

The Messiah

MESSENGER

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Happy New Year!



FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends,

Each New Year we are given the chance to review our lives and make choices that will renew our whole lives, mind, body and spirit. And each January we face the new year with some doubt and some confidence in ourselves, our situation, our future.

So it was with the people of Jesus' time. They faced an unknown future and had many doubts about their lives. Imagine their surprise when they discovered that the Messiah they long awaited was the infant Jesus born in a stable full of animals! No wonder they were startled and bewildered!

However, it is precisely at this time of uncertainty that the baby, Jesus, brings all people together in a supportive and loving community. As it was then, our year is somewhat uncertain and may have some unexpected surprises along the way.

The good news is that Jesus' love is so very present in this community and He will be with us as we continue our ministry here at Messiah.

The season of Epiphany is known as the season of light. How appropriate for the dreariest month of the Midwestern winter! Some of us will travel to sunnier places perhaps relaxing in Florida or Arizona.

Remember that wherever you go, the light of Christ will always be within you. Allow His light to guide your whole life – mind, body and spirit.

Happy & Healthy New Year!

Pastor Anne

FROM BISHOP MILLER'S 2017 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

"All things have come into being through [the Word], and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" John 1:3-5

"We live in a world where it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the darkness of violence, ignorance, greed, racism, and heartless inhumanity. And I suppose when we are feeling this way, our natural inclination is to look for some great mega-watt burst that will change everything in a flash and banish the darkness forever. But this ancient custom of lighting a small candle and then letting the light pass from one to another suggests that perhaps it is by our simple acts of kindness and compassion, respect and caring, our tireless yearning and working for peace and justice ... it may be by the emerging light of 10,000 mitzvahs, that God intends to redeem the whole creation."



DONNA HANSON

November 25, 1942 – November 30, 2017

Donna L. Hanson (née Larsen), age 75, of Des Plaines, passed away on November 30, 2017. She was the beloved wife of David for 52 years, loving mother of Daniel (Carrie) Darryl and Derek, proud grandmother of Jakob and Emma and dear sister of Kenneth (Vickie) Larsen and Glenn (Jeanne) Larsen.



Donna Lillian Larsen was born in Plentywood, Montana. Her early years were spent in Westby, Montana, where her father, the Rev. Harold E. Larsen, served at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Two years later, they moved to Plainview, Nebraska, where she started her formal education in a one-room country school.

After Donna graduated from Green Bay West High School in 1961, she worked as a receptionist in a doctors' clinic. It was at the church where she met her future husband, David Hanson. They were married June 12, 1965.

In 1967, they moved to the Chicago area to accept a job offer. Donna then worked as a typist until their first son, Daniel, was born in 1969, followed by son Darryl in 1973 and son Derek in 1979.

She volunteered at the Tree House Animal shelter for many years and made friends with many of the felines.

She always enjoyed spending time with the cats.

Donna sang in the church choir for many years, but had to quit when she lost her voice and never got it back well enough to sing again. She did continue to play piano for events and services.

As the result of a request from a friend, she started playing the piano for the Lutheran General Older Adult Care, gradually adding other nursing homes until she was going to two or three every week for many years. She also played piano for services at the Methodist Campground in summer.

She had a passion for collecting cat related things: figurines, pictures, pillows, clothes, jewelry, anything with a cat on it, and had collected hundreds of items. She was also "Cat Mother" to multiple cats. The most recent loss was Ditto, who passed Oct. 25 at age 20.

Donna suffered through many medical ailments, including asthma, osteoporosis, peripheral neuropathy, etc., and was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in September 2015. Her last challenge started on Oct. 12, when she experienced double vision while driving to her doctor for chemo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, www.myeloma.org, or Tree House Humane Society, treehouseanimals.org.

MESSIAH MINISTRY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By now we've all made (and probably broken) our New Year's resolutions. What were yours? Walk more? Eat less? Read more? Come to a choir rehearsal?

Woah! Hold on there ... what as that last one? Come to a choir rehearsal? Seriously? Yes, seriously.

