MESSIAH MESSENGER

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What follows is a “Message by GEORGE CARLIN.” I don’t know when he wrote it or where it was first printed, but I recently found it again, and thought it deserved to be shared.

“I am always amazed when I realize how it is that God sometimes uses the most unexpected people to speak His Truth!
“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less.
We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.
We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.
We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.
We've added years to life not life to years.
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.
We conquered outer space but not inner space.
We've done larger things, but not better things.
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.
We write more, but learn less.
We plan more, but accomplish less.
We've learned to rush, but not to wait.
We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.
These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.
These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.
These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.
It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.
A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete..
Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.
Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.
Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.” ***George Carlin***

Shared by:
Rev. Roland C. Lindeman

NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 28
Reader	***Reader***	***Reader***	***Reader***
Robin Ryan	Bob Holtaman	Anne McMillan	TBD
NOVEMBER 8	**NOVEMBER 15**	**NOVEMBER 22**	**NOVEMBER 29**
Reader	***Reader***	***Reader***	***Reader***
Dottie McIntyre	Youth	Stewart Ekhoff	Annette Marette
Assisting Minister	***Assisting Minister***	***Assisting Minister***	***Assisting Minister***
Jon Jordan	Youth	Randy Effner	Randy Effner
Communion Assistants	***Communion Assistants***	***Communion Assistants***	***Communion Assistants***
Linda Schwartzkopf	Youth	Joe Sims	Donna Effner
Kathy Cooper	Youth	Charlie Kester	Annette Marette
Acolyte	***Acolyte***	***Acolyte***	***Acolyte***
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BIBLE READINGS

Reading in Italics is not read during service

NOVEMBER 7/8

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 14/15

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 21/22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 28/29

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD PRAYER

Each month a member of the Spiritual Life Board writes a prayer for a different ministry at Messiah for the members to pray for the month. This month's prayer is for our Communication Board.

Gracious God,

We give you thanks for the gift of communication and for the many ways we are able to share the life and ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church. Bless those who serve and work to keep us connected, informed, and engaged with one another and with the mission you have given us.

Guide their words, their ideas, and their decisions. Help them to communicate not simply information, but the joy of our faith, the warmth of our congregation, and the good news of Jesus Christ. May the stories we share, the invitations we extend, and the messages we send help others see your presence among us.

Provide and foster creativity, patience, and a spirit of cooperation. May everything we communicate point beyond ourselves and toward you, drawing us closer together as the body of Christ and helping us welcome others into our community of faith.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SOCIAL MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT--MILITARY

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, celebrating the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It wasn't until 1954 that President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill into law creating November 11th Armistice Day as a national holiday for all veterans. Congress later amended the bill, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

Here at Messiah, our Military Recognition ministry supports service members and veterans in several ways. For our November 8th service celebrating Veteran's Day, a special recognition and prayer will be offered and a Power Point slide show honoring members present and past who have served in the military will be shown before the service.

At our Memorial Day service, red paper poppies are provided to the congregation. Inspired by the war poem "In Flanders Fields", poppies were first used near the end of World War I in remembrance of military casualties of the war. The first "Poppy Days" were established to raise funds for veterans, widows, orphans and liberty bonds, as well as charities such as the Red Cross.

Card Crafting Nights are hosted periodically by the Women's Ministries to create greeting cards which are then sent to various members of the congregation for encouragement and celebration. Some of the cards created as these events are provided to veterans on major holidays.

If you would like to be involved with our Military Recognition Ministry, or have a National Guard, active duty service member, or veteran that you would like to add to or have updated on our roster, please contact Dottie McIntyre at dmcin7@att.net or 317-289-4494, or reach out to the church office at 317-852-2988.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

We are heading into a favorite time of year for many with joyful music and song. We are blessed to have our Music Director Ben Rose leading our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. Thank you to those members who rehearse weekly to prepare!

