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# Messiah Calendar

## Monday, October 29

Room At The Inn Week (RATI)

Pr. Don's day off

10:00 am OWLs Walk

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00 pm Bell Choir

## Tuesday, October 30

10:00 am Pericope at Messiah

10:00 am Visitation-Mary K Peterson

11:00 am Funeral-Mary K Peterson

12:00 pm Funeral Luncheon

12:00 pm QiGong

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

3:30 pm Lay Sch-Ethics

6:00 pm Lay Sch-Luth. Confessions

6:30 pm Community Bell Choir

6:30 pm Grief Support

## Wednesday, October 31

4:00 pm Swedish Class

5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 pm North Fourth

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## Thursday, November 1

9:00 am Quilting

11:00 am Women's Cursillo

12:00 pm Social Workers

5:00 pm Building & Grounds

6:00 pm Webelos

## Friday, November 2

8:00 am Men's Ministry

## Saturday, November 3

10:00 am Conference 8 Meeting

5:00 pm Worship

## Sunday, November 4

Day Light Savings Time Ends

8:15 am Senior Choir Rehearsal

8:45 am Worship

9:45 am Celebration Choir Reh.

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Journey

1:00 pm Christmas Tapestry

Chorale Rehearsal

## On Call

Pr. Don Ludemann: Nov 1-4, 15-18, 22-25, 29-Dec 2

Pr. Allan Johnson: November 5-14, 19-21, 26-28

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the December Messenger is Monday, November 26, 2018.

## Newsletter Editor

Pr. Don Ludemann

## Messiah's Newsletter

October 28, 2018  
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Submissions for Weekly Announcements are due by 6:00 pm the Wednesday prior to publication

**October 28, 2018**

## **The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Flowers** **To the Glory of God & In Loving Memory of...**

- ✿ Pastor Pete from Marilyn & Philip
- ✿ Aunt Shirley from the Winslow family
- ✿ Mary K. Peterson & our 79 years of friendship from Pat Nebel

**Radio** **To the Glory of God & in Honor of...**

♪ Jim Lahti's birthday from his children & grandchildren

**To the Glory of God**

♪ From Mae Desonia

## **Making History and Creating the Future**

Back in the September Messenger, I wrote about the "fierce urgency of now." The recognition that our actions, or inaction, shape the future. The fact that you and I together are called to envision the future; to work for the vision; to not give up until the vision is attained. And the time to begin is NOW. Not tomorrow, not next week, but NOW.

Every action we take today sets the stage for tomorrow. Our words and deeds, even our thoughts, have importance. What we do matters. A few examples from the past month:

During the Blessing of the Animals, about 20 folks brought their pets (all dogs this year) to church; the dogs all "sang along" as the congregation sang a few hymns. I was happy to bless each one, but I mentioned that I was a little disappointed that no one had brought a stuffed animal for a blessing. The next day (Sunday) at worship, a little girl came to Communion with her parents, carrying her teddy bear, and asked for a blessing. I said, "You bet, any time!" (By the way, for anyone with a shy "pet", I'm happy to make house calls!)

Consider how your pocket change can make a huge difference! Over \$300 collected by the children of Messiah in September, over \$600 in October, during our Noisy Offering! Those gifts translate directly into food and a better life for other children all over the world. Our deeds shape their future, while our children learn the joy of cheerful giving.

During Commitment Weekend, a non-member came up to me and asked for a pledge card and Time and Talent form. Of course, I was happy to oblige! When they returned both forms completely filled out the same day, I thanked them and asked what motivated them to pledge. "This congregation does good work and I want to participate," they replied, "I want to make a difference." What we say and do matters!

Looking forward to November, this newsletter is full of opportunities for you to make a little history and shape the future. For example,

Have you considered volunteering as an overnight co-host for Room at the Inn?

Would you be willing to hold a candle, as the names of the faithful departed are read during our All Saints' worship?

Maybe you'd like to try your hand as an audio technician during worship, or attend a video technician training with Pr. Allan?

Can you bring some paper goods to help the women and children at Harbor House? Or bring non-perishable food to the altar during our food drive this month?

