



Messiah's Messenger

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Loving & Giving as God's Children

Over 2,000 years ago the world received the greatest gift that has ever been given. The angel announced this gift to shepherds who were watching their flocks at night. The message of God's angel explained what a truly remarkable event this was. The angel said: *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."* Suddenly a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."* (Luke 2:10-12; 14 NIV)

Those shepherds were never the same again. They went to Bethlehem to see for themselves this great happening. After seeing the Christ child with their own eyes they left in great joy and shared this good news with everyone they met.

On that first Christmas God fulfilled His promise to send a Savior who would rescue His people from their sins. What a blessing for the lowly shepherds to be the first people besides Mary and Joseph to hear about and see this great happening!

Years later the Apostle John by inspiration of the Holy Spirit acknowledged this miraculous gift with one of the most memorable verses in the Bible: *"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have eternal life."* (John 3:16 NIV) This single verse expresses two things that God delights in doing and those two things are loving and giving.

Children are richly blessed when they have good and godly parents who bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Children are also blessed when they imitate the positive qualities of their Christian parents.

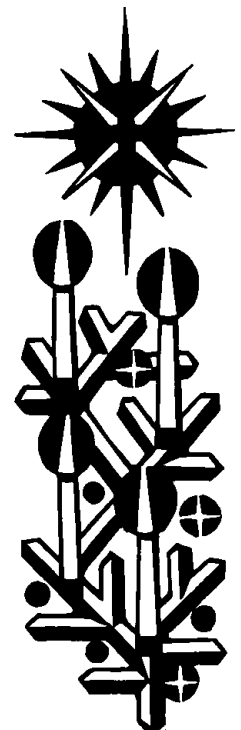
St. John in the third chapter of his first letter stated: *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are."* (1 John 3:1 NIV)

What does this say to us as God's stewards of all [including time, money, abilities and much more] that He entrusts to our management? It says this: If we are to grow as children of God we will develop those godly characteristics of our Heavenly Father, namely loving and giving.

Christmas is in the very best sense a gift that keeps on giving. May the Holy Spirit help us to receive this great gift with joy and thanksgiving and respond with growth in loving and giving as God's children! This desire could become an important part of our New Year's resolutions! Wouldn't that make our part of the world so much better?

Have a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!

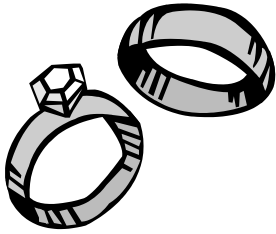
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Events/ Volunteers

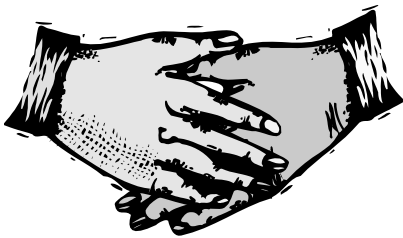
Wedding Anniversaries

- 12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls
12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings



Ushers

- 12/4 Mike Snodgrass & Roger Jeschke
12/11 Sam Braya & Chuck Leisten
12/18 Mike & Eric Snodgrass
12/25 Roger Jeschke & Mark Varvil



Greeters

- 12/4 Mary Rusch
12/11 Toni Marshman
12/18 Stacey Cleereman
12/25 Gail Kulbacki

Birthdays

- 12/1 Betty Hrupka
12/3 Joshua Jacobs
12/7 Trevor Gray
12/8 Mark Varvil, Adam Leisten & Nathan Corey
12/14 John Hernandez
12/15 Crystal Stoll & Mary Siebert
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



Elders

- 12/4 Don Moe
12/7 Brent Jiter
12/11 Pat Tauschek
12/14 Bob Trapp
12/18 Don Moe
12/21 Pat Tauschek
12/24 Tyler Nehls
12/25 Brent Jiter



Baptisms

- 12/1 Bruce Eisenbraun & Vickie Bruneau
12/2 David Corey & Kamren Nicolazzi
12/7 Melissa Brieman
12/9 Walter Pipkorn
12/11 Nathan & Noah Corey
12/14 Edwin 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 Robert Gray
12/31 Adam Leisten



Flower chart

- 12/4 Moe's & Rusch's
Rest of the month: Poinsettias

50th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who made our 50th Anniversary Celebration a success. A special thanks to Mary Rusch, Debbie Davidson, Gail Kulbacki, and Deleen Nehls for planning such a terrific event!

