

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER  
2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

December is a wonderful month at Messiah filled with Worship and Music as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

**November 27 (1st Sunday In Advent) – PREPARE THE WAY  
OF THE LORD Mark 1:1-8**

**December 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Advent) – HOPE IN THE TOUGH  
TIMES Philippians 1:3-11 (Remembrance Video Shared)**

**December 11 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Advent) – CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
9:30 A.M.—Children/Youth Share Music;  
10:00 A.M.—Christmas Pageant

**December 18 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Advent) – CHRISTMAS PRAISE  
WORSHIP** Choir; Praise Band; Instrumentals;  
Hymns; Readings; Prayers

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship (December 24, 4:30 P.M.)**  
MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS (Luke 2:1-21)  
Messiah Choir; Favorite Hymns/Songs; Readings  
Holy Communion

**Christmas Day Worship (Sunday December 25, 9:30 A.M.)**  
THERE IS ROOM IN MY HEART (Luke 2:1-21)

Please invite your relatives, neighbors and friends to come and worship Jesus our Savior who is the only hope for our world today. A blessed Advent and Christmas to you!

God is so good!  
Pastor Nathan

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## COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Wednesday—14**  
8:30 am  
Executive Team

**Sunday—18**  
10:30 am  
Outreach team

**TBA**  
Education Comm.

**Wednesday-21**  
8:00 pm  
Messiah Council



## PASTORAL ACTS:

FUNERAL	11-5-16	Dorothy Hulzebos (passed away 10-29-16)
TRANSFERS OUT	11-10-16	Jill Johnson, Levi and Ian

### **MITTEN TREE IS UP!**

We are looking for NEW Hats, scarves, gloves, and boots to give to our three schools- WCA South, WCA North, and WCA Secondary. Please keep in mind they need to be WARM and thick as that is what the kids need. We will deliver to the schools by Dec. 16th. Thank you!

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### **NIGHT NIGHT BAGS FOR SALVATION ARMY**

The Youth are working on "Night, Night" bags containing a blanket, stuffed animal and a book for children at the St. Cloud Salvation Army. Bags will be ready after January 1. Watch for more information.

### **LIVESTREAMING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Each week Messiah's worship service is livestreamed all over the U.S. and the world! All you need is a computer and internet access, and you can watch! If you would like to sponsor our services for a month in honor or memory of a loved one(s), the cost is \$50. Please stop in the office and talk to Becky if you are interested.



### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS/POINSETTIA**

WELCA has placed an order for Christmas flowers for the church for December. We are looking for members willing to donate money in memory of loved ones or just to make a donation. Please sign your name on the sheet on the table in the Narthex. Poinsettias are about \$10-\$15 per plant. Checks are to be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church. Thank You!



# Happy Birthday!



Dilyn Douvier	12-01	Christine Mahoney	12-13	Joel Hildebrandt	12-20
Michael Goodwin	12-03	Jon Winter	12-13	LeRoy Stark	12-20
Arlyn Swenson	12-03	Rebecca Douvier	12-14	Crystal Holloway	12-21
Lori Frank	12-04	Katie Jacobson	12-14	Paul McGee	12-21
John Oelke	12-04	Mark Starner	12-14	Barbara Podratz	12-22
McKenna Sanstead	12-04	Mark Erickson	12-15	Landon Sylskar	12-23
Ryanne Howe	12-05	Donna Gunderson	12-15	Trevor Telkamp	12-24
John De Noble	12-07	Kaylyn Hedstrom	12-15	Paul Anderson	12-25
DuWayne Douvier	12-07	Dana Nelson	12-15	Carol Moore	12-25
JoAnn Erickson	12-07	Kaitlin Bruns	12-17	Lorri Reeder	12-25
Lloyd Christopherson	12-08	Bradley Frovarp	12-17	Kelly Gran	12-26
Delores Gabrielson	12-08	Julian Nelson	12-17	Leslie Bruns	12-27
Ellie Winter	12-09	Timothy Coleman	12-18	Bruce Lazier	12-27
Amelia Anderson	12-10	Anyah Lindquist	12-18	Andrew De Noble	12-28
Gary Johnson	12-10	Adeline Shauer	12-18	Edgar Persons	12-28
Timothy Nord	12-10	Janee Strunk	12-18	Bill Setzer	12-29
Mitch Sanstead	12-12	Hadley Frykman	12-20	Emily Sanstead	12-30
				Isabelle Strunk	12-31

## **UPDATED WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR JANUARY**

If you are in the updated January/July group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in January. If you do not sign up, a duty will be assigned to everyone to fill the spots needed. This is your chance to choose a date that works best for you. You can also call the church office to sign up. Thank you for your help.

