



# Messiah's Messenger

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## *“God offered His best for us; let us offer our best to Him.”*

**“And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus...”** is the way Luke’s account of the Christmas story begins in chapter two (KJV). That decree caused Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem, the city of David, where Jesus was born according to ancient prophecy. God’s timing is perfect as He carries out His will. Galatians 4:4-5 reads, **“But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”** (NIV)

God’s promises are true and find their “amen” in Jesus. Throughout the Old Testament God inspired His prophets to write down many promises of a Savior. The faithful people of God believed His promises and were saved by that faith even though they had not seen the Savior with their own eyes. They lived before Christmas and we live after Christmas. We also have not

seen Jesus with our own eyes and yet, by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, we believe that on that first Christmas Christ took on Himself our human form, kept the law perfectly for us, preached the good news of salvation, performed countless miracles and then offered Himself up as the precious Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, ours included!

Christmas is a very joyous occasion as we celebrate our Lord’s first coming into the world but we also know that the shadow of the cross already hovered over the manger where the baby Jesus was laid. He was born to die in our place so that the door to heaven will be open to us and all who believe in Him as our only true Lord and Savior.

As Christian stewards we live in the light of the Gospel and freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. God offered up His best for

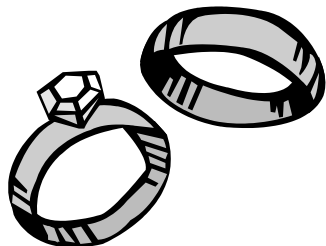
us and in response we strive to offer our best to Him. During this joyful Christmas season we have many opportunities to show our love for God by showing love to all the neighbors He has placed around us, especially those who have special needs of body, soul and spirit. May God help us to use our gifts of time, talents, skills and financial resources to His glory and the welfare of those around us. May He especially help us to be like the shepherds and spread the good news of salvation in Christ alone!

(From [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) with the purpose to be used in church newsletters.)

# Events/ Volunteers

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls



## Elders

12/9 Scott Tobalsky  
12/12 Tyler Nehls  
12/16 Don Moe  
12/19 Bob Trapp  
12/23 Brent Jiter  
12/24 Todd Walther  
12/25 Scott Tobalsky  
12/30 Pat Tauschek



## Ushers

12/9 Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke  
12/16 Mike Snodgrass  
12/23 Chuck Leisten & Mark Varvil  
12/30 Keith & Jacob Kentala

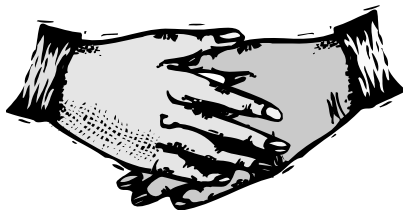
## *Birthdays*

12/1 Betty Hrupka  
12/3 Joshua Jacobs  
12/7 Trevor Gray  
12/8 Nathan Corey, Adam Leisten, & Mark Varvil  
12/14 John Hernandez  
12/15 Mary Siebert & Crystal Stoll  
12/16 Ally Pederson  
12/17 Tamara Weathersby  
12/18 Rachel Dickey  
12/19 Karen Nichols  
12/21 Theresa Busanet  
12/24 Amy Walther  
12/26 Mary Jo Jiter  
12/28 Jason Capriotti



## Greeters

12/9 Mary Rusch  
12/16 Toni Marshman  
12/23 Gail Kulbacki  
12/30 Stacey Cleereman



## *Baptisms*

12/1 Bruce Eisenbraun & Vickie Bruneau  
12/2 David Corey & Kamren Nicolazzi  
12/7 Melissa Brieman  
12/9 Wally Pipkorn  
12/11 Nathan & Noah Corey  
12/14 Eddie Brieman  
12/17 Jessica Sawtell  
12/18 Dennis Metallo, Lindsey Brothers, & Kaitlin Kentala  
12/19 Pat Tauschek  
12/24 John Hernandez & Amy Walther  
12/26 Rob Gray  
12/31 Adam Leisten



