



# Messiah's Messenger

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## New Year's Resolution for Christians

**H**ow did you do with your resolutions for the year 2011? About the same as for other years? Can you even remember what those resolutions were? Why do we struggle so much with resolutions? Is it because they are not realistic? Is it because we try to do it completely on our own without any outside help (even from God)? Failure is one of the biggest disappointments in life. Is it possible to start over successfully?

As we enter into this New Year we have another opportunity to start over. Having the privilege of starting over is one of the things in life that gives us hope and courage as we look to the future. As we take down our 2011 calendars and replace them with 2012 calendars we really can start over.

In Romans 12:12 (NIV) the Holy Spirit gives us some great ingredients for a really good New Year's resolution. The encouragement is to ***“be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.”*** Life would be so sweet if everyone could adopt and live out those three pieces as a New Year's resolution.

***“Be joyful in hope”*** should be pretty easy for Christians because our hope is in Christ and ***“that hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts***

***by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”*** (Romans 5::5 NIV)

***“Be patient in affliction”*** can be considerably more difficult because we do not like affliction. Who of us likes to be mistreated by people who are rude, inconsiderate and downright nasty? Where can we get the strength to be patient in affliction? It takes a giant transformation to behave so nicely when afflicted? Our comfort is that the power to do that does not come from within us, but from outside of us. When we were baptized ***“we were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*** (Romans 6:4 NIV) No one in the history of mankind had to deal with as much affliction as Jesus, our Savior! And He did it out of love for us so that we do not have to fear eternal affliction!

***“Faithful in prayer”*** keeps us in touch with God--Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus spent entire nights in prayer with His Father in heaven so that He would have the strength to carry out His mission of dying for sinners so that they might have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Prayer is an ex-

cellent way to stay in touch with God and His love and power.

How does this threefold resolution make a difference in our lives and the lives of those around us? It does because the Holy Spirit is at work within us to make us more and more the children of God. As children of God we seek to do the same things that give Him such delight. John 3:16 tells us that God delights in **loving and giving**. God has entrusted us with all of life and life's resources and desires that we manage them wisely according to His purposes. **Loving and giving** are at the heart of Christian stewardship.

May God bless us all as His stewards in this New Year of 2012!

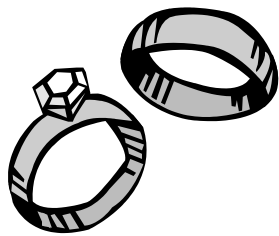
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# Events/ Volunteers

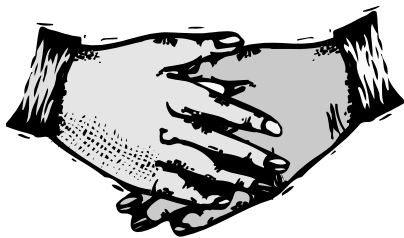
## *Wedding Anniversaries*

- 1/9 Ted & Katie Hart
- 1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil
- 1/13 Taylor & Yessenia Heitkamp
- 1/17 Paul & Mary Rusch
- 1/24 Vernon & Lynda Koch



## Ushers

- 1/1 Keith & Jacob Kentala
- 1/8 Tyler & Austin Nehls
- 1/15 Sam Braya & Chuck Leisten
- 1/22 Mike & Eric Snodgrass
- 1/29 Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke



## Greeters

- 1/1 Stacey Cleereman
- 1/6 Gail Kulbacki
- 1/15 Toni Marshman
- 1/22 Mary Rusch
- 1/29 Stacey Cleereman

## *Birthdays*

- 1/2 Tyler Schmidt & Victoria Weber
- 1/4 Pat Mills, Alberta Helmke & Amy Hulke
- 1/5 Lorraine Swift & Logan Lauer
- 1/9 Bill Colombe
- 1/10 Paul Swift
- 1/12 Sarah Billings
- 1/13 Elsie Rintamaki
- 1/14 Jeff Zuehls
- 1/15 Nyssa Zuehls
- 1/16 Kathy Shafer
- 1/17 Evone Hagerman
- 1/18 Diane Eisenbraun
- 1/21 Eric Davidson, Inger Stahl, & William Gray
- 1/24 Hannah Davidson



## Elders

- 1/1 Bob Trapp
- 1/8 Todd Walther
- 1/15 Tyler Nehls
- 1/22
- 1/29



## *Baptisms*

- 1/5 Joshua Jacobs
- 1/7 Betty Hrupka & Cara Russo-Bichsel
- 1/8 Trevor Gray
- 1/9 Kaiden Heitkamp
- 1/10 Louise Braya
- 1/11 Jamie Kauppila
- 1/12 Tamara Weathersby
- 1/15 Kathy Dickey
- 1/22 Logan Lauer
- 1/25 Mary Siebert
- 1/26 Lorraine Swift
- 1/29 Jennifer Weber
- 1/30 Paul Swift



## Altar Guild

- 1/1 Lois Metallo & Gail Kulbacki
- Rest of Month: Doris Colombe & Kathy Cappriotti



## Flower chart

No one signed up this month  
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# Call Update

**T**he call committee has reviewed the call list to determine which pastors fit our needs the best. They have narrowed the list to 6 pastors. These pastors will be sent a questionnaire that the call committee has put together. After the questionnaire's are returned and reviewed, the call committee will narrow the selection to 3-5 pastors. At this time they will share information with the congregation. The call list is in the secretary's office for review. If you have any questions, feel free to ask someone on the call committee: Anita Brothers, Marge Harmon, Brent Jiter, Keith Kentala, Ted Scholz, Mike Snodgrass, Bob Trapp, Todd Walther, or Leann Varvil.

