



**January 5 & 6, 2019**



**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, Director of Music -- 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

### • NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN STUDY

Sunday School for all ages resumes Sun., Jan. 6th. 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 10:15am. 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 first class is on Sun., Jan. 6th and will be looking at "A look at Epiphany on Epiphany Sunday." Next Sun., Jan. 13th Hope will tackle the topic of "The Biggest Human Temptation: A look at Thomas Merton." Adults may also choose to study the book of John with Pastor Wetzel each Sunday at 10:15am or Christian Parenting with Colin Carey the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:15am.

### • PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

Next Sun., Jan. 13th at the 9:00am worship service there will be a special time for you after receiving communion to pray separately with a Stephen Minister.

### • EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The evening Women's Bible study will meet this Tues., Jan. 8th at 8:00pm.

### • 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* Marsha Banks

**Sunday 9:00am service:** *Welcome Center* Nicole Corder *Greeter* Jeff Corder *Lector* Anna Ritchotte  
*Acolytes* Christian Schweitzer, Christopher Willman *Communion Assistants* Vickie Greene, Cathy Canfield  
*Deacon* Pat Schafer *Nursery* Linda Schwartzkopf *Care Ministry* Randy & Donna Effner, Susan Fox *Media* Jeff Corder

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:15AM

- Preschool / Sarah Ewing & Brandy Hataway / Room 111
- Kindergarten - 1st grade / Linda Schwartzkopf & Kaj Brown / Room 112
- 2nd - 3rd Grade / Carla Sands, Ashley Schwartzkopf-Mills & Kyle Uhlenkamp / Room 110
- 4th - 5th Grade / Lisa Schulenberg & Jamie Dyer / Room 108
- Middle School / Karla Bodie / Room 107
- High School / LeAnn Bruns & Hope Moran / Room 105
- Adults / Colin Carey / 2nd & 4th Sundays / Room 123 & 125
- Adults / Pastor Jim Wetzel / The Book of John / Room 117
- Adult Christian Study / Various Topics & Leaders / Room 127-129

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

**Sunday, January 6**

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship/Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship -11:15am
- Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation/High School - 6:00pm
- Youth Small Groups - 7:00pm

**Monday, January 7**

- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study - 7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 8**

- Mary Martha - 9:30am
- Spiritual Life - 5:45pm
- Stephen Ministry - 6:00pm
- Fellowship - 6:30pm
- Hand bells - 7:15pm
- Evening Women's Bible Study - 8:00pm

**Wednesday, January 9**

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm
- Christian Education - 7:00pm
- Safety Meeting - 7:00pm

**Thursday, January 10**

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

**Friday, January 11**

- High School Cincinnati Trip - 5:00pm
- AA - 8:00pm

**Saturday, January 12**

- High School Cincinnati Trip
- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Worship & Music - 9:00am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Worship - 5:30pm

**Sunday, January 13**

- Traditional Worship with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness - 9:00am
- Fellowship/Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship -11:15am baptism of Eva Dayharsh
- High School return from Cincinnati Trip - 1:00pm
- Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation/High School - 6:00pm

## Inspiring Worship for January 12 & 13, 2019

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –  
January 12 & 13, 2019, written by Dr. Rev. Amy Allen.*

**Key Verse:** “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.” Luke 2:52

**Readings:** \*Sunday readings in Bold

Monday Luke 2:41-52

Tuesday **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Wednesday **Acts 8:14-17**

Thursday Acts 8:26-40

Friday **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Saturday **Psalm 29**

**Apply:** Throughout the first two chapters of Luke, the child Jesus increases “in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor” (Lk 2:52, cf. 2:40). Although Luke is clear that Jesus is the Son of God from his very conception, this Son grows and develops throughout both his childhood and his ministry. How have you grown and developed in your faith journey? Jesus develops into the man who meets John at the Jordan and he continues to develop throughout this ministry. Luke’s story isn’t just about Jesus becoming a leader—it’s also about the becoming of the Kingdom of God he proclaims. From Bethlehem to Jerusalem to Nazareth and back again to the ends of the earth, Luke’s gospel both tells the story of and incites the experience of the becoming of children of God. What does it mean to you to be a child of God? In what ways is God still forming you?

Just as Jesus grows in relationship with God and his family and neighbors, he extends this call to those who follow him, calling for repentance as a reorientation of life. Those who follow Jesus are called to reorient their lives and priorities around service not to their own household but to the overarching household of God. How has your baptism changed you? How is God calling you to become even more a part of God’s Kingdom and participate in its becoming?

**Prayer:** “Wash, O God, [us] sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number [us] among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave [us] garments bright and sparkling; compass us with love and light; Fill, anoint [us]; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.” Amen. ELW 445

*Send prayer requests to the church office at 317.852.2988 or prayers@messiahelca.com*

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:**

**Mental Health America of Hendricks County**

This organization promotes mental wellness within Hendricks County through education, individual advocacy, and support; linking those in need with appropriate mental health services. Place donations in your offering envelope and mark that it goes to the Mission of the Month.

**Attendance** for December 22nd and 23rd was 129, and the **offering** was \$14,787.

**Attendance** for December 24th was 220.

**Attendance** for Wednesday, December 30th was 102, and the offering was \$5261.

*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.*