In September, a change was made in regards to the number of readings being read during the worship service. Currently, three readings are being read; two readings that support the Gospel reading and Pastor Roland's sermon. For those who have inquired about the fourth reading, it is now being listed in the bulletin so you can read it during your personal study time.

The Worship and Music Committee at the last meeting reviewed how announcements are being delivered after receiving a few comments on limiting verbal announcements at Worship Services. As there are many activities happening at Messiah, the weekly e-News and Sunday Bulletin are your best resources to find out details of the events happening at Messiah. Also included are upcoming events in future months so you can mark your calendars. We encourage if a group or individual has an announcement they wish to be read at worship service, please give Pastor Roland a note with the information. Verbal announcements will focus on events happening during the upcoming week. The committee has acknowledged that regularly highlighting the events has not been done every week, but a plan has been implemented for more regular communication. Power point slides will continue to be shown before and after worship services which highlight the many activities that are occurring at Messiah. Of note, if you attend worship on zoom or forget to pick up a bulletin on Saturday or Sunday, you can access it on the front page of our website at the bottom where the worship services are listed.

Messiah's Friendship Group gathered for a Spook-tacular Halloween party on October 29th. We sang Halloween carols, played some fun Halloween games, read Halloween stories, had a costume parade, and enjoyed nachos and cupcakes. Check out a few of the pictures from our fun night.

In November, we will continue our Bible study of the Psalms. We will also have a craft and service project night on November 19th. Our Friends will be making Thanksgiving centerpieces and donating food items for Messiah's food pantry. We will not meet on November 26th to celebrate Thanksgiving.

In December, we will begin practicing for our Christmas program. All of our Friends will have parts. Parents, families, caregivers, and friends are all invited to attend the program on December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please come and help us celebrate the birth of Christ.

Again, this school year, each of us has a chance to encourage the students next door at Harris Academy. Once a month their teachers choose a student in their class who has reached a personal goal or gone above and beyond. These individuals are then chosen to be "Students of the Month." To encourage those that attend Harris Academy you, your family, a small group, or board just needs to:

1. **Sign up** for a month on the poster in the Gathering Area at church!
2. **Then deliver** 2 dozen delicious donuts and a ½ gallon of milk to Harris Academy by 8:00 a.m. on your date. (You can drop off between 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the school's office)
3. Does this sound inconvenient, but you really want to be an encourager? **You can simply be a financial sponsor of a "Student of the Month" date**. The Open Hearts Board members will purchase and deliver milk, donuts, cups & napkins for you. Give a payment of $30 to Kathy Cooper. You can contact Kathy if you have any questions at bburgmidgemom@gmail.com

Look for our donut poster to sign up for a date!

The Open Hearts Board

NUTRITION SERVICES

Thank Offering 2026 – One Meal a Month

Did you know that Brownsburg Schools has a "Hunger Free" fund? This fund purely depends on donations and provides a safety net for those students slipping through the cracks of the state's Free & Reduced lunch program – not quite qualifying, yet not financially able to fully afford school breakfast and lunches. This fund might also be used for those families experiencing an unexpected financial setback in the short term (job loss, medical expense, house fire, etc.) Recent changes in SNAP benefits have increased the need in our local schools and the Hunger Free fund is under increased stress.

The average price of a school meal is about $3.25. Are you willing to commit to just one meal a month to help feed our students? Keep saving your change for the collection in November!

Thank You All for your grateful hearts and for being a part of this project!

Kathy Elliott, Service Chair, Women's Ministries

The Meijer Simply Give Holiday campaign is on now until December 26th. Please take a donation card from the narthex to swipe at check out at the Brownsburg Meijer. Your donation helps Messiah's Food Pantry feed our neighbors.

DOUBLE MATCH DAY IS DECEMBER 12TH

Your $10 donation will be matched by Meijer with $20.

Please save December 8th from 9:00 a.m. to approximately noon to help sort food donated to our food pantry from the town of Brownsburg. If you only have an hour to help please come.

