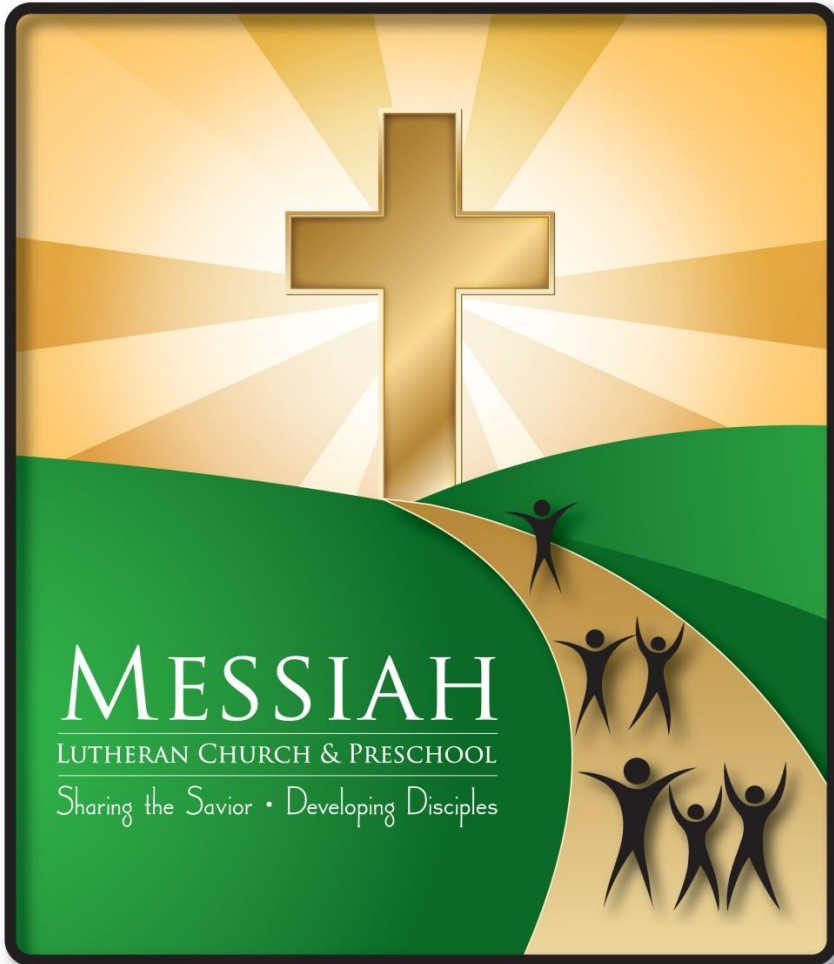


NEWS & NOTES
January 7, 2018



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Welcome! We're glad you're here today. If you are new to Messiah, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space for your gift.

Good Stuff to Know:

- The **Welcome Center** is located right outside the Worship Center. Feel free to ask the volunteer any questions you may have or pick up some information on Messiah.
- **Restrooms** are on the south side of the Gathering Space in the coat rack area.
- If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** and are unable to approach the Altar area, please talk to an usher before the service.
- **Difficulty Hearing?** We have hearing impaired assistance available at the Welcome Center.

For Those with Children:

- **Busy Bags** are filled with quiet activities for your children to use during the service. They can be found in the entryway of the Gathering Space.
- **Children's Sermon:** During the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services there is a Children's Sermon where all children are invited to come up. If your child doesn't want to come up alone, please feel free to come up and sit with them or sit in the front pew.
- **Family Restroom:** A family restroom is located by the coat racks across from the women's restroom.
- **The Nursery** is staffed and available for parents and their children three years of age and younger and is located in the hallway across from the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday School is available downstairs for ages 3 through 5th grade. If you would like direction, stop by the Welcome Center.
- **Middle School and Senior High Youth** meet across the street at Luther Hall on Sunday mornings starting at 10:00 for Bible Study.

Blue Cards: Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, please be sure to fill out one of the blue cards found in this folder. Please give the card to the ushers/acolytes during the offering.

Gluten Free Wafers: So those with gluten allergies or Celiac Disease can fully partake in communion, we have individual wrapped gluten free wafers. If you would like a gluten free wafer, ask the person distributing the wafers when you approach. Disclaimer: The wafers are certified gluten free and are individually sealed, however, some gluten may be on the wrappers due to being in the proximity of gluten wafers.

INFORMATION FOR TODAY

If you would like a printed version of our service today, copies are available on the table as you enter the Sanctuary or you may ask one of the ushers for a copy.

SERMON NOTES:

	Room #210 10:00	Blue Room 10:00	Fireside Room 10:00	Luther Hall 10:00	Lower Level 10:00 (Sunday School)
1/7		Adult Bible Study		Youth Bible Study	Sunday School
1/14		Adult Bible Study		Youth Bible Study	Sunday School

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are on a table by the office. Please pick up yours, but do not use until 2018. The box numbers are different from 2017 and it's necessary not to confuse the computer. The first envelope in the box is designated for Initial Offering which helps to defray the cost of providing envelopes. It costs about \$3.00 per box.

WEDNESDAY MEAL MENU: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverages. Meals are served 4:45 – 6:00 PM

CORE (Cancer Support Group)/Prayer Shawl Gathering - Thursday, January 11th at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. Prayers for those dealing with cancer issues and making Prayer Shawls. For more information contact Dayle Boyce or Linda Schwanbeck.