One thing I have learned from my first few months at Messiah is that you all are a "family" that truly cares about each other and your Church, and I know that there are some singers out there (I've read old bulletins) who have yet to check out Gloria Dei Choir and some singers still yet to be discovered.



So what's holding you back? Is it a matter of "finding" the time? I'm a firm believer that if you're waiting to *find* the time to add something to your schedule, you never will. You have to *make* the time.

Perhaps the commitment is holding you back? Every Tuesday night, every other Sunday morning? Yes, there is that part, but I'm not asking for "perfect" attendance. (That is a dream far, far away in Music Director fantasy land.) Just a desire to sing and an enthusiasm to serve God.

So here is an offer you, hopefully, won't be able to turn down. Join choir for Lent (or sooner) and sing through Easter Sunday. I think Sue used to call that the "40 Day Gloria Dei." It's sort of like test driving a car to make sure it's right for you and fits in the garage. Think about it: if Noah could survive 40 days of rain and flood with all those animals, 40 days of Gloria Dei should be a piece of cake, right? Oh, and speaking of cake, there are often refreshments of some kind. at rehearsal, too!

I have never been a high-pressure kind of guy, so I'm just going to extend the invitation, plant the seed and let the Spirit move you.

Shalom! Roger



PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Jan. 18-25 is established as "Prayers for Christian Unity Week." John 17 Fellowship will celebrate this week with a service at Messiah on Jan. 21, 4 p.m.

OUR MISSIONARY: REV. DR. PHILIP KNUTSON

We were treated to a visit from Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson, ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative in December. Rev. Knutson visited with our confirmation class and Chat Room before worshipping with us and sharing information with us during coffee hour. Be sure to check out blog page: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>

ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Winter has arrived, the temperature has dropped and snow is on the ground. Please remember our guests who are struggling to stay warm and dry. They look forward to our Messiah Monday Meal and an opportunity to get a few cans of food and look through our clothing. Warm socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants, boots, gloves, hats and scarves are appreciated.

We have been having between 10 and 25 guests on a Monday morning. We generally have one or two first-time visitors each month. As you can imagine, it is often difficult to visit that first time, to ask for help. Our volunteers strive to make everyone feel welcome.

Our congregation is very generous, and we thank you for giving us this opportunity for outreach. You are always welcome to join us from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays. If you'd like to share casseroles, chili, soup, sloppy joes, meatloaf, salad, etc., just let me know and we'll warm it up and serve it.

We continue to give one \$10 Jewel card to each guest (until we run out) and this card is very much appreciated. Donations are always welcome.

I'll share with you that this past Monday an anonymous donor wrapped \$5 Jewel cards and included a Christmas card. Many of the guests were quite touched and read their card out loud. This is another example of how this Ministry touches folks. That might be the only card that was received this season. What a nice way to spread the joy of Christmas!

Again, thank you for your support of our Assistance Ministry outreach. We find that our guests enjoy chatting with us and sharing their stories with us. The need to help this community is great.

Blessings, Connie Kaufman

QUILTS & KITS

Happy New Year! We're looking forward to another banner year of assembling Quilts & Kits for Lutheran World Relief to distribute to those in need around the world. To keep the momentum going we will assemble quilts following service on:

Jan. 21, Feb. 11, March 21

Also, we'll start gathering items for Personal Care Kits. Be on the lookout for "white sales" in January and pick up some towels. Or we can shop for you for a donation of \$3 per towel

The Personal Care Kits also contain bars of soap (two 4-oz. bars per kit), nail clippers, toothbrushes and sturdy combs. We set a record last year, so let's shoot for that goal again! Meanwhile, see you on the 21st! And remember: no sewing experience necessary! Join us in assembling quilts – along with good fellowship and snacks!

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next Sunday School meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.