Celebrate Faith, Fellowship, and the Great Outdoors

Whether you hunt, fish, hike, or simply enjoy God's creation, you're invited to our Second Annual Blessing of the Hunt on Wednesday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Roland will lead a special service of worship and blessing as we prepare for the upcoming hunting season, reflect on God's provision, and give thanks for the beauty of the natural world.

Following the service, stay for a chili supper and fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors.

Bring someone along and join us as we gather in worship, celebrate God's creation, and share in the fellowship of our community.

Tinsel and Tears: Dealing with Loss During the Holidays

Loss of a loved one is never easy and the holidays are especially difficult without them. “Tinsel and Tears: Dealing with Loss During the Holidays” is being held on Saturday, November 21st from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Kinney Family Life Center at Messiah. This meaningful time together will be led by our own Pastor Jim Wetzel, retired hospital chaplain. The intent of this program is to help you or someone you know who has suffered a loss to help walk through your / their grief during this time of year. We hope you will join us and encourage you to bring family members or friends who might benefit from this program. If your family hasn’t already received one, we are offering a personalized lantern, if interested, please provide your loved ones' names and dates (or years). In addition, those attending may bring an article of clothing (preferably a shirt) that belonged to their loved one that will be made into a small memorial pillow.

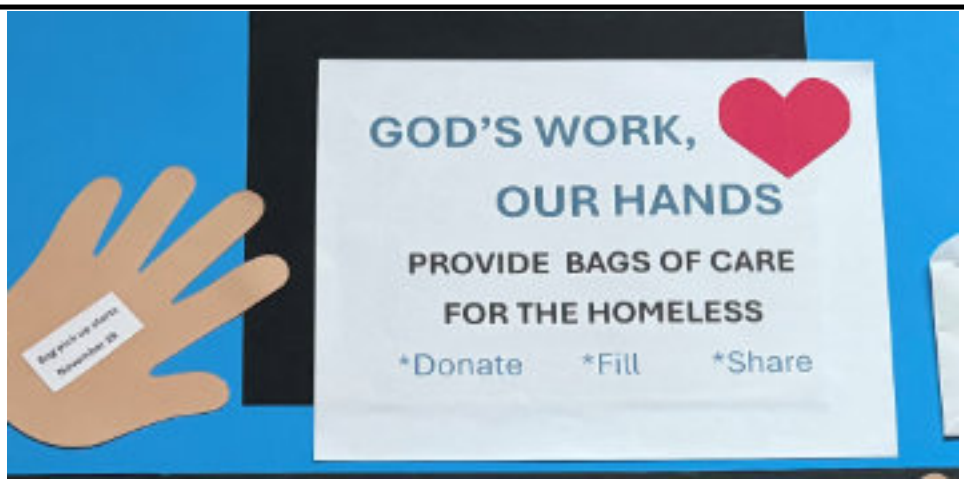
For us to better prepare and have adequate materials, an RSVP is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. You may RSVP by signing on the poster in the Narthex (as we are closer to the date) or by calling the church office at 317-852-2988.

O.W.Ls

Our October Colts Bingo OWLs was a fun time with good food and lots of laughs! We had 22 participants who came ready for Sloppy Joe's, prepared by Kathy Cooper and Kris Quandt and they were delicious! There were plenty of side dishes and desserts to add to our meal. Kris and Kathy also had a mustard seed key chain to gift to each person that came with a card and the verse from Matthew 17:20, Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. A big thank you to each of them!

After lunch Gary Cooper, our Colts Bingo master of ceremony as "Coach Shane Steichen" was ready to answer questions and prepare us for Colts Bingo. He answered the tough questions saying "I will review the tapes and assured us we should trust the process"! For our Colts bingo game there were no losers! Everyone had a chance to win a prize and enjoy the process! Another big thank you to Gary for providing us with a great time and all the laughs!

Join us on November 20th at Green Street Pub and Eatery in Brownsburg at 11:30 a.m. for our Christmas luncheon. (Can you believe it's that time of year already??!) Please call Cheryl Akridge at 317-625-4971 to sign up!



