

The Messiah MESSENGER

February 2019 - Issue #608

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for next month's *Messenger* articles is February 20.

Reaching Out	2
Messiah Ministries	3-5
<i>Assistance Ministry, Quilts & Kits, our Missionary, Christian Education, Youth, Giving</i>	
Happy Birthday Messiah!.....	5
Call to Action	6-7
Calendar.....	8-9
Upcoming Events.....	10
<i>Book Club, Brotherhood Breakfast, Manna Orders, Reminders for February & March</i>	
Messages/Announcements	11
Milestones, This Month in Worship ..	12-13
Church Business & Information	13-14
<i>Flowers and Bulletins, Leadership, Memorials & Joys</i>	
Prayers of Our People	15



With Christ,
Reaching Out
and Welcoming
All God's
Children!!



Reaching Out

In February our attention often turns to Valentine's Day and sharing our love with others. Messiah's Mission Statement, "With Christ, Reaching Out and Welcoming All God's Children" reminds us to share our love and support with others 24-7, 365 days a year! And how often do we say to someone, let me know how I can help you – but columnist, Omid Safi talks about a different way of helping others in his article "**How to Reach Out to Someone Who Is Struggling**". The following is excerpted from his article which can be found in its entirety at <https://onbeing.org/blog/omid-safi-how-to-reach-out-to-someone-who-is-struggling/>

There is a story told and retold in the Middle East about how to help someone who's drowning.

The story goes that a man had fallen into a river. He was not much of a swimmer and was in real danger of drowning. A crowd of concerned people wanted to rescue him. They were standing at the edge of the water, each of them urgently shouting out to him: "Give me your hand, give me your hand!" The man was battling the waves and ignored their urgent plea. He kept going under and was clearly struggling to take another breath. A saintly man walked up to the scene. He too cared about the drowning man. But his approach was different. Calmly he walked up to the water, waded in up to his knees, glanced lovingly at the drowning man, and said: "Take my hand." Much to everyone's surprise, the drowning man reached out and grabbed the saint's hand. The two came out of the dangerous water. The drowning man sat up at the edge of the water, breathing heavily, looking relieved, exhausted, and grateful. The crowd turned towards the saint and asked in complete puzzlement: "How were you able to reach him when he didn't heed our plea?" The saint calmly said: "You all asked him for something, his hand. I offered him something, my hand. A drowning man is in no position to give you anything."

Let us remember not to ask anything of someone who is drowning...how we can best be there (for someone who is drowning)? (Upon visiting a friend) ...We talked about this issue of how to be there for, and with, someone who was hurting, drowning. In other words, how to lend a hand, rather than asking them to give us their hand. One thing we talked about stayed with me: When a person is breaking, broken, they are so exhausted, so drained.



Asking them to come to us and share their brokenness is asking them to do more when all they can do to stay alive is to tread water...So if you are that saintly soul, if you want to reach out to someone who is struggling to stay above water, go to them. But don't ask them to give you their hand. Instead, offer them your hand. Don't ask for their heart, offer them your heart. Offer them your ear, your love, your shoulder. Let them know that you love them through the brokenness, because of the brokenness, and God-willing, after the brokenness. Let them spend that energy on surviving, on healing, on thriving. Let us love one another as we are, so that we may become all we are meant to be.

MESSIAH MINISTRIES

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

The Assistance Ministry Team continues to provide a nutritious meal and sandwiches to go along with canned goods and clothing for usually 12 - 25 persons each Monday. Pastor David joined us Monday and spent time getting to know our guests. Everyone appreciated the fact that he helped with this outreach.

Please keep our guests in your prayers. This cold weather is definitely a challenge for them as they try to find places to stay warm and dry.

We are so appreciative of those of you who have shared food with our guests. One thought is that if you are buying something at the grocery store that is buy one get one free, please consider donating the free one. Making a casserole and find that you have enough to make 2? Love making soup but your family can't eat it all? We'd be happy to serve it for you.

