

The Messiah

MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At Messiah, the month of January is typically spent closing out the previous year and preparing for the many aspects of the Annual Report and Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

To be honest, one of the more agonizing processes is the preparation of the budget. The priorities of our ministries should be reflected in our budget. One category of the budget is benevolence. Messiah has a history of generosity towards benevolence in the community, state, country and world.

In her sermon prior to the Annual Meeting, Pastor Brenda Smith prepared a Top 10 Things MLC does to make a difference in the world. She researched and discovered these things that our community does to reach out and make a difference in the world:

- We support our Global Mission partner, Pastor Philip Knutson, as he teaches and proclaims Christ in South Africa
- We teach children in both Cross+Gen and Sunday School
- We have Bible Studies out in the community or in members' homes
- We confirm young people in the traditions of the faith
- We share our campus with support groups
- We share our campus with community groups like Zumba and Scouts
- We care for and teach children in the CCC
- We have a "super duper musician" to fill our hearts with the music of God;
- We have a fulltime pastor who works to "share the passion for the gospel"
- And most importantly, we have each other, to share, to lift up, to preach and teach with, to spread the Good News of Christ.

As Congregational President Larry Ryczek said, our faith community is indeed Mighty! Just like our Christ, Mighty Messiah offers ministries that touch the lives of many people. We serve by actively offering the love of God and the light of Christ to people who are often "the least among us" and those whom are most in need.

Yes, we are Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, and we may be small in numbers, but we are mighty in our support of ministries that touch people all around Illinois. May God continue to bless what we do so that we can continue doing what God blesses! Let us continue to proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in a Mighty way!

Thanks be to God!

In Christ,



OUR MISSIONARY: REV. DR. PHILIP KNUTSON

Be sure to check out blog page: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>



IRENE L. LUCK

July 24, 1927 – Jan. 15, 2018

Longtime Messiah member Irene Luck died on Jan. 15.



Irene was born in Harbor, Ind., to John and Julia Kohler. She grew up in Calumet City, Illinois.

While attending the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Irene met Frank Luck, a returning WWII soldier from

Arkansas. They married after his graduation and moved to Chicago.

Three children later, the couple relocated to Glenview. Irene completed her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and her Master's in Educational Administration at North Park College. For years, she was a well-loved sixth grade teacher at Washington School.

Irene loved volunteering, cooking, traveling, reading mysteries and spending time with her grandchildren.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Frank Luck. She leaves behind her children, Julie (David) Jensen, Jim (Lisa) Luck and Lori (Paul) Ellinger and grandchildren Joe (Katlyn) Ellinger, Trygve Jensen, Elise (Mark) Holmes, Tait Jensen, Joseph Luck and Elizabeth Luck and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

THOMAS C. JASON

Jan. 12, 1929 – Jan. 9, 2018

Tom Jason, a member of Messiah since 1957, passed away on Jan. 9, 2018.

Tom valued his family above everything else except the Lord.

He enjoyed every moment with his wife of over 50 years, Marcy, and their two sons, Brian and Bruce.

At home, Tom enjoyed building his elaborate model railroad city. In the summer, gardening was his passion.

He donated his time at Messiah teaching Sunday school, ushering and counting money every week.

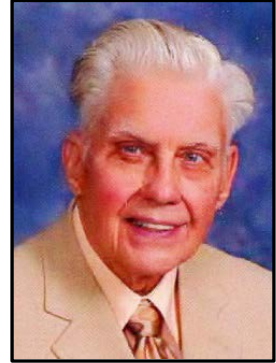
Tom is survived by his son, Brian; his daughter-in-law, Laura, and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Salena.

We will all really miss his contagious smile, but know that he is smiling even more in heaven and is now at peace!

His wife, Marcella, and his son Bruce preceded him in death.

He leaves behind his son, Brian (Laura); and his beloved grandchildren, Jeremy and Salena.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or to the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.



FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA!

Traditionally during Lent we give up something that we like a lot and makes us feel good. You know, like dessert!

The intention is to make us appreciate it more once Lent is over. So, Lent is on the horizon, have you decided what you are going to give up? I have, and what I'm giving up affects all of you. I'm giving up "Alleluia."

That's right! As a Music Ministry Coordinator in a "liturgical" church, I have to give up using Liturgies, Hymns and Anthems that have the word "Alleluia" in them. The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell developed in the Middle Ages in Babylon. The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns.

