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4th Annual Drive-Thru Winter Clothing Collection: January 6, 2024

Messiah's Health and Social Ministry committee will be hosting our 4rd Annual Drive-Thru Winter Clothing Collection on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm in Messiah's small north parking lot (off 21st Ave N). You are invited to donate clean, gently used, or brand new items of warm clothing which will be distributed to various local organizations to help people in need this winter. Some requested items are: Winter Coats, Winter/Work Boots, Men's Winter Gloves (sizes X-XL), Gloves/Mittens, Hats, Work Gloves, Socks (child thru adult sizes), Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Coveralls, Long Underwear, and Adult Pajamas (size Med-2XL+)

This year, items will be donated to Open Doors 65 and Cass and Clay County Jails. Everyone was so generous last year! Let's collect even more donations to help people stay warm this winter.

Happy New Year!

We had a busy December filled with God's Word & music at our worship services, Lessons & Carols, "Star of Wonder" by our kids, and a festive Women's Christmas brunch. Now, we welcome 2024 and look with anticipation for all that God will accomplish as we serve together as Messengers of God's Grace!

Special Thanks to Steve & Sharon Syrdal for sponsoring the January issue of The Messenger. Because of this gift, we are able to share the enclosed information with you, our church family!

Messiah Kids presented "Star of Wonder" on Sun. Dec. 17!!

Superstar: *Tessa Pfarr* **Rock Star:** *Bentley Froseth* **Falling Star:** *Freddy Fiechtner*
North Star: *Arthur Dahlen* **Shooting Star:** *Emma Oelke* **Lucky Star:** *Colton Langerud*
Nativity Players: *Alex Bolin, Cash Froseth, Elizabeth Bolin, Finley Oelke, Iver Oberholtzer, Kasen Asleson, Lyle Dahlen, Rolland Oberholtzer, Sebastian Borah, Silas Asleson, Xander Borah Jr., Oliver Cross, Dylan Hughes*

"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!"
Matthew 2:10 (NRSV)

YMCA Giving Tree

A BIG THANK YOU to those in our Messiah congregation who purchased gifts for the YMCA Giving Tree. Your generous gifts provided a wonderful Christmas for 30 local children and youth!

Comments that we heard: "It was fun to shop for my child." "I shopped with my granddaughter and a friend who helped me choose just the right gifts." and "It felt good to help a child have a great Christmas!"

Thank you again for showing your care for kids in our community.

A Message From Pastor Laurie

Happy New Year!

It is time to put away 2023 and welcome 2024. My, how time flies! As much as I love Christmas, I also love when I take the decorations down. It's not so much the "taking down" part, but the "getting everything back in order" part that appeals to me. I do a deep clean of sorts and dust and vacuum every nook and cranny as I return objects to where they belonged before they were displaced by a festive thingamabob.

The New Year make us long for a clean slate. Even if we don't make resolutions, there is a hint of freshness in the New Year. We also reflect on the Old Year. Good or bad, we can't change it, yet we hope to learn something from having lived through it. This has been a year of change for our church as well. All of you have welcomed me so fully, and I am truly blessed to be here. God has amazing things in store for Messiah Lutheran!

I pray this year has started out on the right foot for you and your loved ones. May you be reminded that there can be freedom and joy in flexibility. While we may not understand why things happen as they do, the unexpected and unwanted are invitations to grow.

This devotion from Oswald Chamber's book, My Utmost for His Highest, spoke to me and I pray you find in it the same promise, hope, and grace that I did. God bless!

You shall not go out with haste …for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12

Security from Yesterday. *"…God requires an account of what is past"* (Ecclesiastes 3:15). At the end of the year we turn with eagerness to all that God has for the future, and yet anxiety is apt to arise when we remember our yesterdays. Our present enjoyment of God's grace tends to be lessened by the memory of yesterday's sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and he allows the memory of them to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual growth for our future. God reminds us of the past to protect us from a very shallow security in the present.

