

Announcements

January 28, 2018

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR GREAT GOD & KING, JESUS CHRIST! Jesus told the great crowds that followed him, "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it." (Luke 14:28) While they were applied to the need of each individual to assess their own willingness to give up all to follow Him, they also point out the need for planning ahead. Accordingly, the Board of Stewardship is repeating the Pledge Card program initiated last year to help our congregation assess our resources and willingness to help carry out the mission He has given us as a church.

Pledge card envelopes for each confirmed member are on the table in the Narthex; the letter inside explains the program for this year. Please pick up your envelope and prayerfully consider your response. Complete your pledge cards inside and bring the church copy of the "My Offering" and of the "Time & Talents" cards back to Church on Feb. 10-11 to put into our offering basket we will have out that day. For those who will be gone that weekend and who would like another option, we will have the letter & pledge card links on our church website that can be completed on-line. We ask that everyone turn in a card set (even if it says, "unable to help this year") so that we can get a better idea of resources for the coming year. Last year we had 16% response; we would like to see a much better response this year.

--The Board of Stewardship

MEMBERS are asked to please pick up their Pledge Card Program envelopes on the tables in the Narthex. They also contain "Giving Statements" for those who used offering envelopes in 2017. -- The Board of Stewardship.

PLEDGE CARD ON LINE - Please use the links below to respond to this year's Pledge Card program. Please submit a response by Feb. 11th. Please consider responding, even if you are not able to contribute at this time, for the church's planning purposes. Contact Stacy Krizman, 208-2345 (Board of Stewardship) with any questions/issues with the surveys. The links are also on the church website, www.messiahlutherangj.org.

Offering <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33HPC5K>

Time and Talents <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GJ3ZQ9Q>

FREE WILL OFFERING - We are taking a free will offering to assist the Assistant Pastor in moving expenses and renting expenses. There is a basket in the narthex.

CHURCH COUNCIL - Minutes from the church council meeting are available in the narthex.

LINE OF CREDIT - In June 2017 we were forced to take an advance of \$27,000 on our Line of Credit with LCEF due to low contributions. The line of Credit must be paid off each year with a \$0.00 balance for one month of that year. Making the minimum payments from the time it was drawn would still leave us with around a \$25,000 balance by May of 2018. With your special contributions, we have currently been able to pay \$7,250 to the line of credit. There are envelopes on the east wall of the narthex for giving to the paying off our Line of Credit. Select an amount, or select a blank envelope and fill in the amount then drop it in with your regular offering. Please prayerfully consider helping pay off our Line of Credit.

TREASURER'S REPORT - At the end of November, we were only able to pay payroll. We did not pay payroll expenses or any other bills. Payroll expenses were paid after Saturday & Sunday, December 3rd & 4th's offerings were deposited. November's Profit and Loss statement showed the "General Fund Contributions" at \$13,000 less than budget and "School Income" \$2,500 less than budgeted. With the many extra services and 5 Sundays in December the "General Fund Contributions" were \$21,700 over budget. With this extra income we were able to pay all current and past due bills and January 15th's payroll leaving about \$400.00 in the checking account. As we continue through the first months of a new year, please continue to pray for guidance in funding our missions here at Messiah. God's Blessing, Jack Messenger

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - *"And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes."* (Mark 1:22). Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live — for Jesus' authority is always connected to His love. (from the LCMS Stewardship website). -The Board of Stewardship.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - The Board of Stewardship (BOS) is looking for a volunteer to teach a class on Budget Management (Financial Peace University class). Please contact Stacy Krizman to volunteer or for more information, 208-2345. Thank you.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP AND DEVOTION - We will be praying for our children, families, school faculty, and school. We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month, 2:30pm - 2:55pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we lift our concerns and joys to the Lord. If you have questions please call Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766.

ADOPT A FAMILY - We would love to give the gift of a Christian education to families that cannot afford to send their child(ren) to Messiah. If you can ADOPT a family, in part or whole, please put your love gift in the offering marked scholarship. All donations will be matched.