These, and many more opportunities throughout our community, will only succeed with your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you, once again, dear friends, for your "fearless generosity"!

--- Pr. Don Ludemann

## Community Meal - November 7

Please join us for dinner on November 7th! The community meal will start at 5:30 pm and will include cranberry-glazed chicken breast, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, and cookies/bars. We look forward to seeing you!

## Worship Projection Update

The next step in our worship projection project for 10:30 worship is to train a few people to do weekly updates. This involves updating the Prayer of the Day and the readings for the week, plus a few other minor tweaks. It's not hard; with a little training on the SongShow software, it's mainly text entry. I think a one-hour training session would be enough. If you have a computer running Windows 7 or later, we could install a home workstation on it; otherwise, the work could probably be done right on the computer in church. Let me know if you'd like to be trained for this, and what times would be convenient for you. -- Pastor Allan

# All Saints' Weekend

*October 15, 2018*

Dear family and friends of Messiah,

I'm writing to invite you to join our congregation in observing All Saints' weekend on November 3rd and 4th this year. Perhaps you have had a beloved relative or friend pass away in the last year. Perhaps this year marks a significant anniversary of a loved one's death. Whatever your loss, I find this worship service to be significant and meaningful.

It is a time when we acknowledge the loss of those we love, we celebrate their lives, and we look forward in hope to being reunited with them in our lives after death. During worship on this weekend, we light the Paschal (or Christ) Candle, as we remember that in our baptisms we are united with Jesus in His death, resurrection, and eternal life. Then, as a bell tolls, we take that flame of hope and light a candle for each of our beloved. In our prayers we commend these lives to the One who created them and sustained them in life. We remember the past and also express faith in the future, believing that life does not end in death, but rather, that death has been conquered by God's eternal love.

You are invited to be present at worship on behalf of your loved one. As his or her name is read, you would come forward to receive a candle and gather around the altar, bearing witness to the life of your beloved, until all the names are read and the prayer is concluded. Then, you would return to your seat. If you are unable to be present, we will ask others to do this on your behalf.

Please let us know if you are able to be at worship on Saturday, November 3rd at 5 PM or Sunday, November 4, at 8:45 or 10:30 AM. Either call us at 225-1119 or reply by email to Inga at [ingab@messiah.org](mailto:ingab@messiah.org). We'd ask you to specify which of the services you will attend. If you wish to make a Memorial gift on this occasion, I will be glad to help you decide on an appropriate fund; please call or email me at [donl@messiah.org](mailto:donl@messiah.org).

All Saints' worship is one of my favorites in the liturgical year. It is a time of giving thanks for the "great cloud of witnesses" whose memories still surround us, and expressing hope and faith in God's promise of life eternal with them. I do hope you can attend!

Pastor Don Ludemann

## Let's Go Exploring - Nov 7

On Wednesday, November 7 right after the community meal at Messiah (6:30-8pm), the Social Action Team will be hosting a panel of community service providers. We will be discussing "Exploring Mental Health Services for Marquette Youth." Please bring a friend and join us as we learn about these crucial services.

## Noisy Offering - Nov 10 & 11

Now, that was a lot of pocket change! Our Noisy Offering in October was so heavy, the tellers needed to use the grocery cart to wheel it over to the bank! Thanks to your generosity, \$634.74 was raised for the ELCA's Global Barnyard Project!

In case you missed it, you'll have a chance to participate on the 2nd weekend of November (10/11) by simply bringing your loose change to worship. Our congregation's kids will collect your coins and "make a joyful noise to the Lord" as they proceed around the sanctuary.

These offerings go directly to buying goats, chickens, pigs, fish, and other animals to help families in developing countries through sustainable agricultural projects. So, keep collecting those coins. We'll continue at least through the 2nd weekend in December. Every penny literally makes a difference!

## Sharing the Dream in Guatemala Upcoming Trip

There is an upcoming trip with Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, which is one of the non-profit organizations where we get our goods for the fall fair trade market. It is planned for February 4-13th, 2019, and will be a learning trip with Director Diane Nusselhuf. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Diane at [diane@sharingthedream.org](mailto:diane@sharingthedream.org). Thank you!