Thank you for your tremendous response for donations toward the Bags of Care for the Homeless project!

Join us November 22nd as we assemble the bags and prepare them for distribution. We'll have a pitch-in dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by our assembly event.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex starting the weekend of Nov 7th/8th for you to let us know what you'll bring to this pre-Thanksgiving dinner. Rotisserie chicken will be provided.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

TABLE TALK

Table Talk is a Sunday morning class that discusses different topics with different presenters each week.The class meets in Room 117 at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome!

Nov 1st--Pastor Roland Leading

Nov 8th--Q&A Regarding 2027 Budget

Nov 15th--TBA

Nov 22nd--Congregational Meeting

Nov 29th--No Class, Thanksgiving

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This class is led by Pr. Jim Wetzel and meets every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in Rooms 123/125 and is studying The Chosen, Season 4. All are welcome!

WEEKDAY GROUPS

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study group is for all women and meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the KFLC. They are studying Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools by Tyler Staton. All women are welcome!

MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Monday Night Bible Study meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Room 117. All men are welcome!

Women's Ministries November 2026

Although October has been a busy month of planning and budgeting for our 2027 events, that didn't stop us from taking our Card Crafting event down the road to Brownsburg Meadows. Four members of the Women's Ministries Board, along with Emily Schweitzer, spent an afternoon with Grace Hull, Arllys Papke, and five other residents, crafting fall seasonal cards. The Meadow's residents proved masters of the glue stick as they pieced their cards together. The afternoon was highlighted by enjoying some delicious cookies made by Barb Wetzel.

The annual Homemade Candy & Sweet Treats sale will begin Saturday, November 7th and continue through Sunday, November 22nd. Several popular treat items, such as salted caramels, chocolate peanut clusters, and maple glazed walnuts, are among the items returning to our sales table, along with a few new additions. These delicious items are great gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends, or even yourself.

November is the month of elections, and it is no different with the Women's Ministries Board. New Board member positions and approval of the 2027 proposed project plan is coming up this month. The 2027 slate of officers, as well as the proposed budget, will once again be done through an online process. Information and letters will be sent in Mid-November to the women of Messiah for their approval.

The annual Thank Offering, collected during the month of November, will be donated to the Brownsburg Schools Nutrition Services. This program assists families with monetary support for school meals. Messiah has generously supported this program for the past several years. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Save the date for the ladies Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Dawson's on Main. This annual gathering features a delicious menu of entrée options, prepared specifically for us, followed by a lively White Elephant gift exchange. Mark your calendar for a day of fellowship and fun. Additional information will be coming through the e-news and weekly bulletin announcements. Look for the sign-up poster in the narthex in the upcoming weeks. Contact Kris Quandt with any questions.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6th, for the return of "Breakfast in Bethlehem". This year, the event will be combined with the Children's Christmas Program, which will be held during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The program will be followed by breakfast in the KFLC and then a visit to the various vendor booths of Bethlehem, set up in the narthex. The Fellowship and Christian Ed. Committees will be organizing this fun and interactive event, along with the assistance of Women's Ministries and others from the congregation. Please join us!

Future events:

November 8th-22nd: Holiday Candy & Sweet Treats Sales
November 9th-20th: Virtual Annual Meeting and election of new officers
November: Thank Offering collection for Brownsburg Schools Nutrition Services
December 5th: Christmas Luncheon & White Elephant gift exchange @ Dawson's on Main
December 6th: Breakfast in Bethlehem

Current Women's Bible Studies:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Hostess: Varies by week — **Leader**: Barb Wetzel

Joanna Circle Bible Study — Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Kris Quandt — **Leader**: Marsha Banks

Mary Martha Circle Bible Study — Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m.
Contact Teri Sykes or Kris Quandt for additional information

Ruth Circle Bible Study — Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Caroline Braun — **Leader**: Alicia Ekhoff

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Healthcare Ministries

Come join Mike Madigan, Helen Kays, Phyllis Bridwell, Dottie McIntyre, Annette Marette, Cheryl Akridge, Marie Hutchinson, Alicia Ekhoff, Bruce Reems, Charlie Kester, and Dan Ahrens as Messiah provides Worship Services at local Healthcare facilities. You can participate by reading scriptures, leading prayers, assisting with communion, and/or sitting and visiting with residents who attend the worship services. Volunteers are welcome to help at one, a couple, or all of the worship services scheduled.