WEDNESDAY KIDS' ACTIVITIES

January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Make Sandwiches with Senior Youth	Animal Toys & Shelters	Humane Society Visit & Tour	Movie Night
Service project	Service Project	Social & Learning	Social
6:00-7:30	6:00-7:30	6:00-7:45	6:00-7:45
no rsvp needed	no rsvp	RSVP REQUIRED	No rsvp
Luther Hall	Room 110	Carpool at 6:00	Room 110
free	free	free	free

Dear Messiah Members,

As you all know, during the last month or so I have received two Calls, one to be the pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Vero Beach, FL, and the other to be the pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD. I have prayerfully been trying to discern the Lord's will and His plans for me, my family, Messiah, Redeemer, and Calvary, and the decision has not been an easy one. I have really appreciated all of your thoughts, prayers, and encouragement. However, after much prayerful consideration, I truly feel that the Lord is leading me to accept the Call to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Vero Beach. I announced that decision to the congregation last Sunday.

It truly has been a blessing getting to serve the Lord here at Messiah for nearly 6 years. I have really enjoyed getting to work with Messiah's staff and volunteer teams. It has also been a blessing to work alongside our Leadership Council and Board of Elders, especially during our Senior Pastor vacancy during the last 6 months. It has been exciting to see the congregation grow and move forward in so many ways, and I am confident that the Lord has many great things in store for Messiah in the coming years. In the coming weeks, I will do everything that I can to help facilitate a smooth transition until our next Senior Pastor arrives.

Pastor Chris

START COLLECTING The Kids of Service will be doing some activities to support God's four-legged creatures! We are visiting the Humane Society in January. **Save your cardboard tubes, newspapers, old blankets and towels and clean plastic shopping bags.** They will be re-purposed! Donate NEW sports socks, sponges, dish soap, Kleenex



. **DON'T PUT YOUR SWIMSUIT AWAY!** The Messiah Pool Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 13 at Highview Middle School, 2:00-4:00pm. This is a free event open to all! ☺

XYZ – Relieve those After-Christmas Blues. Join a fun group on Sunday, Jan. 14, 3 pm in the gathering space for an afternoon of bunco, a simple, quick to learn dice game followed by a potluck supper. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board just for an estimate of numbers. Everyone welcome!

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A PASTOR OR DEACONESS? Rev. Jaime Nava from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Concordia St. Paul on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 8A-4P. Schedule an appointment by calling: 314-505-7224 or email at: navaj@csl.edu

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE (1/7/17)

The Call Committee is excited to begin our Skype interview process this week! We have turned in the names of our semi-finalists to the MN South District for the required background checks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Clarity and discernment for the Call Committee as we continue to narrow our list of candidates.
- Productive and enlightening discussions with the Pastoral Semi-Finalists

Attendance: Sunday: 262

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2018 - The Leadership Council will have its first meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Fireside Room. As required by the Messiah Constitution and By-Laws, the LC will elect 2018 Officers, approve the previous meeting's Minutes, review the Membership Report, and approve the December Treasurer's Report. In addition, the LC will review the progress of the Senior Pastor Call Committee and work to create an action plan for the upcoming Pastoral vacancy. The goal will be to seek Pastoral assistance until a new Senior Pastor is called by the Voters Assembly sometime in the Spring of 2018. Please pray for the Leadership Council as we

work with the LCMS MN South District and Messiah Staff to create continuity in our worship and active ministries at Messiah during the vacancy.

*Jeff Goldsmith, Executive Director
Messiah Leadership Council*

THANK YOU from the Messiah Staff for the kind Christmas gift we received from the congregation. It is a blessing to serve with you and we appreciate your generosity.

BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT MESSIAH ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. We will be in the Gathering Space giving people an opportunity to sign up for a time to donate or to ask questions. *J. & K. Kinzie and C. & L. Schwanbeck*



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WEEK AT A GLANCE: January 8 – 13, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	9:00 AM Tuesday Crew 7:00 PM Elders 7:30 PM AA	9:45 AM Adult Bible Study 4:45 PM Community Meal 5:00 PM Joyful Ringers 6:00 PM Senior Youth/Confirmation/Kids of Service 6:06 PM Wednesday Worship 6:45 PM Adult Bible Study

		7:00 PM Messiah Singers
THURSDAY 11:00 AM CORE Group 2:00 PM Cribbage	FRIDAY 6:00 AM RJ Rich's Bible Study	SATURDAY 2:00 PM Family Pool Party at Highview Middle School

THOSE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING

	7:30	8:45	11:00
Acolytes		B. Peterson & E. Doku	G. Gerhard & C. Burkhaw
Ushers	R. Roehl & N. Roehl	B. Broisma, C. Hayes, J. Kvitrud, W. Schuldt	B. Bargman & M. Johnson
Worship Assistants	E. Roth		H. Hansen
Readers	B. Gaynor	Peterson Family	M. Bardal
Greeters	R. & C. Sroga	R. & P. Diehl B. Senske	J. & D. Rust
Greeters (1/14)	M. & B. Stickley	C. & A. Ewer K. Tjosvold	B. & C. Sherman

Welcome Center

7:15-7:30	8:25-8:45	9:40-10	10:45-11	12-12:15
M. & B. Stickley	D. Eggers	A. Brutlag	K. & P. Grubb	L. Radtke

Welcome Center (1/14)

7:15-7:30	8:25-8:45	9:40-10	10:45-11	12-12:15
B. & J. Anderson	J. & E. Hildebrandt	J. Norell	D. Hodges	N. Clark