## Being Mortal

Join us in reading and discussing the book Being Mortal by *Atul Gawande*. We will meet on Wednesday, **November 14 at 5:30 pm** in Messiah's atrium and view the Frontline TV special on Being Mortal which will take one hour. If you have any questions, please call Betsy Little at 345-9237 .

On Tuesday, December 4 from 5:30-6:30 pm, we will meet again in Messiah's atrium to discuss the book. A small snack will be provided. If you would like to bring along a bag meal please do so. Copies of the book are available from Peter White Library.

## **Fearless, Generous Disciples**

In October, in preparation for Commitment weekend, we were treated to a great temple talk from Lynne Hammerstrom and an equally great sermon from Pastor Don about “Fearless Generosity”. This message was meant for all of us to ponder our commitment to those familiar words “time, talent, and treasure.”

For those who haven’t filled out the little gold sheet for financial commitment and the time and talent sheet, the stewardship committee would like to point out that it is not too late. If you have lost or misplaced the forms, we still have plenty at the office.

Thanks to all for being fearlessly generous disciples—you are what make Messiah great. - - - *Messiah’s Stewardship Team*

## **Calling All Bakers!**

Messiah’s Fair Trade Market will be held the weekend of November 17 and 18. This year we will also be having a baked goods sale at the same time to defray advertising costs for the market. Would you be able to contribute one of your specialties for this? Please contact Inga in the church office or sign up on the welcome table. Bakers should include a list of ingredients along with their contribution. Items may be dropped off at the church office on Friday, November 16 between 9:00 am and noon. Thank you!

## **Thank You from Fortune Lake**

Dear Members of Messiah Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift to support the mission of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp of \$833.33.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is a partner and an extension of your congregation’s mission and ministry. Your expression of this partnership through this gift strengthens our mutual ministry and our partnership.

We thank God for each of our campers, retreat participants, and for the families, churches, and supporters who make it all possible. Sustaining gifts enable us to bridge the gap between registration fees and actual costs, to keep our buildings and grounds safe, to continue to share the life-giving hope of Jesus, and to provide scholarships to those who would otherwise not be able to come to camp.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you in an identified area of ministry, either here at camp, your own retreat weekend, or VBS at your church. Let us know how we might enhance our partnership of ministry with your congregation & serve your groups. Thank you again for remembering Fortune Lake with your gifts. It is your support of camp which allows us to continue our ministry to Drive Faith Forward, day by day, for all ages and in all seasons. Together in Christ, *Sara Jonassen, Interim Camp Director*

# Lectionary Readings - November 2018

## November 4 -- All Saints' Sunday

First Reading.....*Isaiah 25:6-9*  
Psalm.....*Psalm 24*  
Second Reading.....*Revelation 21:1-6a*  
Gospel Reading.....*John 11:32-44*

## November 11 -- 25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*1 Kings 17:8-16*  
Psalm.....*Psalm 146*  
Second Reading.....*Hebrews 9:24-28*  
Gospel Reading.....*Mark 12:38-44*

## November 18 -- 26th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Daniel 12:1-3*  
Psalm.....*Psalm 16*  
Second Reading.....*Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25*  
Gospel Reading.....*Mark 13:1-8*

## November 25 -- 27th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading.....*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*  
Psalm.....*Psalm 16*  
Second Reading.....*Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25*  
Gospel Reading.....*Mark 13:1-8*

## Free Calendars!

There are many free 2019 calendars in the office, take as many as you would like.



## **Council Highlights - October 2018**

1. Approved removal of various members from active to inactive status. This hadn't been done for 11 years and needs to be done more frequently, annually, if possible.
2. Scheduled a work session for November 8th to discuss revisions of our Constitution & By-laws.
3. Referred renewal of the Adult Day Services lease, which has expired, to the Property Ad-Hoc Committee for recommendation.
4. Approved Personnel committee recommendation to maintain Portico benefits at current levels.
5. Approved continuation of the Grief Group through the end of December.