Security for Tomorrow. *"…the Lord will go before you…."* This is a gracious revelation—that God will send his forces out where we have failed to do so. He will keep watch so that we will not be tripped up again by the same failures, as would undoubtedly happen if he were not our "rear guard." And God's hand reaches back to the past, settling all the claims against our conscience.

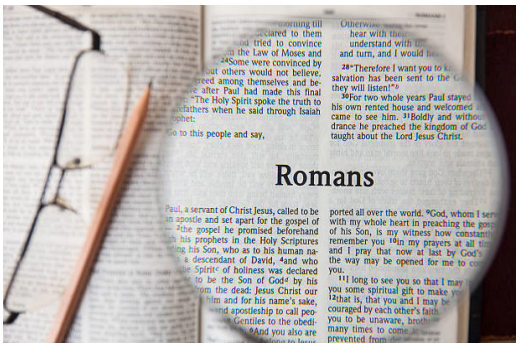
Security for Today. *"You shall not go out with haste…."* As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, forgetful delight, nor with the quickness of impulsive thoughtlessness. But let us go out with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays hold broken and irreversible things for us. It is true that we have lost opportunities that will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past rest, but let it rest in the sweet embrace of Christ.

Blessings,

Pr. Laurie Neill

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Bible Study • 10AM, Conference Room



We will continue, in the New Year, to study the "Letter to the Romans" in our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study at 10 AM between services. As the longest of St. Paul's Letters in the New Testament and the importance of its proclamation of the Gospel, we have had great discussion and have more material yet to cover.

Come join us for this time of fellowship, discussion, and study, even if you have not taken part before.

And, yes – we have coffee and donuts!

The Study is facilitated by Pastor Jeff Johnson.

Messiah Confirmation Classes • Wednesdays at 7 PM

For Grades 6+ • Youth Room

Messiah Youth and Friends (grades 6 & up) are welcome to join us.

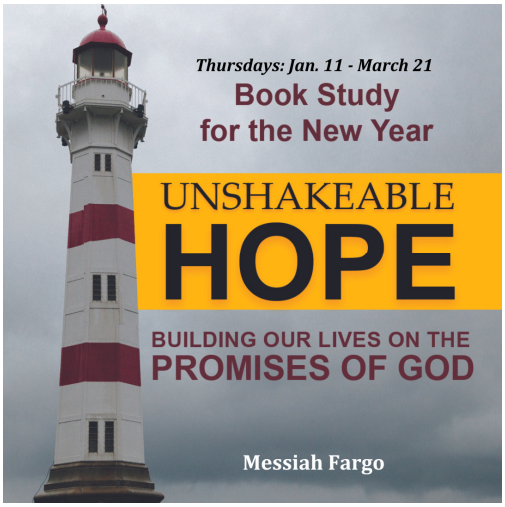
- *Parents & Adults: Contact Bud to set your date as a Guest Confirmation Helper*

DIG IN Get Ready to Dig-In at Messiah Sunday School

Sundays • 10 AM • *Grades 1-5* • Room 201

10:15 AM Pre-K and Kindergarten

We always welcome helpers and teachers. Come "DIG-In" with our Messiah Kids– even one Sunday per month would be awesome. Check with our teachers on Sunday mornings and find your spot on the calendar.



Pastor Laurie Neill, Facilitator
Thursday, Jan 11-March 21
Choose: Noon-1 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

What feels shaky in your world? Maybe you feel hurt by the past, disappointed by the present, or worried about the future. There is hope. Every problem in life, God has given you a promise. *(Study Guide $15)*

Register at 701-237-6770 or Email > adminassist@messiahfargo.com

Women of the ELCA

Messiah Women's Ministries

Messiah's Christmas Table Top Brunch Sat. Dec. 2

But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Luke 2:19 (NASB)

January Book Club • Tues. Jan 30 • 1:30 PM (Note Time Change)