Listed below are the worship services for this month:

November 4th	**Wednesday, Brooke Knoll Village, 11:00 a.m.**
November 11th	**Wednesday, Brownsburg Meadows North, 1:00 p.m.**
November 17th	**Tuesday, Brownsburg Meadows North, 2:00 p.m.**
November 18th	**Wednesday, Brooke Knoll Village, 11:00 a.m.**
November 18th	**Wednesday, Brownsburg Meadows South, 2:30 p.m.**
November 19th	**Thursday, Brooke Knoll Village, 11:00 a.m.**
November 25th	**Wednesday, Brownsburg Meadows North, 1:00 p.m.**

Please let Mike Madigan mijomadigan@gmail.com know when you can assist with the service. Thank you, and God bless you all.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School at 10:15-11:00 a.m.

In November, we will begin our Christmas Program rehearsals on Sunday mornings. Save the date for the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 6th during the 9:00 a.m. service.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for 6th-8th graders is at 10:15-11:00 a.m. This year, the confirmands study the Church and Lutheran Theology.

The Sunday morning meeting schedule for November:

Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

No meeting on Nov 29th

YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHTS

Youth Sunday Nights for 6th-12th grade youth is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The normal schedule for these nights are:

5:00 p.m.--Dinner

5:45 p.m.--Worship/Bible Study

7:00 p.m.--Fellowship

8:00 p.m.--Prayer and Dismissal

The **November** meeting schedule is as follows:

1st--5:00-8:00 p.m.

8th--5:00-8:00 p.m.

15th--5:00-8:00 p.m.

22nd--5:00-8:00 p.m.

29th--No Meeting, Thanksgiving

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for a Dine to Donate event at Arni's Restaurant. Bring this flyer with you, give it to your server or cashier, and Arni's will donate 20% of your check back to our organization!

Organization: Messiah Lutheran Church Youth Group

Day: Tuesday Date: November 17 Time: ALL DAY (11am-10pm)

Flyer must be turned in at time of payment in order to receive credit.

Arni's Restaurant
251 W Northfield Drive
Brownsburg, IN 46112
317-520-9377

Arni's RESTAURANT

Order online at
www.meetyouatarnis.com
***Reservations not required, but recommended for dine-in guests*

Messiah Youth Group

GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

December 13th from 3-5 pm

$5 a gift with paper supplied.
$2 a gift if you provide your own paper.

Please bring gifts labeled in a trash bag so they are all contained and can be returned.

Women's Christmas Lunch 2026 - " I Heard the Bells"

It is not too early to start making plans for the Messiah Women's Christmas Lunch. We will meet at Dawson's On Main, in Speedway, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th. Lunch will be ordered from a select menu with many delicious entrees from which to choose. Drinks, taxes and gratuities are included in the price. The cost will be available soon. Please pay Kris Quandt prior to the luncheon.

Following the luncheon will be the fun, White Elephant Gift Exchange. The gift should be a festively wrapped gift from home, something slightly used or regift something you have. Gifts do not have to be holiday themed. We encourage you not to purchase anything new, but bring something you already have that you would like to exchange. This has always been such a fun event. There are no tickets to purchase, but we need to confirm numbers attending. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex by Sunday, November 22nd. Bring a friend and celebrate Christmas with us**!**

"Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord,
For giving me the things I need;
The sun and the rain and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me,
Johnny Appleseed!"

