

*Welcome to*  
**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*"Reassuring Faith in an Unsure World"*

Saturday, September 1st & Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>



Worship Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am Traditional & 11:15am Contemporary

Sunday Fellowship: 10:15am

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Erik Allen, 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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*Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here! At Messiah, we have open communion for everyone who believes in our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus. We encourage you to visit our webpage at [www.messiahelca.com](http://www.messiahelca.com).*

## **VISITORS**

For visitors with small children, there are activity bags in the back of the church and a nursery is available. For those needing amplified sound, please see an usher. Please fill out a guest information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. For every completed guest card, Messiah will purchase five chicks from ELCA Good Gifts in your name.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS OR CANDLE**

Reminder to sign up for Altar flowers as there are still several spots available through the end of the year. Cost is \$40 or the cost can be split (\$20) if there are two families that sign up for the same date. Flowers are a great way to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries or in remembrance.

## **RALLY DAY**

Rally Day is on Sunday, September 9th beginning with a youth-led worship service at 9am, Sunday School Open House for all ages at 10:15am, and a church picnic at 11:30am. Bring a dish to pass and the meat will be provided. No GRACE service on September 9th. Join Hope Moran for "God's Work. Our Hands" service project at 1st Trinity Lutheran following Rally Day. If you plan on attending, let Hope know so that you can get a "God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirt.

## **WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON**

Pumpkin and Squash! That is the theme of this year's Women's Fall Luncheon. The date has been changed to Saturday, September 15th at 11:00am in the Kinney Family Life Center.

## **PASTOR ERIK'S INSTALLATION**

On Sunday, September 16th at 4pm, Bishop Bill Gafkjen will be preaching and presiding over Pastor Erik's installation. Area clergy and rostered leaders will be in attendance. Dinner will follow with the main course and dessert being provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

"Cozy Mountain Lodge" is the theme of Messiah's second annual women's retreat. It will be held at Lutheran Hills Camp from Friday, September 21 - Sunday, September 23. There is still time to sign up. Registration ends Sunday, September 9th.

## **FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY VOLUNTEER MEETING**

There is a Friendship Bible Study volunteer meeting on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm. A light supper will be provided. All those wishing to volunteer with our special needs adult friends are encouraged to attend. Contact Kris Quandt at 317-691-5460 if you have any questions.

## **FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY - ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

On Thursday, September 13th, the Friendship Bible study will start the year with an ice cream social at 7:00pm. Friendship Bible Study is a inter-active bible study for our developmentally unique adults to learn about Christ through songs, prayer, crafts, and group games.

## **GOLF OUTING**

Our golf outing has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 29th at Oaktree Golf Course. The start times remain the same with a shotgun start at 9am. Anyone who plans to attend please email Gene Schwartzkopf at [schwartzkopf511@gmail.com](mailto:schwartzkopf511@gmail.com) or phone at 317-401-7233 to sign-up.

## MESSIAH'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 2**

"Intermission"-between services

9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Brun's Baptism

10:15 AM Fellowship

11:15 AM Grace Contemporary Worship

### **Monday, September 3** *Labor Day*

Church office closed

10:00 AM Sew Good Quilters

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### **Tuesday, September 4**

10:00 AM Prayer

11:00 AM Cleaning of the Sanctuary

5:45 PM Spiritual Life Board

6:00 PM VDC Reunion Group

6:30 PM Fellowship Board

6:30 PM GS 1248 & 1217

7:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, September 5**

10:00 AM Prayer

7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

7:00 PM Cub Scouts 377

### **Thursday, September 6**

9:30 AM A.A.

10:00 AM Prayer

6:30 PM Friendship Bible Study Volunteer Mtg.

### **Friday, September 7**

10:00 AM Prayer

8:00 PM AA

### **Saturday, September 8**

8:00 AM Connection Ministries

9:00 AM Worship & Music Board

10:00 AM Food Pantry

3:30 PM youth Practice for Leading Services

5:30PM Worship/Bakken Baptism

### **Sunday, September 9** *Rally Day*

*Prayers for Healing & Wholeness - 9am service*

9:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship/Sunday School

11:30 AM Church Picnic

1:00 PM "God's Work. Our Hands."

