

♥Thank you Chelsa and Erik Wagner
for your piano pre-worship music this morning!♥

Reminder of upcoming events

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.



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 the Children's Haven. (See the December Newsletter for more details)

Christmas Hampers for Schools
The Caring Ministry and Community Services team will prepare six Christmas Hampers for families associated with the John Diefenbaker and Princess Margaret Schools. The hampers will be distributed to families that struggle during the holiday season and need a little extra support to provide a special meal during the holidays for their family.

During the month of December the Sunday School children may donate toward a **'Gift from the Heart', Tiny Hearts**, a CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) program.
Donations will be collected and then we will purchase Chickens, Bees, Seeds, and/or Trees at \$5.00 each on behalf of the children.
If you would like to contribute to this project, all donations are welcome!

December 22nd Bill Bearwald will playing his saxophone before worship service. Come a little early and enjoy some beautiful music!

December 2019 - Attendance & Offerings		
December 1	96	\$7,672.05
December 8	94	\$5,469.25

Welcome to
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Advent 3 - Sunday, December 15, 2019

Service Leader: Pastor Fran Schmidt
Pianist: Colleen Bowen
Pre-Worship: Chelsa Wagner
Erik Wagner
Greeters: Ken & Betty Haugen
Reader: Randi Arnot
Ushers: Jim & Vimy Penner

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH
For the week of December 15 – December 22, 2019
Monday, Saturday & Sunday – Office Closed
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9am – 4pm

SUNDAY – Advent 3 – December 15
9:30 a.m. Christmas Choir practice
10:00 a.m. Coffee On
Pre-Worship Music – Chelsa Wagner
Erik Wagner
10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols Service

TUESDAY – December 17
12:15 p.m. Moment of Prayer

THURSDAY – December 19
12noon PA Cluster @ Spicy Trail

SUNDAY – Advent 4 - December 22
9:30 a.m. Christmas Choir practice
10:10 a.m. Pre-Worship Music – Bill Baerwald
10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion
3:00 p.m. Baptism – Ezekiel Shane Paul Weinberger



Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019 ~ 7:30 p.m.



Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Advent 3 – December 15, 2019
Service of Lessons and Carols

Pre-Worship Music – Chelsa and Erik Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn #262 – Choir sings 2x
and Congregation joins 2x
~ “Wait for the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word

And the Word was with God, and Word was God.

In the Word was life,

And the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

THE WONDER OF THE MESSAGE

Choral Introduction

Responsive Litany (on screen)

(Choir 1st time) then with congregation for the repeat:
“There is wonder”

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

PRAYER

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we pray that we would be guided by grace, strengthened by faith, and encouraged by Christ. With the many distractions surrounding us daily, keep our eyes focused on your glory and our ears attentive to your Word. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Carol Singing: Hymn ELW #256

“Comfort, Comfort, Now My People”

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Carol Singing: Hymn ELW #250

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Third Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

JOSPEH’S NEWS CONFERENCE: Garry Miller

Carol Singing: Hymn ELW #251

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:46b-55

Carol Singing: Hymn ELW #265

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER

God strengthens us for the journey

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Three-fold sung Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ELW #244

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Prayers for healing and on-going health concerns: Cordell Haugen, 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.**