There was such a good turn out at the dinner and at the Divine

Service on Sunday. Here is a list of some the previous members that attended that weekend: Art & Shirley Froemming, Chris Metallo and daughter, Jackie Brassfield, Karol Voigt, Don & Jill Nelson, Elmer Schmidt, Carolyn Mish, Patty Surber, Pat Proeber, Jane & Diane Gundlach, Rachel Tidwell, Merle & Kathy Sheridan, Jim Sheridan, Louise Muller, Jim & Carol

Vescova, Roland Buecher with his daughters Shirley and Ruth, Kathy Bergent, Michelle Murray and Merle Sauer with children Carrie, Debbie, Marilyn, Susie and Russell. Our apologies to anyone we missed.

Call Update

We have received the call list from Synod. The call committee is in the process of reviewing the list to determine which pastors fit our needs the best. Those pastors will be sent a questionnaire that the call committee has put together. After the questionnaire's are returned and reviewed, the call committee will narrow the selection to 3-5 pastors. At this time they will share information with the congregation. Because of the Christmas season, the call committee is expecting this process to take about 3 months. The call list is in the secretary's office for review. If you have any questions, feel free to ask someone on the call committee: Anita Brothers, Marge Harmon, Brent Jiter, Keith Kentala, Ted Scholz, Mike Snodgrass, Bob Trapp, Todd Walther, or Leann Varvil.

Parish Planning Minutes from November Meeting

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARISH PLANNING: November 17, 2011 6:30 PM

President — Mike Snodgrass, Vice President — Tyler Nehls, Trustees - Dennis Helmke, Activities - Allison Stephans, Treasurer - Ted Scholz, Stewardship - Vacant, Financial Secretary - Gerry Kochman, Evangelism - Vacant, Secretary - Marge Harmon, Youth - Shane Pederson, Education - Vacant, Social Welfare - Kelly Pederson

Present: Mike, Tyler, Dennis, Ted, Allison, Marge

Spiritual Life had their meeting last week. Mike reported that the PP minutes will be printed in the Monthly newsletter in a concise manner. Next year will have quarterly congregational meetings. Elections for new officers will be in April. Will need to get approval from congregation. Discussed wording of a concealed carry sign. Trustees: report included

Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, December 4, 2011 after service.

Parsonage check list A list will be made of maintenance needs and will be checked every six months or so.

Budget for 2012 was presented by Ted Scholz. Discussion.

Budget will be presented by Ted Scholz and Dennis Helmke at the December 4 meeting.

Salary and benefits for new pastor need to be considered. Copies will be on table.

Christmas baskets and gifts will be given to selected families from Shalom Center. Several members have volunteered to do this.

A Message from our President

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we progress into the holidays and then into 2012, please allow me to take a few moments to recognize the efforts of all our church volunteers that have donated their time and energy over the past year that has allowed us at Messiah Lutheran Church to continue to grow spiritually and to continue to strive to do the Lord's work.

To Monica Scholz and Evone Hagerman, our organists. We are truly blessed to have them play for us every Sunday. Thank you for the beautiful music.

To Marge Harmon for all the things you do day in and day out to make Messiah beautiful.

To all the members who volunteer to be the Greeters, serve on Alter Guild, who Usher, who sing in our wonderful Choir, and teach Sunday School. Your efforts each and every Sunday and holidays make our worship time together always special and fulfilling.

To all the members of Parish Planning and the Board of Elders. Thank you for your dedication in leading this congregation so it remains financial stable and spiritually strong.

To Pastor Grenyo, we thank you for providing for our spiritual guidance and well being during this vacancy period. Every Sunday you give us an opportunity to hear the Word of the Lord and learn and grow in our faith.

To Pastor Smallwood. We thank you for caring for our shut-ins and being there to provide us with spiritual care when the need arises in our daily journey through life.