You will also notice a change in the mood of the music during Lent. While not all the music will be dark and macabre, there will be more "reflective" style hymns as we journey through the 40 days up to that joyous Easter morning where Alleluias will resound again as we proclaim, "*Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*"

In the spirit of an ecumenical church, several non-liturgical denominations such as the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ also participate in the process of saying "farewell to Alleluia," although by their doctrine not required to.

Our sending hymn on Sunday, Feb. 11 will be "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (ELW 318), the third stanza goes like this:

*Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while for-go
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow*

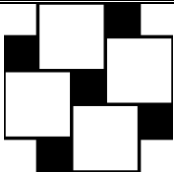
Farewell, "Alleluia"! You are gone but not forgotten, and we will hold you in our hearts. See you soon! Shalom! Roger



Transfiguration
Sunday ~
February 11

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14
Imposition of Ashes
9:15 am CCC Chapel
7:00 pm Service





LENTEN SERVICE SQUARED ON TUESDAYS!

This year Messiah will observe Lent with two different types of services. The first is a prayer service focusing on God's Word and music from Holden Evening Prayer.

The second type of service is a weekly service project where we give of ourselves instead of giving up something for Lent. The project will involve making "Plarn Mats"!

These two services will take place on Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. with final service on Tuesday March 20. The prayer service will last about 30 minutes in the sanctuary and will be followed by work on the "Plarn Mats" in the Friendship Place. Then the 40-Day Choir will follow around 7:45/8 p.m. The choir is open to all! Plarn will also be available to work on at 5:00 for all you plarn enthusiasts (we had fun last year!!)

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

We'd like to share with all of you that our Monday Assistance Ministry guests frequently tell us how very thankful they are for Messiah and the fact that our members are so generous. Once again, we want to say "THANKS" to each of you!

This past Monday we had two new guests, both recently homeless. The gentleman was widowed recently and on his own, wasn't able to pay the rent so is now on the street. His friend heard that they could get a meal and clothing at Messiah so they came, although asking for help was difficult. They enjoyed a meal and looked through the clothing and were grateful for the \$10 Jewel cards. What a wonderful witness to be able to share our gifts with others and to love our neighbors.

Warm clothing (especially men's L and XL), hand and foot warmers, toiletries (small sizes), luncheon meats and cheese for sandwiches to go, meatloaf, casseroles, pasta, chili, etc. are always welcome. Gift cards to Jewel, Dollar Tree, etc. are appreciated.

Blessings, Connie Kaufman

QUILTS & KITS

We're looking forward to a special quilt day on Feb. 11. That Sunday is also Transfiguration Sunday and Scout Sunday! So how can we tie in quilt assembly? All HANDS on deck!! Come to church on the 11th and see!

Also, we've started to gather items for Personal Care Kits. The Personal Care Kits contain bath towels, bars of soap (two 4-oz. bars per kit), nail clippers, toothbrushes and sturdy combs. If you don't have time to shop, we can shop for you for a donation of \$5 per kit. Meanwhile, see you on the 11st!

And remember, no sewing experience necessary! So join us in assembling quilts, along with good fellowship! And save March 18 for our quilting session in March!

For additional information and to volunteer, contact Carol Hrodey at cjhrodey@sbcglobal.net or 847-828-7819.

MESSIAH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Feb. 4, we will be meeting for Sunday School. We will be discussing Ash Wednesday, and getting ready for Lent. Then on March 4 at 9:00 a.m. we'll continue our discussion of Lent and prepare for Easter!

Children ages 4-10 are all invited to attend! Parents are encouraged to attend with their child to encourage their faith formation and to build faith relationships with other families. Contact Aly Allemeier for more information.

CHAT ROOM

Join us for Chat Room on Sundays at 9 in the Friendship Place in January. If you have requests/ideas for future topics, contact David Swanson or Steve Yager.

CONFIRMATION

Feb. 4 will wrap up Souper Bowl of Caring, our annual collection for non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Meanwhile the confirmands meet with Pat Kovach at 9:00 a.m. Sundays at 9 in the Confirmation Room, off the choir loft! In February they will continue studying the Old Testament.

February Highlights:

Pizza Party and Open House
Thursday, Feb. 8

5:45 p.m. – Pizza Party for Current Messiah families (in the Friendship Place)

6:15 p.m. – Valentine Party and Open House for current families and anyone wanting more information about the Child Care Center

People in Our Neighborhood

Weeks of Feb. 19 and 26 and March 5

The children will be learning about occupations and people who work in our community. During the week of Feb. 26, we will be doing a week of "class rotation." Each classroom will be transformed into a part of the community (doctor's office, post office, library, etc.) and the children will move to the other rooms and experience their settings. Additionally, we will still be doing some parent presentations (the weeks of Feb. 19 and March 5).

