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Messiah Calendar

Monday, January 7

Pr. Don's day off

- 10:00 am OWLs Walk
- 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm ACIM
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, January 8

- 6:30 am Stewardship
- 12:00 pm QiGong
- 1:00 pm Knotty Knitters
- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
- 6:30 pm Superior Handbells

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:00 am Rebecca Circle
- 2:00 pm Alzheimer's Cafe
- 4:00 pm Swedish Class
- 5:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Music for all Kids
- 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Only
- 6:30 pm North Fourth
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 10

- 9:00 am Quilting
- 11:00 am Women's Cursillo
- 12:00 pm Social Workers
- 6:00 pm MOPS Event
- 6:30 pm African Interest Meeting

Friday, January 11

- 7:00 am Personnel Meeting
- 8:00 am Men's Ministry

Saturday, January 12

- 5:00 pm Worship

Sunday, January 13

- 8:15 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:45 am Celebration Rehearsal
- 9:55 am Prayer Partners
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Journey

On Call

Pr. Don Ludemann: Jan. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, 24-27, 31

Pr. Allan Johnson: Jan. 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles to be included in the February Messenger is Monday, January 21, 2019.

Newsletter Editor

Pr. Don Ludemann

Messiah's Newsletter

January 6, 2019
Volume 101, Issue 1

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

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord

Flowers To the Glory of God and ...

- ✿ In celebration of my 65th birthday from Kathy Godec
- ✿ In loving memory of my beloved husband Tim, mother Elsie Maki, brother John Wiinamaki, father Wilbert Wiinamaki & many other loved ones in God's peace from Terry Keuscher

Radio To the Glory of God and In Honor of...

- ♪ My step-father William P. Maki in God's love from Terry Keuscher
P.S. Welcome to Messiah!

The Gift of Waiting (Part 2)

Last month, I explored the virtues of Advent, a season of waiting: patiently, prayerfully, expectantly waiting. A season blessed with prayer and contemplation, with hope and confidence that the gift we anticipate will be "worth the wait."

That gift, of course, is God-in-the-flesh, Emmanuel, whose birth we began celebrating on Christmas Eve; in whose light and love we continue to bask through the season of Epiphany. My sincere thanks to all the musicians, readers, ushers, etc., who always make our worships meaningful and joyful!

This month, we celebrate another gift that has been given to us: your Church Council is presenting a candidate for Senior Pastor! I commend the Council on their deliberative, thoughtful review of many candidates' paperwork as well as video interviews. I rejoice that their work is culminating in a candidate for your consideration.

This entire 10 months that I have been your interim senior pastor has been an "Advent" of sorts. Throughout, we've continued with our normal church activities while also making space (emotionally, spiritually, and programmatically) for non-anxious deliberation and discernment. We've asked, "What's important to our congregation?" "What is our mission and vision?" "What traits do we seek in our next senior pastor?" While those conversations will continue, they are now bearing "first fruit," that is, a pastoral candidate for your consideration.

Please note the articles elsewhere in this newsletter: a biography of Pastor Andrew on page 15; including a chance to meet him and be in worship with him (see below); and the Special Congregational Meeting to consider calling him on page 14.

One year ago, in this publication, Jeannie Wagner (then Council President) cited this passage from Philippians: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Those were wise and prescient words then; and equally valuable now!

Thank you all for journeying through the many "Advents" in our lives, walking together as the body of Christ. May the new year bring blessings to you and yours and to our congregation!
- - - *Pastor Don Ludemann*

Special Events to Meet Pastor Andrew

We have invited Pr. Andrew to meet our congregation, to preach and lead worship on the weekend of January 19 & 20, 2019. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Saturday, January 19

2:00-4:00 pm – Reception
Atrium
5 pm Worship
Sanctuary

Sunday, January 20

8:45 & 10:30 am – Worship
Sanctuary
Fellowship between services
Atrium

Please mark your calendars!

Community Meal - February 6

In the month of January, we do not hold a community meal at Messiah. Our next community meal is on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:30 pm! We look forward to sharing dinner with you!

