

Announcements

December 5th, 2021

LUKE2 PROJECT- If you'd like to walk around downtown with others wearing the LUKE2 gear, please meet us on Wednesday December 8th at 2:00pm in Enstrom's parking lot. If you have any questions, please call Arliss Bridgett at 970-270-3517.

LWML LADIES VESPERS SERVICE is Thursday, December 9th at 7pm.

GIVING TREE- Once again this year we will have a giving tree with items to donate to needy families at Christmas time. The tree will be in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider helping needy families to better enjoy their Christmas. All you need to do is select an item on the tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, and bring it back to church. If you know of a family in need, please let one of the Pastors or Glacia know so that we can see they get on the tree. Thank you! Questions? contact the church office 245-2838.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCH- It's back this year on December 11th from 9-3. Oh, we can't forget the Cookie Walk from 9-11 (or until the cookies are gone). If you are interested in being a vendor, registration forms are available in the office. Need more information? Contact Lois MacDonald (aka Nana Lois) at 970-245-4749 or 970-201-7338. The craft show is a fundraiser for school scholarships. The cookie walk and lunch monies go to our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2022.

THANK YOU is not enough. There are no words to express my gratitude for Messiah. I have learned, I have grown, and I have been loved. I couldn't believe how wonderful our Godspeed celebration was. As I was packing, I came across card after card of Birthday wishes, seasons greetings, pastor appreciation, and even a few Thanksgiving cards!! Thank you for always being there for me and I hope I have been able to be there for you too. As Christians we know that our "good-byes" are not the end. You have God's work to do here—just as I have God's work to do there. So, until we meet again, Pastor Josh Schmidt

LINENS VOLUNTEERS- Volunteers are needed for linens. We will train. Come and help. Call Carolyn Baker 970-434-1524 if you have any questions.

NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM- Our school has been blessed with an entire new science curriculum, and 2 new microscopes. We are still in need of items to provide hands on labs, experiments and more. If you would like to donate or purchase some of these amazing items, there is a wish list in the school office.

2021 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.

LUKE2 PROJECT- Please join us in the LUKE2 project. There is information about this at LUKE2project.org. In short: 1. Wear the shirt. 2. Silently remind all who see it the REASON for the season. 3. If someone asks and doesn't have a church home invite them (we have invitations printed and available in the narthex) or you can use our church

cards. What is BRITE Friday? LUKE2 goal: Change black Friday into BRITE Friday by 2023. The founder of LUKE2 has a short video out and he uses the analogy of wearing the LUKE2 shirts with wearing your favorite team shirt, we are rooting for our team! There are offering envelopes also to make donations. If you have any questions, you can also call Arliss Bridgett 970-270-3517

ADVENT SERVICES will be held on December 8th, and December 15th at 7:00pm.

SOUP SUPPERS-During Advent Season we hold a Soup Supper meal prior to the service at 7pm. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and always good food. The meal generally consists of 3 types of soup, salad, rolls, dessert, and drinks. We serve from 5:15pm to 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall on the following Wednesdays: Dec. 8, and Dec. 15. Special thanks to Mike Messenger, Messiah's Chief Cook, for heading up these suppers.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 22ND.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be at 4:00pm.

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

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10:00am.

****SUNDAY DEC. 26TH- There will only be one service. Bible study will be at 9:00am and Church service will be at 10:00am.**

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS- To decorate our Lord's house on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we are asking you to share your beautiful poinsettias with your fellow Christians. Please bring your poinsettia to the office, with your name on the bottom by 2:00pm Thursday December 16th. Your poinsettia will be available for pick up after service on Christmas Day.

MONEY! You keep hearing that the church needs a little more money to pay bills, have electricity, etc., but you are spread thin yourself. Could you help in some other way? YES!!! You could start using Scrip. What's that? Scrip means buying shopping cards or ecards to use at all your favorite stores, restaurants, and fast-food joints. Each "card" you buy gives the church a percentage of the cost of the card without you paying any extra. \$10 on the card is \$10 for you to use. Each store has a certain percentage that goes to the church and there are often specials where that percentage is more for a given period of time. You are going to spend the money anyway, why not help the church with your everyday purchases? **HOW DO I DO THIS?** Put the Shop with Scrip app on your phone or go to the website: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

Set up the church as the beneficiary of your % and start shopping. **Christmas** is coming and with Scrip you can buy and send ecards to people anywhere. You can even set the date for it to show up in their email. It doesn't get much easier than this!!! Please consider using Scrip (Raise Right) to help the church financially.

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.

NEW SERVICE- There's always SOMETHING new at Messiah!! Join us the 3rd Sunday of The month for our BRAND-NEW service in the gym:

Noon-1PM- FREE lunch with Fellowship and Discussion

1PM-2PM- Worship together in the Gym (a Service of the Word—No Communion)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE- FOOD PANTRY - Thank you all so much for your overwhelming response to our food pantry request. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

THE PREGNANCY CENTER- The Pregnancy Center is now comfortably settled into their new location at 2478 Patterson Road. Their current baby needs are: baby hats and socks, winter sleepers size 12-month boys and girls, baby towel and washcloth sets, baby lotions, shampoos, and stuffed animals. And, of course, there is always the ongoing need for disposable diapers, wipes, safety items such as electrical plug covers, corner covers, cabinet locks, baby bathtubs, car window sunscreens, thermometers, baby bottles, teething rings, and pacifiers etc. The Center is always very appreciative of your donations.

USHERS-There is a sign-up sheet for 10:30 Service Ushers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you are able and wish to help, please contact me, Matt Meyer, at 402-750-9705. You can also chat with me before or after 10:30 Service. I would enjoy meeting you if we haven't been introduced! Thank you and God bless.

GREETERS- Thank you to all of you who have signed up to be greeters and to all future greeters. There are still Sundays available. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet.

BULLETIN BOARDS- Our church bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary and across from Ms. Mead's office have been and will continue to be updated. If you have something that you would like to put on any of the bulletin boards, please contact the church office or Beth Weber 970-361-0794.

UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF— Every Tuesday, at 6:00PM, Mr. Scott Mauser is hosting a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love, gentleness, and respect. These classes are over at the Alpha and Omega Institute 1011 N 10th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Hope you can make it!

COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (970) 260-6766

PRAYER REQUESTS- *"But when you pray, go to into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

GIFT PLANNING- Who will be best blest by gifts from my estate someday? This is a fun question to ask and answer as you work to create an overall estate plan. Sometimes the legal process of estate planning can get overwhelming and consume all your attention. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and pray through decisions about family and ministry gifts from your estate, preparing you to work with your professionals to create an estate plan. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS- Luke 3:4 - "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' ' " God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

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 or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am. If you would like to be a sponsor for our radio ministry, contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

November Income-

Week of Nov. 25-30	\$12,899.93
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$121,150.04
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:00am	Unity Sunday/Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/
	11:30am	Church Potluck
	2:00pm	Cookie Baking in Fellowship Hall for Cookie Walk
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:00pm	Taco Tuesday- Youth groups
	7:00pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	5:15pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	3:15pm	PTA Meeting
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
	7:00pm	Ladies Vespers Service
Friday	11:30am	Lunch Bunch/Prayer Partners
	4:00pm	Craft Fair Set Up
	6:00pm	Human Trafficking Meeting-Sanctuary
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Saturday	9:00am	Craft Fair/Cookie Walk
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