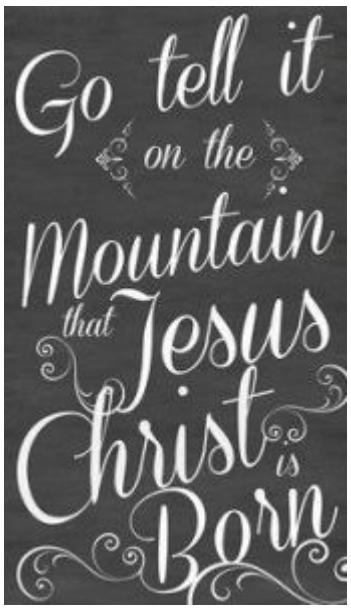
At: Dottie Stegman's Home Book: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

Messiah Women's Board

Next Meeting:

Mon. Jan. 15 • 6:30 pm

A Note from your Council President



Go Tell It on the Mountain, Over the hills and everywhere!
Go Tell It on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!!
Our Savior – God's Love – Our Hope.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy New Year!

As I reflect on years past and look forward to 2024, thoughts bring me to this journey of life. Many of us start the year with "New Year's Resolutions." Every year we begin with good intentions. We are hopeful and are determined to stay committed to "That List." Some of us stick to "That List," and others of us - not so much.

My first resolution for 2024 is to not make a list. Starting each day with prayer, hope, love and optimism is the "Goal." Please join me in praying daily for Messiah Lutheran: our congregation, Pastor Laurie, the staff, Council members, volunteers, The Hour of Worship family, Sunday School teachers and kids, Confirmation students and Youth leaders, musicians, lectors, communion assistants, ushers, the women of Messiah, the pie bakers, the Klub makers, Messiah Preschool, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Came to Believe members, dance students and HeartSprings.

Thank God for all of the people who work together to spread the Gospel message of love, hope, and optimism in our sanctuary, within the walls of our beautiful church, and with those who worship with us through The Hour of Worship. Go Tell It on the Mountain, Jesus Christ is Born!!

Together in Christ,
Doug Nasset
Council President

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

Pastor Laurie writes:

As the new year approaches, it is good to remember our blessings. The phrase "every spiritual blessing in Christ" is a powerful reminder of the richness of our inheritance as believers. We belong to God through Christ! And in Christ, we are lavishly blessed with forgiveness, redemption, and grace.

The good news is that these blessings are not swayed by our circumstances but are securely anchored in our union with Christ. As we step into the new year, let's offer all praise to God, our anchor and our hope.

Happy New Year!

Pledge Card Reminder: *Have you turned in your pledge cards?*

Your annual pledges support the day-to-day mission & ministry of Messiah Lutheran. The 2024 Budget will be finalized soon, and your pledges are crucial as we plan for the upcoming year. If you need an update of your 2023 pledge balance, contact either Trudy or Sharon.

Pledges to the "Connected in Faith" Capital Campaign are designated for our Building Fund (mortgage), and facility projects for the elevator, fire alarm system and HVAC control panel.