We always appreciate goodies left over from coffee hour and meetings. Thank you!

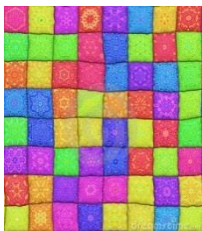
Going forward, we are trying to think of other ways of providing nutritious meals. If you have any connections to grocery stores, Costco, bakeries, meat markets, restaurants, etc. please consider if they ever make donations of foods or leftovers at the end of the day. We will pick up!



asking

With thanks,
Connie Kaufman

QUILTS & KITS



We've gotten off to a slow start this for our 2019 quilt assembly so here's hoping for better weather and better health to keep us moving forward! Everyone has busy schedules so if people would like to meet on days/times other than Sundays after service, please let one of us know.

Our next two quilt dates set for now are Sunday, February 17th and Sunday, March 17th – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! We meet after the worship service in the Friendship Place – and you know the drill – no sewing experience necessary! Also – keep watching for sales of bath towels in the beginning of the year for the Personal Care Kits. And we can always use monetary donations – a roll of batting is approximately \$112! Checks can be made out to MLCW!!
Trudi Handzel & Carol Hrodey



OUR MISSIONARY: REV. DR. PHILIP KNUTSON

Be sure to check out Reverend Knutson's blog page: southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com. In this month's newsletter he writes about a 1500 person gathering for the induction of the newly elected Dean of the Soweto Circuit Rev. J. Mogale. Reverend Knutson writes that he "was honoured to bring a greeting to the congregation on behalf of ELCA Global Mission and the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod."



Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to scheduling difficulties of time and leaders, Sunday School is currently not in session. We'd certainly like to have SS going again or an equivalent Christian Learning experience for our young people so if you would like to help with, please consider donating your time. Perhaps a team approach? And it doesn't need to be a parent of a SS student! There have been many wonderful SS teachers through the years at Messiah whose children have grown but find joy in teaching children about how much God loves them! Any ideas are welcome! If you are willing to help please contact a member of the EC.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmands meet with Pat Kovach at 9 a.m. Sundays in the Confirmation Room, off the choir loft! Miss Pat always welcomes others to teach and help with the class. They have been busy collecting food items and monetary donations for Souper Bowl of Caring, culminating February 3rd!



CHAT ROOM

Join us for Coffee & Conversation during Chat Room on Sundays at 9 in the Friendship Place. If you have requests/ideas for future topics, contact David Swanson.

MESSIAH CHILD CARE CENTER



The weeks of February 18th, 25th and March 4th, will be focused on learning about occupations and people who work in our community. During the week of February 25th, 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 adult presentations (the weeks of 2/18 and 3/4) If

you would be interested in sharing your job with the children at Messiah, please contact Karen. You would present a 15-20 minute 'job show and tell' to 4 or 5 classes, beginning at 9:15am and ending about 11:15am. See Karen if you are available to help with any of our People in Our Neighborhood activities!

On Thursday, February 7th our annual Pizza Dinner & Valentine-Making Party & CCC Open House will be held. All members of Messiah are invited! Please let the CCC office know if you plan to attend and come out and meet the CCC families (and make a Valentine!)





SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!

FEBRUARY 3RD!! Our confirmation/youth will again spearhead our annual collection for the Maine Township Food Pantry! Donations of non-perishable food and of course monetary donations started in January and the culmination of the event on Sunday, February 3rd! Please share the love by bringing food and monetary donations!!

WORLD FAMOUS MESSIAH SPAGHETTI DINNER!!

The Spaghetti Dinner has been a youth fundraiser for well over 50 years – and a great meal and wonderful fellowship for the congregation and our friends & neighbors.

The youth are still seeking someone to coordinate this years dinner currently slated for Saturday, February 16th. If we don't hear from anyone SOON, it will be rescheduled. If you can help now – or later, please let a member of EC know!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MESSIAH !