CHILD CARE CENTER

- Jan. 1 – Closed
- Jan. 8 – Manna orders due (by 9 a.m.)
- Jan. 8 – Parent-Tot classes begin
- Jan. 10 – Manna order distributed (noon)
- Jan. 15 - Closed (Staff Inservice Day)
- Jan. 15 – No Parent-Tot Classes
- Jan. 19 – Scholastic Book orders due
- Jan. 22 – Jr. K/Kindergarten Open House (10:30 a.m.-noon, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- Jan. 25 – Spring Fun Fair meeting (9:10 a.m.)
- Jan. 25 – Potbelly's Fundraiser – (Downtown Park Ridge) 5-8 p.m.
- Jan. 29 – Summer/Fall Registration Forms Distributed (earlier if possible)
- Jan. 30 – Summer/Fall Registration Forms – First Day of Acceptance



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION

Beginning Jan. 21, our confirmands will spearhead the Souper Bowl of Caring collection for non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Meanwhile they meet with Pat Kovach on Sunday mornings at 9 in the Confirmation Room, off the choir loft!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

EPIPHANY EVENT

**Saturday, Jan. 6
at 4 p.m.**

Join us for “Unhanging of the Greens” on Saturday, Jan. 6 to mark the start of Epiphany. We had so much fun Hanging the Greens – we thought we’d Unhang them! Come, enjoy the fellowship!!



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

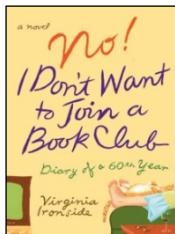
Annual Reports are due into the church office by Monday, Jan. 8.

This is so reports can be compiled, spell-checked, and printed in time to distribute copies to members on Sunday, Jan. 21. If you can EMAIL your report, it is much appreciated! If you'd like a digital copy of last year's report to edit, ask the Pastor or Office Manager.

MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, Jan. 11
at 7 p.m.**

“No! I Don't Want to Join a Book Club: Diary of a Sixtieth Year” by Virginia Ironside. Book Club is open to anyone who enjoys reading. If anyone has any questions, please contact Paul Holzer at 847-296-0734.



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 28 following worship

This is the time of year that we review and celebrate our accomplishments



ANNUAL MEETING

of the past year, set ministry goals for the coming year, approve 2018 budget and elect congregational officers. Please pick up your Annual Report on Jan. 21, take a little time to read it over, and then be prepared to discuss and vote on our initiatives and our budget for 2018.

REMINDERS FOR JANUARY

Brotherhood Breakfast – Saturday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. All men at Messiah are invited! We meet at Jimmy's on Rand Road. Good conversation **and** food.

Quits & Kits We'll see you on the 21st! And remember, there's no sewing experience necessary! So join us for quilt assembly and good fellowship!

COMING IN FEBRUARY

CCC Valentine Party & Open House, Feb. 8th

Scout Sunday, Feb. 11th

Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 11th

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th

CALENDAR: January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
31 9:00 AM CHAT Room 10:15 AM Worship/Hymn Sing Service 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship 7:00 PM HKCC New Year's Eve	1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 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	2 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal/Prayerful Process
7 9:00 AM CHAT Room 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 2:00 PM HKCC Worship 3:30 PM HKCC Fellowship	8 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	9 6:00 PM CCC Board Meeting 7:30 PM Gloria Dei Choir rehearsal
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 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 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer	4 1:30 PM Women About Business	5	6 11:00 AM HAC Worship 1:00 PM HAC Fellowship 4:00 PM Unhanging of the Greens/Epiphany Event 8:00 PM HKCC PM Prayer
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THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Sunday	Worship Focus	ChatRoom	Confirmation
Jan 7	Baptism of Our Lord 1 st Lesson: <i>Genesis 1: 1-5</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 29</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>Acts 19: 1-7</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1: 4-11</i>	TBD	No Class
Jan 14	Second Sunday After Epiphany 1 st Lesson: <i>1 Samuel 3: 1-20</i> Psalm: <i>139: 1-6, 13-18</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Corinthians 6: 12-20</i> Gospel: <i>John 1: 43-51</i>	TBD	No Class
Jan 21	Third Sunday After Epiphany 1 st Lesson: <i>Jonah 3: 1-5, 10</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 62: 5-12</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Corinthians 7: 29-31</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1: 14-20</i>	TBD	Welcome Back: <i>Review Quiz</i> (Pat Kovach)
Jan 28	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 1 st Lesson: <i>Deuteronomy 18: 15-20</i> Psalm: <i>Psalm 111</i> 2 nd Lesson: <i>1 Corinthians 18: 1-13</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1: 21-28</i>	TBD	Souper Bowl: <i>Hunger Issues</i> (Pat Kovach)