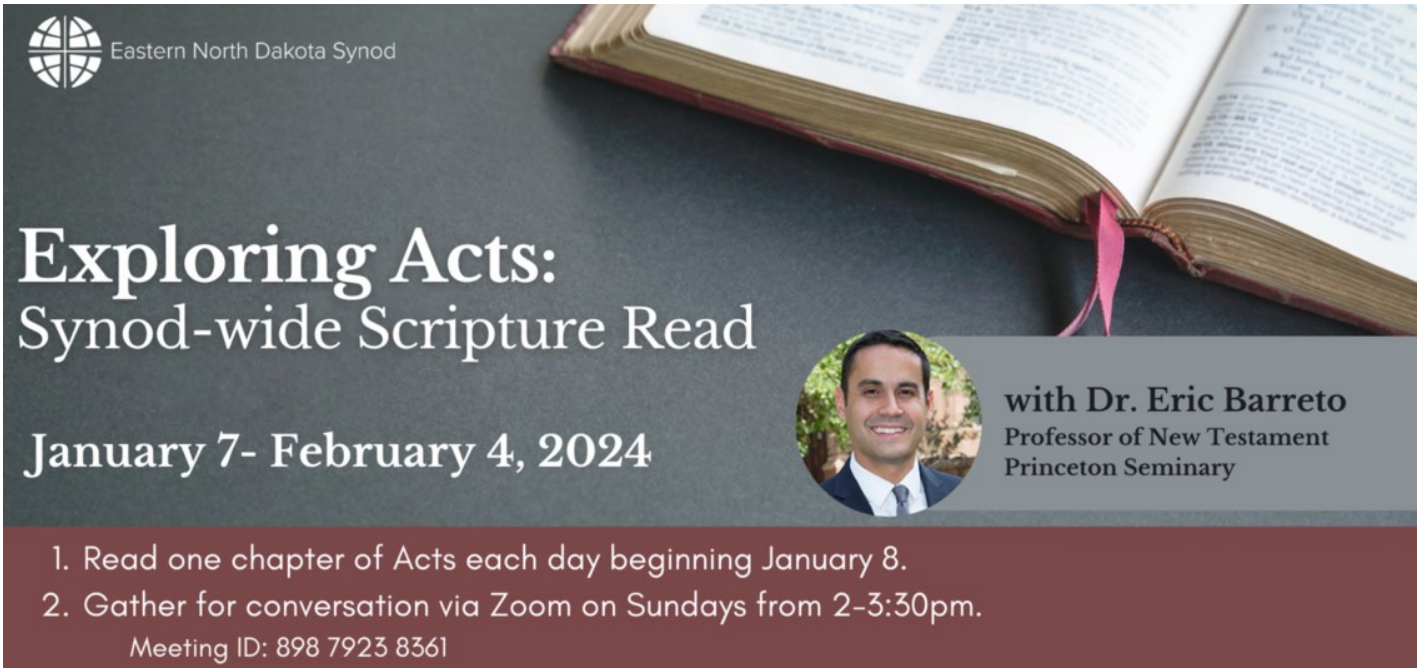
Your continued support with time, talents and treasure are amazing and appreciated beyond measure. God bless you as you prayerfully consider your part in the upcoming months and year.

All 2023 year-end giving must be in by January 4 and checks must be dated 2023.

If you have questions about online giving: Contact Trudy for information or for help setting up your electronic giving. Church Office 237-6770 or bookkeeper@messiahfargo.com

Exploring Acts: Synod-wide Book Study

Join your siblings in Christ from all around the Eastern ND Synod in a synod-wide Scripture read! Together, we will dwell in the words and stories of the book of Acts throughout January & February 2024. Each day, you are encouraged to read one chapter of Acts, and every Sunday afternoon we will gather via Zoom for conversation with Dr. Eric Barreto, Professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary. This event kicks off with an introductory Zoom session on January 7, and our reading schedule begins January 8.
We hope you'll consider joining us! https://www.eandsynod.org/events/exploring-acts



Bethany Retirement Living Did You Know...

...that Bethany Retirement Living is sponsored by 36 congregations of the ELCA, including this one!? Delegates from sponsoring churches elect the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting in April. The Board is charged with overseeing the policies and operations of Bethany Retirement Living. AND, members of this church are donors, advocates for Bethany and active in the Auxiliary that helps enrich the quality of life for the residents. To learn more, visit Bethany's web site at: www.bethanynd.org

Bethany retirement living

New Life Center

New Life Center: In-Kind Donations are Lifesavers

1902–3rd Ave. N. Fargo, ND (701) 235-4453

New Life Thrift Stores

221 - 19th St N • Fargo

5556 - 51st Ave S • Fargo

Donations always Welcome!

