project is not only to change the landscaping, but to eliminate drainage issues. They will install French drains to keep the basement dry and will enclose the a/c unit with a cedar screen. The Outdoor Beautification Committee made a proposal. They are asking council permission to have donors purchase plants and supplies for the office area landscaping plan. An enlarged copy of the landscaping plan would be located in the gathering area with lines for individuals to sign-up to purchase items needed for the office area. Those who donate would be listed in our Donor Book located at the Welcome Center. Council approved.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7pm.

# Children's Ministry

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## Happy New Year!



I hope everyone had a very blessed Christmas season!

On December 13th we hosted our Christmas Musical and Festive dinner. Thank you so much for all those involved in our program especially SANS, Spirit Dancers, Messiah's Drama Team and the Sunday School Children's Choir! Everyone did such an amazing job. Santa joined us again this year for another Festive dinner. It was a night of joy for the entire congregation.

If you have not registered for Sunday School please pick up a form in the gathering area and return it to the CE office. You may also return your completed form in the mailbox outside the Christian Education office or give directly to your child's Sunday School teacher.



The Sunday School Children's Choir will be performing again on February 7th at the 9:00 service and the children will be learning/singing some new songs in the new year.

We will also be learning the stories of The Lord's Prayer, The Widow's Offering and Jesus and John the Baptist.

As always, it is such a pleasure working with your children and I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2016!

Tracy Meyer  
Children's Ministry Director

### Dates to remember:

- January 3rd - No Sunday School
- February 7th - Children's Sunday School Choir performs at 9:00
- March 10th at 7:00 - First Holy Communion Meeting
- March 13th - Bible Presentation for 5th Grade Students
- April 3rd - Holy Communion instruction starts
- April 10th - Clay Monet (First Holy Communion students)

## Happy New Year from Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten!



Our preschool students and staff enjoyed a wonderful December together, filled with gift-giving, smiles, laughter, cookies and of course-learning the true meaning of the season. Ask one of our preschoolers why we celebrate Christmas and they will be sure to tell you about the birth of baby Jesus. Christmas is truly a magical season for adults and children alike.

The New Year brings new fun to our hallways! We will spend time exploring the wonders of winter in our classrooms, and on our playground. Boots will be wrestled on for walks in the snow, examining footprints of winter critters and each other. We will discover where animals go to keep warm in the winter, and meet a few friends from the arctic who love the cold and snowy season.

Our Preschool Board of Education and Historical Committee have been busy planning for our 40th Anniversary Celebration! We hope that you will join us for appetizers, cocktails, a silent auction and most importantly a chance to share memories from our amazing 40 years in early childhood education. Save the Date-Saturday, April 16th. More details will be available soon!

Enrollment for the upcoming school year is on-going! Spaces are filling fast, and we are currently on a wait list for a few classes. If you are interested in touring our school to learn more about our programs, please call the main school office at (847) 526-7479, or visit our school web-site [mlpk.org](http://mlpk.org).

Again, Happy New Year!

Erica Jawnyj, Director



## Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten 40th Anniversary

Messiah Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is 40 years old. We will celebrate (church and school) with a special event on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Our theme is 40 Years! 40 Celebrations! One of the 40 celebrations is an alumni recognition and potluck on Sunday, February 21. A special thank you to Barb Lindquist who has served in this ministry for 40 years.

# Youth News

*"Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." ---Isaiah 40:30-31*

Kim Kroes, (224) 639-2350  
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PATHWAY has concluded for the 2015 year. We just finished working our way through the Apostles' Creed. We ended the year with our review of the Apostles' Creed night, which included a mega raffle as well as naming our new giant banana Pathway friend. See you in 2016 for our unit on the New Testament!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP met this past month and made Memory Jars! These highly decorated jars will allow students to write about all of the good things that happen to them in 2016. They will put the surprise gifts, accomplished goals, the beauty of nature, "LOL" moments, memories worth saving, and daily blessings on paper and put them in the jar. On December 31, 2016, the students will open their jars and read about all of the good memories they have from 2016. If you would like to join in on all the fun, please come to the next Youth Night! There are Youth Group calendars in the Gathering Place on the Youth Table with all of our upcoming events for 2015. The calendar for 2016 is in the process of being created now!



## JANUARY

- 10 - Youth Group in the Rock 7-8:30pm
- 24 - Youth Group in the Rock 7-8:30pm
- 29 - Winter Jam Tour @ the Allstate Arena

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP will be June 18-25, 2016. If you missed our informational meeting about dates of fundraisers, cost, and other logistics and are interested in attending, let me know! We have also held our first Java with Jesus fundraiser breakfast of the year - and it was a blast! Thanks to everyone who ate our yummy food! Our next event will be our Java with Jesus breakfast after all three worship services on January 17.

Kim



# Good Samaritan

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."  
—Galatians 2:10

Jo Ann Isleb, (847)540-0835

## Giving Tree Thank You

Good Samaritan Ministry would like to thank everyone who purchased gifts, gave donations, and delivered to Angel Tree families. We were able to provide 344 gifts in addition to food cards for some of our gift recipients.

