

Messiah Lutheran Church

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The office is open on a limited basis for church related activity: Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm.
Please note that the use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks is required for anyone entering the office.

Worship for Sunday, November 29, 2020
Advent 1, Hanging of the Greens

In-person Service begins at 10:30am and LIVE on our YouTube channel. **Please pre-register if you plan to attend in-person** by phoning or emailing the Messiah office. **Email and voice messages are checked Sunday morning for those people who are in contact after the office closes on Friday.** SK Health and SK Synod guidelines will be followed including **required wearing of masks**. If there are technical issues, the recorded service will be available on the Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns: We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



A BIG THANK YOU . . .

Linda Moriarty, Dick & Deb Honch for decorating the sanctuary.

Readers: Deb Honch, Lois Manchur, Randi Amot, Angeline, Hesje, Linda Moriarty, Morris, Hesje, Marcie Klassen and Jana Wilkie



**Canadian Lutheran
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(CLWR)



Thank you for your dedication to creating a world where people live in peace, justice and dignity.
CLWR is grateful that so many of you choose to make Gifts from the Heart part of your Christmas each year.

To order a 2020 catalogue (also available at the Messiah office) or for more information,

phone **1-800-661-2597** or go to the website <https://clwr.donorshops.com/>



Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Volunteers are needed for two remaining shifts at Safeway

December 5: 6:00-8:00

December 12: 6:00-8:00

Please call Lois Manchur if you are able to help @ 306-922-1015



If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia over the Advent Season; please drop them off to the Messiah office no later than Wednesday, December 23rd by 3:30 p.m. If you are donating in memory of someone, please let the Messiah office know by Thursday, December 20.** Phone or email the Messiah office if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS PROJECT

Messiah's Caring Ministry and Community Service team invites you to help with writing Christmas greeting cards. Watch for more information in the newsletter. If you are interested call the Messiah office, 306-763-7374

Meatballs (sweet & sour sauce or plain) are for sale at a cost of \$15 per tray. The making of meatballs has been postponed until a date to be determined in December. Orders can be placed by contacting the Messiah office: phone 306.763.7374; email messiah@sasktel.net. You will be contacted to confirm your order and to make pick up or delivery arrangements. For more information or questions, phone Wayne (306.960.1074) or Cheryl (306.961.2967).



Not only will you be supporting Messiah's ministry with your purchase, but you'll have delicious meatballs for a quick and easy meal.

Announcements:

1. The **Lectionary Bible Study** is offered **Wednesday at 10am and 7pm every week**. This study follows the lectionary (cycle of Scripture readings on Sunday mornings). The reading, study, and conversation happens online using a zoom link. Please email or call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran to receive the link.
2. **Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah!** Your prayers and concern for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.
3. **Confirmation** by Zoom on Sunday, November 29 @ 7:00 p.m.



ADVENT 1, HANGING OF THE GREENS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT

Pastor: The new Christian Year begins with the Season of Advent. Advent is the church's wakeup call: Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming soon! We make preparations as best we can, knowing that it is God whom we celebrate in these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival.

Advent has been enriched by Christian tradition to reflect its distinctive Christian meaning. It proclaims the revelation of God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable, his sacrificial death on the cross, and his victorious resurrection! It points to the hope of Christ's coming again as the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

This morning our church building will begin to wear its Christmas apparel. For the first time our Christmas trees stand in the sanctuary. This day for the first time its lights will shine for us. As we make ready for the birth of the child by preparing this sanctuary, we make ready ourselves and the sanctuary of our own hearts. We are mindful that, although it is not Christmas yet, it will be here soon, very soon.

As we decorate the church, not only will we explain the history of the symbols of this special season, but we will rededicate these symbols—and ourselves—to the service of God. Advent makes innkeepers out of all of us, asking each of us to make room for the arrival of Christ The King. Let us, today, prepare him room in our hearts, our lives, and our homes! **Amen.**

THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS - Reader 1: Debbie Honch

HYMN: ELW #257 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Vs. 1)

THE ADVENT WREATH - Reader 2: Lois Manchur

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Craig Finnestad

HYMN: ELW# 262 - "Wait for the Lord" 2X

EVERGREENS - Reader 3: Linda Moriarty

POINSETTIAS - Reader 4: Angeline Hesje

THE NATIVITY SCENE - Reader 5: Randi Arnot



BIBLE PRESENTATION WERE MADE TO OUR 3RD GRADERS:

Maya - Erik - Sophie - Hudson

If you accept my words and store up my commands within you... and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:1, 4-5

THE CHRISTMAS TREE - Reader 6: Morris Hesje

THE CHRISTMAS STAR - Reader 7: Linda Moriarty

CHRISTMAS BELLS - Reader 8: Marcie Klassen

HYMN: ELW# 247 - "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (Vs. 1 x2)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Reader 9: Jana Wilkie

OFFERING

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need praying hear us, O God and responding, **Your mercy is great.**

. . .

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

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

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, In the name of the Father, + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Sung Three-fold - Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW# 244 - "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" (Vs. 1)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.