## Altar Guild

12/9 Heidi & Kate Tobalsky  
12/16, 12/23, 12/30 Gail Kulbacki



## Flower chart

12/2 Rusch's  
12/9 Moe's  
Poinsettias for the rest of the month

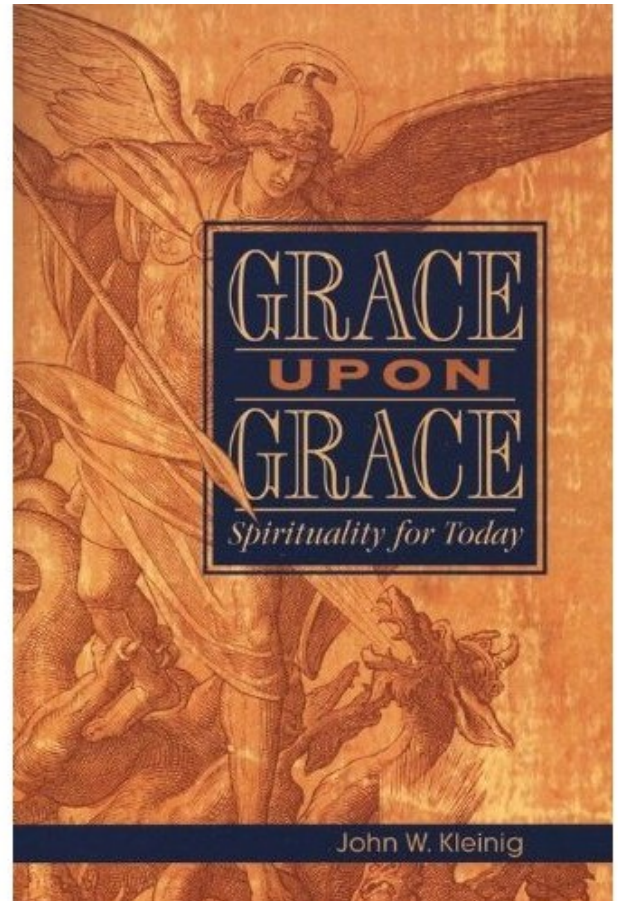
## “Grace Upon Grace”

**B**ill Disen recently received the book “Grace Upon Grace” as a gift and he wants to share with us how meaningful it is to him and to encourage others to read it.

“Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today” is by Dr. John W. Kleinig who is dean of chapel and head of biblical studies at Australian Lutheran College in Adelaide.

Christian spirituality is, quite simply, following Jesus. It is the ordinary life of faith in which we receive Baptism, attend the Divine Service, participate in the Holy Supper, read the Scriptures, pray for ourselves and others, resist temptation, and work with Jesus in our given location here on earth (from the Introduction).

The author clarifies that there is no process for becoming spiritual. Instead, God graciously gives to us every spiritual gift that we need, beginning with the very gift of faith in Christ, our Savior. Because God has joined us to Christ, He continually comes to give us life.



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## LWML News

**T**he is a Young Women’s Retreat being held for young women ages 12 and up. Please come and enjoy a wonderful opportunity to learn about your faith and bond as sisters in Christ at the 25th Annual LWML Young Women’s Retreat. This year we will be hosting the event at the Heidel House Resort and Spa located at 643 Illinois Avenue, Green Lake, WI. This is an opportunity you don’t want to miss! Mark your calendar to come and join us on February 1 & 2, 2013. This is a Friday and Saturday event. We will be having motivating speakers, wonderful live Christian music, fellowship with other Christians, free ice skating and free sledding if weather permits, and other exciting activities! Look for the poster in front of the secretary’s office. Invite a friend, a neighbor, a sister! Open to the public!

Registration is \$40 before December 31st and \$50 after January 1st. (There are discounts for bringing a friend, being a newcomer, and for being ages 12-24.) Meals cost \$40. Hotel room is \$99. Please contact the LWML board for more information or visit [www.swd-lwml.org](http://www.swd-lwml.org). You can also contact Marie Adams at 262-993-1830.

# CLA News

**N**ovember has been another activity filled month at the Academy.

From apples to turkeys, the pre-school and kindergartner students have been busy. At the beginning of the month, they learned about elections and if Mrs. Zuehls' class were in charge, Duck would be president. Additionally, if any of the kindergartners were elected president, they would go to Chuck E Cheese or Monkey Joes as *their* first order of business! As Thanksgiving approached, they learned about Pilgrims, turkeys, and did a science experiment finding out which of the foods that we eat at Thanksgiving have starch! Now that winter is knocking on our door, we are spending time learning about what animals do in winter.