Curt & Cindy Anderson, Jason & Leah Anderson, Jacki Anderson, Gordon & Lorraine Bredy, Candyce DeNoble, Arley & Rosie Ellingson, Lance & Heidi Johnson family, Jerry & Deb Krusemark, Tony & Christy Krusemark family, Louise Larson, Ed & Annette Loeffler,

Irma Nordquist, Brian & Pam Randt family, Lorri Reeder, Mitch & Kris Sanstead family, Bill Setzer & Ruth Nelson, Curt & Heidi Stark, LeRoy Stark, Arlene Stock, Kurt & Janee Strunk, Steve & Sara Strunk family, Marlene Thorstad, Nick & Kesha Trinko, Evan & Rosie Yochim, Vern & Bev Yochim,

## **Remembering the Saints in Light**

Barbara Anderson	12-10-07	Mae Erickson	12-13-13
Jeanne Gunderson	12-13-13	Emmet Eblen	12-17-07
Ansem Ackerson	12-21-10	Robert Starner	12-24-11
Arnold Westrum	12-26-12	Charlotte Dalum	12-31-13

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:00PM

Present: Pastor Nathan, Marissa Sabolik, Jim Hanson, Jen Hermes, Shirley Sampson, Duane Samuelson, Faye Giese

Absents: Brian Randt, Jacki Anderson, Jared Frykman

Members: Mark Starner, Heidi Johnson

Marissa called the meeting to order

Pastor Nathan led devotions

Shirley moved to approve agenda with flexibility. Faye second. Motion carried

Mark Starner representing the Memorial and Bequest committee proposed the following changed to the By-laws for the committee.

Section 3.6 – release of interest.

No disbursement of earnings of Messiah Memorial, Bequest and Endowment Funds shall be made except by written request from Messiah Lutheran Church Council and upon approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting of the Board. Upon receipt of a written request from the Church Council, and upon approval of the Board of Directors, these funds will be disbursed by the Treasurer of the Messiah Memorial, Bequest and Endowment Funds in accordance with instructions of the Church Council.

Asked to have the written authorization from Council removed. Council did not want to remove this section, but will be diligent about authorizing the release of the interest on an annual basis so the funds may be used.

Section 3.9 – annual audit

**AUDITS.** The financial records of Messiah Memorial, Bequest and Endowment Funds shall be subject to an annual **audit by the regular audit committee of Messiah Lutheran Church.**

Motion by Shirley seconded by Jim to change audit to a financial review by a committee of two people appointed by the council. The financial review will coincide with the church fiscal year. Motion carried

Section 1.4 – selection of Directors

**DIRECTORS.** Directors shall be **nominated** and **elected** by the annual meeting of Messiah Lutheran Church Congregation by majority vote thereof. Election to the Board of Directors (exclusive of the representative of the church council) shall be for a term of three (3) years. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members. Members whose terms expire shall be **elected or re-elected** at each annual meeting of Messiah Lutheran Congregation. Directors may be re-elected for successive terms and serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms

Motion by Jim seconded by Faye to change the words nominated and elected to appointed and affirmed. M/C

Youth committee report by Heidi Johnson

13 people went on the mission trip to the Gladys Ray and Churches United on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

They are working on bags containing a blanket, stuffed animal and a book for children at the St. Cloud Salvation Army. Bags will be ready after January 1. Heidi used a Thrivent Action card to purchase the canvas bags and the congregation will be encouraged to donate blankets, books and stuffed animals.

They made 13 backpacks with food for children to take home over the long MEA weekend

The council approved Heidi's request to allow an US Again Bin clothes collection bin to be placed at Messiah. The youth will receive \$.02/pound for clothing collected.

Turkey Dinner 11-13-16 11-1 Church will be at 10:30

IMPACT group for youth will be starting in November

Valentine's meatball dinner will be February 12<sup>th</sup>

Nov 19-20 JR High Youth gathering in Grand Forks

Secretary's Report

Motion by Shirley second by Jim to Approve the August report. Motion carried. There was not a meeting in September

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Shirley second by Jen to approve August report. Motion carried

Motion by Jim second by Shirley to approve September report. Motion carried

Pastor Nathan reviewed the highlights of his written report

Outreach Report – Jen Hermes

Bonfire was well attended

Krystal and Amy are working on directory

Paint and Sip November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Property – no report

Education

They are working on a new Christmas pageant. They got a Thrivent Action fund card to purchase the material

Stephen Ministry – Faye Giese

A new class will be held at Messiah with one person from Messiah and 5 from United participating

They are working on a new bible study *Keep it Shut*.

