

Announcements

November 18, 2018

MESSIAH'S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Please have newsletter articles to Glacia by Wednesday, November 21st at 9:00am.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday, November 22nd, and Friday, November 23rd, for Thanksgiving Holiday.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY, November 18th at 1:30pm. We will be voting on new officers and discussing how we will go forward with our Lord's work here at Messiah.

CHURCH COUNCIL - The election of Church Council members will be held TODAY, if you are interested in serving on any of the boards (Elders, Parochial Education, Christian Education, Finance, or Trustees), please call Paul Yutzy, 970-210-0479, Illona Rennels, 970-210-3751, or the church office, 970-245-2838. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents in the governance of our church body!

IT IS AN EXCITING TIME at the Lutheran Church and School of Messiah as we discern God's will for the life of our church moving forward. In anticipation for the voter's assembly November 18th, where we will elect new elders and officers of the church, please keep our congregation in your prayers. If you have a nomination or would be willing to serve, there are plenty of spots available!!! One of the big considerations coming up is what to do with the "1156 Hill Building." A few months ago, they relocated, and the property is seeking use once again. A committee was formed to explore the options to rent, sell, or use the building for ministry. Their findings are available in a packet found in the narthex.

COAT DRIVE - Warm Hearts will be collecting clean coats, blankets & sleeping bags in good condition, from now and until Tuesday, November 20th. Please put donated coats, blankets, and sleeping bags in the box located in the narthex and the school entrance.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE will be November 21, 2018 at 7:00pm.

ADVENT SERVICES will be held on December 5, December 12 and December 19 at 7:00pm. **Soup Suppers** will be served prior to each Wednesday Advent services from 5:15pm to 6:30pm.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL POLICYHOLDER - We need sponsors for Advent 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.

LUTHERAN WITNESS - If you would like to receive a subscription, or renew your current subscription, the cost is \$22.56. You may drop off your payment to the Church office or place it in the offering on Sunday with a note indicating "Lutheran Witness". The deadline is November 30, 2018.

READY OR NOT—CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!!—Our school and Sunday School are excited to get to work on their Christmas Pageants!!! Pre-K through 8th grade are invited to start practicing their songs and parts during the Sunday School hour (from 9:30-10:30AM). This year, our Sunday School and Day School hope to work together for their presentation in December. Also, stay tuned for news about the preschool Christmas Festival focusing on how God shows us His love.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA - There will be One service on Sunday, December 9th at 9:00am. Come and enjoy the beautiful voices of our Choirs.

BRUNCH POTLUCK - Sunday, December 9th following the Christmas Cantata at 10:30am. Bring your favorite brunch item to share. Egg Casseroles, fruit, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, or . . . and enjoy your church family fellowship.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR is available for students PreSchool - High School. **Class Locations:** Pre-School-4th Grade meeting in **Extended Day Room**, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Schultz, teachers; Grades 5-8 are in the **Library**, Mr. Hobus, teacher; High Schoolers should find the **All Purpose Room**. **Come join us!**

SENIOR YOUTH - *Senior High* youth group (9th-12th grade) will meet Thursdays from 5:30pm - 7pm in the Youth (Multipurpose) Room!!! We will have games, dinner, and a Bible Study. **Both youth groups will meet together on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm to 8:00pm for Taco Tuesday!!!!**

TACO TUESDAY - Although December's Taco Tuesday will be cancelled—THIS MONTH'S TACO TUESDAY WILL BE AN **UGLY SWEATER PARTY!!!!** 5-12th Graders--Come wearing your ugliest-disgustingly-weirdest-

sweatiest sweater Tuesday, November 27th, eat some tacos, and share in our winter-tide festivities!!! There will be a prize for the worst sweater.

BLESSED 2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR - It won't be long before 2019 will be here. A new sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for Holy Communion Set Up and Clean Up for 2019 year. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more information.

LYDIA LWML CIRCLE - We will meet on Tuesday, November 20th, 7:00pm, at Laura Ryden's home. Come and join our Bible Study and fellowship.

MOST WANTED FOOD CHALLENGE - A "MOST WANTED" box has been placed in the narthex for us to fill (to overflowing) with items to help the needy in our church and community. Can you grab an extra canned good item when you run to the store? Can you pick up an extra box of pasta? Toilet paper? Cereal? Grab two! Hurry!! Help us fill up the food pantry again!! Thank you!!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Heb. 10:14). Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the Church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

TREASURER'S REPORT - LCEF LINE OF CREDIT - OCTOBER UPDATE

At the end of October our year to date expenses were \$353,966.23. We borrowed \$15,000 from our LCEF Line of Credit at the beginning of August and \$12,000 in October to meet these expenses. To date the money borrowed is about 7.6% of our expenses. This is in addition to \$23,000 we borrowed in the 2017-18 fiscal year, or a total of \$50,000 we have borrowed. We have received some gracious gifts which reduced the balance at the end of October from \$50,000 to \$46,450.

Please consider an additional Special Gift to help with our Line of Credit debt. You can either use one of the envelopes under the Pay Down Our Line of Credit poster in the narthex or one of your Special/Designated Gift envelopes from your Managing God's Gifts envelopes.



We also have the following bills that we have no funds to pay.