Urgent Needs: cold weather hats/gloves, men's t-shirts & boxers, allergy meds. Basic Mission needs: twin XL, full or queen sheet sets; full-size bath white towels; laundry pods; alcohol-free mouth wash, melatonin, Q-tips. See full list at their web site: fargonlc.org/current needs

New Life Center Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous donations of hats, gloves, thermal underwear, socks and more. The men at New Life appreciate these gifts that will help them stay warm this winter.

You can also support the mission and ministry of the New Life Center by shopping at their Thrift Stores.

Churches United for the Homeless

Churches United: "Here for Every Neighbor." There are 3 areas we serve the community: Housing, Food, and Healing.

We are in critical need of blankets, men's pants, small battery alarm clocks and hygiene products. As we move forward into our colder months, we will also be accepting any winter gear donations. Hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, etc. for children and adults.

Complete Listing of Current Needs: www.churches-united.org

CHURCHES UNITED
Safe Shelter, Stable Housing, Nutritious Food and a Path Toward Healing

Mail Financial Donations to:
Churches United • (218) 656-7495
1901–1st Ave. N. • Moorhead, MN 56560

Donations can be dropped off at Micah's Mission • 1901 1st Ave N, Moorhead • 8 am–7 pm Daily

Noisy Change: Sun. Jan. 14

Lost and Found Recovery Center

Lost and Found Recovery Center is a Christian ministry of healing for those who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction as well as their family members, friends, employers, and allies. They are a supportive recovery environment that promotes awareness of choices, focus on achievement of goals, and healing by supporting each person affected by substance use. The center is staffed by professionals in addiction, drug counseling and mental health. A pastoral counselor is also available for spiritual guidance.

The center is located in Moorhead and offers many services including Peer Recovery Specialists, Chemical Use Evaluations, Community Resource Navigation, and Group Support Meetings. Recovery specialists are people who have lived experience with recovery who can help connect people to resources, remove barriers to recovery, and provide emotional support. Their chemical use assessments can be done for court ordered persons or for anyone who thinks they may have an alcohol or drug problem. These evaluations are confidential and meet the requirements for the state of Minnesota and North Dakota.

For more information email info@lostandfoundrecoverycenter.org or call 218-287-2089.

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for dates. Messiah's Connection Center.

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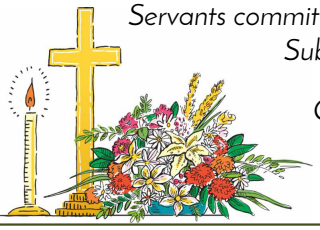
Messiah's Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild has openings to fill. Altar Guild members help prepare our sanctuary for weekly worship services. Servants commit for a one–month rotation. Substitutes also needed.



Co-Chairs:
Melody Holen 701-793-0400
Loralyn Benson 701-238-5484

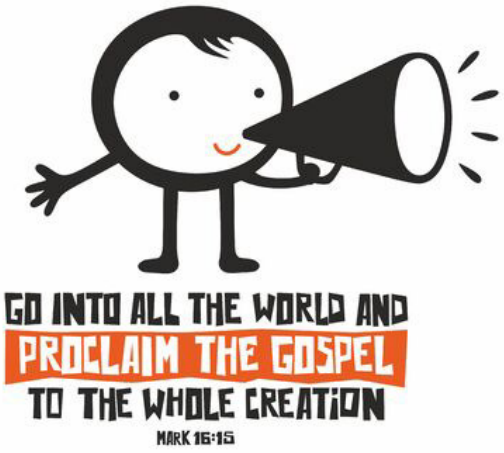
Knock, knock. *Who's there?* **Scold.** *Scold who?* **Scold enough out here to go ice skating.**

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* **Snow.** *Snow who?* **Snowbody.**

Knock, knock. *Who's there?* **Lettuce.** *Lettuce who?* **Lettuce in, it's freezing out here.**

Living with Purpose

We, like most people, enjoy our careers that provide an income to pay for housing, transportation, and other necessities and comforts. We love our families. We try to be good neighbors in our communities, and we make every effort to be upstanding citizens. On the surface, our lives in many ways resemble non-Christians. However, as believers, we live with the awareness that God gives us a purpose that is much more meaningful than having just successful careers, being good neighbors, or patriotic citizens.

