

# MESSIAH'S MESSENGER

Knowing Jesus + Serving Jesus + Sharing Jesus

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FOOD PANTRY PACKING DAYS

November 3 and November  
17 from 9:00 -11:00 am in the  
Joy Center.

### MESSIAH LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 10, at  
8:00 a. at Carolina Fine Foods  
in Simpsonville

ANJA CIRCLE meets at  
Southern Culture on  
November 8 at 6:30 pm  
Please RSVP to Carolyn Buie  
at [3carolynbe@gmail.com](mailto:3carolynbe@gmail.com)  
We look forward to seeing  
you!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

November 7 – Josh Palmer  
(Astronomy)

November 14 – Mike Chesser  
(Lord's Prayer)

November 21 – CLOSED

November 28 – Advent  
Worship

*Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,  
but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see  
the Day drawing near. – Hebrews 10:25*

People of Messiah:

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Thanksgiving is the best holiday on the calendar. While we have high expectations for the food, we tend to have low expectations for how folks will dress and what we'll do after the sideboard is cleared of the last slice of pecan pie. When else can we simply come as we are, feast, and enjoy the company of the saints? Hmm... *Sunday Morning? Messiah's Fall Festival? Joy Luncheon? Young Adult Festive Friday? Holy Folders? Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast? Wednesday Nights? Youth Group on Sundays?*

The first goal of Messiah's Strategic Plan – Let Your Light Shine – is simple and elegant:

**Messiah aspires to be a **GATHERED** congregation of God's people deepening the faith of all through worship, study, service, and fellowship.**

Yes, we gather often and tend to gather well. But are we successful in inviting our neighbors, friends, and families to our Gatherings? What about members of the Messiah Family we haven't seen in a while? When's the last time you reached out to the person who's missing from your pew or small group? When new faces or familiar faces come to our various gatherings, are we hospitable?

As we press forward with God's vision for ministry in this place, we must become even more intentional in our various practices of Gathering. Spending time with the saints fills us with the support, joy, and accountability we all need to fuel our daily discipleship. Gather as often as you are able and make gatherings with the saints at Messiah a priority for you and your family.

We'll keep brewing the coffee.

November blessings,

*Pastor Michael*

## UPDATES

### NOVEMBER FLOWERS

**COST OF FLOWERS - \$53**

CAROL SCHMIDT 297-7814

NOVEMBER 4 -Open

NOVEMBER 11 -Bobbi Burns

NOVEMBER18 - Kathy

Langenderfer

NOVEMBER 25-Porter and

Anne Jones

### ON THE KIOSK

**COOKIES AND FRUIT FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Signup if you would like to bring cookies and fruit to the Gathering Area or FAC for Fellowship Time after worship.

**CALL FOR CRÈCHES:** Every year Messiah displays a beautiful crèche in the Gathering Area as part of our advent and Christmas Celebrations. Could we add yours to the mix? If you would like to display your crèche for one Sunday during the Advent or Christmas seasons, please pick a date and let us know (on the Kiosk)

### INFORMATION UPDATE

**HAVE A CHANGE TO YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE #, EMAIL, ETC?**

Please email the change to:  
[updates@messiahmauldin.org](mailto:updates@messiahmauldin.org)  
 Please us this facility versus verbal request for change.

## IN THE NEWS

### PRAYER BEADS

What do you know about Protestant prayer beads? They can be a tool for prayer: 1. Your mind wanders, 2. You get bored, 3. Wonder if you're being heard or 4. Struggle with what to say. Roma Blair and I are working on putting together two work sessions Sunday, November 18th and Wed. Nov.28th. The last day for sign ups is Sun. Oct.28th. Watch the kiosk for a sign up sheet. We have a lady willing to come and teach a group of us on how to make them. Then that group will help others make theirs during the work sessions. We really need some volunteers to help us with this part. We also have someone coming to the sessions who can give us some history on the beads and how to use them. We do not have a cost at this time but will let you know as soon as we do. We believe these prayer beads are a wonderful way to enhance your prayer life. Please contact Kathi DeVoe (404)558-2674 if you would like to volunteer

### BIBLES

November 11 is Third Grade Bible Sunday. If you have a third or fourth grader who has not yet received a Bible from Messiah, please let the office know as soon as possible.

### DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

#### WE NEED YOU ON THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM!

The Wednesday night Fellowship suppers are financially self-sufficient and we would like to keep it that way. But it will take a team effort. So the Fellowship team is looking to create cooking teams of 4 to help with Wednesday night suppers. The menus will be very simple. If we can get 6 to 8 teams this would be approximately 3 times a year that you would serve. It is an extremely delightful opportunity. So grab a few friends and build a team. Training is available. Contact: Council Representative John Ihme ([jnihme@gmail.com](mailto:jnihme@gmail.com)) or Fellowship Chair, Mary Salgado at ([marysal@hotmail.com](mailto:marysal@hotmail.com))

## PANTRY NEWS

### FOOD PANTRY

October has been a very busy month for the Pantry volunteers as we prepare for the upcoming holidays. We have signed up each client who came to the Pantry in October and beginning the first of November, we will be handing out turkeys or hens – depending on the size of the family – along with a bag of fixings to complete a Thanksgiving meal. The church youth did a great job of decorating each bag by hand – we have some real artists in this community! Thank you to Alysia and Sharon Chesser's Sunday school class. As of mid-month, our clients have signed up for 27 turkeys and 57 hens. We expect that number to grow by the end of the month.

