

November 2019 Newsletter

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement:

“Through the hearing and sharing of God’s Word, we, as a worshipping community, encourage a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In faith, we reach out with Christ-like caring for the community and the world in which we live.”

Jesus said, ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” John 15:12-13



Sunday Worship

10:00am Coffee On

10:30am Worship Service and Sunday School

Check November's Calendar for services
with Holy Communion

COOKIES / MUFFINS

For the month of November, youth who are going to CLAY, Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering next summer will be providing cookies and muffins during coffee time prior to worship. Come out and enjoy a coffee and goodie and help the youth get to CLAY with your free-will donation

BOTTLE DRIVE ONGOING

See page 5 for SARCAN instructions



REMEMBRANCE DAY FALL SUPPER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

4:00 P.M. -6:00 P.M.

(Doors Open at 3:30pm)

Adults: \$15

Children 6-12 years: \$8.00

5 & under: Free

November Newsletter

by Pastor Fran



It is hard to describe what a privilege it is to be engaged in pastoral ministry. There is a trust in the relationship between Pastor and people which allows for care of the soul and an opportunity for mutual understanding and growth. God's Word is explored and preached. Sacraments administered, and we are all reminded of God's amazing grace and presence with us in all of our joys and sorrows. It is a privilege to offer that prophetic voice into the midst of the challenges, doubts, fears, worries, celebrations and joyous moments of life.

One of these privileged moments recently was the baptism of three brothers. There was a baby, who slept his way through his baptism, calm and trusting in God's gift. A two-year-old whose eyes sparkled in awe of that sacred moment when water was poured on his head in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And a four-year-old, anxious and ready for the water. The one who might even remember this awesome day, the day that he became part of God's family and where by Water and the Word he can be absolutely sure God is with him forever. That God loves him no matter what.

May an awesome day such as this remind us of the promises that we, too, have received in the waters of our baptism. May we be reminded we are never alone. God is with us and loves us no matter what. As the beautiful hymn, "Baptized and Set Free" can affirm, we are chosen by God, loved, and set free.

"We are people created, chosen by God,
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door to a fountain
Bringing healing, and wholeness and more"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Baptized and Set Free*

Messiah Church Council

Council Update – November 2019

At the October Council meeting, the financial statements as of the end of September were reviewed. Both income and expenses are below budget.

The Caring Ministry and Community Service Ministry Team met as well as the youth group who plan to attend CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) gathering in Calgary next August.

It was noted that the Altar Guild is in need of volunteers; please contact Jean Meyers after November 8th, if you are able to assist in this ministry.

Property Management Maintenance Team reported that the parking lot lights are being replaced with LED lighting, and that minor repairs are being made to the roof. As well, a tree was removed beside Pastor Fran's office window, and the areas adjacent to the building have been completed with the installation of shale.

Pastor Fran will be attending an Advent Preaching event in Saskatoon on November 8th. Plans are underway for the annual Remembrance Day Beef Supper.

Council meets next on Tuesday, November 26, at 5:00pm, however Council won't meet in December.

In God's Service

**Cheryl Bauer Hyde on behalf of
Messiah Church Council**

Caring Ministry

The Council's Caring Ministry and Community Service Team are looking for members who would like to be a part of this ministry.

The purpose is:

1. To provide opportunities for congregational fellowship, hospitality, and engagement in Christian service.
2. To develop opportunities for individuals, and the church as a whole, promote justice and reconciliation, meet human needs, and alleviate suffering.

We are also looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of a Care Team. The purpose of the Care Team is to visit shut-ins and people in the hospital. A few of you indicated an interest on the Sharing Your Gifts survey conducted last year. We will be in touch with you to see if you are still interested.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let Lois Manchur or Jean Meyers know.

**Lois Manchur and Jean Meyers
On behalf of the Caring Ministry and Community Service Team**

The Men's Group

The Men's Group will be having a guest speaker, Rick Istifo, at our next breakfast meeting which will be held at the church on Saturday, November 30th at 9 am. We will have a continental breakfast.