Updated Nov 7th

VENDOR	DATE DUE	AMOUNT
PITNEY BOWES	10/12/2018	\$ 145.76
CONCORDIA PUBLISHING	10/15/2018	\$ 986.00
ALSCO	10/18/2018	\$ 46.12
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	10/20/2018	\$1,133.49
SCHOLASTIC	10/20/2018	\$ 152.84
GRAND JUNCTION PIPE	10/20/2018	\$ 71.00
SPECTRUM	10/22/2018	\$ 277.56
SOURCE	10/22/2018	\$ 805.09
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION	10/26/2018	\$1,013.33
XCEL	11/9/2018	\$1,104.77
CHRUCH MUTUAL	11/12/2018	\$3,354.00
TOTAL		\$9,089.96

Please keep your church and her financial condition in your prayers as we continue in our outreach in spreading the Love of Jesus to the community of Grand Junction and Mesa County.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 10:00am - Many hands are needed to help prepare the Christmas wreaths and garland for the sanctuary. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to fluff the greenery. Please call Marsha Brodak, 970-243-7647 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 9:00am - Join us in the sanctuary to hang the wreaths, decorate the Christmas tree, and display the nativity of our Lord. We will also be preparing a float for the Parade of lights after decorating the sanctuary. This is a great family time to spend together preparing for the Advent and Christmas season.

CHURCH DIRECTORY - We have one day scheduled on Monday, December 3rd, 2:00pm to 8:50pm, with Lifetouch to update our church directory. Did you miss our last photograph sessions, or are you new to our Messiah family or you want updated family photographs you will want to schedule an appointment? Call the church office 970-245-2838, to schedule a time.

GIVING TREE - We will be putting up a giving tree this year for Christmas to help families at Messiah Lutheran Church and School that are going through a rough time. If you are aware of a family in need, please let Glacia Peck know. This information will be kept confidential in the interest of the families. The tree will be up December 2nd. Please return wrapped gifts with ornament attached to the church office.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!! We will be hosting our fifth annual Craft Fair Saturday December 8th. The cost of a booth is \$40 and the money will go to our school scholarship program. We will take care of advertising for the event. Youth Group will hold their Annual Cookie walk and will serve lunch during the Fair. If you are interested in having a booth or in helping plan, setup, or clean up please contact Glacia Peck 245-2838. Thank you for all your support and I hope you can join us for this day of FUN! Registration forms are available in the office.

PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL) - Free educational support group for parents and families of addicted loved ones. The group meets every Thursday, 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 ½ Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, 970-379-5786.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - We will study the Gospel of John Monday Mornings at 9:00am in the Library. All ladies of all ages are invited to come and feed on God's Word and enjoy fellowship. If you need more information call Marsha Brodak at 970-243-7647.

MONDAY NIGHT GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We have resumed our study of Abraham on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. If you need more information call Anita at 263-4251.

WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY - Matt Powell will lead the class Wednesdays from 12:15-1PM. Grab lunch and meet him down in the Fellowship Hall where we will begin discussing the book of Acts together!!! That same day I will also have a Pastor-Led lecture from 11AM-Noon on Wednesdays also covering the book of Acts!!!! ---Pastor Josh Schmidt

ADULT CHOIR - has also begun practicing Wednesday nights at 7PM in the Music Room looking forward to this year's cantata on December 9th and Musical Advent services December 5th and 12th. Directed by Justin Russell.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the multipurpose room. We will be starting a new study, "Facing Disaster Like a Man" on November 15th. Please call Matt Powell at 270-3637, or Pastor Redeker at the church office, with any questions.

MAVERICKS OF MESSIAH - We meet on Thursday evenings, at 7:00pm in the Beet Room at the Four Winds Coffee Shop.

FRIDAY MORNING GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY - We will meet on Friday mornings at 9:30am at the home of Virginia Saunders, 1203-B Club Court. 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR - "Pastor Redeker and I would love to share our schedules with you whenever you would like to plan a meeting. It is also important that our congregation is able to organize as they utilize the different rooms and facilities in our wonderful church and school. To make this possible, please contact the office when scheduling times and places for meetings (on week days) as we build up the body of Christ together."

NEED: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! We emailed the newsletter for November. If you did not receive the newsletter we need your email. Please do not assume that we have your email. **If you do not give us an email you will not get a newsletter.** We will make sure that our shut-ins receive them.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

5:00pm Joyful Praise Service: 28 8:00am Traditional Service: 88 10:30am: 105

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Children's Ministry
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	1:30pm	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	-----	NO SCHOOL
	9:00am	Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study/Library
Tuesday	7:00pm	Good News Evening Bible Study/Neuberger Home
	-----	NO SCHOOL
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	NO School Faculty Meeting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Lydia Circle/Laura Ryden's home
	-----	NO SCHOOL
	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	NO Chapel
	11:00am	Acts Bible Study/Pastor Schmidt
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Matt Powell/Acts
	4:00pm	NO 5/6 Confirmation Class/Pastor Schmidt
	5:00pm	NO 7/8 Confirmation Class/Pastor Schmidt
7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service/Communion	
Thursday	7:00pm	NO Adult Choir/Music Room
	-----	Thanksgiving Day
	-----	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	5:30pm	NO Senior Youth/Youth Room
	7:00pm	NO Mavericks of Messiah/Four Winds
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	-----	NO SCHOOL
	8:00am	Soup Kitchen
Saturday	9:30am	Good News Bible Study/Virginia Saunder's Home
	5:00pm	Joyful Praise/Communion/Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Children's Ministry
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	3:00pm	Junior Youth/Youth Room