Lay School of Theology – Understanding the Bible (and maybe preaching)

This year I'll be offering an eight-session class on Preaching and Exegetical Techniques, on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., beginning February 19.

We're going to try breaking the class into two segments; I think there are people who would very much like to learn about understanding the Bible, but have no intention of preaching! So we'll do this in two sections. The first segment (February 19th to March 19th) will be for five weeks and will focus on biblical interpretation, the various ways that a biblical text can be examined and understood. It would be perfectly fine to come for these five weeks only, if you wish. The final three sessions (March 26th to April 9th) will be for those who would like to apply what they've learned, to work with a text and write a sermon.

I'm looking forward to this. Come join us!

Your interim associate pastor, Allan Johnson

Medication Help Available

If you have questions &/or concerns regarding your medications, you can contact pharmacist Barb Salmela at 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.

Annual Report Articles Due

All articles to be included in the annual report are due on **Monday, January 14th**. Please submit all articles to Inga at messiah.ingab@gmail.com by January 14th. We are in need of one article from all teams and committees at Messiah. *Thank you for getting your article to Inga on or before January 14th.*

A Friendly Reminder from the Stewardship Team & Finance Committee

As we finalize Messiah's 2019 budget, it would be most helpful to have all our giving pledges and Time & Talent forms completed and returned!

If you have misplaced yours, never received them, or have any questions about them, please do not hesitate to contact the church office or Pastor Don. As we strive to be the best stewards of God's gifts, we thank you for your help!

Annual Meeting and Potluck

The annual meeting of Messiah Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 3rd. We will have our usual Sunday worship services at 8:45 am & 10:30 am. Following the 10:30 service at about 11:45 am we will have a special congregation meeting in the sanctuary to officially call Pastor Andrew Plocher to Messiah. At the close of the this meeting, we will have a potluck lunch in Magnuson Hall and our regular annual meeting which will begin at about 1:00 pm.

The lunch menu includes chicken & beverages (provided by Messiah) and potluck offerings from those attending. If you are planning to attend please bring a dish to pass using this guide: if your last name begins with A-D or T-Z, bring a salad or a side dish; E-G bring a dessert, H-S bring a casserole.

Stewardship

"As I look at the Christmas tree, I'm aware that soon it must come down along with the rest of the holiday decorations. The poinsettia is dropping its blossoms, my orchid buds are not yet in bloom. And it gets dark SO early. Yet, I know the days are getting longer and will eventually be warmer. And opportunities will be offered for improvement and renewal in my life and yours. How can you and I be better stewards of our time, talent and possessions? How can we be better, more responsible managers of things entrusted to our care?

Please join me in thinking about these questions. It's a new year. 2019 is a blank slate for us. Messiah Lutheran Church offers many ways for us to be good stewards. Here, EVERYONE is a member of the Stewardship Committee. Let's begin the year with determination, enthusiasm and joy. 2019—here we come!"

Call me if you have questions. Thanks!

Lynne Hammerstrom, Stewardship Team

Digital Projection Training

Are you interested in learning how to prepare material for worship projection? Come to a special training session on Tuesday, January 15 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm! We'll meet in room #202; after a brief introduction to how our software works, we'll move into hands-on experience with producing and editing worship material.

This breaks down into several parts. Some of them are hard, and I will probably keep handling that part for some time yet. Most of the week-to-week work is much more manageable, and developing a team to handle that will be very important for making projection a sustainable element in Messiah's worship. (There's also some interest in adding projection to our 8:45 worship – would you be interested in helping with that?)

Week to week, most of the preparation for worship is simply keyboard text entry. Each week the Prayer of the Day and the readings and Psalm need to be updated. If you can type, and have a sense of good layout, you can do this.

Somewhat more difficult, but manageable: each season of the church year we need to update a template for that season's worship. That includes changes in the liturgical texts, and a choice of graphics that will support the season.

Preparing hymns is hard. I would very much like to help train someone else to share this work. It involves entering music using the Finale program, exporting graphics files, editing the graphics files so they will be readable on-screen, and importing them into SongShow. Could this be you?