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## Christ Lutheran Academy

**THANK YOU** from CLA to all of you who came forward to volunteer your services and/or donate the money! I thank God for all of you and your generosity! The picture below is of the 2011-2012 CLA staff and students, 4 year Pre-K through 8th grade.



## A Message from our Elders

Happy New Year and Greetings from the Board of Elders!

In addition to the normal end of year housekeeping items, such as the budget, the Board of Elders has been more directly involved in running the Sunday School this year in the absence of a Superintendent. While we have struggled, we are still blessed with several men and women that have set aside significant amounts of time to prepare and teach the children of our congregation God's Word. Our prayers and efforts are for continued development of this precious resource for our church families.

The Elders also continue to work on activities related to the Pastoral vacancy and call process. Specifically we are turning our attention to reviewing the necessary policy and documentation needed to receive a new Under Shepherd for our congregation. This includes everything from review of vacation policy to written documentation on what we feel is important for the incoming Pastor to focus on. This too is a part of our objective of improving internal communication so that our focus can remain reaching out with the Gospel message, both to our current members and our community at large.

Finally our congregation has endured significant change over the last year and we have not been able to keep up some important things that we should have. There are some families that have fallen away in recent months/years. We desire a renewed effort to reach out those individuals along with a more concerted effort to follow up with visitors. Our church also has a vacancy in the Evangelism chairperson position and does not currently have an active board that is meeting on a regular basis. While many things are still being faithfully done by members, we know that we could do better. If anyone is interested in serving on the Evangelism Board, or helping out with calls on visitors or those who haven't attended in a while please see Brent.

We humbly confess to you our shortcomings in these efforts, knowing that we don't always measure up. We ask for your forgiveness and especially for your continued prayer and support as we deliberate all of these matters. In all things we do our best to look to the Cross of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, rather than rely upon our own works. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." – Hebrews 12:1

May God Bless your New Year, and continue to Bless Messiah Lutheran Church.

Messiah Lutheran Church Annual Voter's Meeting  
December 4, 2011 10:30 am

Pastor Grenyo opened with prayer.

Minutes from December 12, 2010 were read by secretary Marge Harmon. Motion to approve by Sam Braya, Seconded by Chuck Brothers and passed

Pastor Grenyo gave the **Pastor's report** of 2 baptisms, 1 funerals, and 3 transfers.

Confirmation will be on May 20, 2011.

Pastor Smallwood is visiting the sick.

**Trustees** report was given by Dennis Helmke and is attached.

New parsonage roof in 3 or 4 years at a cost of \$8,000.00 or so.

**CLA** report was given by Bob Trapp. Have had a "Summit" to understand the directions to be used in the future. Enrollment dropped this year significantly.

**Financial Report** was given by Ted Scholz. He thanked Allison Stephens for her help as secretary/bookkeeper.

Call committee will meet on Monday, December 5, 2011.

Giving to missions of \$100.00 per month will be done.

\*\*\*\*\*Ted will give Capital Funds report soon.

Lois Metallo asked if new offering plates could be purchased with Memorial Funds.

Will be discussed at SL meeting.

Sam Braya: I move that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded by Chuck Brothers. Passed.

Ted presented the **2012 budget** for Messiah Lutheran Church.

New Pastor's salary is based on an average amount. This can change.

Discussion.

Keith Kentala: I moved that the budget be accepted as presented. Seconded by Sam.

Passed.

**Election of Officers**

Marge Harmon: I move that the election of the slate of officers scheduled to be acted on today be delayed until the end of the first quarter 2012 and then presented to the congregation at a duly scheduled voters meeting and acted upon at that time by the congregation.

Seconded by Sam Braya. Discussion. Passed.

Reasoning is that too many things are happening at this time.

**Thanks** Mike thanked Monica and Evonne for the lovely music. Thanked the Altar Guild, the ushers, choir, Sunday School teachers, Marge, Parish Planning, Spiritual Life, CLA board and Pastor Grenyo.

**Looking ahead** to a new pastor.

Further reports from the trustees on Project Rehab.

Better communication with congregation.

Will be four quarterly congregational meeting.

\*\*Minutes will be in monthly Messenger.

Sam: I move that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Bob Trapp. Passed.

Pastor Grenyo closed with the Benediction.

Parish Planning Secretary  
Marjorie Harmon

# January 2012

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Jan 29 - Feb 4

Jan 22 - 28

Jan 15 - 21

Jan 8 - 14

Jan 1 - 7

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March 2012

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Feb 5 - 11

Feb 12 - 18

Feb 19 - 25

Feb 26 - Mar 3

# Upcoming Events at Messiah



<b>Fri. Jan. 6th</b>	<b>Epiphany Service at LOG</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 12th</b>	<b>LWML Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun. Jan. 15th</b>	<b>Pot Luck</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 19th</b>	<b>Spiritual Life</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Parish Planning</b>	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan 26th</b>	<b>KALEA Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>



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