

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Fall of 2016 has been amazing at Messiah! People new and old have been stepping up to volunteer and help; new members have been received; worship has been filled with worshipping people filled with joy. Here are some Fall highlights:

**Join The Celebration** got the Fall off to a great start in early September;

**12 Mentors** are mentoring Messiah's Confirmation youth;

**Nine New Members** joined Messiah on October 9;

**Praise Band** has several new participants;

**Harvest Bonfire & Games Night** had 60+ people of all ages involved;

**Mission Trip To Gladys Rae Homeless Shelter** was an excellent experience for each person young and old who were involved;

**Children's Ministry** is filled with excited kids who did an amazing job singing in the church service on October 16;

**Lay Worship Leaders** did a great job on October 23 with Camilla Bjorklund leading the Praise Band and sharing the message; the Choir singing; Tracy Hedstrom did the Children's Message; Confirmation Youth shared the prayers and benediction. Thanks to each one for your participation;

**Succession Planning Team (Call Committee)** met on October 26 and are requesting that congregation people network and nominate names of pastors to be considered.

November at Messiah will continue this joy in Jesus with even more opportunities to celebrate God's love and amazing grace. The following are just a few of these opportunities:

**Turkey Dinner** sponsored by and a fund raiser for Messiah's youth will be on Sunday, November 13, 11:30-1:00 P.M. Please note that worship that day will be at 10:30 A.M.

**Stewardship Sunday** is November 13 and will focus on the final game in our message series, "Monopoly." Please keep your giving and stewardship strong as we seek to offer a potential new pastor a good salary and benefits this Spring.

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**COUNCIL AND  
COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS**

**Wednesday—9**

8:30 am

Executive Team

**Sunday—13**

8:45 am

Outreach team

**TBA**

Education Comm.

**Wednesday-16**

8:00 pm

Messiah Council



**PASTORAL ACTS:**

FUNERAL	10-8-16	Verna Hotvedt (non-member)
TRANSFERS IN	10-9-16	Derek Korzendorfer Daniel, Mary, Allison, Katie Jacobson Paul, Tyson McGee Kelsey Bennett

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**Movie Field Trip** to see "I Am Not Ashamed" will be on Sunday, November 13, leaving church at 1:00 P.M. Watch for more details.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** is 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 23. Come and give thanks for all God's amazing blessings!

**Middle School Youth Gathering** is November 19-20 in Grand Forks. Messiah supports and sends these kids each year.

**First Sunday In Advent** is November 27. Yes by the end of this month we begin our focus on Jesus' birth in the manger of Bethlehem.

November is a great month filled with joy and thanksgiving at Messiah! Please invite your neighbors and friends to participate with us "On Our Way Rejoicing!"

God is so good! Pastor Nathan

### **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.



### **INTERIM YOUTH MINISTER POSITION**

A job description and application for Interim Youth Minister is available in the church office. If you are interested in the position, or know of someone who is, please ask Becky for a job description and application. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Nathan, Marisa Sabolik, or Duane Samuelson.



# Happy Birthday!



Curt Johnson	11/1	Karla Fettkether	11/11	Leland Hedstrom	11/22
Jessica Vipond	11/1	Audrey Ackerson	11/13	Tom Winter	11/22
Vicky Johnson	11/2	Paul Gran	11/13	Madeline Anderson	11/23
Deb Krusemark	11/2	Gayle Hohn	11/13	Joseph Oelke	11/23
Lisa Olson	11/2	Allyson Coleman	11/14	Blair Sylskar	11/23
Sylvia Swenson	11/2	Beverly Nelson	11/14	Aiden Winter	11/23
James Erickson	11/4	Kennedy Strunk	11/14	Kim Thompson	11/23
Pat Nelson	11/4	Teresa Erickson	11/16	Allison Anderson	11/25
Judy Richards	11/4	Kyra McGrath	11/16	Toni Hohnwaldt	11/25
Arlene Westberg	11/5	Emma Swenson	11/16	Bryan Starner	11/25
Louis Samuelson	11/6	Harvey Anderson	11/17	Brad Meyer	11/28
Ireland Winter	11/8	Guy Swenson	11/19	Kara Olson	11/28
Faye Giese	11/9	Ellerd Larson	11/20	Susan Rosdail	11/28
Julia Meyer	11/10	Eli Richter	11/21		

## **WORK SERVICE GROUP FOR DECEMBER**

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

Paul & Carol Anderson, Leslie & Delores Bruns, Lynette Bruns family, Jerry & Michele Danelke, Tad & Kathy Dunlap, Laurie Gulbrandson, Gwen Haack, Paul & Tracy Hedstrom family, Jim & Cindy Kloos, David Martinson, Pat & Tina McGrath, Becky Meyer, Marlin & Barb Nadgwick, Greg & Judy Richards, Duane & Darlene Samuelson, Wanda Stark, Courtland and Sylvia Swenson, Jeff & Amy Swenson family, Mike & Kris Telkamp family, LeRoy & Sylvia Thorstad.