## **Fall Global Fair Trade Market**

Please save the date for Messiah's Global Fair Trade Market which will be held on Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18, 2018. The sale will be open to Messiah members & the public from 10:00 am-4:00 pm on Saturday and we will remain open for the 5:00 pm worship service. The sale will also be open to Messiah members before & after the worship services on Sunday. We will have fairly traded items & goods for sale from SERRV International, Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, items brought back from our sister congregation in Caracoli, Colombia, etc. If there are any questions, please contact Rachel at [rachel.skaw@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.skaw@gmail.com) or Beth at [wendricks@chartermi.net](mailto:wendricks@chartermi.net). Please consider starting your Christmas shopping early! Thank you!

## **QiGong**

Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 12:00 pm, there is a funeral service and a luncheon at Messiah so QiGong will instead, meet at the Episcopal church in the chapel. Jennifer Silverston will be leading gentle QiGong for those with arthritis. All are welcome! Please join us.

## **Farmer's Market Coffee Supports LWR**

We are currently selling the Farmer's Market coffee along with our Equal Exchange coffee that you have all grown to love. The Farmer's Market coffee has been supporting Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the coffee farmers. Equal Exchange no longer has a relationship with LWR. The Farmer's Market ground coffee comes in a medium blend, a dark blend and a decaf coffee. We now carry the medium and dark blend in whole bean for all the coffee bean lovers! Try it today!

# Messiah's Birthdays

## November 2018

- Thursday 1 Val Dragon, Etta Jo LaFayette, Patty Sarvello, Andrew Wallner
- Friday 2 Marilyn Andersen
- Saturday 3 David Nocerini, Diane Skewis
- Sunday 4 John White
- Monday 5 Sherry Labbe
- Tuesday 6 Zach Delpier, Jane Kamps, Allyson Lancour
- Wednesday 7 Isabel Johnstone, Vicki Laituri, Elizabeth Peterson
- Thursday 8 Marc Blom, Theresa Delpier, Janice Johnstone, Brett LaBelle
- Friday 9 Mary Davis, Jeremy Labbe
- Saturday 10 Cookie Aho, Cameron Fries
- Sunday 11 Kristina Asta
- Monday 12 Linda Carlson
- Tuesday 13 Nancy Peterson, Lynette Suckow
- Wednesday 14 Marcia Heron, Mary Ruman
- Thursday 15 Ray Jarvis
- Friday 16 Shirley Teed, Jessie Vanlerberghe, IvyAnna Wash
- Saturday 17 Peggy Kapfhamer, Wayne Phillips, Sally Wilson
- Sunday 18 Katie Beerman
- Monday 19 Shelly Johnson, Anna Mendelin
- Tuesday 20 No birthdays
- Wednesday 21 Brooklyn Fortin, Rachel Skaw
- Thursday 22 Peggy Bagley, Bradley Brow, Eden Langlois
- Friday 23 Alison Cory, Nancy Kalweit, Steve Murto, Hannah Ruuska, Will Voskuhl
- Saturday 24 Donna Marlor, Tina Peterson, Jean Whitman-Shelby

Sunday 25	John Bleckiner, Sally Davis, Cecelia Janda, Keith Johnstone, Dave Van Kley
Monday 26	Bev Delke, Terri Oleksy, Patricia Sawyer, Kerry Wiese
Tuesday 27	Leonard Beaudoin, Becky Blom, Bill Davis
Wednesday 28	Harry Rajala
Thursday 29	Kayla Dennis
Friday 30	Lucas Buruse

## Passages

### In Sympathy to:

\* *Carol & Bob Masuga and family upon the death of Carol's mother, Fern Wolf, who passed away on Friday, October 19th at Brookridge.*

\* *Helen Johnson and family upon the death of her husband, Lowell, who passed away on Wednesday, October 24 at Norlite.*

## In The Hospital

Please inform the church office when you are hospitalized. Pr Don and Pr Alan want to visit you when you are there. If you can't notify Messiah, please ask a family member to do so.

## Lay School - Fall 2018

Lay School meets every Tuesday at Messiah. There is an informational sheet on the welcome table along with a sign-up sheet if you are interested in attending.

