



WISHING YOU A

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CHRISTMAS



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*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and  
the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his  
name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

*(Isaiah 9:7)*

Merry Christmas to you all from Pastor, Elaine, Denise and Candice!



## Christmas Schedule

All Weekends:

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m. (Virtual)

Worship 11:00 a.m.

December 2 Wednesday Hanging of the Greens, 7:15 p.m.

December 9 Wednesday Advent Service, 7:15 p.m.

December 16 Wednesday Advent Service, 7:15 p.m.

December 24 Thursday

Community Christmas Eve at the Fair Grounds, 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m. at Messiah

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m. at Messiah & On line

December 31 Thursday New Year's Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.

## Masks Required - Just a Reminder!

**Masks will be required to stay on the entire time you are in the building for worship, LOGOS and Sunday School Classes.**

Exceptions are children under 5 years old

or those with medical conditions,

under a doctor's recommendation not to wear one.

## LOGOS & Sunday School

*The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Dt. 31:3*

As we are winding toward Thanksgiving and Christmas the Sunday School Team and LOGOS Team have both decided to go virtual through the end of the year. The decision was informed by the rise of Covid cases in the county, conversations with some of our members who serve in the medical field and the USD 253 decision to go virtual. The student's teacher will be texting and/or emailing a link to join Sunday School and, if you have been enrolled, to join LOGOS. The length of class will be adjusted to the age group.

## Join Us For Family Advent Devotions

*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his  
shoulders. And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*



We usually have our Children's Christmas Service the weekend before Christmas but this year it looks a little different. But the message of the children remains the same. Jesus, Son of God, came into our world to love and forgive us. Join Messiah's children and their families for virtual Advent Devotions beginning Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. You will need to have a candle ready to light! Join us and hear the story of Jesus as told by the families of Messiah.

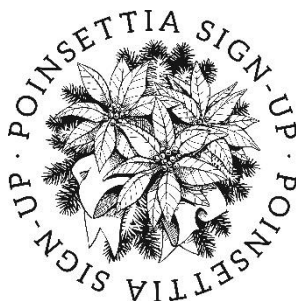


## Christmas Sweater Weekend

Tis the season! Wear your Christmas sweater to worship the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - it can be pretty, not so pretty, unusual, tacky, be creative.

## Help Decorate the Church with Poinsettia's

If you would like to bring a poinsettia to help decorate the Church during the Advent and Christmas season, please fill out this sheet and return to the Church Office. You may bring your poinsettia on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Hanging of the Greens service and pick them up after the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service.



Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Tree of Love

As an extension of our Loving Hands Foster Care Ministry, Messiah's Tree of Love will be helping families and children from St. Francis Children's Service with Christmas Gifts, food and prayers. Gift tags for specific items will

be placed in the Fellowship Hall and available starting with the first Advent Service on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please return all wrapped gifts with the tag from the tree attached to the gift by Sunday, Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League Gospel Outreach

December



*Dear Lord, lover of all souls, every day we pray, "Thy kingdom come." As we prepare to observe the birth of your dear Son Jesus, we reflect on a year that has contained many challenges. Help us to focus on you. Open up opportunities for service in our congregations, our neighborhoods and in your world. Open the eyes of families, friends, and neighbors to see the wonders of your love, the blessings of belonging to you, and the joy of serving you. Enable us to answer your call and share your Gospel story. Thank you, God for being an unchanging, loving God. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen!*

## DECEMBER

December 5

9:30 a.m.

LWML Christmas Brunch

Circle members bring a brunch item. Each lady brings one (1) dozen Christmas cookies. Reveal prayer partners and draw new prayer partners. Our annual Christmas offering will be for Lord's Lambs Preschool.



## Roses to ....

- † Roses to all who helped with the Harvest Home Festival, it takes many hands to help make a success of the day. Thank you all!!
- † Roses to the many who contributed such beautiful things to the auction and silent auction of Harvest Home Festival
- † Roses to Elaine Bentz who defrosted the upright freezer in the Fellowship Hall.
- † Roses to Lois Dains who did a deep cleaning around the stove in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.
- † Roses to Beth Hanschu for cleaning the ceiling fan in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.
- † Roses to all the wonderful parents who supported and helped with the Spaghetti Dinner
- † Roses to all who came to support the youth spaghetti dinner fund raiser. We raised close to \$1800.
- † Roses to LOGOS folks who are shifting gears to finish out the year. Everyone said "Sure! We can do this!" Cindy Jackson, Lori Fleming, Nancy Meinholdt, Sheila Duncan, Sara Mitchell, Vicki Housholder, Michele Wiemers, Gwen Larson, Terry Rhoads, Randall Neff, Pastor Hosch, Elaine Whiteneck
- † Roses to the Sunday School Staff who are also shifting gears and said the same thing!!! Sheryl Wiemers, Seth Davis, Deb Weidner, Melissa Hosch, Tara Davis, Gwen Larson, Elaine Whiteneck.
- † Roses to the medical folks who are carrying the extra load right now and especially those who have help Messiah with decisions and temperature checks in the past several months. Bryce Heitman, Kendra Shaw, Deb Illk, Amanda Fischer, Vicki Brooks, Juli Heitman, Jennifer Esau, Laci Hansen, Victoria Conley. I'm sure there are more. Forgive me if I missed naming you!



