

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY
2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! As Messiah boldly moves into this transitional year of 2017 there are many exciting opportunities that are happening in our ministry together. Please make sure you invite and bring a friend with you as we continue growing together in the love of Jesus!

Message Series *"Prayer! Messiah's Power For 2017!"*

January messages will focus on prayer and the amazing power it offers to each person. Each Sunday will lift up and teach some important truths about prayer and how it is available to you. Make sure you don't miss learning about the amazing power of prayer!

Amazing Worship Each Sunday!

Messiah's worship is filled with love, joy and energy each week! The new Praise Band platform adds a new dimension to worship along with the new Praise Band singers who have stepped forward as volunteers. Messiah's choir and organ hymns bring a blend to the worship that is unique in this area and shines forth with the light of Jesus. Worship each Sunday helps keep one's life and priorities centered on what is most important in life—God's love and new life.

IMPACT (Influencing My Peers As A Christian Teen)

IMPACT for all youth 5th – 12th grades meets again in January on Wednesdays the 4th and 18th. All youth are encouraged to come and share in supper from 5:00-5:30 P.M. along with the movie clip and discussion from 5:30-7:00 P.M. Unique games and fun are also part of each gathering. Youth—make sure you don't miss it!

New Sunday School Rotation Begins January 8

Messiah's Sunday School had an amazing Fall season along with an incredible Christmas Program! Thanks to all the kids and adults who participated! Each child is now encouraged to get involved again in the new rotation beginning January 8—invite a friend to come with you. It is going to be an awesome new year of Sunday School!

On Our Way Rejoicing Campaign

Thanks to each person/family who has given financially above and beyond their regular giving to the *"On Our Way Rejoicing Campaign!"* The goal is to raise an extra \$20,000+ by Easter Sunday, April 16. This will enable Messiah's monthly cash flow to remain strong into the lower giving summer months as we hope to offer the new pastor a competitive wage/benefit package. Thanks to each one at Messiah for your amazing generosity and support!

New Member Sunday/Luncheon

It is exciting that some new people to Messiah have indicated their interest in becoming members of our congregation. A New Member Sunday and Luncheon will be on January 29 at 11:30 A.M. As others may also be interested in joining please also let them know about this new member opportunity. All people are welcome at Messiah!

Thanks to you at Messiah for all the ways you worship; volunteer; pray for; financially support our mission for Jesus Christ! Messiah is an awesome congregation! May God bless us as we boldly move ahead into 2017 *"On Our Way Rejoicing!"*

God Is So Good!

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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sunday—8

10:30 am

Outreach team

Wednesday—11

8:30 am

Executive Team

TBA

Education Comm.

Wednesday-18

8:00 pm

Messiah Council



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Happy Birthday!



Kenneth Johnson	-	1/1	Kurt Strunk	-	1/11	Janet Olson	-	1/20
Marisa Sabolik	-	1/2	Madi Krusemark	-	1/12	Dwaine Quernemoen	-	1/21
Jacklyn Oelke	-	1/3	Maya Krusemark	-	1/12	JaNae Staples	-	1/23
Tammy Sieben	-	1/3	Ashlee Bruns	-	1/14	Quinten Winter	-	1/23
Kristel Strittmatter	-	1/3	Nick Trinka	-	1/14	Kyle Backman	-	1/24
Lincoln Anderson	-	1/4	Jill Beuckens	-	1/15	Sarah Lindquist	-	1/24
Kayla Schmidt	-	1/4	Nathan Thompson	-	1/15	Mason McGee	-	1/25
Delores Bruns	-	1/5	Nathan Richards	-	1/16	Jen Hermes	-	1/26
Hannah Olson	-	1/5	Kayla Sanstead	-	1/16	Cindy Bolgrean	-	1/28
Alan Anderson	-	1/6	Kellie Vipond	-	1/16	Phillip Koehntop	-	1/29
Emma Gulbrandson		1/6	Gavin Backman	-	1/17	Ryan Saurer	-	1/29
Gayle Coleman	-	1/7	Renee Skogstad	-	1/17	Heather Smith	-	1/29
Kathy Dunlap	-	1/7	Brooklyn Frovarp	-	1/18	Edna Van Over	-	1/29
Kane Korzendorfer	-	1/8	Amy Puchalski	-	1/18	Austin Gulbrandson	-	1/30
Dean Bergerson	-	1/11	Jerry Danelke	-	1/19	Isabelle Puchalski	-	1/30
Tad Dunlap	-	1/11	Matthew Fettkether	-	1/19	Jodee Oelke	-	1/31

UPDATED WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR FEBRUARY

If you are in the updated February/August group (listed below) please sign up at the Welcome Center for a duty in February. 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.

