

## Announcements

December 23, 2018

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TODAY** in memory of Walt and Lavina Schultz's by Sally Schultz, Ty Schultz and family, and Andi Freyer and family.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE** - Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rifle will be installing Reverend Charles Winfred Westby as their pastor TODAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00pm. A reception will follow the service.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS** - Thanks to everyone who brought their poinsettia to share. Please pick up your poinsettia after service on Christmas Day.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be at 4:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** will be at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at 10:00am.

**NO NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING SERVICE**

**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 start again January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm - 7pm in the Youth (Multipurpose) Room!!! We have games, dinner, and a Bible Study.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** - "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45). The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** can be picked up in the narthex. If you currently do not have offering envelopes, and would like to have some, or if you have envelopes and do not use them please let the Church office know.

**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!!

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE** - Ladies Guild is collecting ideas for the Bakeless Bake Sale projects. If you would like to propose a mission project to be considered, please submit a written proposal in an envelope marked Bakeless Bake Sale and drop them off in the church office by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NOTEPADS** - Do you get inundated with all those notepads from different organizations asking for money? Don't throw them away! The kindergarten class needs them. Just bring them into the office. Thank you! The Kindergartners

**GREETERS NEEDED** - Greeters are needed for the month of January one at the 8:00am and one at the 10:30am service. Families, couples, women and men are encouraged to volunteer. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. A huge thank you to all who have greeted.

**AMAZON.SMILE** - Are you shopping for Christmas on Amazon? A portion of your sales will be donated to our church and school. Log into Amazon. Smile select Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Grand Junction and do your shopping.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - 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](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling 800-847-4836.

**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.

**PASTOR SCHMIDT'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** - We will not meet until January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the Red Letter Challenge on January 16<sup>th</sup> and walk through the Large Catechism soon after. Pastor Josh Schmidt

**WEDNESDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY** - We will take a break during the Christmas Season and will resume January 9<sup>th</sup>. Matt Powell will lead the class Wednesdays from 12:15-1PM. Grab lunch and meet him down in the Fellowship Hall where we will be discussing the book of Acts together!!!

**ADULT CHOIR** - practice Wednesday nights at 8PM in the Balacony. 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. Please call Matt Powell at 270-3637, or Pastor Redeker at the church office, with any questions.

**MAVERICKS OF MESSIAH** - We meet not meet until January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**FRIDAY MORNING GOOD NEWS BIBLE STUDY** - We 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.

**NEED: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!** We emailed the newsletter for December. 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 - 18 8:00am Traditional Service - 93, 10:30am Traditional Service - 108

#### 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
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
CHRISTMAS EVE	-----	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	4:00am	Christmas Eve Service
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday	-----	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00am	Christmas Day Service/Communion
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	NO Chapel
	11:00am	NO Acts Bible Study/Pastor Schmidt
	12:15pm	NO 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
Thursday	5:30pm	NO Senior Youth/Youth Room
	7:00pm	NO Mavericks of Messiah/Four Winds
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	9:30am	Good News Bible Study/Virginia Saunder's Home
Saturday	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