A group of folks from Brookwood came and helped us with the packing on October 20<sup>th</sup> and they will come back to pack bags of fruit and nuts to give each of our clients for a December treat! We thank our Tuesday volunteer, Jenny Carroll, who has brought these kind folks to Messiah to help us! Couldn't do it without people like this on our side! Again, we encourage our own members to come join us for a packing and to see how things operate. If you are interested, please contact Mary Wimmer or Connie Policicchio or sign up on the kiosk in the gathering area.

During September, we served 103 families, 53 of those families had a senior (60 yrs or older) head of household. The total number of people served was 289. The food of the month for November will be 1 pound boxes of spaghetti. Please leave your contributions in the grocery cart on the lower level of the gathering area. We thank you for your continued support of our ministry and wish everyone a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*Thank  
You*

To my Christian friends and family at Messiah,

You have made me feel very blessed with Pastor Michael's visits and bringing my communion. To the Life Group for the beautiful flowers, the many cards, prayers and phone calls. To the Holy Folders for calls of concern and to Lynne for keeping up with my progress. A hug is a great gift – one size fits all and I received many. A special thank you to all but what is in my heart means so much more-and a closer walk with thee.

Darlene Zinnel

## MORE NEWS!

### WELCA

Mona Turner, Kathi DeVoe, and Peggy Snyder attended the WELCA Foothills Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Pickens, on Saturday, Oct. 6. We learned about The Dream Center, a faith-based ministry located just outside Easley. It gives people in poverty a "hand up," instead of a "hand out." It opened 5 years ago. People must qualify for the year long program. During this time, they attend several classes every month, including Bible Study. They live at the Opportunity Village, where 13 tiny houses have been built so far. The goal is for the people to become successful and self-sufficient. The center has opened 2 thrift stores to help fund the program - one in Easley and one in Pickens. A lady who recently completed the program shared her personal story, which was both emotional and powerful. The state WELCA convention will be held next summer on June 7-8, 2019, at St. Stephen's Lutheran in Lexington. The theme is Grace and Community. The projects will benefit girls/women affected by human trafficking and our service men and women serving overseas. I encourage all ladies to consider attending. Scholarship money is available to help with convention expenses. Just ask Mona, Peggy, or Kathi and they can tell you how to apply.

Blessings to all,  
Mona

### THRIVENT BASKETS OF FOOD

Each year the proceeds of the Pastor Ted's Golf Outing go to purchase food for those in need in our County. We will be packing baskets of food (normally 2 to 3 cartons of food per family) on November 16th at Messiah Lutheran Church starting at 6:00 pm. We welcome any of your members who would like to help with this packing. Additionally, we are asking you if you know of any families in your church community who would benefit from such a basket. We usually pack about 96 baskets. You need not tell us the names of those families, simply let me know the number of baskets you would like and pick those baskets up about 7:30 pm on the 16th. Please let me know the number of baskets you are requesting. With your help, together, we can help those in our communities who are in need of food.

Thank You, Linda Stazer - Pastor Ted's Committee Member  
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864-243-2868

## EVEN MORE NEWS

### KOINONIA 2.1: YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

#### Dates

Thursday, **November 8th** 6:30 pm: Book Group at home of Krista & Michael  
 Friday, **November 16th** 6:30pm: Festive Friday: Friday at location TBA  
 Saturday, **December 15th** 4:00 pm: Christmas Party (*looking ahead!*) at home of Charlotte & John Ihme

#### Updates

We are beginning a new book on Thursday, November 8th: *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. If any young adults would like to join us and need a copy, please contact the church office ASAP.

The Young Adults have had a busy Fall, creating a dedicated space upstairs in the FAC, assisting with some Wednesday evening meals, and convening a Young Adult Ministry Team to work on a strategic vision. If you look around, you are likely to spot a young adult doing ministry at MLC: working with our youth, offering their gifts to the choir and bell choir, engaging in social ministries, and serving on Council. Though few in number (at least for now), our young adults are a vibrant part of our congregational community.



To date, 62 families have pledged \$221,028 towards Messiah's 2019 budget. For the 2018 Budget, 101 families pledged \$325,156. Prayerfully consider your response to the Spirit's ongoing work in our congregation. Pledge cards are available in the church office. Your family's financial contributions support outreach ministries, ministry staff, the work of the ELCA, and "keep the lights on." God continues to bless every one of us. Let us generously respond by sharing our blessings for the good of the Church.