If you would be interested in sharing your job with the children at Messiah, please see Miss Karen. You would present a 15-20 minute 'job show and tell' to 4 or 5 classes, beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending about 11:15 a.m.

See Miss Karen if you are available to help with any of our People in Our Neighborhood activities.



PLEASE check with church office before you schedule an event – there is a room assignment calendar maintained by the Office Manager.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING COMES TO A SIMMER IN FEBRUARY



Tackle Hunger through your participation in this year's SouperBowl of Caring! Please join us as we collect food and money for the Maine Township Food Pantry to feed hungry families right in our own local area. Our Youth Group will complete collections on Feb. 4.

SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF!

To add to the proceeds for the Food Pantry we're holding a Cook-Off! Bowls will be available for purchase and you can sample as many entries as you like. PLUS you will have a chance to vote on the Chili and Soup that you liked the best. Trophies will be given for first place and runner up! Contact Roger Turek for more information.

CUB SCOUT PACK 105

Scout Sunday is Feb. 11! Come welcome our Scouts!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spaghetti Dinner is tentatively a go this February, but help is needed to wrangle it and set it up.

Pat Kovach is already on the job, but she needs assistance to get it done.

If you can pitch in, please contact Pat at patkov10@gmail.com or at 847-297-4883.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

The theme of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is: "This Changes Everything," based on Ephesians 2:8, "By grace you have been saved ... " The dates are June 27-July 1 in at NRG Park in Houston.

Julia and Sam Fogel, Arden Sasak and Pastor Lynne are going to join 30,000+ ELCA Youth in Houston the last week of June. There's still time to register youth if interested and the focus of service will be on Literacy. Each church group is to bring books from a curated list for the "Blast Off for Books" program. During the week in Houston, these books will be taken to community centers and read to elementary children, then donated to their library.

HELP SUPPORT US!

To raise money to help our Youth participate they're holding BAKE SALES the last Sunday of each month until they leave for Houston! The first one was a big success so please continue to participate!! Contact Debbie Sasak or Pastor Lynne to help!

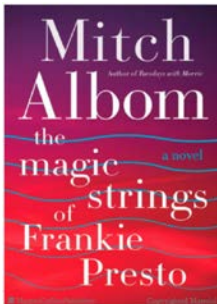


CALENDAR: February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28 Souper Bowl of Caring 0:00 AM CHAT Room 0:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Annual Meeting 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	29 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Candor Life Coaching	30 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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18 0:00 AM CHAT Room 0:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship/Lent 1/Clauser Baptism 12:00 PM EC Transition 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	19 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Candor Life Coaching	20 1:00 PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
25 0:00 AM CHAT Room 0:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship/Lent 2/Installation of Officers 11:30 AM Youth Gathering Bake Sale 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	26 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 11:00 AM Assistance Ministry 1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting 7:00 PM Candor Life Coaching	27 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 105: Tiger, Wolf, Webelo Dens 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	15 11:15 AM CCC Kindermusik 7:00 PM Messiah Book Club	16	17 11:00 AM HAC Worship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
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UPCOMING EVENTS



MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018
at 7 p.m. in the
Friendship Place

We will discuss the book, "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom. Mitch Albom creates his most unforgettable character – Frankie Presto, the greatest guitarist ever to walk the earth – in this magical novel about the power of talent to change our lives.

Book Club is open to anyone who enjoys reading. All are welcome. If anyone has any questions, please contact Paul Holzer at 847-296-0734.

REMINDERS FOR FEBRUARY

Manna Orders Due – Feb. 5
Brotherhood Breakfast – Saturday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. All men at Messiah are invited! We meet at Jimmy's on Rand Road. Good conversation and food.

Quilts & Kits We'll see you on Feb. 11! And remember, there's no sewing experience necessary! So join us for quilt assembly and good fellowship!

Ash Wednesday Imposition of ashes at CCC Chapel Service and 7:00 pm service

Lenten Service Squared Starts Feb. 20 with Holden Prayer Service at 6:30 and Plarn Service Project following. Then join us for 40-day Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal. Plarn will also be available to work on at 5:00 prior to Prayer Service.