### Gifts were given to:

- Angel Tree (children of prisoners)
- Parroqui Luterana Sagrado Corazon, our sister church in Waukegan
- Lake County Families from Love, INC (Love in the Name of Christ) in Wauconda
- Families from LSSI's Intact Family Services Program (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois)

In addition, items were collected for our PADS guests. We want to thank the preschool for collecting for PADS also. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus to so many people.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We were able to send 151 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse this year with your support. 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.

## Christian Basics is Back for Lent

Messiah's small group for new members, people preparing for baptism, and adults seeking instruction in Holy Communion or confirmation starts again in February! We are planning to form two groups. One will meet on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., starting February 3 and continuing from February 17 through March 16. The other will meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. from February 7 through March 13. Each participant will be matched with a sponsor for the duration of the group. This is a great opportunity to discuss and ask questions about some big topics in the faith and life of the church, to share our experiences and prayer concerns, and to get connected within the community.

Contact Pastor Ben for more information at:

[pastorben@messiah-wauconda.org](mailto:pastorben@messiah-wauconda.org)



## Yours in Scouting Troop 90

Eighteen scouts attended the November 13-15 campout at the Fox River Preserve. The younger scouts were taught how to set up and start a campfire as well as how to make donuts. The boys loved that! The temperature was 25 degrees when they went to sleep in tents. The next morning cups of water were frozen so the scouts earned their Polar Bear patch. This campout focused on teaching the scouts how to cook using a camp stove and Dutch ovens. They also learned the proper cleaning and care of cast iron cookware. The older scouts helped the younger ones with rank advancement. Later that afternoon they headed to the Rock at Messiah where they stayed overnight to have a once-a-year electronic campout. A great time was had by all. The scouts are very appreciative to Messiah for allowing them the use of the Rock.

Messiah member Dylan R. completed his Eagle Scout project at Messiah. Dylan directed fourteen scouts and leaders who worked hard to complete the extension of the bus parking area.

The quarterly Court Of Honor was held at a recent meeting. Thirteen scouts earned a total of 31 merit badges. Scouts were awarded rank advancement-five earned Tenderfoot, one earned Second Class, one earned First Class, one earned Star, one earned Life, and one earned a Silver Palm. Special awards were given to the scouts who earned the Polar Bear Snowflake and the Polar Bear Patch.

On January 1, 2016, the Boy Scouts of America rank requirements will change. The changes for rank can be found at:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements\\_8.14.2015.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf)

Troop 90 wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!

Yours in Scouting,

Hunter Frey

## Altar Guild

The 2016 Altar Flower Chart is now on a kiosk in the Gathering Place. The price of the arrangement remains at \$30 and payment is appreciated at the time you sign up. , Use a payment envelope placed next to the chart or a yellow pew envelope. Put the payment in the collection plate or take it to the church office. The payment is noted on your church account. Also indicate if you would like to keep the flower arrangement or donate it to members of Messiah who are unable to worship with us. Thank you for helping to beautify Messiah's altar.

Altar Guild, Marilyn Dick 847-526-7814 .



## The Single Women In Ministry (SWIM) Christmas party — December 11

Standing: Marion Denny, Dorothy Schilling (with antlers!), Sue Shepherd, Jenny Becker, Sonja Braun, and Andi Kristo.

Seated: Phyllis Meagher, Ruth Franz, Kim Kroes, Naomi Haremza, Sally Lubeno, Marcia McWilliams, Ann Reid, Maddie Hosbien, Julie Kendrick, and Lois Winter.



