

*Welcome to*  
**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*"Reassuring Faith in an Unsure World"*

Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th

The Parable  
of the  
Talents

A stack of approximately ten gold coins is positioned to the right of the word "of the" in the title. The coins are stacked vertically, with the top coin showing its obverse side.

Worship Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am Traditional & 11:15am Contemporary  
Sunday Fellowship: 10:15am  
Sunday School : 10:15am  
Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Pastor Martin Bornhoeft, Interim Pastor

Tracey Shaw, Administrative Assistant

Hope Moran, Director of Ministries

Christie Hoaglin, Finance Administrator

David Webb, Organist

Melissa Chapman, Comm. Coordinator

**Mission Statement**

As believers in Jesus Christ, Messiah Lutheran Church is a fellowship of Christian faith called by God to gather, grow, and go as disciples of Christ.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Sunday, November 19th there will not be high school or adult Sunday school classes due to congregational meeting at 10:15am

**CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR:**

Shop for faith-filled children's books at a special discount and earn money for Messiah to purchase Sunday School material. Stop by the Narthex before November 26th and check out the great books on display. Take an order form, fill it out and return it in the offering plate or to the church office with your check.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:**

Messiah will have a special service on November 22nd at 7pm with pumpkin pie and cider after the service.

**FAMILY PROMISE:**

You are needed to make this ministry thrive! You don't have to go to a foreign country to serve others, you just have to come to Messiah. Please sign up to spend the night with the families or be an evening host. The sign up poster is under the monitor in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Rader at 317-745-7017 or tarader@hotmail.com.

**CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS FLOAT:**

There is a collection box in the narthex for extra Halloween candy or other bags of candy.

**SOCK IT TO ME:**

Bring in new socks in any size during the month of November for the sock tree in the narthex.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

On Sunday, November 26th there will not be Sunday school for children, youth or adults due to Thanksgiving.

**HIRE A YOUTH:**

The 10 youth going to the ELCA Houston Youth Gathering are for hire! They are willing to rake leaves, do yard work, clean garages and homes, put up Christmas decorations, babysit on Black Friday or other days, bake your Christmas cookies and more. Contact Kelli Grothen (317-287-4848 or kceagrothen@gmail.com) to hire a youth for a free will donation to their trip. Besides raising money this is a great way to build relationships with the youth.

**BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM:**

Children often have the opportunity to have breakfast with Santa. This year Messiah will offer them the chance to have breakfast with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the Shepherds, Wisemen and Angels. A hot breakfast will be served. There will be tents with a baker, a herb & spice shop, a carpentry shop and a reading of the Christmas story. Tickets are on sale now in the narthex. See Hope Moran to volunteer to be in the cast of characters or sign up on the board in the narthex.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:**

All women are invited to Dawson's Too in Brownsburg on Sat., Dec. 2nd at 11 am for a program "Angels: A Heavenly Host," lunch from a special menu and a white elephant gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift from home and not something new. Please sign up in advance on the poster in the narthex so a reservation may be made for you. Invite a friend or neighbor. Deadline is Nov. 27th.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Advent Midweek Dinners and Services will be held December 6th, 13th and 20th, with dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. On Sunday, December 24th, there will be one morning service at 9:00 am, but no GRACE service.

## FAMILIES SERVING OTHERS:

This is a start-up group that provides families of all ages an opportunity to volunteer for various service projects throughout the year. More information to follow soon.

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for worshipping at Messiah. For visitors with small children, there are activity bags in the Narthex and a nursery is available. For those needing amplified sound, please see an usher.

## ATTENDANCE / OFFERING

Attendance for last week 173. Offering for last week was \$8369.77.

## STAFF SCHEDULES

The church office will be closed on Thurs. Nov. 23rd and Fri. Nov. 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Tracey will only be in Mon.—Wed. from 9 am-3 pm. Christie will be on Mon., Tues, & Wed. from 9 am—3 pm. Hope Moran will be in Sunday from 8 am—1 pm, Mon. & Tues. 9 am—3 pm returning Mon, Nov. 27th after Thanksgiving. Melissa Chapman will be in Mon., Tues., & Wed. 9 am -3 pm. Pastor Martin will be available for pastoral care through his cell phone 317-353-9665. Pastor will be in the office Tue. 2 pm –5 pm, Wed. 10 am—8 pm, Sat. 4 pm—7 pm; Sunday 8 am—1 pm and evenings as needed.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

The mission of the month for November is Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries, INC. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

