

*Welcome to*  
**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*"Reassuring Faith in an Unsure World"*

Saturday, December 2nd & Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>



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

Annette

Marette, Substitute Organist

**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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317-852-2988

**FAMILY PROMISE:**

Just a reminder that we are hosting these families this week. Contact Teresa Radar at 317-745-7017 or tarader@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS:**

It is that time of year to place your order for poinsettias. They will be placed on the altar in time for Christmas Eve services and will be available for pickup after the last worship service on December 24th. They cost \$8.50 each. Please fill out the order form found on the black tables in the Narthex and place it in the basket there. The deadline to order poinsettias is December 10th.

**BAPTISMS:**

During the Saturday, December 2nd 5:30 pm worship service Adelyn Belle Hites will be baptized and become a part of the Christian family through our Savior, Jesus. Adelyn is the daughter of Lewis & Sarah Hites and her sponsors are Jonathan & Nicole Dawes. During the 9 am service on Sunday, December 3rd Shepherd John Hoersten will be baptized and become a part of the Christian family through our Savior, Jesus. Shepherd John is the son of Adam & Talli Hoersten and his sponsors are Steven & Tamara Hoersten. May Jesus bless Adelyn Belle and Shepherd John through their baptism in the many ways they live and share the love, grace and hope of our Savior and Lord.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS**

There are several Advent Devotional Booklets for families, couples and individuals and are in the devotional rack at the main entrance of Messiah. Please take a look at the selection of Advent Devotional Booklets and take one home to help in your preparation for our Savior's birthday on Christmas Day and when we experience Jesus' presence throughout our daily life. May Jesus bless us daily on our Advent Journey!

**MESSIAH'S NEW ADVENT WREATH**

Today we will bless and light candles on the new Advent Wreath in our sanctuary. The new Advent Wreath comes from the Memorial Fund. May our Advent Wreath bless us, as we light the candles and prepare for Jesus' birthday on Christmas Eve and Day and the many ways our Savior is with us throughout this Advent Season and New Year before us!

**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 while you shop, 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.

**BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM:**

This year on Saturday, December 9th at 9 am Messiah will offer children 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.

**ADVENT DINNER & SERVICE:**

The Advent meal, sponsored by the Spiritual Life Board this Wednesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm will be hot dogs and a baked potato bar. The worship service will be held at 6:30 pm.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

The Spiritual Life Board and Fellowship Board are sponsoring the Annual Christmas Dinner. This year the dinner will be followed by a special Christmas play starring the middle school and high school youth. The event will be held from 3:00pm—5 on Sunday, December 17th in the Kinney Family Life Center. Dinner will be served at 4:00pm with Christmas festivities and a Christmas play following the dinner. In order to plan and prepare adequate food, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex or you may RSVP by calling the church office at (317) 852-2988. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to contribute a dish.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

On Sunday, December 24th, the Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

The mission of the month for December is the ELCA Good Gifts. Your special offerings this month reflect God's love, making a difference in people's lives around the world. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

## 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 148.

Thanksgiving Eve service 29.

Offering for week of 11/19/17 was \$8595.

Offering for last week was \$4878.

## FLOWERS

The altar flowers are in honor of the Kesters.

## STAFF SCHEDULES

Tracey will only be in Mon.—Wed. from 9 am-3 pm. Christie will be on Mon., Thurs., & Fri. from 9 am—3 pm. Hope Moran will be in Mon-Thurs. 9 am—3 pm plus evening and weekend hours as needed. Melissa Chapman will be in Mon., Thurs., & Fri. 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, Thur. 12 pm—5 pm, Fri. 10 am—5 pm, Sat. 9 am—7 pm; Sunday 8 am—1 pm and evenings as needed.

**DROP AND SHOP PROGRAM/PRACTICE:** We will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th, from 9:30-11:30. This will be an opportunity to practice with all students, musical accompaniment, and costumes. You may drop your child off at the church any time after 9:15am. Volunteers will have activities available for children until practice begins. We will also have a Holiday movie in the KFLC after practice for those wishing to stay (If your child plans to stay, please send a sack lunch.) Please pick up your child by 1:00pm.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Children will share the Christmas Story on Sunday, December 17th, after the 9am service. Please have children meet in their classrooms by 10:00am. The entire congregation is invited to attend. No Sunday School.

## Inspiring Worship all Week

*A daily devotional guide for this week based on next Sunday's readings for worship that lead us to Sunday, December 10th*

**Key Verse:** "A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord." - Isaiah 40: 3

## Readings

**Monday: Isaiah 40: 1-11**

Tuesday: Philippians 3: 7-11

**Wednesday: Psalm 85: 1, 2, 8-14**

**Thursday: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a**

Friday: Philippians 3: 12 - 16

**Saturday: Mark 1: 1-8**

**\*Sunday readings in bold print**

**Apply:** On the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles on the wreath, and we listen to John the Baptist urging us to prepare. Prepare is the theme of all of this weekend's readings. Look them over to determine what you are preparing for. Read 2 Peter to find out what you need to do to prepare? Are there things you need to change in your life to prepare?