1:00 PM Hou Koda

## INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend – September 8th and September 9th, 2018. Thank you Mike Madigan for writing September's Inspiring Worship.*

**Key Verse(s):** "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers." James 2: 8-9

Readings:      Day 1    Isaiah 35: 4-7  
                    Day 2    Psalm 146  
                    Day 3    James 2: 1-17  
                    Day 4    Proverbs 22: 1-2, 9  
                    Day 5    Mark 7: 24-30  
                    Day 6    Mark 7: 31-37

### **Sunday readings in bold print**

**Apply:** The Gospel of Mark is separated this week into two readings. While they may be similar in Jesus' compassion for the daughter who is possessed and man who was deaf, the passages do, however, have stark differences. First, the Greek woman; Jesus seems to show partiality in his first response to her. Was he testing her faith in sayings, she doesn't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but then transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Second, regarding the deaf man, Jesus, I believe, was showing compassion. However, I think it goes much deeper than just compassion. Jesus was showing once again his never ending love for the poor and vulnerable. (Therefore, that is why I separated the gospel into 2 parts.)

The New Testament reading from James 2:1-17, I felt that this passage really was important for me this week, especially the two verses of 8 and 9. Read it over a few times, and then determine whether you are keeping with the royal law or that a lawbreaker?

Prayer: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Saturday, September 1st & Sunday, September 2nd, 2018**

*(\* Please stand as you are able.)*

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Baptism Hymn ELW 444  
Baptism *Rosemary Claire Bruns*  
\*Gathering Hymn ELW 520  
\*Greeting  
\*Hymn of Praise ELW 858 v.1 & 2  
\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9  
Psalm 15  
Second Reading James 1:17-27  
\*Gospel Acclamation ELW 512  
\*Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23  
Children's Hymn ELW 595 v.1 *Sunday Only*  
Children's Sermon *Sunday Only*  
Children's Hymn ELW 595 v.2 *Sunday Only*  
Sermon  
\*Hymn of the Day ELW 793  
Apostles' Creed *Saturday Only*  
\*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 612 *refrain only*  
\*The Peace

**MEAL**

Offering  
\*Offertory Hymn ELW 185  
\*Offering Prayer  
\*Words of Institution  
Lord's Prayer  
\*Invitation to Communion  
Distribution of Communion  
Lamb of God ELW p.146  
Communion Hymns 772, 806, 534  
\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Prayer

**SENDING**

\* The Blessing  
\*Sending Hymn ELW 731  
\*Dismissal  
\*Postlude

## **ATTENDANCE/OFFERING**

Attendance for last week was 207.

Offering for last week was \$5324.49.

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Bill & Norma Wehrman's anniversary.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Food Pantry**

This month your special offerings above your regular giving will go to our food pantry. Messiah's food pantry is open every Saturday and helps many Hendricks County families with a box of essential food items. The special offerings will go towards purchasing foods for the boxes. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

## **PASTOR ERIK'S SCHEDULE**

Pastor Erik will be in the office Mon. through Thurs. 9am-3pm and by appointment. He is off on Fridays. Pastor Erik also can be reached on his cell phone at 775-750-7266.

## **HOPE MORAN**

Hope is in the office Mon. - Thurs. from 9am-3pm and Sundays 8am-1pm. Evenings and weekends as needed.

## **OFFERINGS**

We rely on the generosity of members and friends to support the programs, staff, building and ministries of Messiah and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You can also donate online at [www.messiahelca.com](http://www.messiahelca.com) and click on the "secure giving" link, by using the QR code or using GivePlus Church app on your phone. We still pass the offering plate as well. We appreciate your contributions of time, talent and financial support.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October - Operation Christmas Child
- October 28th - Trunk or Treat
- November 3rd & 4th - Celebration Weekend Service
- November 3rd - Trivia Night
- November 4th - Rachel Kurtz
- November 17th - Tinsel & Tears
- November 18th - Congregational Meeting

*Watch your bulletin, e-news, newsletter and Messiah's website: [www.messiahelca.com](http://www.messiahelca.com) for further information on these events.*

	5:30pm	9:00am
Greeters	Mark & Teresa Rader	Chris Milner
Welcome Center		Phyllis Bridwell
Lector	Teresa Rader	Jeff Corder
Ushers		John & Julia Schulz
Acolytes		Daniella Dayharsh & Audrey Faletic
Deacon		Nicole Corder
Communion Assistants		Vickie Greene & Gene Schwartzkopf
Nursery		Carla Sands
Care Team		Randy & Donna Effner, Susan Fox
Media Tech		

<p>Counters: Joseph &amp; Phyllis Bridwell Altar Guild: Pat Schafer &amp; Irma Lael</p>
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