EPIPHANY

The **Epiphany season** is a liturgical period following the [Christmas season](#). Many Protestant churches celebrate an Epiphany season that lasts until the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

The ELCA celebrates the revelation of Christ to all nations as represented by the magi who came to worship Jesus on January 6th, the day of Epiphany. The church calendar recognizes the season of Epiphany from Jan. 6 until the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday which is celebrated as the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Among the principal themes are: the revelation of Christ to all nations, Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, and Christ as the light of the world. The colors of the season are white and green. White is the color associated with the festivals of Christ and suggests gladness, joy and light for the day of Epiphany. White is used the first week after Epiphany when the baptism of our Lord is celebrated and the last week of the season of Epiphany when the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.

The color green, reminiscent of living things, suggests spiritual growth. It is used during the heart of the Epiphany season between the day of Epiphany and Transfiguration."

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
	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	Erik G	Laura H	Arden S	Larry R
Worship Assistants	Vikki H	Erik G	David S	Andy T
Projection	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H	Jim H
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Cindy N	Marilynn D	Sue K	Sue K
Counter	Paul H	Paul H	Paul H	Paul H

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

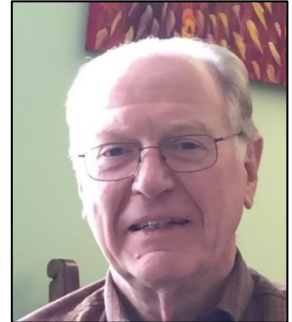
Sunday	Flowers are given ...	Bulletins are given ...
<i>The sign-ups for flowers and bulletins are in the narthex by the hall to the Educational Wing. Flowers are \$40, and the Bulletins are \$10. Envelopes are provided next to the sign-up calendar, or you may simply write "Flowers" or "Bulletin" on your regular envelope in the Other box.</i>		
Jan. 7	Available.	Available.
Jan. 14	Available.	Available.
Jan. 21	Available.	Available.
Jan. 28	Available.	Available.

NEW FLOWER AND BULLETIN CALENDARS ARE IN THE HALLWAY, and there is a lot of open space on them! Please be thorough with your descriptions of your dedications and/or memorials.

MESSAGES

A message of thanks from David Hanson:

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who participated in helping with the funeral service for Donna. Special thanks to Pastor Lynne for support in this difficult time; to Sue Fox for researching and playing many of Donna's favorite hymns; to Carol Hrodey for planning and coordinating the visitation and luncheon; as well as all the wonderful folks who assisted in the doing all the things that needed to be taken care of for such a wonderful commemoration celebration. I truly feel blessed to be part on such a loving and supportive community here at Messiah. Sincerely, David Hanson



CHURCH BUSINESS

EC CORNER

Highlights from the Dec. 19 meeting include:

- No information from the December meeting was made available.

November Attendance

Wk1=50 Wk2=37 Wk3=82 Wk4=50

*68 unique individuals attended worship between 1 and 4 times in November.

November Giving (Gen. Fund & MAP)

Nov. Giving (Gen. Fund & MAP)

Wk1=\$2,021 Wk2=\$2,547

Wk3=\$1,594 Wk4=\$910



YOUTH PAGE

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING KICKS OFF IN JANUARY

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 start collections of both food items and monetary donations on **Sunday, Jan. 21**, giving you several Sundays to participate.



Join us and "**Be a Champion off the Field**" during this football season.

For more information about this annual ministry project, visit <https://souperbowl.org/welcome>

With Gratitude and Blessings,
The Messiah Youth Group

CUB SCOUT PACK 105

The annual **Pinewood Derby** will be held

Jan 20, 2018,

in Fellowship Hall at 3

p.m. All

are invited to view this race of derby cars built by Scouts and their family. Scouts race for fun and after the official race, a sibling race takes place also.



