

Welcome to
Messiah Lutheran Church

"Reassuring Faith in an Unsure World"

Saturday, December 16th & Sunday, December 17th



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

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:

There are several Advent Devotional Booklets for families, couples and individuals in the devotional rack at the main entrance of Messiah. Please take one home to read during Advent as we prepare for our Savior's birthday. May Jesus bless us daily on our Advent Journey!

REVERSE ADVENT:

Join with the Messiah family and help give nutritious food to families in our community. Prepare for Christmas by creating an Advent box. Instead of taking something out each day of Advent, you place something in for the food pantry! Count down the days til Christmas by adding an item into the box. Then, drop off at Messiah by December 24th.

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.

ADVENT DINNER & SERVICE:

The Advent meal this Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm is sponsored by the Fellowship Board and will be a taco bar. The worship service will be held at 6:30 pm.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:

The Spiritual Life Board and Fellowship Board are sponsoring the Annual Christmas Dinner this Sunday, December 17th. The event will be held from 3 pm—5 pm. Dinner will be served at 4 pm with Christmas festivities and a Christmas play following the dinner. The special Christmas play will star the middle school and high school youth.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

On Sunday, December 24th, the Christmas Eve services will be at 5 pm and 7:30 pm. On Sunday, December 24th there will only be the traditional worship service at 9 am.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT:

As we approach the holiday season, it is time to reflect on our blessings. Our ministry staff and leadership are truly a blessing to this church. It has been our tradition, for the members of the congregation to contribute towards a gift. If you are interested in contributing towards a Christmas gift for the staff, please place your donation in your offering envelope or a marked envelope.

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY:

This week the healthcare ministry will be going to Brownsburg Healthcare on Tuesday, December 19th at 10:30 am and Roland Manor at 2 pm. On Wednesday, December 20th they will be going to Hearth at Prestwick at 10 am and Brownsburg Meadows at 2:30 pm. On Thursday, December 21st they will be visiting Traditions at Reagan Parkway at 1:30 pm. If you would like to join the other volunteers contact Mike Madigan at 715-340-5386.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT MESSIAH:

NEW CLASS!! Messiah Ladies would like to start another Bible study on Thursday evenings beginning January 4th through April 5th. Meeting dates will be the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 8pm to 9:30 pm. The study will be focused on the "40 Day Journey with Martin Luther." If you have any questions contact Cadi Kiel at 651-357-5169.

FAMILIES SERVING OTHERS:

Families Serving Others is a start-up group that provides families of all ages an opportunity to volunteer for various service projects throughout the year. For our inaugural year, we will plan one service project per month. Watch your bulletin for more information to be announced.

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 184. Offering for last week was \$8747.50.

CANDLES:

The altar candle is for Phyllis Ford by Mike Ford.

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 will be in Mon.-Thurs. 9 am—3 pm plus evening and weekend hours as needed. Melissa 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. 10 am—5 pm, Fri. 10 am—5 pm, Sat. 4 pm—7 pm, Sunday 8 am—10 pm and evenings as needed.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE:

The church office will be closed from December 25th through January 1st. We will return Tuesday, January 2nd.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the area between the narthex & KFLC. Please contact Christie in the church office if you do not see your offering envelopes or if there are any issues with your offering envelopes.

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 24th

Key Verse: "For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1: 37

Readings

Monday: **2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16**

Tuesday: Psalm 148

Wednesday: **Luke 1: 46b-55**

Thursday: **Romans 16: 25-27**

Friday: 1 John 1: 1-9

Saturday: **Luke 1: 26-38**

***Sunday readings in bold print**

Apply:

During the morning worship service on December 24th we will light the last Advent candle as we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent and await Jesus' birth. Later on the same day we will celebrate Christmas Eve and Jesus' birth.

In the morning, we hear the angels tell Mary to fear not. In the evening, we hear the angels tell the shepherds to fear not. God is also telling you to fear not.

List your fears in pencil on a sheet of paper. Then, using a bold marker write over the top of your fears God's words to you – Fear Not. Give your fears to God and don't take them back. Remember that nothing is impossible with God. You can conquer your fears...every one of them.

Prayer: "As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone. Amen."

~ELW Hymn 261

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
December 16th & December 17th, 2017
(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude
Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness
*Gathering Hymn ELW 242
*Lighting of the Advent Wreath ELW 715 v.3
*Greeting
*Kyrie ELW p.138-139
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
Psalm 126
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
*Gospel Acclamation front of ELW p. 142
*Gospel John 1:6-8,19-28
Children's Hymn ELW 677 V.1 (*Sunday Only*)
Children's Message (*Sunday Only*)
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.2 (*Sunday Only*)
Sermon "Who are you?"
*Hymn of the Day ELW 246
*Apostles' Creed
*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 178
*The Peace

COMMUNION

Offering
*Offertory Hymn ELW 182
*Offering Prayer
*Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer Front of ELW p. 154
Distribution of Communion
*Invitation to Communion
*Lamb of God ELW p. 146 v. 1
Communion Hymns ELW 815,715,253
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer
* The Blessing
*Sending Hymn ELW 248
*Dismissal
*Postlude

MESSIAH'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:15 AM Children's Christmas Program
11:15 AM Grace Worship
3:00 PM Christmas Dinner Theater

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Monday, December 18

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

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Tuesday, December 19

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
10:00 AM Prayer
10:30 AM HC Ministry at B'Burg Healthcare
11:00 AM Cleaning of the Sanctuary
2:00PM HC Ministry at Roland Manors
6:00 PM Scrapbasket Quilters
7:15 PM Handbells

Wednesday, December 20 *Newsletter Deadline*

10:00 AM Prayer
10:00 AM HC Ministry at Hearth at Prestwick
2:30PM HC Ministry at B'Burg Meadows
5:30 PM Advent Meal
6:30 PM Advent Worship Service
7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 21

9:30 AM A.A.
10:00 AM Prayer
1:30 PM HC Ministry at Traditions at Reagan Parkway
7:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting

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Friday, December 22

10:00 AM Prayer
8:00 PM AA

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Saturday, December 23

9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:30 PM Worship

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Sunday, December 24

*Last Day to Turn in Reverse
Advent Calendars*
9:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
7:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday School

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| 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 107 |
| High School | LeAnn Bruns | Room 105 |
| Adult | Hope Moran & Pastor Jim Wetzel | Room 123 & 117 |

Giving to the mission work of Messiah is easier than ever before using the mobile version of online giving. You may give anytime from your smartphone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to our webpage at messiahelca.com, locate and click on the "Secure Online Giving" link.



Worship Volunteers

| | 5:30pm | 9:00am |
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| Greeters | Mike Ford | Brad Schweitzer |
| Welcome Center | | Emily Schweitzer |
| Lectors | Sam Fultz | Myra Ahrens |
| Ushers | | |
| Acolytes | | Elise Roberts & Megan Schulenberg |
| Deacon | | Kris Quandt |
| Communion Assistants | | Hope Moran & Karla Bodie |
| Nursery | | |
| Care Team | | Julia Schulz & Judy Phillips |
| Media Tech | | David Bedard |

Counters: John & Julia Schulz

Altar Guild: Irma Lael, Anne McMillan & Linda Schwartzkopf