

Announcements
December 19th, 2021

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 will be 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.**

OFFICE ADMIN- We are looking to hire a full time Office Administrator. It is 40 hours per week, pay based on experience. Knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Organizational and leadership skills and communication and interpersonal abilities needed. Submit resume to glacia@messiahlutherangj.org or admin@messiahlutherangj.org. Questions contact the office at 970-245-2838.

NEW SERVICE TIME-Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Due to the overall decline in membership and Sunday Service participation, and along with the departure of Pastor Schmidt, the Board of Elders, along with the Church Council with Pastor Redeker's guidance, has decided to change the Sunday worship schedule. The new schedule will be **ONE** service on Sundays starting at 9:00am followed by Bible Study at 10:30. This will better facilitate our smaller membership and take some of the workload off our Pastor. The new schedule will start Sunday January 9th. God's Peace and Merry Christmas, **Wade Schultz**-Chairman of the Congregation

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 cannot thank her enough. Her final day in the office will be January 7th. Godspeed Glacia!

LWML MITES- Mite boxes are used for the collection of money for missions. Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to international LWML for mission projects and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for your district's mission projects. Mite Money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission projects selected by delegates at district and international conventions. Place your mite box wherever you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You mite want to give a mite box to family members and friends.

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

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.

3rd SUNDAY 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? Just as you think about how your family will be blessed, you can also ponder about the blessing that will take place in ministries that you support with God's gifts. Try to picture and imagine someone coming to faith and inheriting eternal life through the ministry you support with your estate gift. Then pray for God to make that happen. Your Messiah counselor can help you focus your God given attention on ministry gifts. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS- Luke 1:45 - "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." 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. Mary's faith also gave her the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

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.

December Income-

Week of Dec. 10-16	\$16,944.74
Weekly need	\$19,174.63
Month to date	\$64,900.78
Monthly need	\$83,090.08

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion
Monday	----- 1:30pm	NO SCHOOL Office Staff Meeting
Tuesday	----- 9:00am 2:00pm ----- 7:00pm	NO SCHOOL Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall Ruth Circle- Fellowship Hall NO YOUTH GROUP Lydia Circle
Wednesday	----- 8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	NO SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE
Thursday	----- 6:30pm	NO SCHOOL Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday	----- 4:00pm 7:00pm -----	NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday	10:00am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday	9:00am 10:00am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live