Alan & Becky Anderson, Betty Anderson, Madeline Anderson, Scott & Kari Anderson family, Troy & Brenda Andreassen, Jelene Backman family, Steve & Melissa Bergman family, Carmelle Bohrer, Cindy Christopherson, Tim & Gayle Coleman, Gene & Eunice Eblen, Phil & Jen Hermes, Wanda Kaplor, Paul & Emily McGee, Julian & Beverly Nelson, Vernal & Janet Olson, Shane & Kristel Olson, Nels & Brenda Onstad, Barbara Podratz, Stan & Raelene Stark, Jami Sutton, Carol Thorstad.

Remembering the Saints in Light

Elroy Stock	1-5-10
Orren Hotdvedt	1-10-11
Lowell Smith	1-16-08
Amelia Alvstad	1-26-14

Messiah Church Council
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Present: Faye Giese, Shirley Sampson, Jim Hanson, Duane Samuelson, Marisa Sabolik, Jared Johnson, Brian Randt, Jen Hermes, Pastor Nathan

Absent: Jacki Anderson

Meeting called to order by Marissa

Pastor Nathan gave devotion from 2 Corinthians and spoke about the giving patterns of Messiah members.

Motion by Shirley, second by Brian to approve agenda with flexibility. Motion carried

Motion by Shirley, second by Faye to approve Secretary's report as presented. Motion carried

Motion by Jen, second by Shirley to approve Treasure's report as presented. Motion carried

Pastor's report

Highlighted items in the written report

Youth Committee- Heidi not present

IMPACT has started and is going well

Turkey dinner served about 260 people with \$2,300 taken in (before expenses)

Jr. High Youth Gathering is in Grand Forks Nov 18th

There are new members on the Youth Committee

Outreach Committee – Jen Hermes

Paint and Sip will be the 17th

Will have a tree at the Festival of Trees in Hoffman

Valentines dinner with proceeds to the H-K Food Shelf

Property Committee – Brian

Heat pump has been installed

Raised stage area

Motion by Duane, second by Shirley to approve the building of a raised stage for the praise band, with funds from the Memorial and Bequest fund. Project is not to exceed \$2000. Motion passed

Duane will request funds from the Memorial and Bequest committee

Memorial and Bequest – Duane

Reviewed current assets of the fund as of September 2016

Education committee – Jared

Sunday School program is December 11 with a talent/music show starting at 9:30. Pageant at 10:00

Potluck brunch to follow

Stephen Ministry

Current class is going well. One person from Messiah is participating

Vision Task force – Marisa/Pastor Nathan

On Our Way Rejoicing Campaign to raise \$20,000 in the next few months

Letters will be sent to the congregation on how to grow our giving and what current giving looks like.

Shirley moved to send the letters as presented in the Pastor's report, second by Faye.

Motion carried. Becky will mail this week

The letters REJOICING are up in the front of the church. A letter will be colored in for every \$2000 given

They are working on a 100 day plan to help new minister and family feel welcome at Messiah and within the community

Seeking new members for the Council

Technology – Shirley

Electronic giving options will be explored

Executive

Everything has been covered previously in this meeting

Committee budget requests are due by December 1.

New members are needed for committees and Church council

New committee/council members will be affirmed by the congregation at the annual meeting

Committee terms are to be flexible but not to exceed limits set in the constitution

Marisa will work on a way to promote members being aware of the church committees/council and how to volunteer

Messiah Property Expenditures

Reviewed the upcoming (1-5 year) expenditures as foreseen by the Property Committee

Executive meeting Wednesday December 14 at 8:30 am

Council meeting Wednesday December 21 at 8:00 pm

Motion by Jim, second by Jared to adjourn. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hermes

MESSIAH WOMEN CALENDAR – JANUARY, 2017

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran Social Services - Alexandria*

January	1	Sunday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee-Group 1
January	2	Monday	7:00 PM	MARTHA Bible Study
January	5	Thursday	1:30 PM	Quilting Mission Fellowship
January	12	Thursday	1:00 PM	MARY'S Bible Study
January	19	Thursday	1:30 PM	Quilting Mission Fellowship
January	29	Sunday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee – Group 1

Notes from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson

Work is underway for the 2017 Women's booklets. Our plan is to have the women's booklet done and ready for you by the first week of January. Please remember that the dates of events printed in the books are not written in stone and changes may need to be made. We will try to keep you abreast of these changes and will let you know in the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin. If you have any questions please feel free to call us. Group leaders will be asked to get the booklets passed out to the committee members in their group.