Rick will talk about his life in Iraq, persecution and his faith and how he connects that with his business life. Rick Istifo, descended from (Chaldeans) Christians from Iraq. Born and raised in a small village near Baghdad. He was persecuted in Iraq and left in 1990 during the first Gulf War. He came to Canada in 1993, started working in restaurants, and then owned two. He and his wife Kamila, now have a successful property management company (B and T Holdings) in Saskatoon. He is very active in his Chaldean Church Community (board chair) in Saskatoon. He has been blessed in so many ways, and has a very strong faith, which he relies on to help balance his busy business life, with a strong sense of family. He and Kamila have 6 beautiful children.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN WOMEN

♥Thank you to everyone who participated in any capacity in our Fall Faire here at Messiah. ♥

NAOMI CIRCLE – meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Peace Chapel at 7:00 p.m. This year we are studying the 12 Women of the Bible.

FAITH CIRCLE – meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Peace Chapel at 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship & Crafts



Come join us for *Fellowship & Crafts* on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

In the Peace Chapel. Everyone welcome.

Bring a craft to work on or just come for fellowship!

Donations of wool for crocheting or knitting are used to make items for charity, i.e., baby hats/clothes/blankets; and hats, toques, scarves, mitts, slippers and blankets for children and adults

Moment of Prayer will begin on Tuesday, October 15th at 12:15 in the Peace Chapel. We will meet each Tuesday in the Peace Chapel at the same time. All welcome.



GREETINGS FROM KINASAO!

Kinasao's Advent Retreat is coming up November 22-24! This is a weekend for families and people of all ages, with worship, crafting, and fellowship. Cost is \$75/adult, \$50/child, with no family being charged more than \$200. You can find more information and register now at <http://www.kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/weekend-retreats>, or by emailing faith@kinasao.ca

Faith VerBruggen, Program Director

Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp

BOTTLE DRIVE ONGOING

You can drop your bottles off at church,
OR call the office and it will be arranged for someone to come and pick-up from your place.
OR you can deliver directory to SARCAN.

The door for the program is along the north side of the building and not through the regular entrance. When you walk into the Drop & Go door, you will find an electronic screen on the right hand side. By touching the screen you can begin to input the information to generate the tags you will need to label the bags/boxes.

Process:

- Email address of messiah@sasktel.net
- You will also need to answer the question "Where were you born".
The answer is **Iceland**.
- You will input the number of tags you need for the bags/boxes you bring.
- It will ask you to confirm the number of tags.
- Once okay, it will print the # of tags you asked for.
- A receipt will be the final tag printed. Please keep that.

Some rules that the gentleman asked that I pass on. (Yes there are always rules!)

- Rinse all milk jugs to prevent odors, etc.
- **ALL glass** must be put into boxes and processed on the left side conveyor – this is due to glass breakage and safety concerns for staff handling.
- Plastics in bags through right hand conveyor.
- Tag all bags at the top by the tied end for easy reference and make sure you put through the revolving bars on the bag conveyor (right side). He explained that they have had trouble with bags that haven't been pushed through and the next person has put their tags on as well. This has created confusion and problems for them.
- Any containers with lids left on will have that container \$ value donated to Telemiracle.
- Electronics, etc must go through the Regular door and are not part of the drop & go program.

If you print too many tags you will have up to 24 hrs. to use them. After that the tags expire.



The Central Lutheran Broadcast was first aired in 1956 and is the longest running radio broadcast by a single organization. The faithful listeners and supporters now see this ministry in its 63rd year. It can be heard each Sunday morning on CHAB 800 AM at 7:45am on the radio, or on cable and satellite providers. Our website is www.centrallutheranmj.com. There you can see our congregation happenings and listen to past radio services. Our mailing address is Central Lutheran Church, 27 Hochelaga St. West, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 2E9. Our phone number is 306-694-5575. And, if you happen to be in the area on a Sunday, our worship services are at 10:00am, in the heart of downtown Moose Jaw.