Oct 23 - Nov 13 from **3:30-5:30 pm** Ethics (4 sessions)

Oct 16 - Nov 20 (or 27) from **6-8:00pm** Lutheran Confessions (6 sessions)

If you have any questions, please contact Warren Geier at 486-4351 or [pastor@bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:pastor@bethanyishpeming.org)

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## **Giving Tuesday - Nov 27**

We are a “reach out” people and have an important ministry with those who are struggling in our community. Plan to join us on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving - after all the shopping promotions that weekend- to help replenish our Community Assistance Fund on GIVING TUESDAY. You may remember that last year we were the recipients of a Thrivent matching grant of \$10,000 as we inaugurated this event. Thrivent will again help us sponsor with food, publicity and support, and they are offering a 2 to 1 matching grant up to \$10,000 to St. Vincent de Paul. Our church will be open all day to receive gifts for our Community Assistance Fund and contributions will be accepted at any time before (or after) that day. Simply mark your gift “Assistance Fund”. We will also accept gas cards, bus tickets or personal items for the Warming Center & contributions to St. Vincent de Paul to help them reach their matching grant from Thrivent. Help us continue this outreach to those who need a helping hand by Living Generously on Giving Tuesday.

## **Journey**

Journey classes have gotten off to a great start! In September, we had two classes. During the month of October, we had two classes and we hiked Presque Isle. Our classes focused on the Reformation. We had some wonderful discussions about the church and how change is helpful. We have averaged eight students per class!

During the month of November, we will talk about the Israelites in the Wilderness. We will look at the book of Exodus and how we can (or cannot) relate. We will also spend some additional time looking at the Ten Commandments. For our November social event, we will go bowling.

North Fourth is open from 6:30-8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings for Journey students and their friends. This is an additional time for fellowship/games.

## **Community Event Calendar**

Something new has been added to the atrium, thanks to the Faith Formation Team. Messiah and its members are deeply involved in our community in many ways – service, music, sports, drama, school plays, outdoor events, and much more. Many of our young people take part in sports, school plays, or music, and would be delighted to see adults from Messiah there in the audience to cheer them on. Is someone in your family involved in a community event you’d like to celebrate? That’s exactly what the Event Calendar is designed for. There’s lots of room to write the time and place of events, and even some stickers on the table below the calendar to help call attention to the event.

# Reviving Civility Takes a Village

*As a follow up to the October forum on civility, the Social Action team invites everyone to take the civility pledge:*

Are you tired of the personal attacks, hateful rhetoric and polarization that too often dominate our political discussions? If so, you are like most Americans, but you also probably don't know what to do about it. Almost everyone agrees that the 2016 political campaign elevated incivility to new and disturbing levels, and, if we don't take specific steps to counter that trend, the upcoming 2018 campaign will be as bad or worse.

The National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) believes that there is something we can do. If enough people decide to listen to each other, to talk and act differently, then we will get different results. For this reason, NICD has launched the Initiative to Revive Civility and invites you to be part of it. In order to join the initiative, NICD asks you to affirm your intention to practice civility in your own life and also take specific steps to engage people of diverse political views in respectful conversations. Those who join the initiative will receive support for their efforts from NICD that includes information and suggestions about simple ways to promote civility and respect.

## **The Pledge**

*To help revive civility and respect in my community, I will make a conscious effort to:*

1. Seek out a variety of reliable news sources with different perspectives in order to learn more about the forces that divide - and also unite - our country.
2. Listen respectfully to people who have views different than my own, be mindful to avoid stereotyping and not use language that is insulting or derogatory.
3. Encourage and support efforts to bring people of different points of view together in our community to have civil and respectful conversations.
4. Invite other people to join me in the Initiative to Revive Civility and get involved in helping to connect people across political divisions.

**To sign up to help make a difference and receive email updates on reviving civility, please go to [nicd.arizona.edu](http://nicd.arizona.edu); click on REVIVING CIVILITY near the top right side of the page; then scroll down the following page and click on "How Can I Participate?"**

## **2018 CROP Walk Results**

Messiah's walkers and contributors raised \$1,346.00 for the 2018 CROP Walk. Thank you to everyone who walked and to all who made a donation towards this worthwhile effort. This will go a long way to helping those who are hungry in our world. Thank you to Ruth Robb for being Messiah's CROP Walk Coordinator this year!

