

Reminder of upcoming events

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.

Do you play and instrument...or sing?? Would you be willing to share your gift in worship? If so, please let Colleen or Pastor Fran know if there is a Sunday in Advent (Or Christmas Eve/Day service) that you could play/sing, we would love to hear you!!

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia over the Advent Season; please drop them off to the office no later than Tuesday, December 24th 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.



The Council's Caring Ministry and Community Service Team are looking for members who would like to be a part of this team. 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. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let Lois Manchur or Jean Meyers know.

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 have a basket for a cash donation for Children's Haven if you wish to donate.



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.



Thank you to Lake Spirit - Bruce & June Anonson, Walter Berg and Andrea Wiser, for the Pre-worship Music this morning.

Attendance & Offering for December 2019

December 1	87	\$7,672.05
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2ND Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2019



Service Leader:	Pastor Fran Schmidt
Organist:	Colleen Bowen
Lector:	Cheryl Bauer Hyde
Greeter:	Corrine Amyotte
Ushers:	Wayne Hyde Lynnae and Chelsea Wagner
Communion Assistants:	Jean Meyers Cheryl Bauer Hyde

For the week of December 8 – December 15, 2019
Monday, Saturday & Sunday – Office Closed
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9am – 4pm

Sunday – December 8
9:30 a.m. **Choir practice for Advent/Christmas**
10:00 a.m. **Coffee On**
Pre-worship Music w/Lake Spirit
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service & Holy Communion**
and Sunday School.
6:45 p.m. **H2H & families Christmas Party**

Tuesday – December 10
12:15 noon **Moment of Prayer**
7:00 p.m. **Messiah Lutheran Christmas Party**
– Peace Chapel
7:00 p.m. **P.A. Guild Christmas Party – Fellowship Hall**

Saturday – December 14
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. **PA Quilt Guild – Fellowship Hall**

Sunday – December 15
9:30 a.m. **Choir practice for Advent /Christmas**
10:00 a.m. **Coffee On**
10:30 a.m. **Service of Lessons & Carols with**
Garry Miller presenting a monologue:
“Interview with Joseph”
10:30 a.m. **Sunday School**



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Communion – Setting Eight

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

THE WONDER OF THE PROMISE

Choral Introduction
Responsive Litany

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, **Gracious God, we pray for your continued guidance throughout this Advent season. As we prepare to once again celebrate the greatest gift offered to the world, we pray for our hearts to be filled with wonder, for our steps to be guided by faith, and for our hope to be anchored in the certainty of your Word. We pray this is in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READINGS

1ST Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Word of God, word of life . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

2ND Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 188)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON - "The Voice"

HYMN OF THE DAY #264

~ Prepare the Royal Highway

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW, p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

SHARING OF PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING SONG – Lake Spirit

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW, p. 190)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW, p. 190)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW, p. 191)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Hymn #247 . . . Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Hymn #266 . . . All Earth is Hopeful

Hymn #466 . . . In the Singing

Hymn #487 . . . What Feast of Love

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

TABLE GRACE

CLOSING HYMN #248

~ People, Look East

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**



Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns:

Jean Batiuk (sister-in-law to Ann & Roger Mayert),

Donald Light (grandson to Elsie Thompson). **Thelma Bauer**

(sister-in-law to Mrytle Bauer), **Mildred Litzenberger,**

Fred Mathiason (friend of Dennis & Annette Ulmer),

Chad Mahlberg (family friend of Merv Bender), **Richard & Leslie**

Wagner (brother & sister-in-law to Gladys Faber), **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.