COMING IN MARCH

Manna Orders Due – March 5
Lenten Service Squared continues on Tuesdays until March 20
Youth Lock In & Egg Stuffing March 16
Quilts & Kits March 18
Cook County Voting, March 20, in Friendship Place
Feed My Starving Children Youth Event March 26-30 (dates TBA)

Community Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24

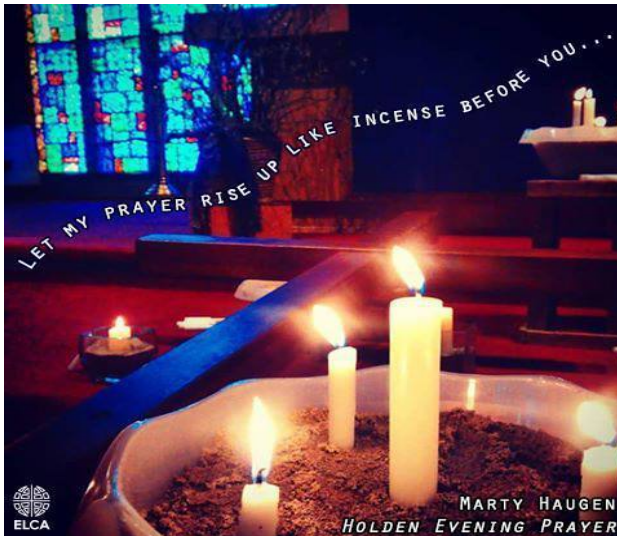


Palm Sunday, March 25
Youth Bake Sale March 25
Maundy Thursday, March 29
Good Friday, March 30

And Easter Sunday is APRIL 1!!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Sunday	Worship Focus	ChatRoom	Confirmation
Feb 4	Fifth Sunday After Epiphany 1 st Lesson: <i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 147:1-11, 20c</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	TBD	Ruth & Naomi
Feb 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord/ Last Sunday After Epiphany 1 st Lesson: <i>2 Kings 2:1-12</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 50:1-6</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Corinthians 4:3-6</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 9:2-9</i>	TBD	David & Johnathon
Feb 18	First Sunday in Lent 1 st Lesson: <i>Genesis 9:8-17</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 25:1-10</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1:9-15</i>	TBD	King David and The Book of Psalms
Feb 25	Second Sunday in Lent 1 st Lesson: <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 22:23-31</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>Romans 4:13-25</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 8:31-38</i>	TBD	Old Testament Quiz



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

This lovely setting of vespers that follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language will be the basis for our Lenten Services.

Come and hear!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
	10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Acolytes	Evelyn A	Kyle H	Millie D	Michaelene M
Communion Assistants	Aly A	Laura H	Mayra D	Mary Jo M
Readers	Pat K	Rich L	Sam F	Nick L
Worship Assistants	Diane B	Cindy N	Tryg J	Karen B
Projection	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Marilynn D	Sue K	Marilynn D	Cindy N
Counter	Paul H	Paul H	Paul H	Paul H

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Sunday	Flowers are given ...	Bulletins are given ...
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex by the hall to the Educational Wing. Flowers are \$40, and the Bulletins are \$10. Envelopes are provided next to the sign-up calendar, or you may simply write "Flowers" or "Bulletin" on your regular envelope in the Other box.</i>		
Feb 4	In honor of Mom's birthday, from Jim and Trudi	Available.
Feb 11	Scout Sunday	Scout Sunday
Feb 18	In memory of Norma Murk, from the Kovachs.	Available.
Feb 25	Available.	Available.

CHURCH BUSINESS

EC CORNER

Highlights from the Jan. 15 meeting include:

- Leadership Slate 2018
- Annual Meeting Agenda
- Fundraising
- LSSI use of Parsonage
- 2018 Budget
- Assistance Ministry

2017 Annual Report can be accessed on our website at www.messiahparkridge.org

December Attendance

Wk1=51 Wk2=42 Wk3=40 Wk4=60 Wk5=26
 *82 unique individuals attended worship between 1 and 5 times in December.

December Giving (Gen. Fund & MAP)

Wk1=\$2,713 Wk2=\$1,668
 Wk3=\$4,704 Wk4=\$2,949 Wk5=2,003

MESSAGES

🎵 CHOIR MARDI GRAS 🎵

Members of Gloria Dei Choir are having a Mardi Gras get-together social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, prior to their regular practice time of 7:30. It will be held at the home of Marilynn Duckett, 1480 Dee Road, Park Ridge.