When I was teaching, we ended our year with an overnight experience at Camp Potawatomi in Northern Indiana. Before every meal, we would sing some kind of grace. I don't know if it was the norm for my kids, but by the time we left, they loved singing and really got into the songs. I don't even think they realized they were praying because, of course, since it was a camp, there were motions for each song! This was one of my favorites because Fort Wayne, a mere 15 miles or so from my hometown, is where Johnny Appleseed AKA John Chapman is buried.

It's an easy song to remember. I thought the melody was from an old song, but when I googled it, I discovered the song actually comes from an old Walt Disney movie, "The Legend of Johnny Appleseed." If you want to learn the song, just google it, and a YouTube video will pop right up.

But, let's think for a moment about this song of grace, written and sung in a Walt Disney movie. In five short lines, we have the gist of what the Lord does for each and every one of us each and every day! He gives us the things we need: the sun, the rain, and, in Johnny Appleseed's case, the apple seed. All these things He gives to us because He is good to us. The first verse (there are more) begins and ends with telling us, "The Lord is good to me." A simple six word sentence tells us, in a nutshell, how the Lord regards us. He is good to us. He provides us with what we need. And, I think that's a wonderful way to start the month of Thanksgiving!

--Marsha Banks

"It's the lyrics that makes a song a hit, although the tune, of course, is what makes it last."--Irving Berlin

What's in a hymn? Something we sing every week or maybe our favorite every day. Personally, they are one of my favorite parts of service. As one we raise our voice and declare our faith.

It may fascinate you to know that hymns are an ancient form of praise and prayer. The word itself comes from the Greek word Hymnos and means "a song of praise." What we know today stems strongly from the roots of Gregorian chant reformed through the reformation in the form of Chorales and over time into the eclectic blend we have today.

I have spoken in past newsletters that music is ecumenical and is a unifier. Music unites people and hymns are no exception, but it creates something so much bigger than oneself. I confess I am an adrenaline junkie. I love roller coasters and white-water rafting and other thrilling adventures. Imagine the shock when one Sunday at First Presbyterian, Columbus, I had the same shot of adrenaline and it hit during one of the final stanzas of a particularly robust hymn. Heart racing, hands shaking and voices raising in glorious song to the "God of Power to the God of Love!"

This is partly why I love the Psalms so much. They are the hymns of the ancient church and what Jesus new intimately. So much so that when Christ rebuked the pharisees he used passages from the psalms. When I would be lector at St. George Lutheran, Edinburg, I liked to begin the Psalm by saying, "we continue in Song with Jesus." I think that is such a beautiful thought.

When it comes to Sundays and the organ sings it song so many ingredients come together to create what we do. Looking at when, where, and who wrote it. For example, an English Hymn would not be taken too fast would be very foundational and rely on the swell to bring the "caged thunder" and be very expressive. Now, a German chorale would have a fairly long improvised introduction and as Dr. Smith at IU said, "if you did an English introduction to a German chorale in Germany the congregation would feel cheated." So I look to bring all these ingredients is some essence to our corporate sound of praise, hymns.

You who sing pray twice. We enjoy such a variety of music, and it is a beautiful thing!

May the God of song fill your heart with music so your soul would be filled with joy and Christs peace. Amen

--Jordan Lewis
Messiah Lutheran Church
Saturday Night Organist

Did you know? Thrivent has made enhancements to their Thrivent Choice® program

The Thrivent Choice® program has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like Messiah. For qualifying members, Choice Dollars are available in full at the start of the year letting you direct 2026 Choice Dollars immediately! With the new changes, additional members are now eligible to designate Choice Dollars. To see if you have Choice Dollars available, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Messiah Lutheran Church would like to thank Thrivent members for their support, which allows us to reach more people and carry out the work God has called us to do.

Fellowship has announced that Intermission will be every week, with help from the congregation. Saturday after the 5:30 p.m. service is in the Narthex; Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. service is in the KFLC. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex; they are posted through December. Fellowship needs donations of donuts, baked goods, fruit, cheese, and crackers. If you are willing to host (set-up & clean-up) please check the box on the sign-up sheet. Gene Schwartzkopf prepares the coffee most Sundays and would be happy to teach anyone else to do it. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP THIS FELLOWSHIP TIME GOING!

