



January 18 & 19, 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

• FLU SEASON PRECAUTIONS

As flu season heightens we encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer and take steps to lessen potential exposure to the flu. Hand sanitizer has been placed in the hymnal racks and gathering area for your convenience. Please continue to speak to and greet your friends and neighbors during the passing of the peace but be aware that some may not wish to shake hands. As always, please use your best judgement and consider the needs of others during this portion of the service. Thank you!

• FOCUS GROUPS

Join us this weekend as we Focus on Messiah, Focus on Hendricks County and Focus on relationships with God. Your voice is needed to help direct us in 2020 and beyond. On Sunday, January 19th, ALL Adult Sunday School classes (this includes the Adult Forum and Pastor Wetzel's class) will NOT be meeting. We hope this allows you to plan on attending one of the Focus Groups. High School, Middle School and Children's Sunday School will meet at their regular time.

• 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.

• 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.

• FAMILY PROMISE

Families will be moving into Messiah February 2nd and staying to February 9th. A sign up sheet is in the gathering area under the monitors.

• VALENTINE PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Drop your children off at Messiah on Sunday, February 9th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and celebrate Valentine's Day. There will be pizza, games, and crafts to entertain the children. Children through 5th grade are invited to attend. Middle and high school will babysit with the supervision of Ashley Schwartzkopf-Mills. A sign up sheet is in the gathering area under the monitors.

• YOUTH TOGOGGAN RETREAT

The middle school youth will head to Lutherwald Camp in Howe, IN for the Synod's annual toboggan retreat on February 22-23, 2020. The last day to reserve your youth's spot is Sunday, February 9th.

• 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 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

Monday, January 20

Newsletter Deadline

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

Tuesday, January 21

- Healthcare Ministries Brownsburg Healthcare - 10:30am
- Council - 7:00pm
- Handbells - 7:15pm

Wednesday, January 22

- Women's Bible Study - 9:30am
- Healthcare Ministries Brownsburg Meadows North - 2:00pm
- Dismantling Racism - 6:00pm
- Women's Ministry Board - 6:30pm
- Adult Choir - 7:00pm

Thursday, January 23

- Friendship Bible Study / Dad's Small Group - 7:00pm

Friday, January 24

- AA - 8:00pm

Saturday, January 25

- VDC Reunion Group - 7:30am
- Food Pantry - 10:00am
- Worship - 5:30pm

Sunday, January 26

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

Attendance for the weekend of January 11th and 12th was 176 and the offering was \$6,674. We have received \$265,562 towards the three year Bridge to the Future campaign.

The flowers are in memory of Karl Ahrens, by Myra Ahrens and in memory of Susie Kerns by her family.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
JANUARY 18 & 19, 2020
(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
*Gathering Hymn ELW 507
*Greeting
*Hymn of Praise front of ELW p.149
*Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
*Gospel Acclamation p.151
*Gospel John 1:29-42
Children's Hymn ELW 595 v.1
Children's Message
Children's Hymn ELW 595 v.2
Sermon
*Hymn of the Day ELW 574
*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
Lamb of God front of ELW p.154
Communion Hymns ELW 484, 815
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing
*Sending Hymn ELW 866
*Dismissal
Postlude

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

Inspiring Worship All Week

*This daily devotion is written to help you prepare for worship the following weekend –
January 25 & 26, 2020, written by Joe Kempf.*

Key Verse: "Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people." *Matthew 4:23*

Readings (Sunday readings in bold)

Monday: John 1:5

Tuesday: Roman 13:12

Wednesday: **Isaiah 9:1-4**

Thursday: **Psalms 27:1, 4-9**

Friday: **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Saturday: **Matthew 4:12-23**

Apply: John describes the Son of God as the coming of light into the darkness. Paul exhorts us to put on the "armor of light." Isaiah predicts the coming of Christ as the dawning of a "great light." That light shone so brightly that when Jesus called His first four disciples, we are told that Peter and Andrew, James and John dropped whatever they were doing and followed Jesus "at once" and immediately." So brightly does Christ's light shine that John tells us no darkness can overcome it. And as Jesus begins His public ministry, He immediately began to preach the good news about the arrival of His kingdom and to cure people of all manner of illnesses. The dawning of a great light, indeed!

Does our "little light" shine in the darkness, as that wonderful "children's" song suggests it should? As disciples of "the Light," do our words and actions "immediately and "at once" identify us as faithful reflections of that original "Light" which dispelled the darkness? Despite that darkness, which often seems to hang so heavily over today's world, let's be ever mindful that darkness and evil, however great, cannot overcome the Good, the Truth, and the Light!

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Let us shine, let us shine, let us shine!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	Jan 18th & 19th
	SATURDAY 5:30PM SERVICE
Lector & Greeter	Mike Ford
	SUNDAY 9:00AM SERVICE
Greeter	Tom Barker
Welcome Center	Jerry Barker
Lector	Dottie McIntyre
Acolytes	Asher Foy, Ryan Steininger
Assisting Minister	Karla Bodie
Communion Assistants	Morgan Bodie, Gene Schwartzkopf
Care Ministry	Julia Schulz, Judy Phillips
Ushers	Tom Barker
Media Tech	Chris Brown