Any and all individuals who enjoy music are invited to join us.

If you would like to attend, contact Marilynn by Feb. 11 at 847-825-2571 or dd1480@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS

Following the Prayerful Process, Janitha Chellian and Jim Handzel have answered the call to be our new treasurer and financial secretary, respectively.

Jim succeeds Paul Holzer as financial secretary. The office of treasurer had been filled by President Larry Ryczek the past few months. We thank them both for stepping up to serve our congregation!

MILESTONES



BIRTHDAYS

Jean Reeve, 2/3
Sarah Litwin, 2/8

William Norberg, 2/9
Jaxon Winiarski, 2/11
Bob Hanson, 2/16
Linka Jones, 2/17
Lisa Saul, 2/18
Timothy Saul, 2/18
Nikolaus Ryczek, 2/19

Sarah Nugnis, 2/24
Rosemary Paulus, 2/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and Connie Kaufman
– 2/28/1976, 42 years

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary here, that means the church office does not have it in the system. Please let us know if we don't have your "celebration information!"

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STAFF		EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM	
Pastor:	Rev. Lynne Morrow	Assistance Ministry:	Connie Kaufman
Music Ministry Coord.:	Roger Turek	Altar Guild:	Sue Kopij, Cindy Norberg
Child Care Center Dir.:	Karen Black	Brotherhood:	Rich Seggeling
Office Manager:	Rodney Richey	CHAT Room:	David Swanson Steve Yager
Bookkeeper:	Daniel Kovach	Cross+Gen:	Julie Luck Jensen
Property Coordinator:	David Hanson	Confirmation/Youth:	Pat Kovach
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		Memorials:	Carol Hrodey
President:	Larry Ryczek	Women's Svc. Group:	Trudi Handzel Carol Hrodey
Vice President:	Trygve Jensen	Spiritual Gifts Coord.:	Steve Yager
Secretary:	Aly Allemeier	Worship Assistants:	David Swanson
Treasurer:	Janitha Chellian	Worship Readers:	Rich Levy
Financial Sec.:	Jim Handzel	Ushers:	Larry Ryczek
CCC BOARD		John 17 Fellowship:	David Swanson Steve Yager
Chair:	Tim Saul, Erik Grove	Prayer Cards:	Jackie Steigerwald
Secretary:	Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij	Sign Ministry:	Staff
Treasurer:	Pat Kovach		
CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS			
Floyd Yager and Jennie Read Robles			

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS REPORT *as of January 28, 2018*

All gifts to the Memorial Fund are automatically acknowledged to the giver by a personal note, which includes a confirmation of the amount. Unless otherwise designated, all gifts go into the Messiah Accessibility Project (MAP). Addresses and envelope numbers on memorial cards or checks are much appreciated. The purpose of this report is to confirm that gifts are received and properly allocated. If you don't see your gift listed here after 2 months, please contact Carol Hrodey at cjhrodey@sbcglobal.net.

In memory of Neil Hauser: Floyd & Kristin Yager
 In memory of Donna Hanson: Sue Kopij
 In memory of Tom Jason: Dave Hanson and Laura & Brian Jason
 In memory of Irene Luck: Dave Hanson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (JAN.)

We give much thanks for the new railings at our north and west doors, provided and installed by JB Metal Works, owned by a former member, Steve Burval!

We give thanks to God for Jenni Hanson following her call to serve as a Conservation Officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

We bid Mikey Hanson Godspeed as he is deployed to San Diego as a new recruit in the US Marine Corps.

We rejoice with Paul Song, HKCC, as he has entered the U.S. Navy Program Office as a Chaplain Candidate.

A note from Ruth Presentka: "To my friends at Messiah: Thank you for remembering me in your prayers and for the cards you sent. Words cannot express the comfort those cards bring me. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please include the following in your prayers this month: Our prayers for **healing** are with: Trudi Handzel, Pat Kivel, Al Rembis, Mark Banaszak, Annette, Ashley Williams,