As we approach Messiah's 65th Anniversary this May, it's interesting to reflect back on our rich history of carrying out God's mission for us. Did you know that there are several active members today who grew up at Messiah? And many are raising their families at Messiah too. They include Aly Allemeier (Aly is a 3rd generation Messiah member, making Evelyn & Henry 4th generation!); Karen Black (confirmed at Messiah and CCC Director for over 40 years!); Jim Handzel (also confirmed at Messiah & current Financial Secretary); Paul Holzer (confirmed here, as were his children (baptized & confirmed) Melissa & Philip); Carol Hrodey (she came "with the bricks" being baptized and confirmed here (and making her turn 65 this year too!)); David Jensen (confirmed & married here plus his children Tryg (now VP for Messiah) and Tait were baptized and confirmed here); Karol Kamman (confirmed at Messiah); Sue Kopij (also confirmed here and her children were baptized and confirmed her and she has grandchildren who were baptized here!); Brad Kovach (confirmed here and his children Dan & Kevin were baptized & confirmed at Messiah); Mary Jo Jones (confirmed at Messiah and daughter Michaelene is currently in confirmation); and Kristin Yager (confirmed here and Thomas, Michael & Kaelyn were all baptized here plus Thomas & Michael were confirmed at Messiah!) Messiah has some deep roots indeed! There must be something about this place!! We'd love to hear from this group, as well as all our members as to what makes Messiah special to them. If we missed anyone or any important details – please let us know!

CALL TO ACTION !

Hopefully by now, we've all had a chance to read the letter from our Congregation President, Larry Ryzcek calling us to action. If you didn't get the letter for some reason, please contact the church office and we'll be sure to get one to you.

The letter points out how active our church is in terms of our ministries and outreach. And actually, we are asked to participate in and give to these ministries all year long. There are frequently special requests for various ministries within our own church as well as outside of our church. And this church is definitely a giving church!! Imagine that our small group of Crop Walk walkers frequently raises the most money out of all the other larger churches in our area! And think about the increasing number of quilts and kits we send out every year! And think about the number of visitors that come to see us every Monday to get a warm meal, some clothing, help with resources or just a friendly face that lets them know someone cares! And just walk through the Education Wing weekdays and see the beautiful faces of all the children learning about Jesus in our Child Care Center! And the list goes on. Although we don't necessarily see large numbers of people in the pews on Sundays, Messiah is truly a vital and active church. It is indeed a small, but a mighty GIVING church!

Now, here's the catch. In order to keep supporting these ministries and "With Christ, Reaching Out and Welcoming All God's Children" – Messiah needs some help too. We all know that it costs money to keep this aging building going and to pay our amazing staff. We were blessed with an endowment fund several years ago, but as Larry's letter points out, it won't last forever – and since our annual giving has seen a decrease – there is concern about continuing to support the outreach we currently do for years to come.

So, how can we all help support our church? Here are some ideas:

- **FIRST AND FOREMOST – SHOW UP!!** We have our Annual Meeting February 10th following the worship service. Be there, engage, offer your ideas and support! It's important to hear everyone's voice!
- Offerings – of course the obvious answer is each of us increasing our annual giving to the church. Maybe one less pizza a month could add up to a couple hundred dollars more a year? If we all think through our spending habits – maybe there's a few more dollars we can find. If you aren't able to be here on Sundays for the weekly offering collection, many members use Simply Giving or mail their offerings to the office. We're also developing ways to give online – more on that in a future Messenger. Of course, many of us have very tight budgets ourselves. So maybe there are some other ways to help.
- "Pain-free Giving" – we run the information about Amazon Smile every week/month. If you order with Amazon – go to Amazon Smile instead and

CALL TO ACTION – continued



designate Messiah Lutheran Church Park Ridge as your organization. Especially this month if you use Amazon for gifts – use Amazon Smile – it’s no additional cost to you but Messiah gets a percentage of what is spent. Or if you have certain stores you like to order from online – try GoodShop online. They list MANY stores and if you go through their website – and designate Messiah as your organization – our church gets a percentage (varies with each store) – again, at no additional cost to you! They also frequently offer coupons for each store. Another “pain-free” option is Thrivent. If you have accounts with them and you designate Messiah as your organization, they give a percentage based on your account balances to our church – at no cost to you. You might even like to consider signing on with Thrivent!