APPRECIATION

Dagmar Schilke would like to thank everyone for the wonderful birthday cards, especially the children. She loved the hand crafted cards the kids made for her. She also sends her love and best wishes to her Messiah family.

Nancy Freese would like you to put a thank you in the newsletter for all the "Giving Tree" donations to the clothing pantry. They are so thankful for everyone's generosity. Also, the clothing pantry would like to thank everyone for ALL the clothing donations. They are greatly appreciated.

MORNING PRAYER

Please consider joining the morning prayer group on Zoom Monday – Saturday at 10:00 a.m. This vital ministry lifts the concerns, joys, and thanksgivings of not only Messiah but everyone in the group. We pray for all the cancer patients, their caregivers and medical team.We pray for our country and community.This is a great community of care on Zoom. Hope to see you on Zoom with ID 859 4027 5299 and Passcode 081575.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND ETERNAL CANDLE

The 2026 sign-up charts for Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sponsorship are posted in the narthex.

Altar Flowers are $20 per bouquet and you have the option to purchase 1 or 2 bouquets.
Eternal Candle is $5. Altar Flowers can be taken home after Sunday morning service if so desired; otherwise the healthcare ministry will use them. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry at Messiah!

SPECIAL MISSION

The Special Mission for November and December is the Sew Good Quilters. This is a team of Messiah ladies who come together on Monday mornings to make quilts for Messiah's Prayer Quilt ministry.

$175.82 was raised for ICAN in September and October.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

September Average Offering: $6,193
September Average Attendance: 115

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "Intermission" - after service All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00am Traditional Worship Service - In Person and Zoom 10:15am Sunday School 1:00pm Christian Education Board 5:00pm Youth Sunday Nights 6:30pm All Saints' Day Labyrinth Walk	**2** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sew Good Quilters 6:30pm Worship & Music Board 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	**3** Election Day 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 6:30pm Spiritual Life Board @ Home of Member 6:30pm Fellowship Board	**4** 9:30am Women's Morning Bible Study 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:00am Healthcare Ministry Bible Study at Brooke Knoll Village 5:30pm Blessing of the Hunt with a Chili Supper to follow 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	**5** 10:00am Alanon 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 377 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	**6** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom	**7** "Intermission" - after service 8:00am VDC 8:30am Property Work Day 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 5:30pm Worship Service
8 "Intermission" - after service Veteran Recognition 9:00am Traditional Worship Service - In Person and Zoom 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Youth Sunday Nights	**9** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sew Good Quilters 7:00pm Joanna Women's Ministry 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	**10** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:30am Mary Martha Women's Ministry 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision Mtg. 6:30pm Executive Council 7:00pm Kappa Delta Phi Sorority	**11** Veterans Day 9:30am Women's Morning Bible Study 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sanctuary Cleaning 1:00pm Healthcare Ministry Worship - S'burg Meadows North 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	**12** 10:00am Alanon 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	**13** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom	**14** "Intermission" - after service Pr Iacobazzi Leading Worship 10:00am Food Pantry / Clothing Pantry 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 5:30pm Worship Service
15 "Intermission" - after service Hannah & Youth Leading Worship 9:00am Traditional Worship Service - In Person and Zoom 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Youth Sunday Nights	**16** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sew Good Quilters 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Ruth Women's Ministry	**17** Dine to Donate at Arni's 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 2:00pm Healthcare Ministry Worship - Brownsburg Meadows Memory Care 6:30pm Council	**18** 9:30am Women's Morning Bible Study 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:00am Healthcare Ministry Bible Study at Brooke Knoll Village 2:30pm Healthcare Ministry Worship- Brownsburg Meadows South 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	**19** 10:00am Alanon 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:00am Healthcare Ministry Worship - Brooke Knoll Village 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 377 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	**20** Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:30am OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans)	**21** "Intermission" - after service 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 2:00pm Tinsel & Tears - Dealing with Grief during the Holidays (set up 1pm) 5:30pm Worship Service
22 "Intermission" - after service Bag Packing for the "Help for the Homeless" 9:00am Traditional Worship Service - In Person and Zoom 10:15am Sunday School 1:00pm HOA Annual Mtg. 5:00pm Assemble Care Bags and Dinner 5:00pm Youth Sunday Nights	**23** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sew Good Quilters 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Tri Kappa Brownsburg	**24** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom	**25** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sanctuary Cleaning 11:30am Women's Ministries Board Mtg. 1:00pm Healthcare Ministry Worship - Brownsburg Meadows North 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	**26** Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed	**27** Church Office Closed	**28** "Intermission" - after service 10:00am Food Pantry / Clothing Pantry 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 5:30pm Worship Service
29 "Intermission" - after service 9:00am Traditional Worship Service - In Person and Zoom	**30** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 10:00am Sew Good Quilters 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	**1** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 6:30pm Fellowship Board	**2** 9:30am Women's Morning Bible Study 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:00am Healthcare Ministry Bible Study at Brooke Knoll Village 5:30pm Advent Meal 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	**3** 10:00am Alanon 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 2:30pm Healthcare Ministry Worship Brownsburg Meadows South 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 377 7:00pm Friendship Bible Study	**4** 10:00am Prayer via Zoom	**5** "Intermission" - after service 8:30am Property Work Day 10:00am Prayer via Zoom 11:00am Women's Christmas Luncheon 5:30pm Worship Service