## Prayer Partners

We will have our first Prayer Partner gathering on Sunday, October 28th at 9:55 am in Magnuson Hall. It is never too late to sign your child up or for any adults who would like to be partnered with a child.

You are welcome to come to the first gathering or second one to see if your child would be interested. Also any adult that may be wondering may come.

The days are:

October 28	February 10
November 11	March 17
December 9	April 14
January 13	May 5

This is an opportunity for your child to learn about prayer with activities.

The time of the prayer partner will be mentioned at our first gathering.

Thank you, *Sherry Johnson, Faith Formation*

## Blue Christmas - Dec 9

Once again Messiah will provide a quiet service acknowledging the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Christmas season with all its glitter and flurry is painful for some among us. This is a time to recognize those feelings. Thoughts of loss and worry may be expressed or contemplated. The Blue Christmas service is an opportunity to focus on Christ the true reason for the season.

I think of the first Christmas after Jim, my husband, died and how I made plans that were different from our usual celebrations. This service may fit those who have experienced loss or change of circumstances.

Or it may be a comfort to those whose holidays were painful.

My sister-in-law could not relax or enjoy family gatherings during Christmas. Although she would come to one of the five big events my family held, she and her family only stayed for a short time. I have learned that for her Christmas only came if someone came by with a box of food. Her dad would sign up for baskets which included gifts for the children but no gifts were left when some small amount of food appeared. I didn't know why she couldn't let her children enjoy gifts until she said that gifts like toys were easily converted to cash. Her memories of Christmas were filled with expectations that were usually dashed to bits.

So the Blue Christmas service is a time to remember, pray, consider but still recognize that our Savior has come. Please come.... and bring a companion or a friend, 3:00 pm - December 9.

-- *Judy Quirk*



## 'New' Community Handbell Group

A new community-based handbell ringing group is forming in Marquette. The group will be known as Superior Handbells. They will meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm at Messiah.

This is a new organization to be made up of adult ringers of all ages. The music will be a mix of all musical genres, spiritual and secular. Some knowledge of music is preferable, but part of the group activity will be to learn and expand ringing skills.

The first public performance is on January 27, 2019. For additional information, contact Jennifer Bleckiner at [jthautbois@gmail.com](mailto:jthautbois@gmail.com) or Messiah Lutheran Church.

## Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcasts

There are openings for altar flowers and radio broadcast in November & December. If you are interested in honoring a loved one or remembering a loved one who has passed away, please contact the church office.

## Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact pharmacist Barb Salmela at [salmela432@yahoo.com](mailto:salmela432@yahoo.com) or by calling 906.250.1016.

All inquiries are confidential. She can help find discounts for medication, ways to possibly obtain them for free, or suggest less expensive alternatives. Also, if you need assistance signing up for Medicare, please call Barb for an appointment. She would be happy to help you through this process.

## Marquette Thanksgiving Service-Nov 18

Ecumenical Service (Episcopal, ELCA, Methodist, Presbyterian) will be on *Sunday, November 18, 7:00 pm* at St. Paul's Episcopal. Ecumenical choir rehearsal at 6:30 pm. We invite people to bring cookies/bars for reception afterward. Cash collection will go to Feeding America West Michigan for providing food to Marquette County food pantries (as it did last year). As always, contributions of non-perishable food items will be donated to local food pantries.

## Thank you!

Thank you for letting us use your space for our meetings. Sincerely, Marquette County Self Advocates

## Thank you!

For My Messiah Lutheran Church Family, Thank you very much for showing how much you care about me. Your support and love made a great difference in my life when I needed it. Thank you! Jan

## Thank you!

Hello Messiah Lutheran Church! Want to thank you people who visit me. You arrive with friendly smiles and God's Word. We talk of many things and your visits make a difference in my day. Thanks so much! Marjorie

## OWLS

OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans). The OWLS is a group comprised of mostly 55 years and older folks who like to venture out. We go out for lunches and/or dinners, go to movies, tours, and other activities over the year. Please join the OWLS on our next adventure. We'll be going to the Thunder Bay Inn in Big Bay for lunch on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, via MarqTran bus. The bus will pick us up at our church at 12:15 p.m., take us to the Inn for lunch, and return us back to our church. Please sign up, indicating whether you'll be taking the bus or meeting us at the Inn. There is a limit of 24 to take the bus, so I suggest you sign up early. If you wish, you may contact Louise via text or call 906-250-3990 or e-mail [louweesy@hotmail.com](mailto:louweesy@hotmail.com). There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. Contact Louise Anderson if you have questions.

