



**December 7 & 8, 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 --

Astrid Caruso-Lynch, Music Director -- Caleb Meadows - Saturday Evening Musician/GRACE Contemporary Band Leader -

- 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

### • ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, December 8th, the Adult Forum will meet in room 123 at 10:15am. Pastor Erik will discuss Christmas Stories. Pastor Wetzel will meet in room 117 for the study of the Book of Revelation. The Adult Forum and Adult Sunday School will take a break from studies December 15th, 22nd, and 29th to enjoy the Christmas season.

### • ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS

Pick up your Advent Devotion books from the book rack across from the welcome center

### • ADVENT DINNER & WORSHIP

This Wednesday, December 11th will be our Mid-Week Advent Dinner at 5:30pm and then the Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm. This week will be a Potato and Salad Bar provided by the Spiritual Life and Worship and Music Boards.

### • ADULT CHOIR

All are welcome to join the choir, regardless of musical experience, for Christmas Eve Services. Rehearsals for two songs will be from 7:00pm to 7:45pm on Wednesdays immediately following the Midweek Advent services. This is only a three week commitment. If you have any questions or are interested email Astrid at [Astrid.Caruso-Lynch@messiahelca.com](mailto:Astrid.Caruso-Lynch@messiahelca.com).

### • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Come see Messiah's children on Sunday, December 15th at 10:30am as they tell the story of the indescribable gift God gave us that first Christmas. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14th at 9:00am.

### • MESSIAH CHRISTMAS DINNER

You are invited to join your Messiah Family for an afternoon of food and fellowship to celebrate the Christmas season on Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00pm. Appetizers, drinks & full dinner provided by Messiah. Please sign up to reserve your spot or donate a side dish.

### • SEW GOOD QUILTERS

The Sew Good Quilters will not meet on Monday, December 23rd but will meet the following Monday, December 30th.

### • LESSONS AND CAROLS

There will only be one worship service for the weekend of December 29th. A traditional service will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 29th at 9:00am. No Saturday evening, No GRACE and No Sunday School. The regular schedule will resume January 4th & 5th.

### • FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Everyone is welcome to attend the Friendship Bible Study group Christmas Program on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Cookies and punch will be served after the program.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH - Lutheran Child & Family Services

This month your special offerings, above your regular giving, will go to the Lutheran Child and Family Services. Place your special offering for this ministry in your offering envelope and mark on the outside that it is for this fund.

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

**Sunday, December 8**

- Traditional Worship with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- MS & HS Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class - 6:00pm
- HS Youth Group - 6:00pm

**Monday, December 9**

- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study / Christian Ed Board / Joanna Circle - 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 10**

- Mary Martha Circle - 9:30am
- Stephen Ministry - 6:00pm
- Executive Council - 7:00pm
- Hand bell Choir - 7:15pm
- Women's Bible Study - 8:00pm

**Wednesday, December 11**

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Healthcare Ministry Brownsburg Meadows North - 2:00pm
- Advent Meal - 5:30pm
- Advent Worship - 6:30pm
- Choir practice - 7:00pm

**Thursday, December 12**

- Friendship Bible Study Group / Stewardship Board - 7:00pm

**Friday, December 13**

- AA - 8:00pm

**Saturday, December 14**

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Dress Rehearsal Children's Program - 9:00am      W&M Board NOT meeting
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Worship - 5:30pm

**Sunday, December 15**

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Children's Christmas Program - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- MS & HS Youth Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class - 6:00pm
- HS Youth Group - 6:00pm
- Youth "Launch" Group - 7:00pm

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2019**  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
\*Gathering Hymn ELW 260  
\*Greeting  
\*Kyrie p.156-157  
\*Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *The Sexton  
Family*  
Advent Song ELW 240 v. 2  
First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm Psalm 72:1-7,  
18-19  
Second Reading Romans 15:4-13  
\*Gospel Acclamation p.160  
\*Gospel Matthew 3:1-12  
Children's Hymn ELW 240 v.2  
Children's Sermon  
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Sermon  
\*Hymn of the Day ELW 256  
\*Apostles' Creed  
\*Prayers of Intercession  
\*The Peace  
Announcements

**MEAL**

Offering  
Special Music *by the Adult  
Choir*  
\*Offertory Hymn ELW 184  
\*Offering Prayer  
\*Words of Institution  
\*Lord's Prayer  
\*Invitation to Communion  
Distribution of Communion  
Prayers for Healing &  
Wholeness  
Lamb of God p.164  
Communion Hymns ELW 250, 262  
\*Post Communion Blessing  
\*Post Communion Prayer

**SENDING**

\*The Blessing  
\*Sending Hymn ELW 246  
\*Dismissal  
Postlude

### Inspiring Worship All Week

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –*

*December 14 & 15, 2019, written by Julie Oehme.*

**Key Verse:** Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. Matthew 11:4

**Readings** \*Sunday readings in bold

Monday: Matthew 11:10

Tuesday: **Isaiah 35:1-10**

Wednesday: Psalm 146:5-10

Thursday: Luke 1:46b-55

Friday: **James 5:7-10**

Saturday: **Matthew 11:2-11**

**Apply:** Once someone asked me if I could prove that our Friendship Bible Study class had grown spiritually. I wanted to say, “Come and see.” But she couldn’t see, yet. Sometimes we don’t hear God’s words for us, yet. I find that I steel myself for the daily news and become indifferent (or dead) to other’s distress. We sometimes are the walking wounded or are poor physically or in spirit. Advent is a time of “not yet, but almost”. And yet, Christ is already present, already healing, already creating new life in us and all around us. I can be present for others knowing that the joy of Christ is truly meant for all.

**Prayer:** Come, Lord Jesus come. Open our eyes to your creative and healing work in the world. Open our ears to hear your calling. Keep us walking in your way and heal our woundedness and pride. Thank you for providing for our needs and loving us to (your) death. Amen.

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

**Attendance** for the weekend of November 30th & December 1st was 198 and the offering was \$8,511. We have received \$242,188 towards the three year Bridge to the Future campaign.

The flowers are in memory of Lois Fultz by Sam Fultz and Bill Wehrman by Norma Wehrman.

<b>WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>Dec 7th &amp; 8th</b>
	<b>SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE</b>
Lector & Greeter	Teresa Rader
	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM SERVICE</b>
Greeter	Chris Milner
Welcome Center	Grace Hull
Lector	Debbie Hood
Acolytes	Finn Carey, Asher Foy
Assisting Minister	Tom Stempson
Communion Assistants	Vickie Greene, Annette Marette
Care Ministry	Joy Stadtmiller, Kaj Brown
Nursery	Lisa Schulenberg
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