



# MESSIAH

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**November 24 & 25, 2018**



## **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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**Worship Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 9:00am & 11:15am**

**Sunday School: 10:15am**

**Sunday Fellowship: 10:15am**

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

Erik Allen, Pastor -- Hope Moran, Director of Ministries -- David Webb, Organist --  
Tracey Shaw, Administrative Assistant -- Christie Hoaglin, Finance Administrator --  
Melissa Chapman, Communications Coordinator

## **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

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) for more information on Messiah Lutheran's beliefs. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Women's Annual Christmas Lunch will meet at Dawson's Too, Sticks and Stones at 11:00am on Saturday, December 1st. Lunch will be ordered from a limited menu. There will be a brief business meeting which will include the election of officers for 2019. A short program will follow and then the fun White Elephant Gift Exchange. There are no tickets to purchase, but we need to confirm numbers attending. Sign up on the sheet posted in the gathering area under the monitors.

### • **BE A STAR IN THE CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS PARADE**

Join us Saturday, December 1st in the Brownsburg Christmas Parade. We will have a float and need volunteers to be walkers handing out invitations, riding the float and throwing candy. If you would like to help decorate or UNdecorate the float contact Brad Schweitzer at 317-260-6621.

### • **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Advent Midweek Dinners and Services will be held December 5th, 12th and 19th, with dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. The dinner menu for December 5th is a Taco bar with nachos, walking tacos, and desserts. Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

### • **FAMILIES SERVING OTHERS CAROLING DATE CHANGE**

The date has changed to Sunday, December 2 from 3-5pm, to deliver the stockings to our homebound members and sing Christmas carols.

### • **BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM**

Bring your family and friends for breakfast with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus on Saturday, December 8th at 9am. Purchase your tickets in advance on [www.messiahelca.com](http://www.messiahelca.com), clicking on "secure online giving," or by returning the bottom portion of the flier (handed out in worship and available at the welcome center) in the offering plate or drop it in the box at the welcome center. RSVP by Dec. 2nd. Contact Hope Moran (317-910-6080 or [hope.moran@messiahelca.com](mailto:hope.moran@messiahelca.com)) to reserve or to volunteer.

### • **FAMILY PROMISE**

Families will be moving in on December 9th and staying through December 16th. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering area under the monitors. There are many openings still available. Contact Teresa Rader by phone at 317-745-7017 or by email at: [tarader@hotmail.com](mailto:tarader@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### • **DROP' N SHOP/CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE**

We will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th, from 9:30-11:30. This will be an opportunity to practice with all students, musical accompaniment, and costumes. Volunteers will have activities available for children until practice begins.

### • **FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY**

The Town of Brownsburg's annual "Let's Give" food drive will culminate Wednesday, Dec 5th with the Town delivering all the donated food to Messiah's food pantry. As in years past, we'll need a crew of volunteers to receive, sort and shelve the food. The Town will deliver the food to Messiah at 9am. Any and all help will be appreciated!

### • **MESSIAH CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Spiritual Life Board and Fellowship Board are sponsoring the Annual Christmas Dinner. The event will be held from 3:00pm—5:00pm on Sunday, December 16th in the Kinney Family Life Center. In order to plan and prepare adequate food, a sign-up sheet is in the gathering area under the monitor. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to contribute a dish.

## ***This Week @ Messiah***

*Prayer is held in the sanctuary at 10:00 am during the week.*

### **Sunday, November 25**

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship -11:15am
- Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation / High School Youth Group - 6:00pm

### **Monday, November 26**

- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study - 7:00pm
- Esther Circle - 7:00pm
- Healthcare Bingo - 7:00pm

### **Tuesday, November 27**

- HC Min Worsh Wellbrooke of Avon - 2:00pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm
- Evening Women's Bible Study - 8:00pm

### **Wednesday, November 28**

- Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:30am
- HC Min Worsh B'burg Meadows North - 2:00pm
- WELCA Board - 6:00pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm

### **Thursday, November 29**

- AA - 9:30am
- Friendship Bible Study & FBS Parent Bible Study - 7:00pm

### **Friday, November 30**

- AA - 8:00pm

### **Saturday, December 1**

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Property Work Day - 9:00am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Women's Christmas Luncheon - 11:00am
- Good Samaritan - 11:30am
- Decorate Float for Christmas Under the Stars Parade - 4:00pm
- Worship - 5:30pm

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2018**  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**GATHERING**

Announcements  
Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
\*Gathering Hymn ELW 855  
\*Greeting  
\*Hymn of Praise ELW 669 v.1&5  
\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
Psalm Psalm 93  
Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8  
\*Gospel Acclamation ELW 676 v.4  
\*Gospel John 18:33-37  
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.1  
Children's Sermon  
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.2  
Sermon  
\*Hymn of the Day ELW 660  
\*Apostles' Creed  
\*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 708 refrain only  
\*The Peace

**MEAL**

Offering  
\*Offertory Hymn ELW 182  
\*Offering Prayer  
\* Words of Institution  
\*Lord's Prayer  
\*Invitation to Communion  
Distribution of Communion  
Lamb of God ELW p.146  
Communion Hymns ELW 838, 760, 826  
\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Prayer

**SENDING**

\*The Blessing  
\*Sending Hymn ELW 805  
\*Dismissal  
\*Postlude

**WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:**

- **Saturday 5:30pm service:** Lector Sam Fultz
- **Sunday 9:00am service:** Greeters Brooke Feister Welcome Center Debbie Vernon Lector Shirley Stempson Acolytes Christian Schweitzer & Anna Ewing Communion Assistants Gene Schwartzkopf & Annette Marette Deacon Tom Stempson Nursery Linda Schwartzkopf Care Ministry Dotti McIntyre

## **Inspiring Worship for December 1 & 2, 2018**

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –  
December 1 & 2, 2018, written by Hope Moran.*

**Key Verse:** “Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21: 36

Readings \*Sunday readings in bold Monday: **Jeremiah 33:14 - 16**  
Tuesday: **Psalm 25:1 - 10**  
Wednesday: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7  
Thursday: **1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13**  
Friday: Romans 13:11 - 14  
Saturday: **Luke 21:25 - 36**

**Apply:** This, the first weekend of Advent, begins the season of anticipation. Luke tells us to be alert. We are to be alert and pray as we anticipate the days ahead. As we do this it is important to know what we are anticipating and why we are being alert. The Bible verses should give you thoughts on that. What have you discovered through them? How can you make this Advent season one that helps you to bask in the anticipation of Jesus’ birth and second coming instead of getting all caught up in the glitter and glam of the season? How about taking a restful pause each day around an Advent wreath or candle? How about stopping midweek and coming to worship on Wednesdays at 6:30pm or enjoying dinner with your church family members before worship at 5:30pm? Life gets hectic and busy at this time of year. Let us be alert to those things that draw us towards the Christ Child and those that lead us away from him.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what’s really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



Poinsettia order forms are available from the ushers when you enter the sanctuary or you can pick one up from the welcome center.

**Attendance** for November 17th and 18th was 197, and the **offering** was \$9008.41.

The altar flowers are from Marianne Skarvan in honor of her daughter, Caryn’s, birthday.

*Altar flowers and sponsoring the altar candle are a great way to honor a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one. Sign up on the poster in the gathering area.*

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH:**

#### **Military Appreciation Committee (MAC)**

This month your special offerings, above your regular giving, will go to the Military Appreciation Committee. This ministry provides cards, packages of care and continued prayers for their safety and their families. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.