## Member News

The following members have been in the hospital sometime during the month. Please keep them in your prayers for continued healing and comfort: Shirley Hensley, Louis Onek, Kermit Grother

If we left off your name, please let us know. Remember to call the Church Office if you are planning to go into the hospital. Let your family know that they need to call us. The hospital will no longer notify Pastor when you enter.

Remember our service men and women in your prayers:  
Josh Lawson, Dillion Grother, Aaron Cuadra, Andrew Reynolds, Jordan Reynolds, John Ritchie, Michael Hammon, Seth Davis, Aubrey Blankenship





## Prayer Calendar

For each day of the month, the name of a Messiah Family is listed for you to pray for. We ask that you keep the prayer calendar in a place where you will see it each day and then include that family in your daily prayers. Pray that God will watch over them, grant them good health, and keep them strong in the faith. We hope that our prayers will strengthen and bind us together as a family of God.

### December 2020

1. Warren & Vickie Price
2. Scott & Angie Price, Emmett & Eivan
3. Greg & Bernie Rahe
4. Colby & Paige Rankin & Marley
5. Larry Rathke
6. Leo Rathke Jr., Bobby Ray & Leo
7. Ed & Susan Rathke
8. Jerry & Janet Rediker
9. Alan & Danita Rees
10. Denise Reilly & Ethan
11. Eileen Reimer
12. Royce & Debra Reser
13. Randy & Jennifer Rethman, Brayden, Sophia & Sadie
14. Brandon Reynolds
15. Andrew & Jordan Reynolds & Beau
16. Terry & Amy Rhoads & Olivia
17. Travis & Angela Richard, Bode & Harper
18. Tyler Riles & Madison
19. Grant & Melinda Riles
20. Donald Ritchie
21. John & Catrina Ritchie
22. Preston & Jessica Roby, James, Loreali, Dean & Samuel
23. Rhiannon Ruggiero, Tatyana
24. Larry & Leticia Rust, Leanna & Lacey
25. Tim Rust
26. Betty Rust
27. Richard Rust
28. Tim & Linda Sadowski
29. Chase & Lindsey Sanchez
30. Jessica Schade, Adriana & Andyn
31. Kent & Stacey Schade & Paul

## **Lutheran Hour Program Guide**

Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on 96.1 FM at 10:00 a.m. and also on WIBW - 580 AM at 7:30 a.m. Messiah Lutheran's radio program is on 96.1 FM following the "Lutheran Hour" at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### **December 6 - "Seek My Face"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. (Daniel)

### **December 13 - "The Prophet's Paradox "**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Daniel: 10, 11 and 12)

### **December 20 - "Experience God "**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(John 1:1-18)

### **December 27 - "TBD"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

(Galatians 4:4-7)



**Church Council Meeting**  
**Making God's House a Home**  
**November 2, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

**Ministry Support Team – Zach Hansen**

Ken Taylor will help Zach to get bids on church maintenance. Zach will follow up with Terry Textor about snow removal.

**Outreach Team Report –**

Zach Hansen motioned to accept Teresa Bauck's resignation; Tracy Karcher seconded. Motion carried. Amanda Fisher will take over in January 2021.

**Spiritual Life Team – Tracy Karcher**

Chuck Weidner will be a new elder.

**Adult & Family Life Team– Laci Hansen**

Laci is still working on the directory.

**Children and Youth Education Team - Brenda Taylor**

Sunday school started back up on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes were small but a few more came this past Sunday.

**Youth Faith Growth Team – Gwen Larson**

Messiah youth wanting to attend National Youth Gathering, along with their families, are hosting a drive-through spaghetti supper tomorrow night (Tuesday, Nov. 3). Please consider ordering food to support their efforts.