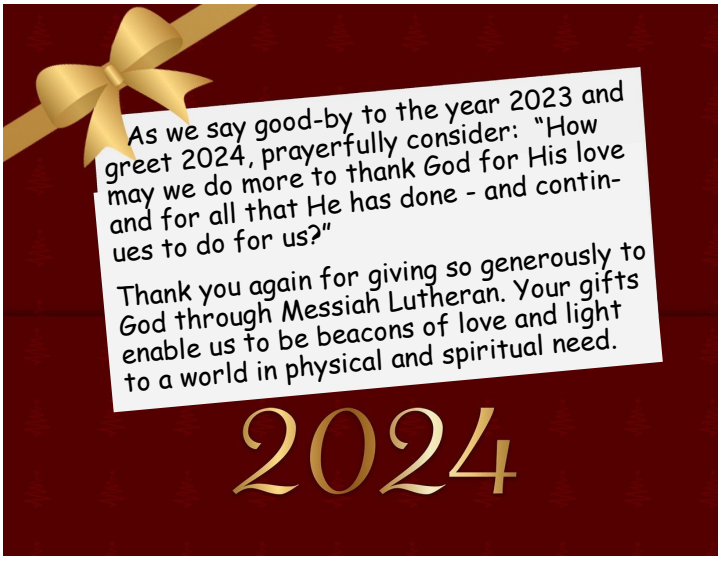


Through faith, we understand the special purpose that God gives us is to be participants in His mission "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). We are His vessels through whom He works. We become His hands, feet, and mouth to share the life-saving Gospel to the world.

Jesus spelled out our purpose: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be My witnesses to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Speaking to His disciples, Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." (John 20:21). The Holy Spirit provides the strength and motivation that we need as we are being sent to witness to others. In what is referred to as the Great Commission, Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). These verses put an exclamation point in the purpose that God has for our lives. Early in the Gospels, Jesus calls His disciples, and He tells them that they will be fishers of men. The role of the disciples has now passed to us.

God's Word challenges us to make an eternal difference in the lives of others. Because God is always with us, we can be faithful in our purpose to be God's participants in His mission to save all people.

May we hear our Lord say,
"Well done, good and faithful servant."



New Year's Word Search

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January	Party	Clock
First	Hat	Ball Drop
Eve	Noisemakers	Midnight
December	Kiss	Times Square
Calendar	Midnight	Resolution

Northside Chapel sustains sponsored Sunday School

Prior to our present location on Elm Street and 21st Avenue North, Messiah Lutheran Church was located on 5th Street and 16th Avenue North, just east of Washington Elementary. This location has affectionately been known as the "Little Messiah" to some of the members who grew up there. However, this was not the first location for our congregation! The story starts almost 90 years ago...

In 1932, a survey of the area was conducted by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Fargo. It showed that many children on the north side of town were not attending Sunday School, due to the fact that many of the city's churches were located in the downtown area. The situation was shared with Pastor O.E. Clauson of Elim Lutheran Church, who presented the matter to his congregation and to the president of the Red River Valley Conference (the local district of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church body). With their combined support, negotiations were reached to rent two heated rooms above a community grocery store located at 13th Street (today University Drive) and 15th Avenue North.

The initial enrollment on October 30, 1932 was twenty-four children. For the first few years, the Sunday school struggled to maintain a permanent, suitable location. A resident in the area, J.E. Haine, donated a parcel of land, and the conference agreed to erect a chapel. On October 18, 1936, the chapel was dedicated just north of 10th Street and 16th Avenue North. The Sunday School, which now had a permanent home, was facilitated and supported until the late 1940s by Elim Lutheran Church and their pastors: O. E. Clauson, C. E. Swenson, and W. E. Nelson.