If any part of this ministry sounds like something you would be interested in learning to do, come to the session on Tuesday, January 15. If you can bring a laptop running Windows 7 or later, we'll send you home with a working SongShow home workstation on your own computer to experiment with!

Your interim associate pastor, Allan Johnson

Do You Need a Ride to Messiah?

If you need a ride to Messiah, either on Sundays or for other Messiah events, call the church office for a referral to someone who would be willing to help.

Can You Provide a Ride to Messiah?

The Social Action team is trying to compose a list of church members who would be willing to give a ride to others near you who don't have transportation on Sundays to Messiah or for weekday Messiah events. If you can serve in this manner, please call the church office (225-1119) or Emily Coyne (226-6669).

Lectionary Readings - January 2019

January 6 -- Epiphany of our Lord

First Reading.....*Isaiah 60:1-6*
Psalm.....*Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14*
Second Reading.....*Ephesians 3:1-12*
Gospel Reading.....*Matthew 2:1-12*

January 13 -- Baptism of our Lord

First Reading.....*Isaiah 43:1-7*
Psalm.....*Psalm 29*
Second Reading.....*Acts 8:14-17*
Gospel Reading.....*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

January 20 -- Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....*Isaiah 62:1-5*
Psalm.....*Psalm 36:5-10*
Second Reading.....*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*
Gospel Reading.....*John 2:1-11*

January 27 -- Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading.....*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*
Psalm.....*Psalm 19*
Second Reading.....*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*
Gospel Reading.....*Luke 4:14-21*

Knotty Knitters & Quilters

The Knotty Knitters will meet on the following Tuesdays at Messiah in January: 8, 15, 22 and 29. The quilters will meet on the following Thursdays at Messiah in January: 11, 18 and 25.

Please mark your calendars if you are involved in either of these groups.
Thank you!

Council Highlights - December 2018

1. Approved arrangements for the weekend visit of Pastor Andrew Plocher, January 19 and 20.
2. Approved an expenditure of \$40,000 to pay down the mortgage of the Synod office to eliminate a balloon payment in 2024.
3. Approved new members, Don and Kathy Grisham and Bill Maki, and reinstated inactive members, John and Kelly Soderberg and their three children, and Wayne Hanmer.
4. Set a special congregational meeting for February 3rd to consider the call of Pastor Andrew and approval of his salary package.

“How Come We Can’t Talk to Each Other Any More?”

Are there ways we can address the division and polarization which tear at our country and our churches? I am convinced there are.

Join me on Thursday evenings, January 24th and 31st, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, for an open (and, I hope, honest!) look at some of the things which get in the way of us listening to each other – and also some practical steps you and I can take to get past this.

There are some things I’ve learned, and I hope to share them. I’d also like to listen to you, and learn from your experience.

Allan E. Johnson

OWLs

The OWLs group (Older, Wiser Lutherans) continue to meet every Monday at 10:00 am at the Superior Dome for walking. Following the walk, they meet for coffee & fellowship. Always a fun time, please join them!

Thank You!

Karen Johnson has expressed her thanks and appreciation for all the carolers who came to her home and sang Christmas carols to her. She enjoyed this so much! She would also like to thank Jen Elsenbroek for her hand in making it happen. Karen had the carolers visit last year and was hoping they would come again this year, and they did! She is very grateful for that cheerful visit!

Messiah's Birthdays

January 2019

- Tuesday 1 No birthdays
- Wednesday 2 Daphne Evans
- Thursday 3 No birthdays
- Friday 4 No birthdays
- Saturday 5 Pam Forsberg, Kristine Tollefson
- Sunday 6 Kathy Godec
- Monday 7 Liz Carr, Kira (Luoma) December
- Tuesday 8 Anne Engman
- Wednesday 9 No birthdays
- Thursday 10 Dave Blomquist, Luke Stevens, Danielle VanDreel, Tom Wagner
- Friday 11 Kathy Soltwisch
- Saturday 12 No birthdays
- Sunday 13 Bob Cambensy, Marie Sarkela, Kaitlin Sellers
- Monday 14 Paige Gilbert
- Tuesday 15 H. Virginia Olson, Anne Rydholm
- Wednesday 16 Bev Evans, Kristian Jackson
- Thursday 17 Janice Anderson, Inga Banitt
- Friday 18 No birthdays
- Saturday 19 Lucille Contois, Mae Desonia
- Sunday 20 Tanner Delpier, Mary Fleury, Gayle Van Osdol
- Monday 21 Sandy Wagner
- Tuesday 22 Amy Froiland
- Wednesday 23 Robert Groleau Jr.
- Thursday 24 No birthdays
- Friday 25 Mary Leslie, Laura Slavsky