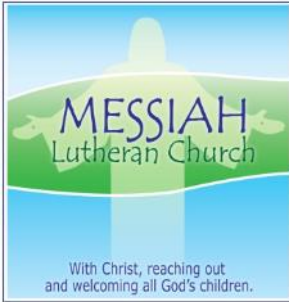
Leslie, Jillian, Steve Homberg, Tom Jencius, Ruth Perzentka, the Luck/Jensen/Ellinger families, Robert Tollick, the Hanson family, Bob Kallas, Sharon Rose Keenon, Julie Ketola, Francis, Hailey and Johnny, Kathy, Rochele Kasny, June Abbryscato, Danny O'Connor, the family of Rafael Soto, Tom Daniels, the Wiberg family, the Hauser Family, the family of Vern Frost, Felicia, Sharon Wilk, Warren Lathan, Robert Saul, the family of Jeff Koszczuk, Teri and Bill Muenster, John Francis, Cookie Bonilla and her sisters and brother, Gilbert Garcia (Jeanette's dad), Annie's new baby and family (John, Elissia, Naz), Dorothy Nagel, Ted Gradt, Judy Jones, Carolyn Morrow, Doris Hay, Nancy Wendt, Ping, Lori, Michelle, Bob Morrow, Michael Baumeister and family, Myra Lusiak, Terry, Ruth, Judith, Betty & Ray Hoyle, Szul family, Lukasz Stechnij, Baby Grace Horton, Jackie Saul, Tom & Berni, Chris, Debby Brown, Beth Perfetti, Diane, Lorraine, Margot, David Swanson, Chuck Powers, Piper, Mr. Young, Millie Anderson and family, Auntie Helmke, Teri and Bill Muenster, Joe, Nancy Maltec (Rhonda Cady's mom), Tyler, Zander, Chad Adams and Family, Griffin family, Dottie Burger, Terry DeSchepper, Dan S., Helmke Fields, Brad Kovach, John, Linda Ostrand, Carol Hrodey, Jeanne Dumerer, Laura Soto, Bob and Justine Bisgard, Barb Loverme, Jeane Reeve, Eva Thoren, Julie Higgins, Maria Raica, Arlene Baranowski, those living with cancer, those living with mental illness, those dealing with sorrow, Norb Wenson, Cathie Glesener, Diane Brendza, Ron Nytko, Robin Horton, Fran, Chris, Julia Ramsland, Sean White, Jackie Powers, Mary Cvetan, Bill Schuman, Charlie Kizer, Gary Hamilton, Ruth, Sandi,

Tom, Tony, Mary, Peg, David, Don, JT, Mary-Jean, Jim, Ed, Nancy, Scott, Mary, Jimmy, Dan, Barb, Rich Levy.

Those requesting prayers for **other purposes such as emotional, grief, financial, employment, general or unknown** are: the family of Dwayne and Michelle Miller, Dave Hanson, Don and Mary Jane Kovach, Dorothy Nagel, Anne Wiberg, John Francis, Anne Evans, Bill Zuhme, Debbie Dietrich, Salena Jason, the Jefferson family, Sarah Nugnis, Kevin Kovach, Terry K., Fred D., the family and friends of Jim Leeney, the Krell family, the families and staff of Child Care Center, Julie, Paul, Bonilla Family, Mike Wokisin, Haley Lippert, Eastaven Bargas, Meaghan, EB, Griffin family, Worknesh Deressa, Joann Wood, Penumaka family, Larry Dumerer, Jeane Reeve, Lippert family, Fox family, Victoria Candiotti, Provenzano family, Behl family, Schiaone family, Swenson family, Kraiger family, family of Jan Ehans, Megan, Fran, Lorenzo, families whom are seeking reconciliation, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those striving for peace in the Mideast, those living with addiction, those whom are hungry, alone or homeless, our assistance guests, and all of those affected by hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters.

We want to remember in our prayers **military and first responder personnel:** Jerred Engvall, Brandon Ajyek, Tim David, Tyler Daye, Bobby Hanson, Tom Hanson, Andreas Johnsen, Jason Koesler, Sam Krawitz, Joey Rosequist, Claudine Ward, Officer Matt McGannon.

We also want to remember in prayer our **college students:** Art DeSchepper, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Paul Song, Brynn Wildenauer, Phil Holzer, Rachel Daye.



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SUNDAYS

9 a.m. – Christian Learning Hour

10:15 a.m. – Worship and Communion

Child Care Center

Year-round 3-K

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Other Schedules

Pastor's Office Hours

Available for non-scheduled appointments:

Mon. & Wed. – 10 a.m. -1 p.m. (PM visitations)

Available beyond these hours by appointment.

Church Office

Monday – Friday

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Assistance Ministry

Monday – 11 a.m. -1 p.m. (west entrance)

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