



December 8 & 9, 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 --
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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 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

• ADVENT

Advent Midweek Dinners and Services will be held December 12th and 19th, with dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. The dinner menu for December 12th is chili, soups, and grilled cheese sandwiches and is provided by the Social Ministry and Christian Ed Boards.

• ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There are two different devotion books waiting for you on the black tables in the welcoming area. Take five minutes each day to read one to help maintain your focus during this time of waiting and watching until we celebrate Baby Jesus' birth.

• CHRISTMAS EVE

Services will be at 5:00pm and 7:30pm on December 24th. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to join you at Messiah.

• FAMILY PROMISE

Families are moving in on December 9th and staying through December 16th. Your help is needed. There are many openings still available. Contact Hope Moran by phone at 310-910-6080 or by email at: hope.moran@messiahelca.com if you have any questions.

• FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Join the Friendship Bible Study Group on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary as they enact the story of Christmas. A reception with cookies and punch will follow. Everyone is invited.

• DROP 'N SHOP/CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE

The children will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th, at 9:30am. This will be the only opportunity to practice with all students, musical accompaniment, and costumes. Immediately following the rehearsal until 1:00pm the children may stay and have fun while the parents have four hours to get ready for Christmas. Please bring a lunch for each child. Drinks and activities will be provided.

• 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. It is important that you sign up.

• MESSIAH OLDER WISER LUTHERANS (OWLS)

A reminder the OWLS will not meet for lunch this month. The next lunch will be Friday, January 18th at 11:30am. Watch your bulletin, newsletter and e-news for more information.

• END OF YEAR

If you would like to make a donation to Messiah for 2018, please make sure that it is in the offering plate or turned into the office by Sunday, December 30th. We greatly appreciate everyone's continued generosity.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

- **Saturday 5:30pm service:** **Lector** Robin Ryan-McFarland **Greeter** Robin Ryan-McFarland
- **Sunday 9:00am service:** **Greeter** Phyllis Bridwell **Welcome Center** Chris Milner **Ushers** Debbie & Gary Hood **Lector** Evan Grothen **Acolytes** Finn Carey & Daniella Dayharsh **Communion Assistants** Mike & Joanne Madigan **Deacon** Nicole Corder **Nursery** Lisa Schulenberg **Care Ministry** Joy Stadtmiller **Media Tech** David Bedard

This Week @ Messiah

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

Sunday, December 9

- Family Promise moves in - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- Traditional Worship - 9:00am *Prayers for Healing & Wholeness*
- Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship -11:15am
- Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation / High School Youth - 6:00pm

Monday, December 10

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study - 7:00pm
- Joanna Circle - 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 11

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- Mary Martha Circle - 9:30am
- Stephen Ministry Peer Meeting - 6:00pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm
- Evening Women's Bible Study - 8:00pm

Wednesday, December 12

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:30am
- Advent Meal - 5:30pm
- Advent Worship Service - 6:30pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm

Thursday, December 13

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- Friendship Bible Study - 7:00pm *Christmas Program*

Friday, December 14

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am

Saturday, December 15

- Family Promise - 5:30pm - 6:00am
- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Drop-n-Shop/Children's Christmas Rehearsal - 9:30am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Good Samaritan Funeral - 1:00pm
- Worship - 5:30pm

Inspiring Worship for December 15 & 16, 2018

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –
December 15 & 16, 2018, written by Hope Moran.*

Key Verse: “Bear fruits worthy of repentance.” Luke 3:8

Readings ***Sunday readings in bold**

Monday: **Zephaniah 3:14 - 20**

Tuesday: Psalm 96

Wednesday: **Isaiah 12:2 - 6**

Thursday: **Philippians 4:4 - 7**

Friday: Philippians 4:8 - 9

Saturday: **Luke 3:7 - 18**

Apply: Last week we heard about repenting, confessing our sins. Repenting means to turn around. We turn around from our sinning and work to sin no more. Of course, being human, we do sin again and again and ask for repentance again and again and receive forgiveness again and again. However, in all that, we do work hard to not commit the same sins but to bear fruits worthy of repentance: to do things differently working at living in a new way, acting in a new way, rejoicing in a new way. Which fruits are you bearing? How are you rejoicing in God, your Savior for forgiving you as you repent and turn around your life? This weekend the pink candle will be lit on the Advent wreath. It signifies rejoicing. May you find ways to rejoice and be glad this week sharing that joy with those you meet and greet along life’s path celebrating all that God has done, is doing and will do in your life.

Prayer: God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.



This is the last week to order your Christmas Poinsettia. Order forms are available in your bulletin from the ushers when you enter the sanctuary or you can pick one up from the welcome center.

Attendance for December 1st and 2nd was 194, and the **offering** was \$8680.

The altar flowers are in honor of John and Dottie McIntyre’s anniversary and in memory of Lois Fultz. The candle is lit in honor of Dottie McIntyre’s daughter’s, Connie, 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: Lutheran Child and Family Services

The mission of the month for December is Lutheran Child and Family Services. Place donations in your offering envelopes and mark that it goes to the Mission of the Month.