Saturday 26 Rose Collins, Rich Matthews, Nancy Russell
Sunday 27 Marie Voskuhl
Monday 28 Nina Nelson, Scott Vanlerberghe
Tuesday 29 No birthdays
Wednesday 30 Ruth Hill, Lesley Williams
Thursday 31 Madeline Malnor

Passages

In Sympathy to:

* *Family & friends of Brenton Fitzpatrick upon the death of his grandfather on November 30, 2018.*

* *Family & friends of Suzanne Carrier upon her death on December 10, 2018.*

* *Family & friends of Darrell Smith upon his death on December 29, 2018.*

* *Family & friends of Karen Eldevick's mother, Maida Eldevick, who passed away in December 2018.*

In The Hospital

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

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated items to the children at the Great Lakes Recovery Center for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

-- Rachel Circle

Book Study Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent study of the book and video "Being Mortal." The response was very positive! Perhaps, we should build more book studies into our Adult Education program. If interested in helping, please let one of the pastors know, or contact the Faith Formation Team!

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Church Council Presents Senior Pastor Candidate

Special Congregational Meeting Called for February 3rd

Excerpts from the December 28 letter to the congregation from President Paul Marin:

Acting as the Call Committee, over the past months your Church Council has reviewed the credentials of 7 different candidates for our senior pastor. Our Bishop recommended the candidates to us, all of whom currently serve in parishes throughout the United States.

We had video interviews with those whom we thought might be the “best fit” for our congregation. After many hours of thoughtful and prayerful deliberation, we would like to put before you Pastor Andrew Plocher as the candidate to be our next Senior Pastor.

While it might seem ironic that, after a long nationwide search, we are recommending a candidate from our own community, we have been intentionally thoughtful and thorough. During this interim, we’ve had the most competent leadership of Interim Senior Pastor Don Ludemann and Interim Associate Pastor Allan Johnson. We were not anxious about the future; rather, we prayerfully asked the Holy Spirit to guide us to nominate an exceptional candidate. We believe Pastor Andrew is that candidate.

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[the Church Council has called for a Special Congregational Meeting]

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Right after our second worship service (about 11:45 am), we will gather in the sanctuary for a Special Congregational Meeting to officially call Pastor Andrew and approve his Synod-recommended compensation.

Then, we will close that meeting, have a wonderful potluck lunch, and convene our Regular Annual Meeting at about 1 pm.

Pastor Andrew's Brief Biography

Pastor Andrew Plocher is originally from Corvallis, Oregon. He grew up with summers spent in the Cascade Mountains and at the Pacific Ocean. After high school he moved east to Minnesota. He has a BA in Studio Art from Carleton College and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary, and is completing doctoral work in pastoral counseling at Louisville Seminary.

Pastor Andrew was ordained in 2006 and has served churches large and small, from under 100 members to 2600 members, in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan. For the past three years he has served as pastor of Grace Lutheran in Gwinn and has been the interim Campus Pastor at Northern Michigan University for a year and a half. He and his wife, Dr. Anna Zimmer, moved to Marquette in 2015 when she began as an Assistant Professor at Northern Michigan University teaching German and in the Honors Program.

Pastor Andrew grew up in, and is ordained in, the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been in a "Full Communion" relationship for over 20 years, meaning that our churches fully recognize each other's sacraments and clergy. This means he can also vote and participate in the life of the Synod. Pastor Andrew is committed to ecumenical and interfaith work, and feels at home in the Lutheran tradition.

