

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Third Sunday in Advent– December 16, 2012

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.

VACANCY: Pastor Spahn has office hours on most Thursdays. For an emergency please contact an elder or call directly to Pastor's cell phone: 847-224-9524.

LWML RETREAT: LWML is hosting the 25th Annual LWML Young Women's Retreat Feb. 1 & 2, 2013. Please see the bulletin board in front of the secretary's office for more information.

CARICATURE PORTRAITS: A talented young artist from Pentecost Lutheran Church is working his way to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas, July of 2013. Ian Barclay is using his God-given talent in a unique way. For a small fee, \$50.00 for 2 hours or \$90.00 for 4 hours, Ian will attend your party or event, bringing all the supplies necessary to draw caricature portraits for your guests. 8 ½ x 11 sized paper is used for a black and white unframed drawing. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to add a unique twist to your next party or gathering, and support a youth in his journey to the NYG. Please contact Ian directly to make arrangements, 262-995-3451. Special pricing is available for larger, all day events or individual requests.

CATECHESIS CLASS: There will be no Wednesday evening catechesis class at Lamb of God on Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd.

CHRISTIAN MUSICAL: The Forgotten Man, A Story of Joseph of Nazareth is a new Christian musical. It will be performed at Wilmot High School (11112 308th Ave, Wilmot, WI). There are no tickets needed. Donations will be given to Global Ministries. Performances are Friday, Dec. 21st at 8:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2:00. Call Travis Wetzel with questions at 262-862-2351.

YOU ARE INVITED: The Sunday School children are having their Christmas Program today at 4:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

WE RECYCLE: Please put your bulletins on the back counter in the fellowship hall if you are not taking them home with you. We will recycle them. Thank you!

CLA STORE: Purchase your "CLA Gear" or buy other Lutheran gifts at: <http://www.cafepress.com/christlutheranacademy>. All proceeds from the profit of these products go directly to benefit the education of our children at Christ Lutheran Academy.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP CLA: There are many ways to help CLA. Bring in Box Tops for Education and Milk Caps. There is a place on the counter in the fellowship hall for these items. If you are a Thrivent Member, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can request that the choice dollars be sent to CLA.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**350**
Confession & Absolution.....184

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*).....186
Gloria.....omitted
Collect.....Insert
Old Testament..... Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.....190
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Apostles Creed.....192
Sermon Hymn.....**833**
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Prayer.....201
Benediction.....202
Silent Prayer
Final Hymn.....**353 vs. 1 & 3**

*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Allen Weber, and Lynn Christensen, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, Lillian Sciortino, Crystal Stoll, and John & Pat Mills.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, John Hrupka, George Metallo, Peter Campagna, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen’s brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), and Parker & Camden Blair.
- For Messiah and Pastor Roemke as he considers our call to ministry among us.

Christ’s Servants Today

- Elder:

Ushers:

Greeter:

Altar Guild:

Organist:

Cookies:
- Don Moe

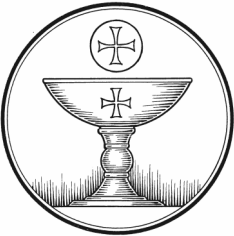
Mike Snodgrass & Roger Jeschke

Toni Marshman

Gail Kulbacki

Monica Scholz

Anita Brothers & Louise Spahn



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,255
Budget Income received 12/5	\$331
Budget Income received 12/9	\$2,798
Budget Income received to needed	-\$126

Attendance 12/9: 115 Communed: 95

This Week’s Events for Messiah

TODAY	Children’s Christmas Program	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 18th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 19th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 20th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Monday, Dec.24th	Lessons & Carols	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/17	Jessica Sawtell
12/18	Dennis Metallo
	Lindsey Brothers
	Kaitlin Kentala
12/19	Pat Tauschek

Pray for our members

12/16	Betsy Schmeiser
12/17	Taylor Heitkamp
12/18	Doris Colombe
12/19	Justin Knull
12/20	Hayley Weathersby
12/21	Sam Braya
12/22	Tatum Nehls

Birthdays

12/16	Ally Pederson
12/17	Tamara Weathersby
12/18	Rachel Dickey
12/19	Karen Nichols
12/21	Theresa Busanet

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What Do You See in Your Wilderness?
Matthew 11:7-10

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, “*Are you the one who is to come . . . ?*” (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The “*stewards of the mysteries of God*” (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.