## In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Celeste Geschwindt, Diane, Doug, Terry, Carol Stevens, Steven Liljedahl, Don Dreisbach, Herb Grenke, Edith, Ted, Kristina Asta, Gary, Sierra, Mary Leslie, Rosanne Taylor, Kristine Hill, Ted Querin, Charlene Avery, Cathy Church, Nai, Cam & his family, Mike Orhanen, Betty Hartman, Liz Kro, Katelin Bingner.

*You may call the church office if you would like a person listed in the prayers. Please obtain permission from the person to list his/her name. In order to keep the list up to date and manageable in size, we will remove names from time to time. We also appreciate updates as to how people listed are progressing. Thank you!*

## Special Events in November & December

- November 3/4** All Saints' weekend-when we remember those who have passed away, especially in this last year.
- November 6** Lay School
- November 7** Community meal at 5:30 pm with forum to follow
- November 10/11** Noisy offering - going toward the ELCA Barnyard project for world hunger
- November 13** Lay School
- November 17** Global Fair Trade Market from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- November 18** Global Fair Trade Market during and between worship services
- November 18** Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship, 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal church
- November 20** Lay School
- November 22** Thanksgiving day
- November 27** (Possible) Lay School
- December 5** Community meal at 5:30 pm with Advent worship to follow at 6:30 pm
- December 5** Advent worship at 6:30 pm
- December 8/9** Noisy offering - going toward the ELCA Barnyard project for world hunger
- December 9** Blue Christmas service at 3:00 pm
- December 12** Advent worship at 6:30 pm
- December 16** Sunday School kids Christmas program at 10:30 am worship & liturgical dancers at 8:45 & 10:30 am worship
- December 19** Advent worship at 6:30 pm
- December 24** Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm. There will be a half hour of prelude music before the second two services
- December 25** Christmas Day
- December 31** New Year's Eve

## Lutheran World Relief Update

Women Reaching Women Circle thanks all who made donations of supplies to fill LWR School Kits. We were able to send out 56 kits this year to students in need.

Thanks, also, for your monetary donations! They will be put to good use next year when we need to purchase additional backpacks for the packing.

-- WRW Circle

# November 2018 Worship Volunteers

## Saturday November 3 - 5pm

Ushers- Barb Salmela, Chris Kotila

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistants- Peggy Letvenow, Julie Blemberg

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

## Sunday November 4 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Frank Summersett, David Dill

Reader- Judy Quirk

Communion Assistants- Judy Quirk, Peggy Sager, Beth Krznarich

Greeters- Barb Avery, Pat Nebel

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

## Sunday November 4 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, Lavonne Gaspar

Reader- Delaney Parks

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Gayle Van Osdol, Rachel Skaw

Greeters- Sandy Grenke, Jill Luoma

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadway

Video Technician- Joan Hill

## Saturday November 10 - 5pm

Ushers- Harry Rajala, Barb Salmela

Reader- Joyce Peterson

Communion Assistant- Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

## Sunday November 11 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Tom and Amy Froiland

Reader- Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants- Bruce Robertson, Grant Soltwisch, Cathy Seblonka

Greeters- Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister- Grant Soltwisch