In addition to serving congregations, Pastor Andrew has been a consultant and mediator with non-profits and congregations, presented and led workshops at national conferences, and worked as a faith-based community organizer. He has a passion for building community, wrestling with deep questions, and preaching and teaching. He is deeply committed to addressing issues of justice and poverty.

Pastor Andrew and Anna live in Marquette and love to spend time at home, cooking and baking, savoring the outdoors and the arts, traveling, reading good books, taking hikes and exploring the UP, and spending time with their rescue dog, Maloos.

Prayer Partners

The prayer partners will be meeting again on January 13th at 9:55 am. We are still in need of an adult prayer partner for a 5th grader. The children and adults do an activity, talk, and tell each other what they would like prayed for.

-- Sherry Johnson, Prayer Partner, Faith Formation

Ring In Good News with our Noisy Offerings!

Thanks to our Sunday School children for raising money to fight World Hunger through our Noisy Offerings this fall! Thanks to the congregation's generosity in offering loose change, we raised \$ \$2,438.27 on the second Sundays of September through December. Noisy Offerings are going on a break for awhile. But keep collecting your loose change, because they will...be...back!

Journey

The Journey class at Messiah had an eventful December! Here are a few of the things we did.....

As the entire country watches the struggles at the border, our class was reminded of how Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were also refugees. With this in mind, our Journey class decided to reach out to the youth in detention centers. Thankfully, the ELCA's refugee services gave us a direct way to connect through making cards for children in a detention center. Our students wrote the messages in Spanish, of which one of my favorite phrases was 'You are not forgotten'. I was able to mail them to a Lutheran church in Baltimore. After speaking to a pastor at that church, I was assured the cards would be delivered to the children being held in the detention center nearby.

Next, wasn't it fun to watch the students take leadership roles in the Christmas program? Students read scripture, served communion, ushered, greeted, and shared their talents. Messiah is full of talented and giving youth!

After the Christmas program, we made trays of cookies. Thanks to the parents for providing cookies. Also a big thanks to Danielle Peterson for baking/frosting cookies and driving!! We delivered the cookies to several homebound members and sang Christmas carols. It is such a joy to watch the youth bring joy to people! We look forward to a great 2019!

-- Jen Elsenbroek, Journey Leader

Faith Formation Membership Search

The Faith Formation Team is looking for new members to join our cause! We have recently expanded our mission to providing additional programming such as the Christmas Program and Vacation Bible School, and we have lost some key members in the last few years. We have some interesting projects we want to begin working on involving chronicling the stories of Messiah's groups and members and creating additional intergenerational faith sharing opportunities, but we need your help! If you are interested in joining the Faith Formation committee, please contact Mike at 906-370-8244 or come by the church office and ask for more information.

Christmas Letter from Pastor Jairo

Inga Banitt received the following email from Pastor Jairo Suarez in Bogotá, Colombia. Jairo and his wife Consuelo are both pastors in the Lutheran church in Colombia. Messiah hosted their son Jairo for a semester of English language study at NMU last year. Their daughter Liria is studying theology.

I hope that you and your whole family are well and blessed in this season of Advent. We're fine, Jairo finished his third semester at the university, Liria also finished her educational studies for this semester and Consuelo and I are working in our congregations.

Today we put out the scenes of nativity that you gave Luz y Vida. We did it in the church and everyone was very happy because the nativity scenes are very cute. Thank you very much for these gifts to our church and we remember you and all the people who traveled to visit us. We wish you and the Messiah many blessings to this Christmas and the new year.

Blessings and hugs. *Pastor Jairo Suarez*

Lay School 2019

The Winter/Spring 2019 Lay School schedule is as follows:

Jan. 22 - Feb. 12 3:00 pm

Prophets I/Isaiah and Jeremiah, led by Pr. Ann Gonyea

Jan. 22 - Feb. 26 6:00 pm

American Church History, led by Pr. Stacy Pethke

Feb. 19 - Apr. 9 3:00 pm

Preaching & Exegetical Techniques, led by Pr. Allan Johnson

Mar. 5 - Apr. 9 6:00 pm

God the Holy Spirit, led by Pr. Steve Solberg

There is a class description sheet on the welcome table as well as a sign-up sheet. Please sign up early for any of the classes you are interested in. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Warren Geier at 486-4351 or pastor@bethanyishpeming.org

Sunday School Christmas Program Delights!