We had a few adventurous women that got together despite the weather on December 15th to pack Cheer boxes for members of our congregation that are in the nursing home, assisted living or housebound for health reasons and also to the spouses that lost a member this year. Thank you for the donations. Thank you to the women who helped put together beautiful baskets and trays of goodies, and thanks to all those who helped deliver the baskets.

You are encouraged to attend one of the Bible Study Groups in 2017. Martha meets in the evening the first Monday of the month and Mary meets in the afternoon on the second Thursday of the month. Presently both groups are studying "Women of the Bible." Contact people are listed in the WELCA booklet.

As Messiah Women (WELCA) there are several opportunities to use your gifts and talents in service. Take a few minutes to look over the following committees. Hopefully you will find one that interests you and let the church office or Arlou (986-2639) or Sylvia (986-2936) know so we can get you involved. The WELCA booklet lists the duties of each of these committees.

- *Cheer/Sunshine Committee
- *Christian Nurture Committee
- *Decorating Committee
- *Second Mile
- *Group
- *Altar Committee
- *Provide flowers for one month
- *Quilting and Mission Kits

As we leave 2016 behind us and anticipate what 2017 has to offer we are reminded of our mission statement "***As a community of women created in the image of God, called to the discipleship in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.***" God's blessings to you all in 2017. A big and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who has helped keep WELCA going another year!

**THANK YOU TO WELCA FOR THE
CHEER BOXES!** From the recipients



Seek-

Join us when rotation #3 starts on January 8th, for Sunday school. Kids ages 3 years old to 8th grade are always welcome.

Looking to share your gifts? Sign up to teach ONE SHORT 4 WEEK rotation! Check out our Sunday school board by the Welcome desk in Narthex.

Connect-

We have two Sunday Fun Days coming up! Sunday, January 22nd we will have movie and popcorn for all youth from 10:45-11:45 a.m. The second fun day is Sunday, Feb. 19th. The kids will get to decorate their own valentine sugar cookie treats from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

All Sunday School ages 3-6th grade will sing for church on Sunday, Feb. 26th. Please meet in chapel at 9:15 a.m. before church service.

Sunday School will be at 9:30 am on Sunday February 12. Worship at 10:30 followed by Valentine Dinner by Outreach at 11:45, to benefit the local food shelf.

Impact-

Thank you to our amazing youth for a great Holiday production of "Believe", Nativity Story and Youth Talent Prelude. We had 55 youth participate, and we are so grateful.

Thank you to the education team, parent volunteers, church men, and many others who helped make our Holiday program a great success. The new stage, backdrops, costumes, amazing sound crew, Bev's and Madeline's beautiful piano playing. All of it was amazing! We had 150 stay for our brunch potluck and fellowship! God is Good!

Happy New Year to all, make 2017 a great year!

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing" Giving Campaign

Messiah is off to a great additional fund raising start with \$5,000+ already given toward the goal of raising \$20,000+ by Easter Sunday, April 16. Please notice the letters "Rejoicing" in the sanctuary being colored in—each letter is \$2,000.

As you think about how you are going to support this extra above and beyond giving please think about which level fits best for you and how God is blessing your life:

140 Messiah Giving Units	(Scenario 2)	(Scenario 3)
Each give \$150 extra	1 Gift - \$5,000	5 Gifts - \$1,000
(\$21,000 Total)	10 Gifts - \$1,000	10 Gifts - \$500
	50 Gifts - \$100	100 Gifts - \$100
	(Total \$20,000)	(Total \$20,000)

Please pray how you will support (if you are able) this extra giving opportunity at Messiah. There are envelopes in the pews and your extra gifts can be given at one time or spread over these next months until Easter. May God bless this generosity and giving so that Messiah's ministry and outreach will continue to grow stronger in the love of Jesus.

A New Year—what will it bring?

Start each day with prayer!

Are resolutions empty promises we make and break?

Before you make resolutions look within yourself and be honest about your changes.

Believe in yourself to finish what you started.

Will you have Psalm 51:10-11 be your resolution for 2017?

Psalm 51:10-11

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.”

Count your blessings!