- Fundraising – we often talk about fundraisers and many people have suggested many types of fundraisers. However, to make these fundraisers work – we need to all come out and support, spread the word, and help with the event! Imagine the difference it would make if we all committed to helping with these events every year! When a “coordinator” is asked for – that shouldn’t mean that person does all the work. It takes many hands to make these things happen. It’s great to come to the spaghetti dinner and buy 2 tickets – but how about asking a couple friends to come too. And how about helping with set-up, cooking, food donations, clean-up, getting the word out? It could make a huge difference!

The Yankee Candle Fundraiser was set up by our Office Manager Alaine in late November. We’ve now learned that the donation to Messiah from the sales totaled \$193.60! It was a quick fundraiser that Alaine spotted and thanks to those who participated, someone got some nice Yankee Candle products and Messiah benefited!

And let’s think about a “Birthday Present” for Messiah’s 65th Birthday that can be put towards paying off our mortgage for MAP! When we see the deep roots here at Messiah, it’s certain that Messiah touches us all in some special way so let’s all think about what Messiah has meant to us and our community over the last 65 years and consider honoring that with a birthday donation!

What other ideas do you have and can get started working on? Let EC know!!

CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM CHAT Room</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Chili & Soup Cook-Off</p> <p>2:00 PM HKCC Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry</p> <p>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Scout Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM CHAT Room</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:00 AM Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM HKCC Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry</p> <p>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM CHAT Room</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Annual Meeting</p> <p>1:30 PM Scout Blue and Gold Ceremony</p> <p>2:00 PM HKCC Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry</p> <p>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>6:00 PM CCC Board Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM CHAT Room</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM Quilts & Kits</p> <p>2:00 PM HKCC Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry</p> <p>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM CHAT Room</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM HKCC Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>11:00 AM Assistance Ministry</p> <p>1:00 PM MLC Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer</p> <p>7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal</p>

FEBRUARY 2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	31 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer	1 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	2 11:00 AM HAC Worship 1:00 PM HAC Fellowship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
6 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	7 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 3:30 PM Women About Business 5:30 PM CCC Valentine's Day Party	8 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	9 9:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast 11:00 AM HAC Worship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
13 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	14 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer	15 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	16 Spaghetti Dinner 11:00 AM HAC Worship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
20 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	21 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 7:00 PM Messiah Book Club	22 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	23 11:00 AM HAC Worship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
27 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 9:15 AM Child Care Chapel 12:00 PM Bulletin Articles Due 12:00 PM CCC Staff Meeting 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	28 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer	1 5:00 AM HKCC AM Prayer 6:30 PM Pack 105 Meeting 7:00 PM HAC Bible Study 7:00 PM HAC Kids Fellowship 7:00 PM HAC Rehearsal	2 11:00 AM HAC Worship 1:00 PM HAC Fellowship 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer

MESSAGES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME PASTOR DAVID!

Serving as part time interim minister at Messiah for the coming weeks is David J. Heim. He lives in Oak Park with his wife, Barbara. They have a son, Daniel, who is an ELCA minister in Texas, and an eight-month-old granddaughter. Pastor David is editor of the *Christian Century*, a magazine of religion, politics, and culture, based in Chicago. which is read by church leaders of different denominations. He has written many articles and reviews for the *Century* and other journals. He has served several Lutheran churches in the Metro Chicago Synod. He grew up in Vermont and worked as a reporter for his hometown newspaper before attending Yale Divinity School. He and Barbara enjoy traveling, reading fiction, and watching movies. He is part of the Lutheran-Jewish dialogue group in Chicago and has studied at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Pastor David will be setting up some office hours during the week and will of course lead us in worship on Sundays. He looks forward to meeting everyone and getting to know what's up at Messiah! Let's be sure to extend a true Messiah welcome!