If you were at the 10:30 worship on December 16th, you were able to enjoy this year's Sunday School Christmas Program! It was a video-audio-live action telling of the Christmas story that captivated adults and children alike!

Many thanks to all the producers, participants, actors and actresses, parents and children!

A Grand Finale for Christmas Tapestry!

We at Messiah were blessed to have had the final performances of Christmas Tapestry here in our sanctuary! Thanks to the the Marquette Male Chorus and Marquette Chamber Chorale, directed by Wayne Hanmer, for the 25th annual (and final) Christmas Tapestry presented here on December 7 & 8.

Every week at their rehearsals, all the dedicated singers and accompanists were very generous in bringing non-perishable food for Messiah to share with the hungry. Messiah also received a very generous thank-you offering from the groups. Once again, a great reminder that the open doors of Messiah bring many blessings!

AmazonSmile Program!

Each of us is now able to choose Messiah as the charity we support every time we shop on Amazon! Amazon will donate 0.5% of all our purchases to Messiah through the AmazonSmile program. To do your part, choose Messiah as your charity, and then always log into smile.amazon.com.

To choose Messiah:

- 1) go to your "Your Lists" and find "AmazonSmile Charity List".
- 2) search for "messiah lutheran church marquette" or "messiah marquette" or anything similar; when you click the "About" link, you'll see our familiar Welcoming statement.
- 3) select Messiah as your charity, and you're ready to begin shopping.

Remember, log in and shop at smile.amazon.com. All your lists, Prime benefits, etc. are the same as regular Amazon; but you're making a small donation to Messiah! Be sure to tell your friends, too!

Special Events in January & February

January 13	Prayer Partners meet in Magnuson Hall at 9:55 am
January 15	Digital Projection Training 6:30 pm
January 17	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
January 19	First Communion Class starting at 9:00 am
January 19	Mae Desonia's 90th birthday party
January 19	Pastor Andrew Plocher reception at 2:00 pm (guest preacher)
January 20	Pastor Andrew Plocher reception at 9:45 am (guest preacher)
January 20	Room At The Inn week held at Messiah starts today
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr Day, Messiah office closed
January 22	Lay School programming starts
January 24	Pr. Allan Johnson's forum on talking to one another
January 27	Budget Forum at 9:45 am
January 29	Lay School programming
January 31	Pr. Allan Johnson's forum on talking to one another
February 3	Special Congregational Meeting following 10:30 worship
February 3	Annual Meeting following potluck lunch
February 5	Lay School programming
February 6	Community Meal

In Our Prayers

Please remember the following people in your prayers at this time: Darren Smith and family upon the death of his father Darrell Smith, Karen, Cindy LaValley, Marilyn Voce, Larry, Mary Letvenow, Marie, Matt Davis, Jackie Dault, Sherry Johnson, Ruth Robb, Nancy Peterson, Alison, Judy Ingison, Diane, Don Dreisbach, Ted, Gary, Sierra, Mary Leslie, Ted Querin, Charlene Avery, Cathy Church, Nai, Cam & his family, 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!

January 2019 Worship Volunteers

Saturday January 5 - 5pm

Ushers- Harry Rajala, Gayle Van Osdol

Reader- Kathy Godec

Communion Assistants- Peggy Letvenow, Barb Salmela

Communion Set-Up- Peggy Letvenow

Sunday January 6 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Frank Summersett, David Dill

Reader- Judy Quirk

Communion Assistants- Judy Quirk, Terry Langenberg, Cathy Seblonka

Greeters- Tom and Amy Froiland

Assisting Minister- Larry Pagel

Sunday January 6 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Mylee Muscoe