Vision Task Force and Succession Planning Committee – Marissa Sabolik

Ken Johnson gave a temple talk regarding the call process for a new minister

A compensation package needs to be put together for a new minister

Executive Committee –Marissa Sabolik

Looking into the feasibility of a stage (riser) for the praise band

Committee members for 2017

Committees should start seeking new members for 2017 and have names to the council for the December meeting

Executive Meeting Wednesday November 9 at 8:30 am

Council Meeting Wednesday November 16 at 8:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Shirley second by Jim. Motion carried

Closed with The Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Jennifer Hermes

## MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 2016

*Mission of the Month: Eagles Healing Nest: Sauk Centre*

Thursday	1	Quilting, Mission, Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Sunday	4	Fellowship Coffee – Group 6
Monday	5	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Thursday	8	Mary Bible Study at 1 PM
Thursday	15	Pack and Deliver Cheer Boxes – at 1:00 PM

### WELCA News and Notes from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

2016 is coming to an end and next year's booklets will be prepared in the near future. We have gone through the names in our book, added new members to groups and moved some to the inactive list. Unless we hear differently from you we will continue with the groups as listed in this year's booklet. If you have a new phone number we would like to be notified of this by the middle of December. Call Sylvia at 986-2936 or Becky at the church office. Dates and events were updated at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Monthly mission items will remain the same. We will also be looking for assistance in assembling them when they are run in December. Look for the booklets in early January

Thank you for supporting our recent Pie and Bake sale. Your donation of baked goods and time to make the apple pies was greatly appreciated. A special "Thank You" to all those who donated apples. We had so many apples we were able to make 67 pies this year. We made \$983.00 which also included the dollars earned at the pie and ice cream event at the Holiday Expo. This money will help support our monthly mission projects as well as items for the Mission Kits and quilting. We will be looking into applying for Thrivent Funds for helping to fund our Mission Kits.

Here is a tally of our Mission Kits for 2016: 35 School Kits, 21 Newborn Kits, 6 Baby Care Kits, 10 Personal Care Kits, and 9 Hospice kits. 50 quilts were made plus 25 baby quilts. 20 purses were filled with personal items for Women in Crisis through Someplace Safe.

Each year the Messiah women pack "cheer baskets" to give to members that are in the nursing home, assisted living, group homes or homebound during the holidays. We are planning to assemble baskets on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We are asking for donations of Christmas cookies, small loaves of Christmas breads or fresh fruit or a small non-perishable gift for the baskets. Our understanding is we are not allowed to bring homemade items for distribution to the nursing homes so we will do fruit baskets or small Christmas gifts for the nursing homes and distribute the homemade items to the homebound members. If you would bring your contribution to the church sometime during the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> it would be greatly appreciated. We also need volunteers to assemble and deliver the baskets. Please notify us if you are able to help.

Our Mission of the Month for December is the Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre. It was recently a featured article on the news on Channel 11. Very moving and heart rendering what they are doing for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. I am sure you could review it on Google.

Thank you for being the women you are and may the blessings and joy of God's greatest gift be yours this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**The Youth would like to thank everyone who came to the  
Turkey Dinner in support of the Messiah Youth.**



### Seek-

1. Got Talent? Any youth PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade can show us your talent on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10 (before Christmas program). Sign up sheet on Welcome desk.
2. Have a gift to share? Education Team is looking for young adults and adults in our congregation that have fresh ideas for our Messiah Youth.

### Connect-

1. Looking for a fun group to join? IMPACT- for youth ages 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Meet every first and third Wednesdays at 5 p.m. til Lent season.
2. All of us on Education team want to wish you a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!". Sunday School will start again in January.

### Impact-

1. A huge "THANK YOU" to Messiah church for paying 12 youth to attend "I'm not Ashamed", in Waite Park. We had a total of 32 people go including our friends from Grace Free and Peace Churches.
2. Please watch the bulletins and calendars for up and coming Movie days at Messiah for all ages!

Education Committee- Kari Anderson, Tracy Frykman, Liza Long, Kesha Trinkka, and Tracy Hedstrom

## **DEMONSTRATE YOUR THANKFULNESS THIS SEASON**

Each holiday season, Messiah anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving option. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, please complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

All donations desired recorded in 2016 need to be into the church office by  
**noon on Friday, December 30.**



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSINGS

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FROM YOUR STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Lorraine and Gordy Bredy for the donation of Inez Nadgwick's recliner for the nursery.