### **Remembering the Saints in Light**

Lester Westberg	11-02-10	Alvin Rathke	11-09-11
Ralph Bjelland	11-11-08	Jerome Nordquist	11-11-10
Edna Nordin	11-12-10	Fritz Anderson	11-13-07
Daniel Helberg	11-14-10	Alma Lazier	11-19-08
Mildred Stark	11-27-10	Degen Meyer	11-28-09

**Messiah Lutheran Church Council**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 8:00**

The Council meeting followed the meeting with Paul Erdal. Paul discussed the call process with members of the Council, Vision Task Force and Success planning teams.

The meeting could not be officially called to order, as there was not a quorum of the majority of the member present.

Present: Pastor Nathan, Marisa Sabolik, Jim Hanson, Shirley Sampson, Jen Hermes. Heidi Johnson was present representing the youth committee.

The following items were unofficially discussed:

Jim reviewed the current financial statements.

Pastor Nathan went over the highlights of his written report.

Youth and Family – Heidi Johnson recapped items:

- Coffee schedule set

- Jr High Youth gathering Nov 19-20

- Marisa will check with Becky on a waiver form to be used when youth are traveling

- Oct 15 Gladys Ray Homeless shelter and Churches United Mission trip

Property committee – Stan's plan for tree planting

Educations - -Join the Celebration had good turn out

Outreach:

- Bonfire October 15<sup>th</sup>

- Kristel and Amy doing directory

- New member bulletin board being updated

- New member luncheon Oct 9 – Brian and Pam doing food

Vision – site profile done, succession team in place

Next meetings –

- Executive Wednesday Oct 5 8:30

- Council Wednesday October 19 at 8pm

Reassign October and December Communion offering – Jen and Marisa will help with October as needed. December will be determined later.

Jen Hermes

## MESSIAH WOMEN'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

### *Mission of the Month: Local Food Shelf*

Thursday	3	Quilting, Mission, Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Sunday	6	Fellowship Coffee at 10:30, Group 5 is serving
Monday	7	Martha Bible Study at 7 PM
Thursday	10	Mary Bible Study at 1 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>General Meeting at 2 PM. Plan to Attend!</b>
Sunday	13	WELCA Apple Pie and Bake sale at Youth Turkey Dinner
Thursday	17	Quilting, Mission, Fellowship at 1:30 PM
Saturday	19	Holiday Expo 9 AM – 2 PM at the Kleinsasser Gym Messiah WELCA will serve Pie and Ice Cream in Senior Center, 12:30-2:00 PM
Wednesday	23	Evening Thanksgiving Service at 7 PM

### News notes from Arlou Swenson and Sylvia Swenson;

We are nearing the end of this years' activities. Our Mission Kits have been sent off, quilts have been given away throughout the year and purses have been filled with personal items and delivered to Someplace Safe **AND** apple pies have been made. November is going to be another busy month and we wanted to update you on important dates involving the church women.

On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Bake Sale and sell the apple pies in conjunction with the Youth Turkey dinner.

One week later, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Messiah women will sell and serve pie and ice cream during the Holiday Expo from 12:30 until 2 PM. Both events will need your support and help. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center.

Our Mission of the Month is the local food shelf. Remember to bring non-perishable items to the church and place in the boxes in the Narthex. Paper products are always needed along with cash donations.

We will be having a General Meeting on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. We will talk about the 2017 calendar and the groups and group leaders. We need your input if you think you need a change in your group.

We are planning to get started with typing the new 2017 WELCA booklet soon. If you have dates you would like to be included please let us know during the month of November. We will also be looking for assistance in assembling them when they are run in December. Let us know if you can help.

Thank you ladies for all your help and donations for making this another successful year for WELCA! God's Work – Our Hands!

Give Thanks---We have been Blessed to be a Blessing to others!



### Seek-

All youth ages PreK-Senior High to participate in our Christmas Program “Believe”, on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for youth to **play any instrument for a “prelude” on the same day.** Please notify any of the education team if interested!

### Connect-

Are you looking to share your talents? We need some **“creative”** people to help make and design some props, costumes and such for our Christmas program. Contact church office or education team.

### Impact-

Join us for a movie field trip to **“I’m Not Ashamed”**, on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from church around 1-1:15. All **Messiah Youth tickets will be paid for by the church.** This movie focuses on a teenager’s struggle to keep “GOD” in her life. It is a true story based on a teenager’s journals from the Columbine shootings. The movie is PG-13, all are welcome to carpool with us. The movie is being shown privately at 3:30 p.m. just for the church group at Parkwood Cinema in Waite Park, MN. Contact Ed team with any questions!

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

**WELCA**  
**APPLE PIE SALE**  
**\$8.00 each**  
**November 13, 2015**  
**During Turkey Dinner**  
**11:30 to 1:00**

The flower and vegetable gardens were so beautiful this year. There was sharing of the produce.