ALTAR GUILD - It is with great joy and thankful hearts that we can announce the changing of the Altar Guild chair and co-chair. We thank both Laura Ryden and Regina Howell for graciously accepting this blessed way of serving Our Lord. We want to thank each and every one who has volunteered through the years to help with the preparation of both set-up and clean-up of communion. We pray that each of you will continue to serve the Lord in this way! It has been a great privilege to work with each of you and get to know you and love you all. We'll always be a part of the Altar Guild as the Lord wills. Thank you all with God's Peace and our love. Anita Neuberger and Linda Romersberger

URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP AND CLEANUP - The Holy Communion signup sheet needs people to help for this year in setting up and cleaning up of communion. Please prayerfully consider helping. We are more than willing to train or help in anyway. If you have any questions please call, Laura Ryden, 241-0438 or Regina Howell, 523-2066.

URGENT NEED FOR GREETERS - April needs greeters for both services. A grateful thank you to all who greeted in 2017. If you have any questions, please call me at 243-1604. In His Service, Betty Crinklaw

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall is led by Pastor Redeker.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - We will meet on Monday mornings at 9:00am. Join us for studying "The Gospel of John" and fellowship in the Library. If you have questions please call Marsha Brodak, 970-243-7647.

MONDAY NIGHT GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We meet on Monday evenings, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, at Bud and Anita Neuberger's home, 2818 ½ Village Park Drive. We will be studying Job. If you need more information call Anita at 263-4251.

WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY - Bring your lunch and join us on Wednesdays at 12:15pm to study God's Word in the book of John.

FRIDAY MORNING GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We meet on Friday mornings, 9:00am to 10:00am, at Virginia Saunder's home, 1203-B Club Ct. We will be studying Job. If you need more information call Virginia at 970-245-8218.

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY - Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am - 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. This is an outreach to our shut-ins and other listeners.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

DADDY/DAUGHTER WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE - February 9th, 6-7:30 PM Messiah's Gym
Fathers and their daughters from the school and congregation are invited to the second annual Daddy/Daughter Winter Dance. This is your chance to show your little girl how special she is to you. Daughters thrive on knowing they can depend on their fathers to always be there for them. How a father treats his daughter will shape how she views herself and how she expects to be treated by other men for the rest of her life. Treat her to an evening of music, dancing, food and fun; memories she will have for a lifetime. The evening includes: music, appetizers & desserts, a 5x7 photograph of the daddy/daughter couple, fun and fellowship. Please contact the office to let them know how many are coming.

THANK YOU - We have helped "DROWN OUT HUNGER!" 7 staff members had to "TAKE THE PLUNGE!" 5,453 items were collected to share with those in our community! Thank you to all who have helped count, sort, shop and supply the pantry and distribute the food! Don't forget that items are collected throughout the year and our pantry and community is always in need! Well done, good and faithful servants!!
Items ALWAYS needed: Canned meat, toilet paper, small size toiletry items, canned fruit and can openers. Many of the people we serve travel on foot, so please don't send large jugs of juice, large peanut butter jars, and large pasta sauce jars. They are simply too heavy for them to carry.

THANK YOU - To everyone who volunteered to work in the Latimer House Christmas Store Project your time was very much appreciated. The gifts that were donated were a blessing to these families. God's Blessings, Kim Lanning

GIVING TREE - Thank you to everyone who gave to the Giving Tree it was a blessing to our families of Messiah Church and School. The gifts and cash donations were very much appreciated.

CHURCH LIBRARY - Do you have any lingering doubts about creation/evolution? Check out the 4 books in the church library titled "The New Answers Book" written by Ken Ham, they are full of questions and answers about creation, evolution, and the Bible. There are 4 volumes, all with the same title. These books provide well documented answers to tough questions asked by unbelievers as well as Christians. The books can be found in category #10.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL POLICYHOLDER - We need sponsors for Lent Soup Suppers. A sponsor, applies as an Action Team sponsor and once you are approved will be sent a \$250.00 credit card to pay for start-up expenses. If you would like to be a sponsor or have questions please call the church office.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - There is over \$4,600 dollars of Choice Dollars from 8 households that have not been designated to Messiah. As of November 30, 2017, Messiah Church has received \$2,659 and Messiah School has received \$3,065 this is a total of \$5,724 of Choice Dollars going to Messiah general fund. Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

5:00pm Joyful Praise Service: 30

8:00am Traditional Service: 71 10:30am 94

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	12:15pm	5 th - 8 th Grade Confirmation
Monday	9:00am	Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study/Library
	7:00pm	Good News Evening Bible Study/Job/Bud & Anita Neuberger's home
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Matt Powell/John
	3:15pm	Kingdom Kids
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	-----	
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	9:00am	Good News Bible Study/Virginia Saunders's home
Saturday	5:00pm	Joyful Praise/Sanctuary
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