Pathway delivery of  
Thanksgiving baskets to  
Sagrado Corazon

## January Birthdays

Gebert, Amanda	1	Krachtus, Mandy	11	Beckman, Martin	19	Becker, Carolyn	27
Gebert, Tegan	1	Krachtus, Martin	11	Dettmann, William	19	Dierker, Logan	27
Gilroy, Jack	1	Lindquist, David	11	Janezic, Frank	19	Filipiak, Audrey	27
Jorgensen, Cameron	1	Powers, Jan	11	Nick, Ellary	19	Geist, Jason	27
McConville, Jon	1	Salte', Emma	12	Smetters, Jonathan	19	Gordon, Tera	27
McConville, Theresa	1	Scott, Jessica	12	Abrahamson, Rose	20	Jones, Gregory	27
Cloud, Beth	2	Sturtevant, Nicole	12	Anderson, Mike	20	Lulis, Andrew	27
Dadian, Pamela	2	Weimer, Jimmy	12	Gifford, Andrew	20	Cherney, Abbey	28
Kee, Kelsey	2	Hovland, Paula	13	Maier, Riannan	20	Hornbuckle, Steve	28
Nehmzow, John	2	Lloyd, David	13	Maki, Erik	20	Kocmond, Mike	28
Olson, Jim	2	Tomas, Katelyn	13	Schillaci, Farrah	20	Miller, Bonnie	28
Seagren, Andy	2	Cooper Jr., George	14	Wanshek, Steve	20	Schumacher, Christian	28
Horn, Gail	3	Erfort, Donna	14	Blowers, William	21	Dopita, Timothy	29
Kreckman, Dominick	3	Amrich, Jackie	15	Carlson, Matt	21	Palumbo, Johnny	29
Bacilek, James	4	Botzenhart, Brenda	15	Costello, Claire	21	Sippel, Jason	29
Day, Michael	4	Funkhouser, Kelsey	15	Flanagan, Connor	21	Breecher, Ginny	30
Disch, Shirley	4	Grissom, Hailey	15	Johnson, Erin	21	Charnogorsky, Lisa	30
Kroes, Kathleen	4	Peters, Lucas	15	Knapp, James	22	Peake, Ashley	30
Therault, Scott	4	Ramirez, Rachel	15	Knapp, Lillian	22	Salte, Jonathan	30
Derr, Rick	5	Smith, Erick	15	Loding, Gale	22	Barna, Melissa	31
Epstein, Beth	5	Sturtevant, Edward	15	Miller, Emma	22	Bermann, Karl	31
Hicks, Matthew	5	Batemann, Mary Ann	16	Veil, Bobbie	22	Cloud, Laura	31
Lindholm, Karrie	5	Cazares, Victoria	16	Atzel, Walter	23	Costello, Erik	31
Anderson, Ellie	6	Miller, Chloe	16	Harling, Mark	23	Hayek, Brandon	31
Collier, Cedric	6	Tinkoff, Scott	16	Houston, Ken	23	Karnatz, Taylor	31
McCann, Mary	6	Berner, Kevin	17	Irlbeck, Christine	23	Kluk, Susan	31
Reed, Kelley	6	Calandra Jr., Phil	17	Turnbull, Cody	23	Mack, Teagan	31
Wiegel, Dawn	6	Innes, Kirsten	17	Broj, Sarah	24	Mazzocchi, Matthew	31
Chmiel, Lynn	7	Kleiner, Lisa	17	Day, Cassandra	24	McGrath, Addison	31
Dueholm, Elijah	7	Kreckman, Susan	17	Gale, Jack	24	Ranelli, Dave	31
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## 95 Posting Begin This January!

95 weeks before the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (we will celebrate October 29, 2017), we will begin posting on a large door 95 efforts of unity and reconciliation in the church. One effort will be posted each week beginning Sunday, January 3, 20

## From The Quilters

As you clean out your closets in January, the quilters would like to remind you that they can always use old blankets, throws or mattress pads for batting in their quilts. Donations should be labeled for quilters and left in the church office.

Thank you.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of Messiah will be held on Sunday, January 31 following the 10:30 a.m. service and a potluck lunch. Town Hall Meetings, related to the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17 after each Sunday service in Luther Center.



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

Weigh in times are 30 minutes before the meetings

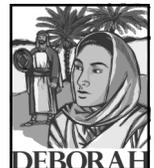
Be our Guest for a free meeting  
Location: Gathering Place

## Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle will meet at 9:30am on Wednesday, January 20, in the Luther center at church. We will be watching and discussing the fifth session of the video series, *The Storm Inside*, by Sheila Walsh. All women are invited.

Judy Snow

847-526-6880



## 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 (Polish speaking meeting); Tom 847-400-4823

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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**

### ***The Gift of New Life...***

We celebrate the gift of new life with Dan and Lisa Nellessen at the birth of a son, Daniel John, born December 7, weighing 7lb. 4oz., 21". Congratulations proud grandparents, John and Vicki Rohlwing.

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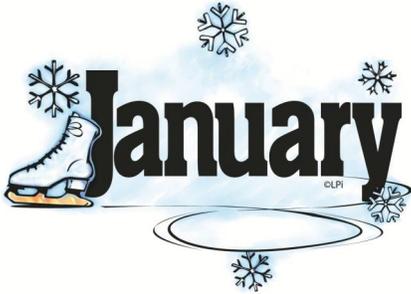
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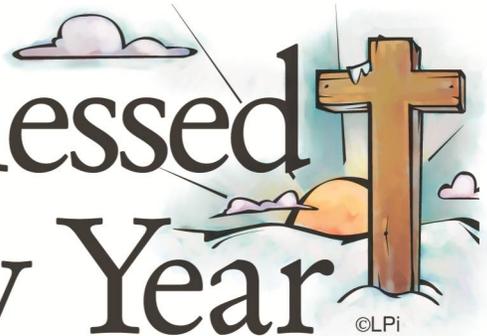
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**Time Sensitive**

A Blessed  
New Year

A wooden cross stands in a snowy landscape. In the background, a bright sun is rising behind a few clouds, casting a warm glow. The scene is framed by a light blue and white wash.

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