

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## Christ Lutheran Academy

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The Rev. Gregory Grenyo, Vacancy Pastor

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### Christmas Day– December 25, 2011

**VISITORS WELCOME!** – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE :** In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

**PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**VACANCY:** Pastor Smallwood and Pastor Grenyo are helping with the vacancy. Pastor Grenyo will be in the office every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 am if you need to speak with him. Pastor Smallwood will handle emergencies and visit our shut ins. Pastor Smallwood may be reached at (262) 287-3389.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday morning Bible study will resume January 11th.

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** The students of Christ Lutheran Academy would like to announce their tenth annual baby item collection. Rather than exchange Christmas gifts with one another, the students traditionally collect new and gently used baby items such as diapers, blankets, and clothing and donate them to Care Net Family Resource Center of Kenosha. The items will be collected at both Lamb of God and Messiah from now through Epiphany. We thank you in advance for contributing to this worthwhile cause!

**BENEVOLENT FUND:** Thank you to all who gave to the benevolent fund in November. \$939.25 was collected. This is wonderful! Even so, some members are still in need of financial assistance. The good news is, you may still give to this fund. We will no longer be collecting at the door. You may place a check or cash directly into the offering plate. If you are writing a check, please write benevolent fund on the memo line. If you wish to give cash, please place it into an envelope marked "benevolent fund". "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, *and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*" (Galatians 6:10 ESV)

**ROOMS FOR RENT:** Bob Trapp has 2 available rooms for rent at his residence. Room rentals would be on a short term basis (4-12 months), with a preference for Lutheran/Christian men as tenants. For further information, contact Bob at 262-889-8397.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Congratulations to the Pederson family. They welcomed Ally Nicole into their family on December 16. Ally was 7 lbs, 7 oz. and 19.5 inches long.



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES & JUICE:** Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Quantities needed and instructions are also listed there. **NO ONE IS SIGNED UP!!**

**FLOWER CHART:** The new flower chart for 2012 is up. Please sign up for flowers! Thank you!

### + DIVINE SERVICE II+ THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**384**  
Confession & Absolution.....167

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit ..... Insert  
Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*)..... 168  
Gloria in Excelsis..... 170  
Collect..... Insert  
Old Testament..... Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God

Holy Epistle.....Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God

Alleluia ..... 173  
Holy Gospel..... Insert  
Sermon Hymn .....**375**  
Sermon  
Nicene Creed ..... 174  
Prayer of the Church ..... 175  
Offering..... 175  
Offertory ..... 176

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 177  
The Lord's Prayer ..... 179  
Words of Institution..... 179  
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 180  
Dist. Hymns.....**362, 373, 379**  
Nunc Dimittis.....182  
Prayer.....183  
Benediction.....183  
Final Hymn ..... **368**

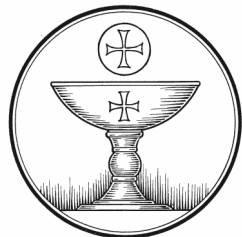
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn  
Announcements*

**In Our Prayers**

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Elyse Ahlgrimm, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Kris Grenyo, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Rob Gray, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, Cheri Jennings (cancer, CLA parent), John Hrupka, Allen Swift (hip replacement on 11/23), and Karen Griffin (sister of Marilyn Dissen).
- For Messiah as we prepare to call a new pastor.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Brent Jiter  
 Ushers: Roger Jeschke & Mark Varvil  
 Greeter: Gail Kulbacki  
 Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki & Diane Eisenbraun  
 Organist: Evone Hagerman  
 Cookies:



**INCOME**

<b>Average Budget Income needed in a week</b>	\$3,600
<b>Budget Income received 12/14</b>	\$239
<b>Budget Income received 12/18</b>	\$2,229
Received \$500 donation for Project Rehab	
<b>Budget Income received to needed</b>	-\$1,132
<b>Received to Budget YTD 2011 (Deficit)</b>	<b>-\$27,780</b>

**Attendance 12/18: 129      Communed: 92**

**This Week's Events for Messiah**

No events this week

**Future Events for Messiah**

Jan. 12th	LWML Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15th	Pot Luck (subject to change depending on playoff schedule)	11:30 a.m.
Jan. 19th	Spiritual Life	6:00 p.m.
	Parish Planning	7:15 p.m.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls  
 12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings

**Baptism Anniversaries**

12/26 Rob Gray  
 12/31 Adam Leisten

**Pray for our members**

12/25 Hope Kentala  
 12/26 Brandon Cleereman  
 12/27 Mary Siebert  
 12/28 Stephanie Zuehls  
 12/29 Larissa Heitkamp  
 12/30 John Hernandez  
 12/31 Ella Stahl

**Birthdays**

12/26 Mary Jo Jiter  
 12/28 Jason Capriotti

**Christmas Day  
 December 25, 2011**



***The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells among Us in the Flesh***

In the beginning God created all things through His Word, His Son. But man fell into sin, and with man all creation was cursed. Therefore, God spoke His Word again, this time into the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle of our human nature (Ex. 40:17-21, 34-38). *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:1-14). The Son of God took on our flesh and blood and died on the cross in order that we might receive the right to become the children of God through faith. Baptized into Christ's body, we are made partakers of a new Genesis, *“the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit”* (Titus 3:4-7). In Christ, the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man has truly appeared.