Kansas District Youth Gathering has moved on a one-day virtual event (again through Zoom). It will be Saturday, Nov. 21. We are working on logistics and getting high school kids to register.

**Treasurer Report-Jennifer Brothers**

Beginning Balance	10/1/2020	\$70,505.77
Deposits	\$	38,135.81
Checks	\$	-34,748.86
Ending Balance	10/31/2020	\$73,892.72

### **Committee Reports**

**MCE call team:** Had 1<sup>st</sup> meeting-went over details of call process

**Health & Wellness:** no BP checks right now

**Long Range Planning:** meeting this month

**Harvest Home:** auction will be online

### **Membership Changes**

Deaths - Mildred Albrecht  
Roy Vogts

Baptism - Lawson Lawrenz (10/18/20)  
Madison Elise Riles (10/18/20)

### **Old Business**

1. Setup 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Greg has the names of the committee members. He will reach out to them to get them started.
2. Streaming Services update – will be on congregational assembly agenda
3. Election of Council positions – Amanda Fisher will be the new Outreach Growth Team leader starting in 2021.

### **New Business**

1. 2021 Budget approval – will be on congregational assembly agenda.
2. Election of Council positions – will be on congregational assembly agenda

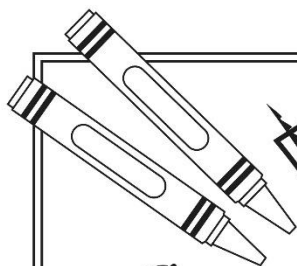
### **Announcements**

Next meeting: Monday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m.,  
Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. Congregational Assembly

### **Closing**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Amy Christensen - Secretary

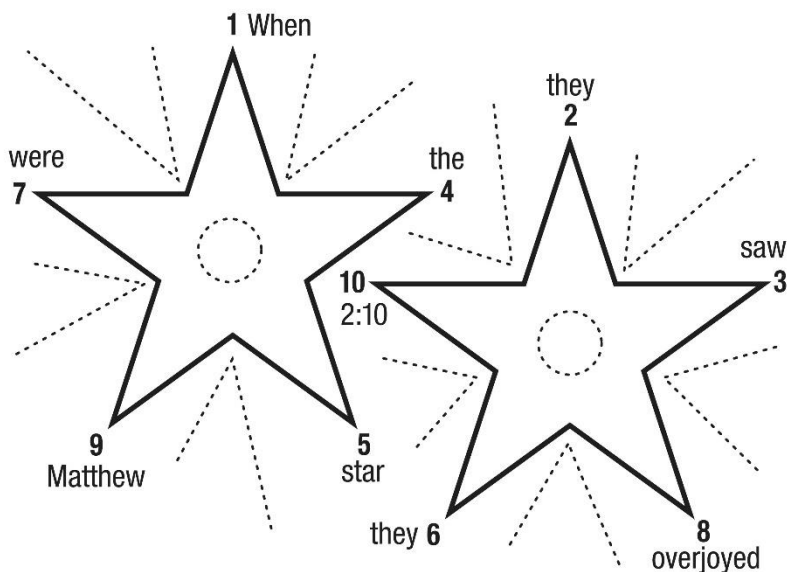


# PUZZLE

## The star of Christmas

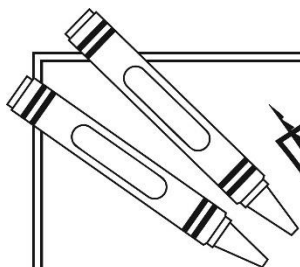
When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

*Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ , NIV

Answer: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10, NIV



# PUZZLE

## Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.*



shepherd's staff      \_ ☐ ☐ \_ \_ \_ \_ ☐

tree that keeps its leaves      \_ \_ \_ \_ ☐ \_ \_ \_ \_

shines to lead the way      \_ \_ \_ \_ ☐

green for eternal life,      ☐ \_ \_ \_ \_ &  
red for Jesus' blood      \_ \_ \_ \_ ☐ ☐ \_ \_

sounds to announce      ☐ \_ \_ \_  
good news

has no beginning or end      \_ \_ \_ \_ ☐ \_

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.  
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's  
prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



CODE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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11 14      12 10 21 21 14 13

6 24 23 13 14 1 15 4 21

12 24 4 23 2 14 21 24 1 ,

22 18 16 17 3 8      16 24 13 ,

14 5 14 1 21 10 2 3 18 23 16

15 10 3 17 14 1 ,      25 1 18 23 12 14

24 15      25 14 10 12 14 .

I S A I A H   9 : 6 ,   N I V

Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6, NIV