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey	Faletic	01
Stephanie	Evans	01
Annette	Marette	03
Roger	Hershberger	14
Evelyn	Fetzer	15
Matthew	Elliott	16
Karla	Bodie	16
Kathy	Hamstra	17
Kelly	Barker	18
Parker	Einterz	18
Sandra	Moehling	18
Lainie	Sexton	19
Julie	Crawn	19
Bob	Skinner	19
Roland	Lindeman	20
Kalena	Burnside	20
Pete	Peterson	20
Nicole	Corder	21
Heidi	Wolf	22
Owen	Uhlenkamp	23
Julie	Kinkley	26
Spencer	Carr	27
Dave	Greene	27
Jennifer	Bradley	28

Ray and Cheryl Akridge	01
Charlie and Mary Guernsey	09
Joe and Sandra Sims	22
Amy and Bob Werling	24
Mark and Kathy Elliott	25
Larry Jr. and Brandy Hataway	29

Give Thanks
to the Lord
PSALM 107:1

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP
Saturday evening worship at 5:30 p.m., offered in person only.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Zoom ID 805 787 233.

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE
Monday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom ID 859 4027 5299 Passcode 081575 Join once, often or always for a devotion and time of prayer.

Psalm 9: 1 "I will give thanks to you,, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds."

What wonderful deeds has God done in your life lately?

Let the office know so that we can share these in the announcements for a time of celebration and a time to give thanks to God.

WEEKLY GROUPS

SEW GOOD QUILTERS
Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in person at Messiah

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in person at Messiah.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in person at Messiah

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY
Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in person at Messiah

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY
The pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday 10:00 a.m.—Noon. All are welcome.

CLOTHING PANTRY
Open in conjunction with the Food Pantry. Currently only accepting winter coats and hats. No other clothing is being accepted at this time.

BLESSING BOX
Please consider donating items directly into this box. Items most in need are: Beefaroni type products with a pull top lid; individual mac & cheese and cereal cups; small bottles of water and juices; small applesauce and fruit cups. Thank you for your donations!

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One or more staff member will be in the office 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday -Friday. Please call the church office (317-852-2988) before stopping by to see if the staff member you need to visit is in.

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* Christian Education: Sarah Ewing

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* Cristina DeClercq

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* Kelly Barker
* Eric Willman

VISION STATEMENT

Creating CHRIST-CENTERED Community

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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