To the members of the 50th Anniversary committee. Your hard work in planning our celebration is truly appreciated. It was a great success and was truly enjoyed by all who participated in it.

To all who volunteered their time to help redo the parsonage, mowed the yard, trim a tree, fix a door or facet, clean parts of the church, buy the supplies, paint, tile, landscape and the list goes on and on. Without your help, I couldn't imagine what our facility would look like.

To the faculty of CLA. Your continuing passion and drive to continue to provide to the students of CLA an opportunity to learn and while doing so, also grow in their faith is truly exceptional.

And finally, thank you to everyone else who has ever volunteered and donated their time or donated financially this past year to help us continue the work of our Lord. It is truly appreciated by all.

The year 2012 will be another challenging year for Messiah. But with God's guidance and love, I am confident that with everyone's continued support, we will make our 51st year doing the Lord's Work one of the best we have ever experienced.

Yours in Christ

Mike Snodgrass

Messiah Lutheran Church
December 4, 2011
Trustee's report by Dennis Helmke

WORK DONE IN 2011
** WORK TO BE DONE IN 2012
* WORK TO BE FINISHED IN 2011

CHURCH OUTSIDE

1. Sealed cracks in asphalt.

** Reseal in early summer 2012. Contract for work signed with Cicchini.

Will be extra expense for cement apron. Will need to look at center drain.

**2. Windstorm damaged east fence and will need to repair posts.

**3. Remove dead tree by sand pile.

**4. Will need to paint overhang around entire church.

CHURCH INSIDE

1. Wall tile was installed 4 feet high in small bathroom in education wing.

*2. Several floor tiles will be replaced in same area. - December 2011

3 Pastor's office was repainted and carpet cleaned.

*4 Work is continuing on toilets and water fountains.

5. Replaced relay board on church furnace.

*6 Schedule to change filters.

**7 Evaluating door closings for inside church double doors and will install.

8. Signs for No Weapons placed on all doors.

9. New tables for Fellowship Hall were purchased with funds from memorials for Vinita Matthaides.

PARSONAGE

1. Repaired wind damage to roof.

2. Cleaned up yard and replanted plants.

**3. Much more to do.

4. Furnace water pump was replaced.

5. Furnace cleaned so drains work properly.

** Will need to replace filters as needed.

6. Repaired valve on water supply for refrigerator ice maker. Needs new gasket

7. Replaced sump pump.

** Check water usage.

8. Kitchen - new door to garage that is fire proof, cabinets, dishwasher, stove - donated, sink, counter tops, plumbing, faucets, floor tile, back splash, and wood moldings.

*9. Family room and living room laminated floor was removed and will be put in family room. Donated labor.

*10. Living room, steps and upper hallway will be carpeted.

*11. Foyer will have same tile as kitchen.

12. Oak flooring in 4 bedroom and dining room was sanded and 3 coats of poly were applied by A & A Sanding. Needs to cure for 30 days.

13. Cleaned, repaired and painted all heat registers.

14. Painted all other vents.

* 15. Smoke and CO monitors have been donated and will be installed.

16. Repaired and painted all rooms. *Some touch up needed.

* 17 Some windows and screens need to be fixed.

* 18. New molding in many areas.

19. New locks for doors.

20. Many other items done or will be done.

21. MUCH DONATED TIME AND LABOR.

FUTURE

Church doors.

December 2011

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Christmas 10:00am 11:15am Divine Service						4:15pm 5:15pm Children's Catechism (LOG)							
Dec 25 - 31		Dec 18 - 24		Dec 11 - 17		Dec 4 - 10		Nov 27 - Dec 3					

January 2012

January 2012

February 2012

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Jan 1 - 7

Jan 8 - 14

Jan 15 - 21

Jan 22 - 28

Jan 29 - Feb 4

Upcoming Events at Messiah



Wed. Dec. 7th	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 8th	CLA Music Recital	
Fri. Dec. 9th	Craft Night	6:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 13th	LWML Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 14th	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Nov. 17th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 21st	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Service	10:00 a.m.



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