THANK-YOU!

We are grateful to Pastor Lynette Schroeder for leading us in worship these past months and we wish her Godspeed as she embarks on her next adventure with a new position as chaplain!

AND A CONTINUED THANK-YOU!

We continue to say THANK YOU to everyone who is pitching in and helping during Pastor Lynne's leave of absence!! We need everyone's help, support and prayers! We know that Pastor Lynne is currently undergoing treatment and will be undergoing tests in February to determine the effectiveness of the treatment. Please continue to pray for Pastor Lynne and her family, as well as for the leadership and members of Messiah – prayers, support and words of encouragement are appreciated!!

MESSAGE FROM AL-ANON



AL-ANON
for families & friends of alcoholics

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Are you concerned about a loved one's addiction? Messiah hosts an Al-Anon meeting Mondays at 7:00p.m. in the Friendship Place. In Al-Anon we share our experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. ANYONE affected by someone else's addiction is welcome and your anonymity is always protected. For more information please call Sue at 630-292-5126.

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
 Tim Saul, 2/18
 Ava Manzella, 2/19
 Nikolaus Ryczek, 2/19
 Sarah Nugnis, 2/24
 Rosemary Paulus, 2/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Connie Kaufmann, 2/28
 (43 years!)



Please let us know if you do not see your birthday or anniversary here! We want to be sure to celebrate you!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
February 3 - 4th Sunday of Epiphany			
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-3	Luke 4:21-30
February 10 - 5th Sunday of Epiphany			
Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
February 17 - 6th Sunday of Epiphany			
Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
February 24 - 7th Sunday of Epiphany			
Genius 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

WORSHIP TEAMS

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	
	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am	10:15 am	
Acolytes	Kyle H	Novena C	Ryan H	Adam H	
Assisting Ministers	Diane B	Karen B	Cindy N	Vikki H	
Readers	Teresa L	Pat K	Marilynn D	Erik G	
Comm. Assts.	Laura H	Janitha C	Laura H	Laura H	
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Projection & Video	Jim H & Paul H	Jim H & Paul H	Jim H & Paul H	Jim H & Paul H	
Altar Guild	Marilynn D	Marilynn D	Cindy N	Sue K	
Counter	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

Sunday	Flowers are given ...	Bulletins are given ...
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex near the entrance to the choir loft. 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>		
February 3	By the Handzels	
February 10		
February 17	By The Ryczek Family in honor of Nikolaus' Birthday	
February 24	By The Kovach Family in memeoery of Norma Murk	

CHURCH BUSINESS

EC CORNER EC welcomed Pastor David to its January meeting where they discussed the "Call to Action" letter and upcoming Annual Report & Meeting. The committee also reviewed officers, initiatives and budget for 2019. In addition they had an Eagle Scout presentation by Gabe L who outlined a proposal for a landscaping service project. Additional topics included property, facility use & fundraising.

January Attendance

Wk1=51 Wk3= 38
Wk2=33 Wk4= 51

January Giving (Gen. Fund, Facilities Use & MAP)

Wk1= \$3947 Wk2=\$1633.05 Wk3=\$4424 Wk4=\$2371

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Lynne Morrow
Music Ministry Coor.:
Child Care Center Dir. Karen Black
Office Manager: Alaine Wong
Bookkeeper: Laura Hauser
Property Coordinator: David Hanson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Larry Ryczek
Vice President: Trygve Jensen
Secretary: Aly Allemeier
Treasurer: Janitha Chellian
Financial Sec.: Jim Handzel

CCC BOARD

Chair: Tim Saul, Erik Grove
Secretary: Kathy Malyszko, Sue Kopij
Treasurer: Pat Kovach