## WINTER WEATHER SCHEDULE

If the West Central Area Schools start late, the church will also open late. If the schools close early, the church will also close early and evening meetings and activities will be canceled. Sunday closings will be announced on KIKV-FM 100.7 and KMRS-KKOK 95.7 radio stations. Closings will also be sent via the Instant Alert Communication System to your phones and/or computers.



# BELIEVE

Messiah's Sunday School Christmas Program 9:30 am Sunday, December 11th  
Please join us for a potluck brunch immediately following the program

**CHEESE!**



## MESSIAH'S NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Amy Puchalski and Kristel Olson will be taking pictures of all our church members to be put in a much needed Church Directory. There will be sign up sheets on the Welcome Desk as the next picture session dates are decided upon. If it does not work for you to have a sitting, you may send your own to Amy.puchalski@outlook.com or sk\_olson@hotmail.com. They

can also take hard copy photos if that is easier. **PS.** If you happen to see Amy Puckalski wandering around on a Sunday with her camera, and you would like to have your picture taken that day, just let her know.

**GOD'S PEOPLE IN SERVICE—DECEMBER****ACOLYTES**

4 &amp; 11 Ashlee Bruns

18 &amp; 24

Landon Long

25

**COMMUNION**

4 Duane &amp; Darlene Samuelson

**PREPARATION**18 Carol Anderson and  
Lynette Bruns

24 Sylvia Swenson

**If you are unable to serve your assigned spot on any Sunday, please find your own replacement and let the church office know who that is. THANK YOU!!**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

4 &amp; 18 Brooke Anderson

Ross Anderson

LeRoy Stark

24

TBA

**SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL**

December 1-15 Erick Stark

December 16-31 Jon Winter

**COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL**

Council members

**FLOWERS**

Decorating Committee

**WELCOME CENTER****USHERS/GREETERS**

December 4

Tracy &amp; Kaylyn Hedstrom, Tad &amp; Kathy Dunlap

December 11

Jeff &amp; Amy Swenson

Jim &amp; Cindy Kloos, Lynette Bruns family

December 18

Jerry &amp; Micki Danelke

Paul &amp; Carol Anderson family

December 24

Jeff &amp; Amy Swenson

Paul &amp; Tracy Hedstrom, Jeff &amp; Amy Swenson

December 25

Sylvia Swenson

**VIDEO****PROJECTION**

December 4

Quinten Winter

Nicole Bruns

December 11

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Shirley Sampson

December 18

Brooke Anderson

Krista Randt

December 24

Ireland Winter

Savannah Swenson

December 25

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Emma Swenson

**ORGANISTS****SOUND****LECTORS**

December 4

Bev Yochim

Aiden Winter

Tracy Hedstrom

December 11

Bev Yochim

Arlyn Swenson

N/A

December 18

Bev Yochim

Kaitlyn Sanstead

N/A

December 24

Bev Yochim

Aiden Winter

Courtland Swenson

December 25

Renee Haseman

Nicole Bruns

Sylvia Swenson

**COFFEE**

December 4

Coffee served by WELCA # 6

December 11

Potluck Brunch after Christmas Program

December 18

Coffee served by Churchmen—Jared Frykman

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY - no coffee



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	2	3 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
4 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #6 10:45 Sunday School	5 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	6  7:00 Stephen Ministry	7 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5-5:30 Youth Meal 5:30-7 5th-7th grade "Impact" Youth group 7:00 Messiah Choir	8 1:00 Mary Bible Study 6:30 Stv Min Class	9	10 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
11 9:30 Christmas Program 10:30 Potluck Brunch	12	13	14 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	15 1:00 Pack Cheer Boxes 6:30 Stv Min Class	16	17 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study  10-12 Bridal Shower for Kelsey Bennett, bride to be of Andrew Giese
18 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by Churchmen 10:30 Outreach Team	19	20	21 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5-5:30 Youth Meal 5:30-7 5th-7th grade "Impact" Youth group 7:00 Messiah Choir 8:00 Messiah Council	22	23	24 4:30 Holy Communion Christmas Eve service
25 9:30 Christmas Day Worship Service	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 	29	30	31

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# Christmas Worship Services

**Sunday, December 11**

9:30am Christmas program

10:30am Potluck Brunch

**Sunday, December 18**

9:30am Christmas Praise Worship with Holy Communion

*Alternate date for Sunday school program*

**SATURDAY, December 24**

4:30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Service

**SUNDAY, December 25th**

9:30am Christmas Day Worship Service

