

## Announcements

November 25, 2018

**TACO TUESDAY** - Although December's Taco Tuesday will be cancelled—THIS MONTH'S TACO TUESDAY WILL BE AN **UGLY SWEATER PARTY!!!!** 5-12<sup>th</sup> Graders--Come wearing your ugliest-disgustingly-weirdest-sweatiest sweater Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, eat some tacos, and share in our winter-tide festivities!!! There will be a prize for the worst sweater.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**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.

**URGENTLY NEED 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JOYFUL PRAISE** - There will be no Saturday service on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us on Sunday morning, 9:00am for the Cantata.

**THANK YOU** - Carol and Jon Palmer want to thank you, our Messiah Family, for your kind words of comfort and cards as we suffered the loss of Jon's mother, J

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

**BRUNCH POTLUCK** - Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!!!!**

**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.

**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 the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment" (Isaiah 51:6). The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

**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.

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**Special/Designated Gift**

\$	_____	Mortgage Reduction
\$	_____	Messiah School Fund
\$	_____	School Scholarship Fund
\$	_____	Building Fund
\$	_____	Debt Retirement
\$	_____	Technology Fund
\$	_____	Other (Please Specify) <i>Line of Credit</i>

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.

**WEDDING RECEPTION** - Paul and Susan Yutzy would like to invite their Messiah family to a wedding reception on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. No gifts please. Cards are fine!

**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 pastors or Glacia Peck know. This information will be kept confidential in the interest of the families. The tree will be up December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> and Musical Advent services December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 continue our study, "Facing Disaster Like a Man" on December 6<sup>th</sup>. 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
	3:00pm	Junior Youth/Youth Room
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	9:00am	Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study/Library
Tuesday	7:00pm	Good News Evening Bible Study/Neuberger Home
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	Taco Tuesday
	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Acts Bible Study/Pastor Schmidt
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Matt Powell/Acts
	4:00pm	5/6 Confirmation Class/Pastor Schmidt
	5:00pm	7/8 Confirmation Class/Pastor Schmidt
Thursday	7:00pm	Adult Choir/Music Room
	5:30pm	Senior Youth/Youth Room
Friday	7:00pm	Mavericks of Messiah/Four Winds
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	9:30am	Good News Bible Study/Virginia Saunder's Home
Saturday	10:00am	Garland & Wreath Preparation
	9:00am	Decorate the Christmas Tree/Hang Wreaths
	2:00pm	Decorate the float for Parade of Lights
	5:00pm	Joyful Praise/NO Communion/Sanctuary
Sunday	5:00pm	Parade of Lights
	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Children's Ministry
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	2:00pm	Youth Cookie Baking