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## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

For the week of December 1 – December 8, 2019  
Monday, Saturday & Sunday – Office Closed  
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9am – 4pm

Advent 1 – December 1, 2018  
“Hanging of the Greens”

SUNDAY – December 1

9:15 am Choir practice  
10:00 am Coffee On  
10:30 am “Hanging of the Greens” Worship Service.  
Potluck Lunch following worship

TUESDAY – December 3

12:15 p.m. Moment of Prayer – Peace Chapel  
4p.m. – 9p.m. Beta Sigma Phi – Peace Chapel

SATURDAY – December 7

10a.m. – 8pm Salvation Army Christmas Kettle  
(for those who have signed up earlier)

SUNDAY – Advent 2 – December 8

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice  
Pre-worship Music with  
Lake Spirit - Bruce & June Anonson,  
Walter Berg and Andrea Wiser.  
10:00 a.m. Coffee On  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy  
Communion  
6:45 p.m. H2H Christmas Party

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Advent 1 - Sunday, December 1, 2019  
“The Hanging of the Greens” Celebration

Service Leader: Rev. Fran Schmidt  
Pianist: Colleen Bowen  
Greeters: Vimy & Jim Penner  
Ushers: Cheryl Bauer Hyde  
Wayne Hyde  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Choir Members  
Readers: Advent Wreath - Garry Miller  
Evergreens - Petra Finnestad  
Pointsettias - Marcie Klassen  
Nativity Scene – Pastor Dennis Serfas  
Christmas Tree - Wayne Hyde  
Christmas Star - Cheryl Bauer Hyde  
Christmas Bells - Wanda Becker  
Christmas Gifts - Don Becker



If you would like to donate a Poinsettia over the Advent Season; please drop them off to the office no later than Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> by 11am. If you are donating in memory of someone, please let the office know by Thursday, Dec. 19. Call or email the office if you have questions.

### Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns:



Thelma Bauer (sister-in-law to Mrytle Bauer,  
Kaye Senum (sister & sister-in-law to Carl & Bev  
Klarenbach), Abe Heppner, Mildred Litzenberger,

Stanley Livingstone, Fred Mathiason (friend of Dennis & Annette  
Ulmer), Chad Mahlberg (family friend of Merv Bender), Richard &  
Leslie Wagner (brother & sister-in-law to Gladys Faber),  
Lana Adams, Dorothy Banjac, Alice Greening, Evelyn Finch,  
Agnes Brown and Audrey Hodgson.

Please remember to pray for those who we know ~ family and friends ~ who are not listed here; however, still do need our continued prayers and support. If you know of people who have requested our congregation's prayers, please contact the Church office. Please note: prayer requests will run a maximum of 3 weeks after which time the names will be removed; unless otherwise requested. This is to help us keep the list current. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME to all who are visiting with us this morning. Please sign our guest register in the entry. We hope you will feel free to come often. Please remember to wear nametags so that, with visitors and people new to the congregation, we can all get to know each other.

Thank You!  
Thank You!  
Thank you!

“Thank You” to all those who helped out with the decoration, preparation, and leadership in today's service!!!

**Advent 1  
The Wonder of the Season**

God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, reignite our sense of wonder. Help us move beyond what is familiar to your indescribable glory. Allow us to be still, in the midst of what our minds cannot fully grasp, and what our lips cannot fully explain. Fill our hearts this Advent with restored amazement for what you have done, the love you have shown, and the gift you have given, in Christ's name. Amen.

**Hymns for Sunday – December 1, 2019**

#242 ~ **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

#257 ~ **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1-4)**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**“The Wonder of Christmas” – Choir (1<sup>st</sup> time) and repeat with congregation singing**

#253 ~ **“He Came Down”**

#294 ~ **“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”**

#277 ~ **“Away in a Manger”**

#301 ~ **“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”**

#247 ~ **“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

#583 ~ **“Take my Life, That I May Be”**

#248 ~ **“People, Look East”**

**REMINDER of things happening . . .**



**Psalm 119:105**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**Bible Presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
Messiah Lutheran Women  
Jacob Walters and Jake Deobald-Holz**

**MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE 2019**

This year BOOK MARKS are being provided for you to memorialize and decorate the Memorial Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Write a personal message for one person or for multiple people on the green or red card attached to the ribbon. Include your name so that after Christmas you can retrieve your book mark.

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.

**During the month of December, we will be collecting donations for Children's Haven.** Children's Haven provides emergency care for children when a family crisis occurs. They operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and accept children up to 12 years of age. They have facilities to support up to 17 children at one time. Their support and consultation staff are trained and experienced and provide services for both parents and children.

They have indicated that they can use donations of toothbrushes, socks, and pajamas as well as toys and puzzles (48 pieces or less). There will be boxes in the Narthex available to collect these items.

**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 10, beginning at 7pm in the Peace

**Chapel.** Bring a potluck snack or goodies to share, and enjoy an evening of fellowship and Christmas caroling. If you wish to take part in a gift exchange bring a wrapped \$5 gift. We will collect a cash donation, if you wish, to give Children's Haven.



**Mitten / Scarf / Toque / Sock Tree** (Messiah Lutheran Women project has set up the Christmas tree in the narthex). 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.**



• Please sign up for a Sunday in December to read, greet, help with ushering, or communion assistants. It would greatly be appreciated!

• **December Calendar is on-line & hard copy is at back table in the Narthex. The Newsletter will be ready for next week.**

**Attendance & Offering for November 2019**

November 3	87	\$4,437.00
November 10	90	\$1,958.10
November 17	98	\$4,085.46
November 24	84	\$2,338.55