## **YOUTH NEWS**

**Friday 2-Sun. 4** – Catechism Fall Retreat @ Lutherock

**Sunday 4** – High School Outing to Denver Downs 12:15-5:30

**Wednesday 7** – Teen Night 6-7 pm

**Sunday 11** – 6-8th Grade Catechism Class 2:30-5:30 pm  
Christmas Play Practice 5:30-8 pm (middle school dismissed at 6:30)

**Wednesday 14** – Teen Night 6-7 pm

**Sunday 18** – Christmas Play Practice 6-8 pm

**Wednesday 21** – **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES** – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**Sunday 25** – Christmas Play Practice 6-8 pm

**Wednesday 28** – Teen Night 6-6:30 pm, Crismon Service @ 6:30

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS**

### **ACTIVITIES!!**

Saturday Dec. 8 - Youth Christmas Play Performance

Sunday Dec. 9 - Youth Christmas Play Performance

Wednesday Dec. 12 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday Dec. 16 - Christmas Music Sunday

Christmas Caroling





### **High School Youth Outing**

Sunday Nov. 4; 12:15 -5:30 pm

\$15 Admission

Eat before you come, bring a sack lunch,  
or bring \$\$ for concessions at the Farm

## **You are invited to our annual Youth Christmas Play**

**Worst**   
~~On the First Day~~  
**of Christmas**

**Saturday December 8, 7:00 pm**

**Sunday December 9, 7:00 pm**

Admission: An item for cancer care bags:  
*Water tumblers(with lids), journals, devotionals, pens, lip  
balm, small lotions (with no scent), Sudoku and  
crossword puzzle books, individual packs of Kleenex,  
batting fill (We will begin collection on Sunday Nov. 18*

**NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

9<sup>th</sup> Sarah Amador  
 11<sup>th</sup> Daniel Crofts  
 Ryan Crofts  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Yost  
 Marcia VanDeVelde  
 15<sup>th</sup> Ella Demuth  
 16<sup>th</sup> Sheri Zitzke  
 17<sup>th</sup> Betty Meals  
 Elfi Swales  
 20<sup>th</sup> Shannon Julian  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Harrison Taggart  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Culler  
 Joe Selig  
 24<sup>th</sup> Charles Lantz  
 Peggy Taylor  
 26<sup>th</sup> Dick Bergmann  
 28<sup>th</sup> Linda Cannon  
 29<sup>th</sup> Lisa Wolf (Mrs. Dennis  
 Wolf)

***If your name is not listed above,  
 please call the church office. Thank  
 You!***

**PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Richard & Mary Miller, Blair & Deb Tidmarsh, Gail Williams, Ruth Miller, Betty Thacker, Judy Gisman, Helen Wolfe, Helen Weiger, Paul Bachtel, John Stone, Tom Manske, Mary Carbaugh, Elsie Switzer, Gary Carbaugh, Bill & Marilyn Hendrix, Jenny Leudke, Joyce Dodd, Marilyn Harmon, Fred Covalt, Sandy Sanders (Kevin Sterling), Jan Beaty, Hilda Hecker, Dick Bergmann, Darlene Zinnel, Ursula Moran, Patrick & Toni Pryor.

**PRAYERS FOR:**

Martha Axman, daughter of Helen Weiger  
 The son-in-law of Joe Gobbet  
 The daughter of Marlowe and Betty Lindstrom  
 The brother of Laura Boyer  
 Linda Schertz, the mother of Daniel Schertz.  
 David Ramsey, the father of Tom Ramsey  
 The wife of Jeff Vissage

**PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY ARE WITH:**

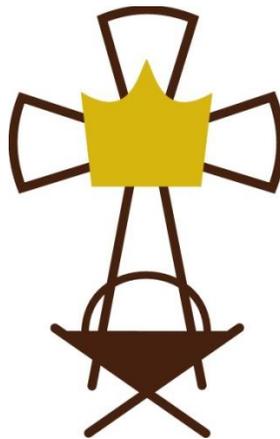
Wayne Lomax at the death of his uncle.  
 Elaine Davis at the death of her brother.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** **Todd Chambers:** nephew of Jim & Sherry Crofts, **Britain Weaver:** son of Paul & Barbara Weaver, **Derek Clayton:** brother of Melissa Walser and uncle of Pat & Chris Innes, **Tony Kizziah:** grandson-in-law of Helen Weiger, **Forrest Reid:** nephew of Rod & Donna Brown, **Andrew Jones:** grandson of Marilyn Harmon, **Lee Williams:** son-in-law of Gary & Renee Carbaug, **Leo & Thomas Kasmer:** grandsons of Adeline Blegen, **Christopher Bair:** nephews of Jay & Lisa Best, **Gary Pagan:** brother-in-law of Jon & Jenny Luedke, **Michael Oberkramer:** nephew of Jim & Martha Amador, **Thomas Johnson:** great nephew of Ralph & Mary Wimmer, **Lance Bonkosk:** the husband of Lee & Helen Fisher's granddaughter, **Adam Disque:** son-in-law of Fred & Beth Fulmer, Jessica Lanford, daughter of Elizabeth Lanford and Jacob Lanford, son of Elizabeth Lanford.

## CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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