By 1948, residential development would begin what would become a decades-long building trend on the north side of Fargo. Another survey was conducted in the area and this time showed the need for a full-time worker in the mission field. A full-time field worker and student intern, Hugo Anderson, was called to begin forming a congregation. The first regular worship service was held on June 5, 1949. After the congregation was officially chartered in 1950, membership increased and a desire for more space led the congregation to begin construction on a larger facility. Our second location, the "Little Messiah" began to take shape. The former chapel location is now a private residence.

(Compiled by Erik Eide)

January Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Sue Borgeson	3 Kyle Oelke	4 Aria Stevenson	5 Crosby Ingersoll Jaeger Steinmetz Cindy Wellen	6 David Eide Jason Jansen
7 Katherine Satrom Sharon Syrdal	8 Scott Gorder Gail Nelson	9 Rolland Oberholtzer	10 Mary Ann Knudson	11 Ginelle Kerestes Lori Martindale Bill Swanson	12 Kayla Dwyer Kathy Tinquist	13 Nancy Kaler Lexie Mohror Sheryl Swanson
14	15 Kirk Wilmore	16	17 Kasen Aselson MaryAnne Linder	18 Maxwell Hanson Olivia Knutson	19 Evelyn Ommodt	20 Crystal Dahl
21 Brita Griffin Oak Reile	22 Liam Tweten	23 Jamie Dougherty Kellie Kahler Max Piepkorn	24 Donna Kornellius Sophie Lundgren Josie Mohror Mark Steffens	25 Xander Borah Maxine Hegg	26 Clarabella Fetting	27 Dan Lundgren Sharon Weitzel
28	29 Suttyn Braaten Kermitt Brandt McKenna Morris Joey Wellen	30 Dylan Hughes Wayne Norby	31 LeRoy Kornelius Eloise McEvers Liam Qualey			

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
Sing his praises
in the assembly of the faithful.

Psalm 149:1 (NLT)

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am • Coffee Hour • Men's Choir 2 pm Girl Scouts 3:30 Just for Kix	8:30 am Aerobics 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Came to Believe Just for Kix	1:00 pm Staff Meeting Just for Kix	8:30 am Messiah Quilters 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Festival Choir 8:00 Joy Ringers	 Just for Kix	8:30 am Aerobics	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 6 pm Exec	3 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	4	5 Just for Kix	6 10 am– 1 pm Clothing Drive
7 9 & 11 am Worship 10 am Youth Chevra	8	9 Circle 9:30 am Rachel	10 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	11	12 Cub Scouts	13 Swedish Society
14 9 & 11 am Worship Noisy Change 10 am Youth Chevra	15 × Newsletter Deadline 6:30 pm Women's Ministry	16 6:30 pm Council	17 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9 & 11 am Worship 10 am Youth Chevra	22	23	24 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 9 am Only Worship 10 am Annual Meeting	29	30	31 5:15 Meal 6 pm Contemporary Worship 7 pm Confirmation			

Messiah Youth News

Sunday Youth Chevra

Sunday Youth Chevra
10 AM • Youth Room

Join Bud for Youth Chevra during coffee hour (after Sunday Worship in Youth Room). "Chevra" = "friends" in biblical Hebrew. Our Sunday Youth Chevra? A time of gathering and sharing about: Ups-and-downs of your days; Informal discussion of Sunday's scripture & sermon; Ask questions about life & God in a safe place; Learn from our congregation's generations; Grow in community with each other & everyone at Messiah!!

See you on Sunday
• 10 AM • Youth Room

Messiah Confirmation

Wednesdays at 7 PM

- *Youth Room, Grades 6 and up*
- *Confirmation Guests > Confirm your date with Bud.*
- *Senior High Fellowship (directly following Confirmation, in the Youth Room) RSVP w/Bud*

Get ready for new Confirmation topics!

Students (and Guest Hosts!) will discuss: Heaven & Hell; Living in a Religiously Diverse World; and The Lord's Prayer. Our students will be working toward an interfaith panel discussion that will include the congregation.