CONGREGATIONAL DEACONS

Floyd Yager and Jennie Read Robles

EXTENDED LEADERSHIP TEAM

Assistance Ministry: Connie Kaufman
Altar Guild: Sue Kopij, Cindy Norberg
Brotherhood: Rich Seggeling
CHAT Room: David Swanson
Cross+Gen:
Confirmation/Youth: Pat Kovach
Memorials: Office Manager
Women's Svc. Group: Trudi Handzel, Carol Hrodey
Spiritual Gifts Coor.:
Worship Assistants: David Swanson
Worship Readers: Rich Levy
Ushers:
John 17 Fellowship: David Swanson
Prayer Cards: Jackie Steigerwald
Sign Ministry: Staff

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM REPORT *as of January 27th*

All gifts to the Memorial & Honorarium Fund are automatically acknowledged to the giver and donee or family by a personal note. Unless otherwise designated, all gifts go into the General Fund. Addresses and envelope numbers on memorial cards or checks are much appreciated. The purpose of this report is to confirm that gifts are received. If you don't see your gift listed here after two months, please contact the church office – None reported this month

In Memoriam:

We remember the family of Reverend Gordon Straw in our prayers as they mourn the loss of Gordon on Saturday, January 5th. Pastor Straw was Messiah's interim pastor for a year between Pastor Mark Larson and Pastor Paul Stolz. After serving in interim positions, Gordon served at ELCA headquarters before assuming his "dream job" at LSTC.



JOYFUL THANKSGIVING (JANUARY)

We would like to offer our utmost thanks to Pastor Lynnette for stepping in to lead worship at Messiah at this time. She has been extremely helpful during the worship planning process and it has been a pleasure having her. We wish her the best of luck in her new position and be sure to take a moment to wish her well.

We are thankful and extremely grateful to Pastor Nicolette Faison for stepping in to lead worship on such short notice. Please take a moment to welcome her back to Messiah. Thank you Pastor Nicolette!

We are grateful for new beginnings. As we remember God has a plan for us, we welcome Pastor David Heim to Messiah until Pastor Lynne returns.

Lester & Nancy Herak welcomed a new grandson on Monday, January

21st. Ryan Gregory Herak is joyfully received by his big brother Ryker

and their parents, Michael & Kathryn Herak. Everyone is happy and healthy!

As we celebrate the life of Roger Turek during the chili & soup cook off we remember the joy and laughter he brought to Messiah. We are thankful for the time Roger spent with us and he will be missed but never forgotten.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please keep in your prayers the family of Pastor Gordon Straw as they mourn his passing on Saturday, January 5th. Pastor Straw (Gordon as he preferred) served as an interim pastor for Messiah between Pastor Larson and Pastor Stolz.

