



December 22 & 23, 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 -- Annette Marette, 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 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

- **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.

- **CHRISTMAS POSTCARD INVITATION**

Pick up a postcard from the welcome center, usher, or the black tables in the gathering area to invite friends and neighbors to Christmas Eve Services.

- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be no Sunday School December 23 or 30th. Sunday School will resume Sunday, January 6th.

- **ADULT FORUM (New Sunday School Class)**

Messiah is starting a new Sunday morning "Adult Forum" in an effort to provide folks relevant conversation regarding current events or topics and what these mean to us as Christians. The class is segmented such that one class does not rely on the preceding class for continuity. Each class will stand on its own. We will be meeting in rooms 127-129 at 10:30am and will publish a schedule of upcoming classes so that everyone will know what is happening. Please plan to attend, participate, discuss, be open to new things, and hopefully walk away with a smile on your face and your heart filled with the Spirit. Our class schedule for the first three weeks is: January 6th - A look at Epiphany on Epiphany Sunday; January 13th - Messy Relationships; January 20th - Daily Life of a Christian - The Sabbath.

- **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed December 24 - January 1st. Although the church office is closed, you may contact Pastor Erik for pastoral concerns at 775-750-7266 or Hope Moran at 317-910-6080.

- **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**

There will only be one worship service for the weekend of December 30th. A traditional service will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 30th at 9:00am. No Saturday evening, No GRACE & No Sunday School. Regular schedule resumes January 5th & 6th.

- **CARE MINISTRY**

Each week two volunteers pick up the pew pads during the offering, take them to the gathering area, remove the sheets and take note of the pews where visitors are sitting. As soon as the service is over, they go to the visitor's pew to greet them. Would you be interested in serving in this welcoming ministry once every month? Contact Hope Moran at 317-910-6080.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK:

- **Saturday 5:30pm service:** **Lector** Sam Fultz **Greeters** Richard & Audre Hartmann
- **Sunday 9:00am service:** **Greeter** David Phillips **Welcome Center** Judy Phillips **Lector** Dottie McIntyre **Acolytes** Becca Allen & Nolan Hataway **Communion Assistants** Gene Schwartzkopf & Randy Effner **Deacon** Tom Barker **Nursery** Linda Schwartzkopf **Care Ministry** Dottie McIntyre **Media** Ashley Schwartzkopf-Mills

THIS WEEK @ MESSIAH

Sunday, December 23

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship - 10:15am NO Sunday School
- GRACE Contemporary Worship -11:15am

Monday, December 24

- Church Office Closed
- Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00pm & 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

- Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 27

- Church Office Closed
- AA - 9:30am

Friday, December 28

- Church Office Closed
- AA - 8:00pm

Saturday, December 29

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- No Saturday evening worship



During the season of Christmas as we remember the holy family and celebrate with our own families, we pray for all those who travel near and far.

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 22 & 23, 2018
(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Announcements
Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
*Gathering Hymn ELW 254
*Greeting
*Kyrie p. 147, 148
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

Lighting of Advent Wreath
Advent Song ELW 240 v.4
First Reading Micah 2:2-5a
Psalm Psalm 80:1-7
Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10
*Gospel Acclamation p. 151a
*Gospel Luke 1:39-55
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.1
Children's Sermon
Children's Hymn ELW 677 v.2
Sermon
*Hymn of the Day ELW 251
*Apostles' Creed
*Prayers of Intercession Spoken
*The Peace

MEAL

Offering
*Offertory Hymn ELW 184
*Offering Prayer
* Words of Institution
*Lord's Prayer
*Invitation to Communion
Distribution of Communion
Lamb of God ELW p.154
Communion Hymns ELW 257, 483
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing
*Sending Hymn ELW 242
*Dismissal
*Postlude

Inspiring Worship for December 29 & 30, 2018

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –
December 29 & 30, 2018, written by Hope Moran.*

Key Verse:

Readings ***Sunday readings in bold** Monday: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Tuesday: Psalm 148
Wednesday: Colossians 3:12-17
Thursday:
Friday: Luke 2:41-52
Saturday:

Apply: When my youngest son Aaron was about six years old, a large group of youth was going on a retreat that I organized. Aaron was coming along with us. Everyone piled into the vans, and we headed out. I realized close to our destination that Aaron wasn't in my van. There were no cell phones at the time so I had to wait until we got to the retreat center to be sure he was in another vehicle. I assumed he was. So, I can relate to Mary and Joseph in Luke 2. It didn't take 3 days for me to find Aaron, thankfully, like it did Mary and Joseph to find Jesus. Three days. Sounds familiar? It took them three days to find their son and to learn what his real mission in life was. It took three days another time to see Jesus alive and learn from him what our mission is. Although it is still Christmas, soon it will be Easter. We cannot have one without the other or the story would not be complete and our salvation would not be secure. Think about the mission God has given you. You can discover it in our Father's house each week where Jesus was found by his parents.

Prayer: God, help us to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience as we discover our true mission in life through you. Amen.



Attendance for December 15th and 16th was 225, and the **offering** was \$7117.

Attendance for Wednesday, December 12th was 51

The altar flowers are in memory of Donald Wilson by Patsy Wilson. The candle is lit by Annette Marette.

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.