

Welcome to
Messiah Lutheran Church

"Reassuring Faith in an Unsure World"

LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018



Lessons & **Carols**

FAMILIES SERVING OTHERS:

Are you looking for an opportunity to help your family grow in faith together?

Families Serving Others provides families of all ages an opportunity to volunteer for fun service projects once per month. Please contact Carla Sands by phone at 919-495-1766 or email carla.jo.sands@gmail.com or Lacy Foy by phone at 317-999-8592 or email lafoy@iupui.edu for more information.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT MESSIAH:

Messiah Ladies will start a Bible study on Tuesday evening beginning January 8th at 8pm.

If you have any questions contact Cadi Kiel at 651-357-5169.

MESSIAH'S OLDER WISER LUTHERANS (OWLS)

This is a group of Older Wiser Lutherans who meet to share food, fellowship, and enjoy a speaker. The group usually meets the third Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the

Kinney Family Life Center. The messiah OWLS have a goal: to gather often for lunch and throw in lots of visiting. Contact Marie Hutchinson by phone at 317-657-4096 or by email

mariehutchinson711@yahoo.com or Phyllis Bridwell by phone at 317-500-0822 or email phyllisbridwell@icloud.com.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

All adult Sunday School classes will resume January 6th.

Sunday mornings Bible study include:

Book of John led by Pastor Jim Wetzel

Christian Parenting led by Colin Carey (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Adult Forum is led by various leaders

- Men's Bible Study - Monday evenings at 7:00pm is led by Joe Kempf
- The Women of the ELCA (Circles) - Tuesday, January 8th and Monday evenings thereafter. President of ELCA is Donna Effner
- Women's Wednesday Morning Study - Wednesdays at 9:30am is led by Barb Wetzel

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.

SEW GOOD QUILTERS:

This group of quilters meets weekly to create quilts, blankets, and lap quilts both for physical warmth and as prayer quilts for spiritual warmth to share with those in need. Fabric, batting, and quilting thread are needed for donation. Volunteer to join them make the quilts.

THIS WEEK @ MESSIAH
PRAYER IS HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT 10:00 AM DURING THE WEEK.

Sunday, December 30

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Sunday School - Resumes January 6th

Monday, December 31

- Church Office Closed - New Year Eve

Tuesday, January 1

- Church Office Closed - Happy New Year 2019

Wednesday, January 2

- Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:30am
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm

Thursday, January 3

- Friendship Bible Study & FBS Parent Bible Study - 7:00pm

Friday, January 4

- AA - 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 5

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Property Work Day - 9:00am
- Youth Action Planning Team - 9:00am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Worship - 5:30pm

Keeping the Twelve Days of Christmas at Home

Ideas for Families with Young Children:

Christmas isn't just one day, but a whole season! It lasts twelve days, from Christmas Day to Epiphany (January 6). Keep celebrating! Gather with friends and family, eat cookies, enjoy your Christmas decorations, watch Christmas movies, and sing all your favorite Christmas songs. Song suggestions for each day follow, but sing whichever ones your family likes best.

- "Joy to the World"
- "Go Tell It on The Mountain"
- "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
- "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 30, 2018

(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude

Announcements

*Gathering Hymn ELW 283

*Dialogue

*Greeting

*Prayer

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol ELW 272

Second Reading Isaiah 11:1-9

Carol ELW 279

Third Reading Luke 1:26-36

Carol ELW 265

Fourth Reading Luke 2:1-7

Carol ELW 278

Fifth Reading Luke 2:8-20

Carol ELW 275

*Sixth Reading Luke 2:21-40

Sermon

Carol ELW 293

Seventh Reading Matthew 2:1-11

Carol ELW 300

Eighth Reading Matthew 2:13-18

Carol ELW 294

*Ninth Reading John 1:1-14

*Carol ELW 253

*Prayers of Intercession Response ELW 178

*Sharing the Peace

COMMUNION

Offering

*Offertory Hymn ELW 296 v.1

*Responsive Prayer

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer Front of ELW p.154

*Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns ELW 292,282

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Hymn "Joy to the World"

*Post Communion Prayer

*The Blessing

*Sending Hymn ELW 270

*Dismissal

*Postlude

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
DECEMBER 24TH THROUGH JANUARY 1ST.**

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH MINISTRIES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
PROGRAMS:**

HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:

This is a group of volunteers who go to area healthcare facilities once a month to help lead worship by doing a reading, visiting with people who attend, and/or transporting people from their rooms if needed. Contact Mike Madigan by phone at 715-340-5386 or email mijomadigan@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY:

Thursday evening Friendship Bible Study for our special friend adults from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. September through mid-May. It is our mission to establish meaningful Christ-centered relationships with developmentally unique adults by including them in the church as God-gifted souls and friends. Over twenty friends are participating in this program. Adults and youth are needed to help lead this ministry. Contact Kris Quandt by phone at 317-691-5460 or email kquandt15@att.net.

FOOD PANTRY:

Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10:00am-12:00 p.m. This service has been in operation over 15 years. Contact Judy Phillips by phone at 317-625-2892 or email japhillija@gmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Stephen Ministry is a program of our congregation at Messiah that equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing life's needs. Stephen Ministry connects people in need with people who care. Through the one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need. Contact Mike Madigan by phone at 715-340-5386 or email mijomadigan@gmail.com

FAMILY PROMISE:

Messiah partners with Family Promise of Hendricks County to combat homelessness by hosting families in the church one week per quarter. Volunteers are needed to set up the spaces, provide one meal per night, be an evening host helping children with homework or playing games, spending the night one night, and resetting the rooms once they leave. Contact Teresa Rader by phone at 317-745-7017 or email tarader@hotmail.com.



Worship Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am Traditional & 11:15am Contemporary
Sunday Fellowship: 10:15am
Sunday School : 10:15am - resumes January 6th
Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Today's worship is led by Pastor Jim Wetzel.

Erik Allen, Pastor

Tracey Shaw, Administrative Assistant
David Webb, Organist

Hope Moran, Director of Ministries
Melissa Chapman, Comm. Coordinator

Christie Hoaglin, Finance Administrator

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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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.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Sunday 9:00am service:

Greeter David Phillips

Welcome Center Judy Phillips

Lector Joe Kempf, Myra Ahrens, Lisa Buetow

Acolytes Becca Allen & Nolan Hataway

Communion Assistants Gene Schwartzkopf & Annette Murette

Deacon Tom Barker **Nursery** Linda Schwartzkopf

Care Ministry Dottie McIntyre