**Sunday November 11 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- Connor Carr

Ushers- Kerry McGinley, Dave Luoma

Reader- Erik Bergh

Communion Assistants- Mike Hill, Paul Marin, Ruth Robb

Greeters- Phil and Nancy Hoover

Assisting Minister- Mike Hill

Video Technician- Mark Petrie

**Saturday November 17 - 5 pm**

Ushers- Barb Salmela, Chris Kotila

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- Barb Maszlewski

Communion Set-Up- Barb Maszlewski

**Sunday November 18 - 8:45 am**

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Sten and Jane Taube

Reader- Terry Langenberg

Communion Assistants- Mike and Emily Coyne, Terry Langenberg

Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

**Sunday November 18 - 10:30 am**

Acolyte- Hannah Ruuska

Ushers- Gayle Van Osdol, Ruth Robb

Reader- Paul Marin

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Michael and Jenny Broadway

Greeters- two needed

Assisting Minister- Sarah Janda

Video Technician- Michael Joy, Liam Ulland-Joy

**Saturday November 24 - 5 pm**

Ushers- Chris Kotila, Laura Goodney

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistant- Barb Maszlewski

Communion Set-Up- Barb Maszlewski

### Sunday November 25 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Anne Rydholm, Sam Elder

Reader- Brenda Blett

Communion Assistants- Fred and Kathy Maynard, Cathy Seblonka

Greeters- John VanDreel, Ruth Koehler

Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

### Sunday November 25 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, Liz Beyne

Reader- Susan Shaver

Communion Assistants- Paul Marin, Betsy Little, Ruth Robb

Greeters- Jill Luoma, Ruth Robb

Assisting Minister- Michael Broadawy

Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

## ~From the Bishop

*'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing'*

When I read this in Matthew, I think back to a song that was popular a few years ago. It had a sort of Jamaican beat, and the singer sang over and over again, "Don't Worry, be Happy." And whenever I heard it, I thought of palm trees and the blue ocean, and drinking something cool and fruity on a white sandy beach. This song speaks about worry as if we can just turn it off, check out from life, distance ourselves from all our cares and concerns and feelings and live as if life didn't matter.

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks, because life does matter. The cares and concerns and feelings we have speak to how invested we are in living a life that matters. As we eat too much pie and turkey, we give thanks that we do not have to worry about what we shall eat or what we shall wear. We give thanks that life is more than food and clothing. We give thanks, that as much as God is involved in creation and feeding the birds of the air, making the lilies beautiful, causing grass and grain to grow, much as God is involved in all that is around us, we give thanks at how much more is God involved with that which is even more precious. As people of faith we take time to thank God for how much more God cares for you, provides for you, and gives you what you need the most.

Jesus says do not worry or be anxious, because Jesus knows how easy it is for us to get bogged down in the details. Of course food and clothing matter, but they only really matter if you don't have any. I read the other day, about two Christian congregations. One is here in the U.S., and one is in Malawi. The congregation in the U.S. sent some folks over to Malawi for a visit and they saw first hand how the people struggled. The country was in the grip of a severe famine. People were barely surviving on what little they had, and yet worship was a priority, and the church in Malawi was full to busting on Sunday mornings. After the visiting group returned home, they continued communicating with this congregation in Malawi, and along with gifts of support, they sent a letter commending the congregation for their lively and thriving faith in the midst of such hardship. And they asked the question, "How is it that you have faith when you have so little?" And the people of the church in Malawi, sent back a letter of thanks, and their own question, "How is it that you have faith when you have so much?"

The congregation in the U.S. wondered how it was that the people from Malawi were not driven to despair. The people from the church in Malawi wondered how it is that having our basic needs met and then some, doesn't lead us to trust in ourselves rather than God. It is a good question. It is easy to take what we have for granted. Having the food and clothing and shelter we need frees us to focus on what kind of food, clothing and shelter we want. And this can easily distract us from what really matters.

The people of the church in Malawi know first hand about faith born of desperation. But they are not alone in this. We know too that often it is out of need and desperation that we seek God. So often, it is a crisis that brings us to our knees. So often it takes an emptiness that we cannot name, or when life spins beyond our reach and we don't know what else to do but pray. So often, faith comes when trust in God is all you have to go on. We are blessed when despair leads to hope in God. We are blessed when crisis brings us new understanding of God in our lives.

While there may be times when we come to God in desperation, how nice it is to come to God in praise and thankfulness for the many blessings we enjoy. At Thanksgiving and every time we worship, we gather to offer thanks to God, not just for food and clothing but also for the life we have that is so much more than food and clothing. We thank God for the wonderful gift of people we love and the blessing of people who love us. We thank God for all that God has made us to be and everything God calls us to become. But most of all, we thank God for giving us what we need the most, the saving power of Jesus the Christ.

*Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan*

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