

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Third Sunday in Advent– December 15, 2013

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.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Roemke on his cell phone: 262-455-0255. This is his permanent cell phone number.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: The Social Welfare Committee thanks everyone who participated and purchased Christmas gifts for the children and families. If you have not brought the gifts to the church yet, please see Diane Kentala. The Kentala's are delivering gifts very soon!

WHITE BOXES: There are white cardboard boxes on the floor throughout the church. These are mouse traps. Please do not move them. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A class for those who are interested in becoming members of Messiah will be starting in January. If you are interested, please speak with pastor.

CD'S AVAILABLE: CD's are available in the fellowship hall. They make a great gift! A donation is appreciated for the CD's.

ADVENT SERVICES: Please note the time change from when midweek services have been held in the past: Advent services are at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

FLOWER CHART: The flower chart for 2014 is now posted. Please sign up for flowers!

APPLE HOLLER SPECIAL: Apple Holler has a program to help donate money to the church. Whenever you eat at Apple Holler, they will send 10% of the bill back to the church! You just need to bring in your most recent church bulletin. This offer is valid Sunday through Saturday, for all meals.

CLA STORE: Purchase your "CLA Gear" or buy other Lutheran gifts at: <http://www.cafepress.com/christlutheranacademy>. All proceeds from the profit of these products go directly to benefit the education of our children at Christ Lutheran Academy.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP CLA: There are many ways to help CLA. Bring in Box Tops for Education. There is a place on the counter in the fellowship hall for these items. If you are a Thrivent Member, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can request that the choice dollars be sent to CLA.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- For Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- For expecting mothers: Melissa Brieman
- For Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen's brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), John Mills, Joe Garcia (brother of Victor Garcia), Carla Kreuger (cousin of Becky & Ashley Noble), Pastor Keuch, Richard Lowe, Lois Metallo, and Debbie Davidson and her family (Debbie's father passed away).

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Scott Tobalsky
 Ushers: Chuck Leisten & Mark Varvil
 Greeter: Gail Kulbacki
 Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki
 Organist: Monica Scholz
 Cookies:



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,560
Budget Income Received 12/4	\$335
Budget Income Received 12/8	\$2,380
Budgeted Income Received to Needed	-\$845
Received to Budget YTD 2013	-\$32,138

This Week's Events for Messiah

Tues. Dec. 17th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 18th	Divine Service w/ CLA	8:15 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Tues. Dec. 24th	Lessons & Carols	5:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/17	Jessica Sawtell
12/18	Dennis Metallo Lindsey Brothers Kaitlin Kentala
12/19	Pat Tauschek

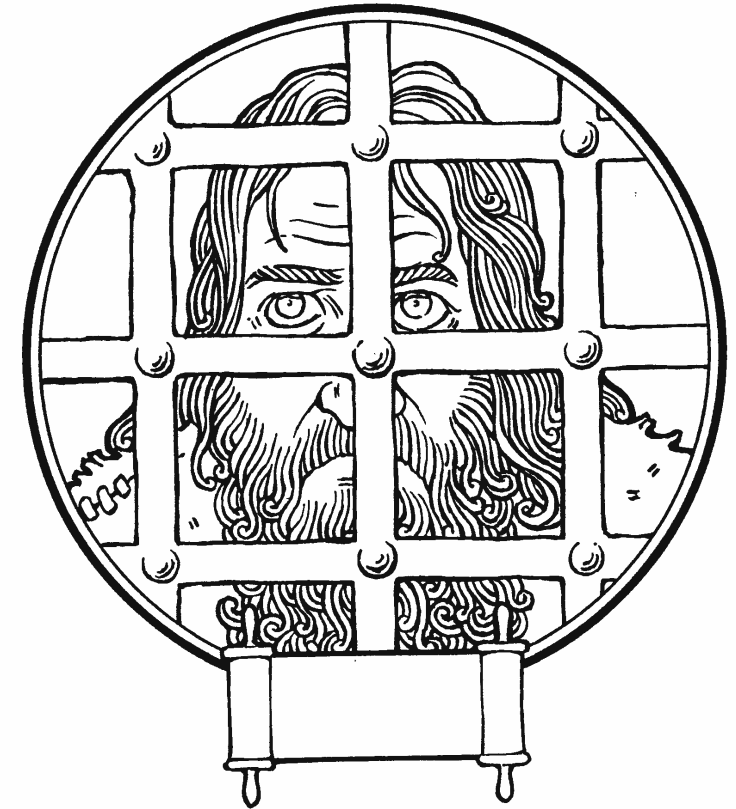
Birthdays

12/16	Ally Pederson
12/17	Tamara Weathersby
12/18	Rachel Dickey
12/19	Karen Nichols
12/21	Theresa Busanet

Pray for our members

12/15	Doris Hagen
12/16	Jack Mills
12/17	Heidi Tobalsky
12/18	Luke Bertz
12/19	Mary Rusch
12/20	Brandon Cleereman
12/21	Kaitlin Kentala

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John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord . . ." (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance, for "all flesh is grass" (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, "Are you the one who is to come . . .?" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God's people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.