See you on Wed. Jan. 3 at 7 PM!!

Bud's Email > YouthDtr@MessiahFargo.com

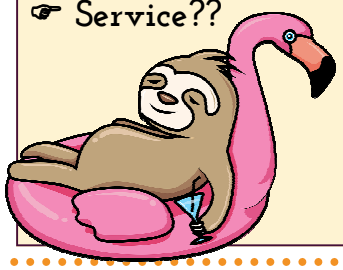
PLEASE NOTE

Parent & Students:

Meetings with Bud!!

Watch your email for dates in early January. We need your input as we make plans for Summer 2024!!!

- ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans • July 2024??
- Area Church Camps??
- Service??



Be ready to discuss options, interests, & costs. Watch for Bud's email with date and time.

2023 Messiah Christmas Tabletop Brunch

Messiah's Christmas Tabletop Brunch was held on Saturday, Dec. 2 in the Connection Center. A big ***Thank You*** *to everyone who volunteered and participated in hosting tables, food preparation, serving food, entertainment and speaking at our Christmas Brunch. Your help was very much appreciated. Merrill Piepkorn and Loy Larson were our musical entertainment with a memorable Christmas show of songs and a sing-a-long of Christmas carols.*

Thank you Merrill and Loy!

The $5 Bag Sale committee introduced representatives for the Friends of the Children and the Prison Ministries of Cass County charities and each received a check for $1000. Nila Halvorson gave a history of the Messiah Great Giveaway and $5 Bag sale. JoNell Moore was our emcee and Pastor Laurie shared a Christmas message. Thank you both for your inspirational messages.

Thirteen ladies decorated the tabletops with their own Christmas china, glassware & centerpieces. They included: Nancy Kaler, Yvette Nasset, Aura Lee Mohror, Loralyn and Phyllis Benson, Karen Hendrickson, Lora Elfstrum, Diane Gibson, Phyllis Sauer, Pat Solberg, Mary Bjerke, Melody Holden and Andrea Steinmetz.

Thank you as well to: Crystal Dahl, Lindsey Thorstad and Jan Nelson who seated guests; Gail Nelson, Lori Martindale, Dottie Stegman, Yvette Nasset, Linda Lou Colquhoun, Andrea Steinmetz, Sally Backman and Linda James for baking desserts; Jan Nelson, Lenore Wermager, Marge Morris, Nancy Kaler and Aura Lee Mohror for Friday food prep; Yvette Nasset and Calli Gerst for decoration the Connection Center; Paul Mohror, Kip Kaler, Darren Benson, Stan James, Doug Nasset, Stan Andrist, Steve Sauer, and Doug Benson for being waiters & servers.

The Christmas Brunch committee members were: Nancy Kaler, Tabletop Hostesses; Yvette Nasset, Decorating; and Aura Lee Mohror, Food (planning the menu, food preparation and the food volunteers). We enjoyed chicken divan crepes, a veggie cup, croissant and a gingerbread dessert. Phyllis Benson was the Brunch Committee Chair. Thank you again to the 79 ladies who attended and to the 38 who volunteered to make this Advent event possible and memorable!

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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is a Messenger of God's Grace.

Vision Statement:

...to nurture a deep spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ inspiring all people to Christ-like maturity, equipping them to do His work, and to celebrate and experience His love.

Staff

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Karen Dockendorf
Youth:
Crystal Dahl
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Katelynn Norman

Information

Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship

Contemporary Worship
5:15 p.m. Meal
6:00 p.m. Worship

Office Hours
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Hour of Worship TV Schedule & Online Options
Messiah's The Hour of Worship can be seen on WDAY-TV, Channel 6 at 11 a.m. on Sundays. It will also be available on Vimeo® and by links on Facebook®.

The Messenger Deadline
5 p.m. on the 15th of Jan. for the Feb. Edition. No copy for the newsletter will be accepted after this time.

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