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This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

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REMINDER of things happening . . .

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE 2018

This year Christmas cards are being provided to memorialize and decorate the Memorial Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Write a personal message inside the card you choose. Write your name on the envelope (clipped onto the back of the cards) so that after Christmas we know who the card belongs to. Your message can be for one person or for multiple people.

Isaiah 40:31
But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak.

Moment of Prayer

Come join us on Tuesdays for a *Moment of Prayer* at 12:15 noon in the Peace Chapel during the fall and winter. All are welcome.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS PARTY will be **held on Tuesday, December 11, beginning at 7pm in the Peace Chapel**. Bring a potluck snack or goodies to share, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and Christmas caroling. We will collect a cash donation, if you wish, to give to Hope's Home – receipts available upon request.

Mitten / Scarf / Toque / Sock Tree (Messiah Lutheran Women project **will be set up in narthex next week.** Please help us decorate this tree with your contributions.

Gifts from the Heart

Wonder what to get that person that has everything?
Check out the pamphlets on the back table in the Narthex.
Gift ideas that change lives.
A happy heart is the best service we can give to God.

Caroling anyone? We will **meet at the church at 5:15pm on Sunday, December 16th and leave at 5:30pm. All our welcome**

All I want for Christmas!

Looking for Ushers, greeters, readers for Christmas Eve Service. If you can help out, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway; and, iif you would like to fill in any other spaces that are blank, this would be very helpful!

December 2018 - Attendance & Offerings

December 2	**130**	**$4,954.60**

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Advent 2 - Sunday, December 9, 2018

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Service Leader:	**Rev. Íris Kristjánsdóttir**
Intern Pastor:	**Brooklynn Lane**
Organist:	**Elaine Serfas**
Greeters:	**Doreen Woodley**
	Arlene Wagner
Ushers:	**Cheryl Bauer Hyde & Wayne Hyde**
Lighting of the Advent Wreath:	**Anne, Rozelyn & James Barlow**
Reader:	**Deanna Rindal**
Communion Assistants:	**Darren Sundbo,**
	Deanna Rindal
	Garth Ulrich
	Jim & Vimy Penner

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THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH
For the week of December 9– December 16, 2018
Monday, Saturday & Sunday – Office Closed
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9am – 4pm

SUNDAY – Advent 2 – December 9

9:15 a.m.	**Choir Practice**
10:10 a.m.	**Pre-worship Music with Bill Baerwald on Saxophone**
10:00 a.m.	**Coffee On**
10:30 a.m.	**Worship Service w/Holy Communion**
6:30 p.m.	**H2H & T4T Christmas Party**

TUESDAY – December 11

12:15 p.m.	**Moment of Prayer**
7:00 p.m.	**MLW Christmas Party – Peace Chapel**
7:00 p.m.	PA Quilt Guild Christmas Party – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – December 15

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lake Country Co-op Store (for those who signed up for "Ringing the Bells" for the Salvation Army
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PA Quilt Guild – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY – Advent 3 – December 16

9:15 a.m.	**Christmas Choir Practice**
10:00 a.m.	**Coffee On**
10:30 a.m.	**Christmas Pageant**
5:15 p.m.	**Christmas Caroling – meet at church**

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

The Promise of Peace

Gracious God, you are the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns forever. As we journey together, we pray you would still our fears, heal our wounds and fill our spirits. Shine forth your perfect peace in our unsettled world throughout this Advent season. Amen.

Pre-Worship Music ~ Bill Baerwald - Saxophone

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn #254
~ Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
~ Barlow Family

Congregation & Choir
Where the Promise Shines

CHILDREN'S STORY

Gathering
Confession and Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise #292
~ Love Has Come

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
1st Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4
. . . Thanks be to God
Psalm from Luke 1:68-79

2nd Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11
. . . Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

. . . Glory to you, O Lord
Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6
Praise to you, O Christ . . .

Sermon: Rev. Íris Kristjánsdóttir

Hymn of the Day #264
~ Prepare the Royal Highway

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession
Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession:
Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Choir singing during offering ~ *Angel Song*

Offering & Offertory Hymn #481
~ Come to the Table

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
The Distribution

Hymns during communion
#471 . . . . *Let Us Break Bread Together*
#487 . . . . *What Feast of Love*
#479 . . . . *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

Prayer after Communion

Blessing
Response after the blessing: **3 Fold Amen.**

Closing Hymn #266
~ All Earth Is Hopeful

P: Go in peace. Christ is coming.
C: Thanks be to God.
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Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns:

Mike & Karen Langlois (friends to many), **Joan Gordon** (niece to Lisa Rascher), **Larry, Justin and Winston Hughes and family** (friends of Colleen Bowen & Craig Finnestad), **Mary Remus** (mother of Janet Remus), **Paul Meagher** (friends of Kirby & Darlyne Woodhouse), **Penny Rascher** (daughter to Lisa Rascher), **Shirley Kraus** (friend to Lisa Rascher), **Gladys Ronning, Agnes Brown, Audrey Hodgson, Ida Graupe and Audrey Jensen.**

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If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia over the Advent Season; please drop them off to the office on Friday, December 21st. (Can be dropped earlier if needed during office hours.)**

If you are donating in memory of someone, please let the office know by Thursday, Dec. 20. Call or email the office if you have questions.