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.

Key Dates

May 15, 2018: Registration Closes - ALL PAYMENTS DUE

June 24-27, 2018: MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) and the tABLE (an event for youth with disabilities)

June 27-July 1, 2018: the Gathering

For more information and to register, email gathering@elca.org.



MILESTONES

	Ralph Lippert, 1/7 Larry Ryczek, 1/7 Thomas Jason, 1/12 Tait Jensen, 1/12 Ryan Bujalka, 1/13 Kaelyn Yager, 1/16 Rodney Richey, 1/18 Raymond Ejnik, 1/20 Lester Herak, 1/20	David Chervinko, 1/22 Heba Penumaka, 1/22 Chris Boomer, 1/23 Karol Kamman, 1/25 Michael Bujalka, 1/28
	BIRTHDAYS Richard Seggeling, 1/2 Paul Holzer, 1/3 Nicholas Levy, 1/4 Donald Kovach, 1/7	ANNIVERSARIES Roger and Jill Turek, 2004 (14 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 Pastor: Rev. Lynne Morrow Music Ministry Coord.: Roger Turek Child Care Center Dir.: Karen Black Office Manager: Rodney Richey Bookkeeper: Daniel Kovach Property Coordinator: David Hanson EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE President: Larry Ryczek Vice President: Trygve Jensen Secretary: Aly Allemeier Treasurer: TBD Financial Sec.: Paul Holzer 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 Steve Yager Cross+Gen: Julie Luck Jensen Confirmation/Youth: Pat Kovach Memorials: Carol Hrodey Women's Svc. Group: Trudi Handzel Carol Hrodey Spiritual Gifts Coord.: Steve Yager Worship Assistants: David Swanson Worship Readers: Rich Levy Ushers: Larry Ryczek John 17 Fellowship: David Swanson Steve Yager Prayer Cards: Jackie Steigerwald Sign Ministry: Staff
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MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS REPORT as of December 29, 2017

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 Charles and Leona Johnson: Debbie Maday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please include the following individuals and families in your prayers this month:

Our prayers for **healing** are with: the Hanson family, the family of Rafael Soto, Tom Daniels, the Wiberg family, the Hauser Family, the family of Vern Frost, Felicia, Sharon Wilk, Warren Lathan, Ginger Borys (healing), Robert Saul, the family of Jeff Koszczuk, Teri and Bill Muenster, John Francis, Steve Homberg, 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, Nicholas Levy, the Levy family, Auntie Helmke, Nina Lippert, Teri and Bill Muenster, Joe, Mike Kivel, 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, Ruth Perzentka, Tom Jason, Irene Luck, Bob and Justine Bisgard, Barb Loverme, Jeane Reeve, Eva Thoren, Julie Higgins, Maria Raica, Arlene Baranowski, George Krell, 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.

Those requesting prayers for **other purposes such as emotional, grief, financial,**

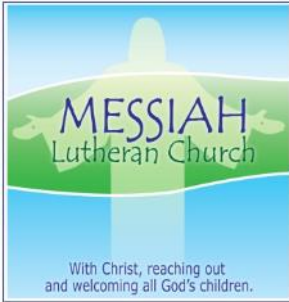
employment, general or unknown are: the family of Dwayne and Michelle Miller, Dave Hanson, Don and Mary Jane Kovach, Dorothy Nagel, Anne Wiberg, John Francis, Rochele K., Anne Evans, Bill Zuhme, Debbie Dietrich, Salena Jason, the Jefferson family, Sarah Nugnis, Kevin Kovach, Terry K., Fred D., the family 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, Richard Levy, George Krell, Provenzano family, Behl family, Schiaone family, Swenson family, Kraiger family, family of Jan Ehans, Megan, Fran, Lorenzo, 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** (those known to us and those serving who are not known to us): Jerred Engvall, Brandon Ajytek, 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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