



Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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First Sunday in Advent– November 27, 2011

VISITORS WELCOME! – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE : In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

VACANCY: Pastor Smallwood and Pastor Grenyo are helping with the vacancy. Pastor Grenyo will be in the office every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 am if you need to speak with him. Pastor Smallwood will handle emergencies and visit our shut ins. Pastor Smallwood may be reached at (262) 287-3389.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Some members of our congregation are in need of financial assistance. Thankfully, if you are able, there is a way you can help. Consider giving to Messiah's Benevolent Fund. It is a fund set aside to help those within our congregation. For the remainder of November, we will be collecting for this fund after the service. You may give cash or write a check. If giving a check, please write benevolent fund on the memo line. "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, *and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*" (Galatians 6:10 ESV)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED: MLC members have a long tradition of helping less fortunate families at the holidays. This year, the Social Welfare Committee plans to provide Christmas gifts for up to 20 children and possibly a few of their adult family members as well. Items are needed particularly for ages birth to 18 months and for teenagers. More details will follow with specific gift requests/needs by Nov. 27. However, some people like to shop early. If so, feel free to purchase gifts for children of any age and we will direct them to the appropriate children through the local homeless shelter and social service agencies. Please do not wrap any of the gifts. Questions or gift drop-offs may be directed to Diane Kentala, Kate Tobalsky, Heidi Tobalsky and Kris Kochman. All gifts are needed no later than Dec. 15. Thank you!

BAKLAVA/BISCOTTI FUNDRAISER: CLA is beginning it's annual Baklava & Biscotti Fund Raiser. Sign up sheets available now for you to take advantage of this delicious treat. Ordering will be available through December 4th. Delivery will be December 11th. Please order and support the school. Order for yourself, or friends and family -- They make wonderful gifts! If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Nigro 262-492-7613. THANK YOU

CHILDREN'S THANKSGIVING BOOKS: There are books on sale in the back for \$13.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Senior, Children's, and Handbell Choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1501 Erie St, invite you to attend their 55th Annual Christmas Concert on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 will feature guest organist Frederik M. Bach. All in attendance are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.

+ DIVINE SERVICE II+ THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**331**
Confession & Absolution.....167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit Insert
Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*)..... 168
Gloria in Excelsis..... omitted
Collect..... Insert
Old Testament..... Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Holy Epistle.....Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia 173
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Sermon Hymn **332**
Sermon
Nicene Creed 174
Prayer of the Church..... 175
Offering..... 175
Offertory 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 177
The Lord's Prayer 179
Words of Institution..... 179
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 180
Dist. Hymns.....**622, 636**
Nunc Dimittis.....182
Prayer.....183
Benediction.....183
Final Hymn **333**

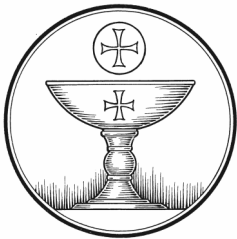
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all expecting mothers: Kelly Pederson
- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Elyse Ahlgrimm, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Kris Grenyo, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Rob Gray, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, Wayne Kollakowsky (father of LeAnn Varvil), Cheri Jennings (cancer, CLA parent), John Hrupka, and Allen Swift (hip replacement on 11/23).
- For Messiah as we prepare to call a new pastor.

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder: Pat Tauschek
Ushers: Keith & Jacob Kentala
Greeter: Stacey Cleereman
Altar Guild: Diana & Marilyn Dissen
Organist: Evone Hagerman
Cookies:



INCOME

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| Average Budget Income needed in a week | \$3,600 |
| Budget Income received 11/20 | \$ |
| Donations for Benevolent Fund \$ | |
| Budget Income received to needed | -\$ |
| Received to Budget YTD 2011 (Deficit) | -\$ |

Attendance 11/20: Communed:

This Week’s Events for Messiah

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| Nov. 30th | Women’s Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Children’s Catechism at LOG | 4:15 p.m. |

Future Events for Messiah

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| Dec. 4th | VOTER’S MEETING | 10:15 a.m. |
| Dec. 7th | Women’s Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Children’s Catechism at LOG | 4:15 p.m. |
| Dec. 9th | Craft Night | 6:00 p.m. |

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Pray for our members

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| 11/27 | Paul Rusch |
| 11/28 | Sandi Hamburger |
| 11/29 | Brandon Bertz |
| 11/30 | Kamren Nicolazzi |
| 12/1 | Sergei Varvil |
| 12/2 | Gail Kulbacki |
| 12/3 | Nathan Corey |

Baptism Anniversaries

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| 11/29 | Artyom Varvil |
| | Sergei Varvil |
| 11/30 | Sandi Hamburger |
| 12/1 | Bruce Eisenbraun |
| | Vickie Bruneau |
| 12/2 | David Corey |
| | Kamren Nicolazzi |

Birthdays

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| 11/27 | Bruce Eisenbraun |
| | Paula Koch |
| 11/28 | Denise Jacobs |
| 11/30 | Kaiden Heitkamp |
| 12/1 | Betty Hrupka |
| 12/3 | Joshua Jacobs |

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The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The LORD is our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11).