The students have been busy in Mrs. Moe's class as well. They continued their study of Greek gods in history and literature. Their studies even spilled over into their art as they made papier-mâché urns. Their interest and excitement about ancient history was peaked during their trip to The Oriental Institute. During their trip the students learned about mummies, and Ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian clothing while

trying some of it on. They also heard the story of Gilgamesh before touring the museum with a very knowledgeable guide. In addition to Egypt, the students also learned a little about Pilgrim life in America and the first settlers. Be sure to ask a 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade student about school in colonial America. They will certainly tell you that school is much better now!



The students in Mrs. Tauschek's room also travelled to The Oriental Institute. They learned about Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Mesopotamia while touring the museum with an archaeology college student. They saw cuneiform tablets, a replica of Hammurabi's code, a Babylonian wall part, and learned that archaeologists discover artifacts via stratigraphy. In addition to their studies of ancient Egypt, the 5<sup>th</sup> through eighth grade students are continuing their studies of plants including plant reproduction and differing root systems. Please plan on using their budding horticultural skills in the spring!

The 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students also studied the electoral process, learning about the election process including the Electoral College and campaigning. A school wide mock

election was held and Mitt Romney the popular choice for the students of the academy.

As we await the birth of our Savior, we often spend time reflecting on the blessings we have received this past year. The staff at Christ Lutheran Academy expresses their gratitude to the parents of CLA students for entrusting the education and catechesis instruction of your children to us. Furthermore, we give our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and Pastors that give so freely of their time and talents. We also would like to thank the members of the associated congregations as our school would not be possible without your support!

## Upcoming Academy Events and Support Opportunities

**Music Recital** -- December 7<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall featuring the piano students of Monica Schulz and the brass students of Bob Trapp

**Biscotti and Baklava Sale** -- Preorders are going on now through December 10<sup>th</sup>. Support the Academy and your sweet tooth all in one fell swoop!

**Calendar Sale** -- Every new year needs a new calendar. J Calendars are on sale now until supplies run out.





# Parish Planning Minutes from September Meeting

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARISH PLANNING - November 29, 2012 7 PM

President - Mike Snodgrass, Vice- President - Tyler Nehls, Activities - Allison Stephans, Treasurer - Ted Scholz, Trustees -

Dennis Helmke, Stewardship - Vacant, Financial Secretary - Gerry Kochman, Evangelism - Vacant, Secretary - Marge Harmon,

Youth - Shane Pederson, Education - Vacant, Social Welfare - Kelly Pederson

Present - Mike, Allison, Marge, Ted, Pastor Spahn

Pastor Spahn opened with prayer.

Minutes were reviewed. Marge: I move that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Ted. Passed.

CLA sign is placed very near the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave And 21<sup>st</sup>. St.

Those present went out to view the placement.

Was thought that should be closer to other sign, but keeping a view of other sign. Might look like a coming attraction of new building as a lot of empty space.

Proposed Budget for 2013 was reviewed.

Spiritual Life had previously reviewed the proposed budget.

Allison: I move that the proposed budget for 2013 be approved by Parish Planning and presented to the congregation for approval on December 9, 2012. Second by Ted. Passed.

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## Giftng

**W**e focus a lot on giftng at this time of year, trying not to forget anyone who has done things for us through the year. Many articles are published encouraging us to give of ourselves through our giving.



During your celebration of God's greatest gift, Jesus our Savior, the same principle may increase the meaning and joy in our giving to God. May you find the best way to give of yourself as you offer your thanksgiving to God this Christmas season.

Pastor Tom

# December 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February 2013

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Dec 30 - Jan 5

Jan 6 - 12

Jan 13 - 19

Jan 20 - 26

Jan 27 - Feb 2

# Upcoming Events at Messiah



Sat. Dec. 8th	Hanging of the Greens	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School Christmas Practice	10:00 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 12th	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 15th	Sunday School Christmas Practice	10:00 a.m.
Sun. Dec. 16th	Children's Christmas Program	4:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 19th	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 20th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 24th	Lessons & Carols	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Service	10:00 a.m.



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