**Prayer:** Dear God, Help us to prepare the royal highway in our hearts and lives for you as you come near. Help us to look forward to your coming amidst all the craziness of this season and keep that "coming" be our central focus. May we slow down and look around for your coming to us this very day in the people and events around us. Amen.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**December 2nd & December 3rd, 2017**

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness

\*Gathering Hymn ELW 259

\*Blessing of the Advent Wreath

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\*Greeting

\*Kyrie ELW p.138-139

\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

\*Gospel Acclamation front of ELW p. 142

\*Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Children's Hymn ELW 781 V.1 (*Sunday Only*)

Children's Message (*Sunday Only*)

Children's Hymn ELW 781 v.2 (*Sunday Only*)

Sermon "Signs of Jesus' Coming"

\*Hymn of the Day ELW 438

\*Holy Baptism *Hoersten* ELW 227 (*Sunday Only*)

\*Apostles' Creed

\*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 178

\*The Peace

**COMMUNION**

Offering

Special Music *by the Adult Choir* "Angel's Advent Carol"

\*Offertory Hymn ELW 182

\*Offering Prayer

\*Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer Front of ELW p. 154

Distribution of Communion

\*Invitation to Communion

Prayers of Healing and Wholeness

\*Lamb of God ELW p. 146 v. 1

Communion Hymns ELW 260, 490, 483

\*Post Communion Blessing

\*Post Communion Prayer

\* The Blessing

\*Sending Hymn ELW 266

\*Dismissal

\*Postlude

## MESSIAH'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 3      *Family Promise Hosting*

Intermission between services

9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Hoersten Baptism

10:15 AM Fellowship/Sunday School

11:15 AM Grace Contemporary Worship

5:30 PM Confirmation & HS Dinner

6:00 PM Confirmation Class / HS Youth Group

7:00 PM Youth Guys' & Girls' Small Groups

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### Monday, December 4      *Family Promise*

10:00 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Sew Good Quilters

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

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### Tuesday, December 5      *Family Promise*

10:00 AM Prayer

11:00 AM Cleaning of the Sanctuary

5:00 PM Spiritual Life Board

6:00 PM VDC Reunion Group

6:30 PM Fellowship Board, GS 1217, GS 1248

7:15 PM Handbells

### Wednesday, December 6      *Family Promise*

9:30 AM Women's Morning Bible Study

10:00 AM Prayer

5:30 PM Advent Meal served by Spiritual Life Board

6:30 PM Advent Worship Service

7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 7      *Family Promise*

9:30 AM A.A.

10:00 AM Prayer

6:30 PM Executive Council

7:00 PM Friendship Bible Study

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### Friday, December 8      *Family Promise*

10:00 AM Prayer

8:00 PM AA

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### Saturday, December 9      *Family Promise*

9:00 AM Food Pantry

9:00 AM Breakfast in Bethlehem

9:00 AM Worship & Music Board

5:30 PM Worship

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### Sunday, December 10      *Family Promise*

*Healing & Wholeness*

9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Healing & Wholeness

10:15 AM Fellowship/Sunday School

11:15 AM Grace Worship with Carey Baptism

5:30 PM Confirmation & HS Dinner

6:00 PM Confirmation Class/HS Youth Group

SUNDAY SCHOOL

3 + 4 Year Olds	Brandy Hataway & Sarah Ewing	Room 111
Pre K + Kindergarten	Linda Schwartzkopf & Kaj Brown	Room 112
1+ 2 Grade	Carla Sands & Ashley Schwartzkopf	Room 110
Grades 3-5	Lisa Schulenberg & Jami Dyer	Room 108
Middle School	Karla Bodie & Erin Cooper	Room 105
High School	LeAnn Bruns	Room 107
Adult	Hope Moran & Pastor Jim Wetzel	Room 123 & 117

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	5:30pm	9:00am
Greeters	Mark Rader	
Welcome Center	Teresa Rader	
Lectors	Teresa Rader	Rob Einterz
Ushers		
Acolytes		Carter Bodie & Christopher William
Deacon		Karla Bodie
Communion Assistants		Vickie Greene & Pat Schafer
Nursery		Cadi Kiel & Elise Roberts
Care Team		Randy & Donna Effner, Susan Fox
Media Tech		Matt Mills

Counters: John & Julia Schulz  
Altar Guild: Irma Lael, Anne McMillan & Linda Schwartzkopf