

## Announcements December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**GIVING TREE-** Once again this year we have a giving tree with items to donate to needy families at Christmas time. The tree is 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.  
**Please return wrapped gifts with ornament attached to the church office by December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**BLESSING TO GLACIA AS SHE TAKES ON A NEW ROLE-** After 13 years of faithful service to God and Messiah, Glacia Peck is leaving her position as office administrator. She has blessed us in so many ways we can not thank her enough. Her final day in the office will be January 7<sup>th</sup>. Godspeed Glacia!

**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](http://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 SERVICE** will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Dec. 15. Special thanks to Mike Messenger, Messiah's Chief Cook, for heading up these suppers.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

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

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

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

**\*\*SUNDAY DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>- 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net).

**GIFT PLANNING-** Who will be best blest by gifts from my estate someday? For most, attention turns first toward family. That can be a godly response, as God has given us great responsibility to teach and nurture and care within our families so that we know

Jesus. Yet family inheritance is not an obligation or entitlement; it is a gift of God's gifts to family. Spend time thinking about how those family gifts will bless family members. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS-** Philippians 4:5-6 - "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

**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

**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.

**December Income-**

Week of Dec. 1-9	\$47,956.04
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$47,956.04
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

### Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Board of Christian Ed
	4:00pm	Jr. High Youth
	5:30pm	Sr. High Youth
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	5:15pm	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Service/School Kids Christmas Program
Thursday	1:00pm	Dorcas Circle-Library
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday	11:15am	Early Release for School
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Saturday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
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