Stephens Leaders, Ardis and Sandy

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

- **IMPACT** Wednesdays 5-7pm! Woodlawn DVD Series. Any adults available to help out, let Heidi Johnson know!
- **Noisy Offering** for Project Night Night items January 8th .
- Sign up at Welcome Center to go to the **Salvation Army Shelter** on Saturday January 21st. Or contact Heidi to sign up. We're preparing and serving a noon meal, getting a tour of the shelter, and delivering Project Night Night bags for the kids. Leaving church at 7:30am and returning around 2:30-3:00pm. All ages welcome! Under 5th grade need an adult.
- Adopt your **Project Night Night** bags at the Welcome Center. Fill it with a new snuggle blanket, children's book, and stuffed animal. Please return by January 18th.
- **Super Bowl Sub** fundraising event February 5th. Assembly begins at 8:30am. Bring your kids in to help assemble at 8:30 and to sell them after church!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR KIDS WITH US!

JANUARY MESSAGE SERIES:

Prayer! Messiah's Power For 2017!

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January 1 – TAKE THE CHILD

Matthew 2:7-18

January 8 – PRAYER TIPS

Matthew 6:1-18

January 15 – WHY PRAY?

Matthew 6:5-15

January 22 – HOW GOD TALKS TO YOU?

2 Timothy 3:16

January 29 – A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Matthew 21:12-16

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

1 & 8-Isabelle Strunk 15 & 22-Sophie Sanstead 29 - Teagen Winter

COMMUNION

1 Bev Yochim

PREPARATION

15 Pam Randt

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**1 & 15 Ashley Froemming Brittany Randt
Becky Meyer**SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL**

January 1-15 Arlyn Swenson

January 16-31 Jim Hanson

COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL

Jared Frykman

FLOWERS

Decorating Committee

WELCOME CENTER**USHERS/GREETERS**

January	1	Bill Setzer & Ruth Nelson; Evan & Rosie Yochim	
January	8	Steve & Sara Strunk	Ed & Nettie L; Curt & Cindy A; Jason & Leah A; Nick & Kesha T.
January	15	Kurt & Janee Strunk	Deb & Jerry, Tony & Christy Krusemark
January	22	Lance & Heidi Johnson Family	
January	29	Brian & Pam Randt Family	

VIDEO**PROJECTION**

January	1	Emma Swenson	Krista Randt
January	8	Annika Solemsaas	Krista Randt
January	15	Quinten Winter	Ireland Winter
January	22	Jaime Johnson	Savanna Swenson
January	29	Ireland Winter	Brooke Anderson

ORGANISTS**SOUND****LECTORS**

January	1	Bev Yochim	Nicole Bruns	-
January	8	Bev Yochim	Kaitlyn Sanstead	LeRoy Stark
January	15	Bev Yochim	Aiden Winter	Jerry Krusemark
January	22	Bev Yochim	Kaitlyn Sanstead	Heidi Johnson
January	29	Bev Yochim	Aiden Winter	Jacki Anderson

COFFEE

January	1	Coffee served by WELCA # 1
January	8	Coffee served by Youth - Johnson Family
January	15	Coffee served by Churchmen— Curt Anderson
January	22	Coffee served by Youth—Winter Family
January	29	Coffee served by WELCA #1



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #1 No Sunday School	2 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	3 1:30 Stephen Ministry	4 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5-5:30 Youth Meal 5:30-7 5th-12th grade "Impact" Youth group No Messiah Choir	5 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	6	7 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
8 9:30 Worship Service/SS Play bells, Installation of Leaders, Noisy Offering for Yth projects 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:30 Outreach Team 10:45 Sunday School	9	10	11 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	12 1:00 Mary Bible Study 6:30 Stv Min Class	13	14 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
15 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by Men 10:45 Sunday School	16	17 1:30 Stephen Ministry	18 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 5-5:30 Youth Meal 5:30-7 5th-12th grade "Impact" Youth group 7:00 Messiah Choir 8:00 Messiah Council	19 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	20	21 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study 7:30 am Mission Project: Salvation Army Shelter
22 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday Fun Day 10:45 ANNUAL MEETING	23	24	25 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	26 6:30 Stv Min Class	27	28 7:30 Men's Bkfast Bible Study
29 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #1 10:45 Sunday School	30	31				

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Notice of Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting of the members of the Messiah Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:45 a.m.

Action will be taken on the following matters:

1. Affirm the position of two (2) council members and several committee members
2. Reports of various committees;
3. The transaction of any and all other business as may properly come before the meeting.
4. The 2017 Budget including Benevolence

Duane Samuelson & Marisa Sabolik
Messiah Council Co-Presidents