Please include the following individuals and families in your prayers this month: Our prayers for **healing** are with: Don Kovach Pastor Lynne and the Fogel Family, Jake, Megan, Jim Frederick, Les & Mike Herak, Sandi, Tom, Carol, Pat, Michelle, Trudy, Georgia, Patti, Ted, David, Beverly Grimme, Carol Hrodey, Bob Kallas Don Lorenzo, Frances, Russell, Bob Levy, Wendy, Diane, Polly, Rosemary, Susan, Pat & Ted, Kathy & David, Sandy Williams, Szuis family, Jacob C., Nancy H, Kathy Bashore, Tim Cook, Jeanette Garcia, Tina Jogman + family, Bishop Curry, Ellen Wyshel, Jennifer Marshall, Rosie, Joe, Tony, Phil Barco, Gera Mitiku, Geleta Mekonnen, Crystal Levy Pesce, Chris, Jordan McLain, Lynda Jeppesen Jordan McLain, Dumerer Family, Trudi Handzel, Marsha S, Marsha G, Dorothy Nagel, Linda (Rodin) Ufkes, Kwame Pitts, Cedric P., Marlena, Marsha Diamond, the Nemeth Family, Helen Young, Andrea Quintenilla, Bob Nelson, the Hauser Family, Doris' family, the Soucie Family, the Sapien Family, the family of Ryan Sernel, Carolyn Harbensee, Jillian & Simeon Bonilla, Ricky Redd, Porsia Bonilla, Margaret, Linka, Doug Hubbard, Ted Gradt, Sam Fogel, Russ Reynolds, Rich Levy, Charles Maynard, the family of Gilbert Garcia, Soto Family, Al Rembis, Mark Banaszak, Annette, Ashley Williams, Leslie, Tom Jencius, Ruth Perzentka, the Hanson family, Sharon Rose Keenon, Francis, Hailey and Johnny, Kathy, Rochele Kasny, Kathy Bayshore, Danny O'Connor, Tom Daniels, the Wiberg family, the family of Vern Frost, Felicia, the family of Jeff Koszczuk, Teri and Bill Muenster, John Francis, Cookie Bonilla and her sisters and brother, Annie's new baby and family (John, Elissia, Naz), Judy Jones, Carolyn Morrow, Doris Hay, Nancy Wendt, Ping, Bob Morrow, Michael Baumeister and family, Myra Lusiak, Szul family, Lukasz Stechnij, Dan, Lea, Katy, Beth Perfetti, Margot, David Swanson, Chuck Powers, Piper, Mr. Young, Auntie Helmke, Nancy Maltec (Rhonda Cady's mom), Chad Adams and Family, Dotty Burger, Terry DeSchepper, Dan S., Helmke Fields, Brad Kovach, Linda Ostrand, 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, Diane, people in silent pain.

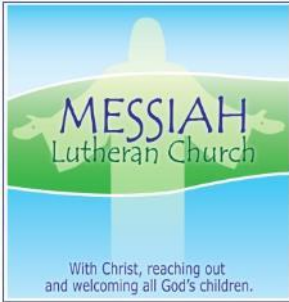
Those requesting prayers for **other purposes such as emotional, grief, financial, employment, general or unknown** are: Field School, everyone needing relief from all the rain/flooding, for world peace, the people of Syria, the family of Dwayne and Michelle Miller, Dave Hanson, Don and Mary Jane Kovach, John Francis, Anne Evans, Bill Zuhme, Debbie Dietrich, Salena Jason, the Jefferson family, Sarah Nugnis, Kevin Kovach, Terry K., Fred D., the families and staff of Child Care Center, Mike Wokisin, Haley Lippert, Eastaven Bargas, Meaghan, EB, Griffin family, Worknesh Deressa, Joann Wood, Penumaka family, Larry Dumerer, Fox family, Victoria Candiotti, Provenzano family, Kraiger family, those who live with anxiety and depression, families whom are seeking reconciliation, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those striving for peace in the Mideast, those living with addiction, those who 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** (those known to us and those serving who are not known to us): Jenni Hanson, Mikey Hanson, 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**: Rachel Daye, Tommy Hanson, Melissa Holzer, Phil Holzer, Kevin Kovach, Nick Levy, Haley Lippert, Dina Salemi, Arden Sasak, Jake & Jessica Saul, Paul Song, Christian Travis, Thomas Yager.

** We understand that some prayer requests are short-term for specific events, while others find ongoing prayers to be powerful. We appreciate being updated so our prayer list is as current as possible.*





The Messiah MESSENGER

Worship Schedule

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.

In this issue:

Reaching Out
Assistance Ministry
Quilts & Kits
Christian Education
Youth
Call to Action
Upcoming Events
Welcome Pastor Heim

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)

MESSIAH
Lutheran Church



ELCA.org
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Living in God's amazing grace

1605 Vernon Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Phone: (847) 823-6984
Fax: (847) 823-6996
E-mail: PastorLynne@messiahparkridge.org
Office@messiahparkridge.org
Homepage: www.messiahparkridge.org
Child Care Center Phone: (847) 825-3767
Child Care Email: MessiahChildCareCenter@gmail.com
Child Care Homepage: www.messiahchildcare.com

**Place
Stamp
Here**

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**