



January 11 & 12, 2020



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 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, January 12th the Adult Forum will have a discussion led by Dan Ahrens about “Why Bad Things Happen to Good People” in rooms 123-125. Pastor Wetzel will continue the study of the Book of Revelation in room 117.

• PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Peace and calm can come through prayer. This weekend during communion, you are invited to come to the prayer station on the right side of the altar for prayers and a blessing. We have Private Prayer Intentions Boxes on our black tables in the gathering area if you prefer to make a prayer request anonymously. Our Stephen Ministers will pray for you for specific needs you may confidentially share with them for yourself or others or they will offer a general prayer if you so desire.

• FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer willing to go to the Brownsburg Library every two weeks to ask for Food Pantry donations at the desk & then bring any donations to church. Please contact Judy Phillips by phone at 317-625-2892 if you are willing to help.

• ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

• MOM'S SMALL GROUP

Join us for our Mom's small group intro meeting on Monday, January 13th at 9:30am at Messiah. We will meet to study the Word, pray together, get to know each other better, develop our Mama village, and love on our kids together so we can develop authentic relationships. We are working on providing child care. If you have questions, contact Cathy Willman by phone at 317-716-2721 or email: cathy@willman.com.

• OWLS

COME, GREET & EAT with Messiah's OWLS! We meet Friday, January 17th at 11:30am in the Kinney Family Life Center. Joe & Phyllis Bridwell and Marie Hutchinson will host & provide SLOPPY JOES & SWEDISH MEATBALLS. Please bring a side dish to share! Snowmen will greet you at your table!

• WINTER WARM UP

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a soup supper on Monday, January 27th at 6:30pm in the KFLC. All ladies are invited to celebrate winter with a warm bowl of soup, bread and dessert. Hope Moran will share information with us about Wheeler Mission and the great work this facility is providing.

Donations of soup and desserts are needed for the evening and participants are also asked to bring packages of warm socks to donate to Wheeler. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering area under the monitors.

• MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month your special offerings, above your regular giving, will go to the Mental Health America of Hendricks County. 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 10:00AM DURING THE WEEK.

Sunday, January 12

- Traditional Worship with Prayers for Healing & Wholeness - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship - 11:15am
- HS return from Quake - 2:00pm
- Confirmation Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class - 6:00pm
- No HS youth group

Monday, January 13

- Mom's Small Group - 9:30am
- Sew Good Quilters - 10:00am
- Men's Bible Study / Christian Ed Board / Joanna Circle - 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 14

- Mary Martha Circle - 9:30am
- Stephen Ministry Peer Training - 6:00pm
- Executive Board - 7:00pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm
- Women's Bible Study - 8:00pm

Wednesday, January 15

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Healthcare Ministry Hearth at Prestwick - 10:00am
- Healthcare Ministry Brownsburg Meadows South - 2:30pm
- Dismantling Racism - 6:00pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm

Thursday, January 16

- Healthcare Ministry Brooke Knoll - 11:00am
- Healthcare Ministry Traditions at Reagan Parkway - 1:30pm
- Friendship Bible Study - 7:00pm

Friday, January 17

- OWLS - 11:30am
- AA - 8:00pm

Saturday, January 18

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Stephen Ministry Education - 9:00am
- Food Pantry / Small Group Leader Meeting - 10:00am
- Kerns Celebration of Life - 2:00pm
- Worship - 5:30pm
- Focus Group Meeting - 6:30pm

Sunday, January 19

- Traditional Worship - 9:00am
- Fellowship / Sunday School / Focus Group Meeting - 10:15am
- GRACE Contemporary Worship / Focus Group Meeting - 11:15am
- Focus Group Meeting - 12:15pm
- Confirmation/ HS Dinner - 5:30pm
- Confirmation Class / High School Youth Group / Focus Group Meeting - 6:00pm
- Youth "Launch" Group - 7:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
JANUARY 11 & 12, 2020
(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
*Gathering Hymn ELW 455
*Greeting
*Hymn of Praise front of ELW p.149
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm Psalm 29
Second Reading Acts 10:34-43
*Gospel Acclamation p.151
*Gospel Matthew 3:13-17
Children's Hymn ELW 444
Children's Message
Children's Hymn ELW 444
Sermon
*Hymn of the Day ELW 304
*Apostles' Creed
*Prayers of Intercession
*The Peace
Announcements

MEAL

Offering
*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 front of ELW p.154
Communion Hymns ELW 396, 445
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing
*Sending Hymn ELW 449
*Dismissal
Postlude

Inspiring Worship All Week

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –
January 18 & 19, 2020, written by Joe Kempf.*

Key Verse: "In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people." John 1: 4

Readings (Sunday readings in bold)

Monday: Exodus 3:11-14
Tuesday: Jeremiah 1:6-8
Wednesday: **Isaiah 49:1-7**
Thursday: **Psalms 40:1-11**
Friday: **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**
Saturday: **John 1:29-42**

Apply: This week's readings leading up to the Second Sunday after the Epiphany deal with "callings" by God to human beings to help complete His mission here on earth. Some of the "called" came willingly, even eagerly, as did the shepherds who were invited by the choir of angels to visit the newborn Christ, as did the three Magi, as did King David and the Apostle Paul, and Isaiah the prophet and the Apostle Peter, as well as Andrew, Peter's brother. Others balked, like Moses, who felt unqualified to be a leader because he was a such poor speaker. Jeremiah, sometimes referred to as the "weeping" or "lamenting" prophet, frequently complained to God that he couldn't speak well because he was too young, "only a child," so that no one would listen to him!

Time now for the crucial question: Whenever the opportunity presents itself to serve the Lord and we hear His small voice nudging us, do we readily accept His calling (sometimes after much prayerful consideration), or does He have to drag us (maybe kicking and screaming) until we reluctantly accept the call? Or even, unfortunately, do we perhaps reject God's invitation out-of-hand, without even bothering to give it a fair hearing? Recall that the Bible is replete with examples of God's making instruments of the most unlikely of persons. So, as Joshua frequently exhorted the Israelites, "Have faith. Be strong and courageous in the Lord!" Remember that God does not always choose the well-equipped, but He ALWAYS equips well those He has chosen!

Prayer: When called by you, Lord, may our response be: "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I will go, Lord, if you lead me." Amen.

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

Attendance for the weekend of January 4th and 5th was 168 and the offering was \$11,578.

We have received \$264,222 towards the three year Bridge to the Future campaign.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	Jan 11th & 12th
	SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE
Lector & Greeter	Robin Ryan- McFarland
	SUNDAY 9:00AM SERVICE
Greeter	Gary Hood
Welcome Center	Debbie Hood
Lector	Becca Allen
Acolytes	Daniella Dayharsh, Becca Allen
Assisting Minister	Karl Buetow
Communion Assistants	Gene Schwartzkopf, Annette Marette
Care Ministry	Joy Stadtmiller, Kaj Brown
Ushers	Dave & Vickie Greene
Media Tech	David Bedard