Ushers- Liz Beyne, Dave Luoma

Reader- Darryl Small

Communion Assistants- Ruth Robb, Mike Hill, Michael Broadway

Greeters- Jill Luoma, Sandy Grenke

Assisting Minister- Mike Hill

Video Technician- Myra Zyburt

Saturday January 12 - 5pm

Ushers- Phyllis Aurich, Chris Kotila

Reader- Carol Bell

Communion Assistant- Julie Blemberg

Communion Set-Up- Billie Johnson

Sunday January 13 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Sam Elder, Bruce Robertson

Reader- Larry Pagel

Communion Assistants- Al and Gail Edgar, Beth Krznarich

Greeters- Penny Streecher, Helen Steinhoff

Assisting Minister- Kathy Maynard

Sunday January 13 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- Connor Carr

Ushers- Kerry McGinley, Lavonne Gaspar

Reader- Nancy Raisanen

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Jen Elsenbroek, one needed

Greeters- Milt and Bodil Soderberg

Assisting Minister- one needed

Video Technician- Brent Skaw

Saturday January 19 - 5 pm

Ushers- Harry Rajala, Chris Kotila

Reader- Karen Kimar-Johnson

Communion Assistant- Diana Peterson

Communion Set-Up- Carol Bell

Sunday January 20 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka

Reader- Fred Maynard

Communion Assistants- Kathy Maynard, Mike and Emily Coyne

Greeters- Jan Vickstrom, Joan Tasson

Assisting Minister- Terry Langenberg

Sunday January 20 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- two needed

Reader- Ruth Robb

Communion Assistants- Jen Elsenbroek, Kerry McGinley, Karen Burkman

Greeters- Liz Beyne, one needed

Assisting Minister- Dave Luoma

Video Technician- Joan Hill

Saturday January 26 - 5 pm

Ushers- Phyllis Aurich, one needed

Reader- Chris Kotila

Communion Assistant- Kathy Godec

Communion Set-Up- Kathy Godec

Sunday January 27 - 8:45 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Anne Rydholm, Barb Avery

Reader- Lynne Hammerstrom

Communion Assistants- Carl Hammerstrom, Beth Krznarich,
Terry Langenberg

Greeters- John VanDreel, Pat Nebel

Assisting Minister- Grant Soltwisch

Sunday January 27 - 10:30 am

Acolyte- one needed

Ushers- Dave Luoma, one needed

Reader- Jen Elsenbroek

Communion Assistants- Sandy Lindberg, Mike Hill, one needed

Greeters- Gayle Van Osdol, one needed

Assisting Minister- one needed

Video Technician- Liam Ulland-Joy, Michael Joy

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcasts

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

First Communion Reminder

An email has already been sent to families with a child in 4th grade regarding First Communion. If you didn't receive an email, or have a child a bit older or younger whom you feel is ready to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Don.

A class for **parents & students** is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 19th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Students completing the class can choose to receive First Communion with Pastor Andrew Plocher that weekend, or can be recognized and receive First Communion at a later date. Please contact Inga in the church office to RSVP on whether you can attend the class and your preferred date for First Communion.

Thank You!

To Mary Lou, Ron and the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in assisting our family pay for the security deposit on our new apartment. It was much appreciated. We are very happy in our new place! - - - Chris, Kaitlyn, Benson & Blake-

Thank You from Fortune Lake!

Dear Members of Messiah Lutheran Church,

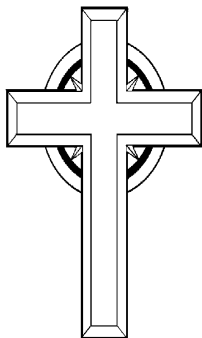
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Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is a partner and an extension of your congregation's mission and ministry. Your expression of this partnership through this gift strengthens our mutual ministry and our partnership.

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 Vacation Bible School at your church. Let us know how we might enhance our partnership of ministry with your congregation and 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, Ruth Warmanen, Board Member



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Parishioner Pastor.....Don Luthemann
Parishioner Associate Pastor.....Allan Johnson

Support Staff:

Parish Administrator.....Jennifer Dodge
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Coordinator.....Inga Bamitt
Cantorian.....Kevin McGrath
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