The farmers are harvesting beans and corn and that too is bountiful.

God has given us a seed called faith. When we plant it in God's soil, "The Bible", it will never stop growing. Dig in God's soil daily and thank Him with your prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving with many blessings!

Stephen Leaders, Ardis and Sandy



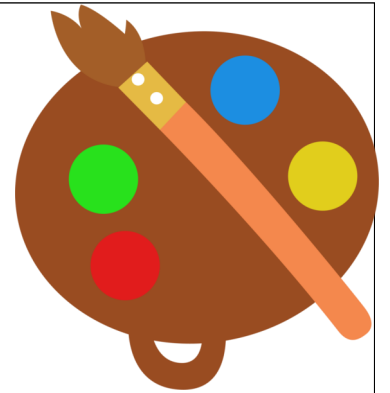
## PAINT & SIP

November 17

6:00 pm

\$25

BYOB



## Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks provided

RSVP by November 13 to the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center

Or by calling Amy Puchalski or Becky in the church office

Must be 21 years or older to attend

Plastic glasses will be provided

**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 a sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk for the picture session appointments. Future sitting schedules will be decided upon at a later date. The hope is to have them completed before we get a new Pastor.



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

6 &amp; 13 Damon Sanstead

20 &amp; 27 Izzy Puchalski

**COMMUNION**

6

Marisa Sabolik

**PREPARATION**

20

Faye Giese

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

6 &amp; 20

Savannah Swenson

Brittany Randt

Arlou Swenson

**COMMUNION SERVERS—COUNCIL**

Duane Samuelson

**FLOWERS**

Darlene Christensen

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!!**

**WELCOME CENTER**

November 6 Jon Winter  
November 13 Sheila Lanners  
November 20 Grace Stier  
November 27 Claire Stark

**USHERS/GREETERS**

Dianne Johnson, Jon & Tanya Winter family  
Rick & Ardis Stark; Bernie & Dianne Nord  
Steve Engelby, Dennis & Mary Haagenon  
Erick & Adrienne Stark, Bob Spaulding

**VIDEO**

November 6 Quinten Winter  
November 13 Jaime Johnson  
November 20 Emma Swenson  
November 23<sup>(Wed)</sup> -  
November 27 Brooke Anderson

**PROJECTION/TRAINEE**

Emma Swenson  
Ashley Froemming  
Kaitlyn Sanstead  
Krista Randt  
Savannah Swenson

**ORGANISTS**

November 6 Bev Yochim  
November 13 Bev Yochim  
November 20 Bev Yochim  
November 23<sup>(Wed)</sup> Bev Yochim  
November 27 Bev Yochim

**SOUND**

Aiden Winter  
Aiden Winter  
Nicole Bruns  
Brittany Randt  
Brittany Randt

**LECTORS**

Dianne Johnson  
Ardis Stark  
Val Arnquist  
-  
Adrienne Stark

**COFFEE**

November 6 Coffee served by WELCA # 5  
November 13 TURKEY DINNER served by Youth  
November 20 Coffee served by Churchmen—Duane Samuelson  
November 27 Coffee served by Youth—Bruns Family



# NOVEMBER 2016

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confm 5-5:30 Youth Meal 5:30-7 5th-7th grade "Impact "Youth group 7:00 Messiah Choir	3 1:30 QMF 6:30 Stv Min Class	4	5 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 9:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee by WELCA #5 10:45 Sunday School	7 7:00 MARTHA Bible Study	8	9 8:30 am Exec Team 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir	10 1:00 Mary Bible Study 2:00 WELCA General Mtg 6:30 Stv Min Class	11	12 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
13 NOTE TIME CHANGE 8:45 Outreach Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30-1 TURKEY DINNER WELCA Apple Pie Sale 1:00 Movie Field Trip	14	15 7:00 Stephen Ministry	16 2:30 Pastor at Barrett 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	17 1:30 QMF 6:00 Paint & Sip 6:30 Stv Min Class	18	19 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study 9-2 Holiday Expo at Kleinsasser Gym 19+20 Middle School Gathering
20 9:30 Holy Communion 10:45 Coffee by Churchmen 10:45 Sunday School	21	22	23 7:00 Thanksgiving Worship	24  OFFICE CLOSED	25	26 7:30 Men's Bkfst Bible Study
27 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee by Youth 10:45 Sunday School	28	29	30 4:00-5 8 & 9th Confirm 7:00 Messiah Choir			

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**MESSIAH YOUTH TURKEY DINNER**  
Sunday, November 13th  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Menu:**  
Turkey with all the fixings

**Cost:**  
Free Will Offering

**Everyone is welcome!!**

Turkey Dinners will be provided for the homebound people. Please contact the church office before November 10th if you would like to have one delivered.  
Meals will also be provided for those unable to pay.

**NOTE TIME CHANGE: SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AT 9:30**  
**WORSHIP IS AT 10:30**  
**WELCA selling Frozen Apple Pies at Turkey Dinner**