## SAVE THE DATE CORRECTION:

Messiah's Annual Christmas Dinner is **December 17th** in the Kinney Family Life Center **NOT** December 21st.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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|--------------------|--|----------|
| Preschool          | Sarah Ewing, Brandy Hataway                | Room 111 |
| Kindergarten—<br>1 | Linda Schwartzkopf, Kaj Brown              | Room 112 |
| 2-3 Grade          | Carla Sands, Ashley Schwartzkopf-<br>Mills | Room 110 |
| 4-5 Grade          | Lisa Schulenberg, Jami Dyer                | Room 108 |
| Middle School      | Karla Bodie                                | KFLC     |

## Inspiring Worship all Week

*A daily devotional guide for this week based on next Sunday's readings for worship that lead us to Sunday, November 26th*

**Key verse:** "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

### Readings: *Sunday readings in bold print*

Day 1 **Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 – 24**

Day 2 **Psalm 95: 1 – 7**

Day 3 Acts 20: 28

Day 4 **Ephesians 1: 15 – 23**

Day 5 John 10: 11, 14 – 18

Day 6 **Matthew 25: 31 – 46**

**Apply:** On this final Sunday of the church year, our Gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the reading from Ezekiel, God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the completion of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

In these six areas of hunger, thirst, stranger, naked, sick, and/or estranged, where do you find yourself serving most naturally? In which of these do you have the most trouble reaching out?

**Prayer:** Holy Father, bless us with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to recognize the weak and needy of your flock, to tend them as you would, through the words of your only Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**November 18th & November 19th, 2017**  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Announcements  
\*Confession and Forgiveness  
\*Gathering Hymn ELW 520  
\*Greeting  
\*Hymn of Praise ELW 858 v.1  
\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-12  
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
\*Gospel Acclamation front of ELW p. 205  
\*Gospel Matthew 25:14-30  
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.1 **Sunday Only**  
Children's Message **Sunday Only**  
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.2 **Sunday Only**  
Sermon "Investing our Many Talents"  
\*Hymn of the Day ELW 707  
\*Apostles' Creed  
\*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 178  
\*The Peace

**COMMUNION**

Offering  
Special Music by the Adult Choir "Thanksgiving Prayer"  
\*Offertory Hymn ELW 186  
\*Offering Prayer  
\*Words of Institution  
Lord's Prayer Front of ELW p. 154  
Distribution of Communion  
\*Invitation to Communion  
\*Lamb of God ELW 336 v. 1  
Communion Hymns ELW 674, 785, 471  
\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Prayer  
\* The Blessing  
\*Sending Hymn ELW 543  
\*Dismissal  
\*Postlude

## MESSIAH'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### Sunday, November 19

9:00 AM Traditional Worship  
10:15 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Congregational Meeting  
11:15 AM Grace Contemporary Worship  
5:30 PM Confirmation and HS youth dinner  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class & HS youth group  
7:00 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups

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### Monday, November 20

10:00 AM Prayer  
10:00 AM Sew Good Quilters  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Ruth Circle

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### Tuesday, November 21

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast  
10:00 AM Prayer  
11:00 AM Cleaning of the Sanctuary  
6:30 PM Girl Scouts 1217, Girl Scouts 1248  
7:15 PM Handbells

### Wednesday, November 22

9:30 AM Women's Morning Bible Study  
10:00 AM Prayer  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pumpkin Pie Social

### Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving*

#### ***Church office closed***

9:30 AM A.A.

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### Friday, November 24

#### ***Church office closed***

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### Saturday, November 25

9:00 AM Food Pantry  
5:30PM Worship

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### Sunday, November 26

9:00 AM Traditional Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship, No Sunday School  
11:15 AM Grace Contemporary Worship  
5:30 PM Confirmation & HS Dinner **CANCELLED**  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class/HS Youth Group **CANCELLED**

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### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

|                      | 5:30pm       | 9:00am                             |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Greeters             | Patsy Wilson | Leon Kirchoff                      |
| Welcome Center       |              | Mary Kirchoff                      |
| Lectors              | Mike Ford    | Trevor Ewing                       |
| Ushers               |              |                                    |
| Acolytes             |              | Elise Roberts & Molly Williams     |
| Deacon               |              | Hope Moran                         |
| Communion Assistants |              | Kris Quandt & Pat Schafer          |
| Nursery              |              | Linda Schwartzkopf & Elise Roberts |
| Care Team            |              | Julia Schulz & Judy Phillips       |
| Media Tech           |              | David Bedard                       |

Counters: Leon & Mary Kirchoff  
 Altar Guild: Irma Lael & Carol Lauritsen