

Community Outreach

METRO LUTHERAN: Did you get a copy of Metro Lutheran this month? Regular Metro Lutheran contributor Marc Hequet recently took a trip to Jordan to look into the local Christian community's peace efforts there. His story is in the November issue of Metro Lutheran. Turn to pages 12 and 13 to read more about the Christian community in Jordan. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and the kiosks (one located near the library and the other near the west entrance.)

TRINITY FIRST LUTHERAN announces the annual Christmas German Communion Service led by Rev. Fred Miller. Join them on Sunday, December 13th at 2:30 in the afternoon at Trinity First Lutheran Church (11115 East 19th Street, Minneapolis). Their parking lot is located on the corner of Franklin Avenue and 13th Avenue South). For more information and/or directions, call 612-870-9487.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERTS – *Heaven and Earth Sing Gloria!* The Choir, under the direction of David Cherwien, performs their annual Christmas Festival concerts on Friday, December 11, 2009 with two performances: 4:30 pm and 8:00 pm, and Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 8:00 pm at the magnificent Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Our annual Christmas festival is a seamless flow of combining beautiful choral music of the season, poetry and carol singing in this glorious space. This year's festival will highlight a new work by John Tavener, *Ex Maria Virgine*, many portions that have not yet been heard in the U.S. Tickets in advance: (By Nov. 30) \$20 adults; \$10 students; and group rates (10 or more to a group) at \$15. After Nov. 30th and at the door: \$25 adults, \$10 students. Please call 612-722-2301 for tickets or order online at www.nlca.com.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR. You may find the necessary application and recommendation forms on the Prospective Student page of www.concordiaacademy.com. You may also contact marilyn.mick@concordiaacademy.com.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5, 2009

If you would like a printed version of our service today, copies are available on the table as you enter the Worship Center or you may ask one of the ushers for a copy.

TODAY:

7:30, 8:30, & 11:00* AM Worship Service - * Communion Service

9:45 AM Education Hour

MONDAY:

2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00 PM Altar Guild

TUESDAY:

9:00 AM Tuesday Work Crew

1:30 PM All Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Advent by Candlelight

7:30 PM AA

WEDNESDAY:

8:45 AM Prince of Peace Chapel

9:45 AM Messiah Seniors

4:00 & 7:30 PM Mid-Week Advent Worship Services

5:00 PM Joyful Ringers

6:00 PM Senior Youth/Confirmation/Adult Bible Study

6:30 PM Good Vibrations

7:00 PM Messiah Singers/Kingdom Kids

THURSDAY:

2:00 PM Cribbage

7:00 PM Jubilant Bells/Couples Bible Study

FRIDAY:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study at RJ Riches

SATURDAY:

9:30 AM Sunday School Program Practice (1st – 5th Grades Only)

6:00 PM Progressive Dinner

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:30 & 8:30 Services:

Opening Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come" # 332

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–16

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Offering Hymn: "Wake, Awake For Night is Flying" #516

Sermon: "Heads Up!" Luke 21:25-36

Closing Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #341

11:00 Service

(All Songs Printed Out in Bulletin and on Powerpoint Screen)

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Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Heads Up!" Luke 21:25-36

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY:

7:30, 8:30, & 11:00* Services:

Worship Proclaimer & Leader: Pastor Richard Krogen
Organist: Kay A. Knutson
Acolytes: 8:30 Amanda Schoenwald & Jake Goldsmith
11:00 Sarah Frederick & Raushan Soule
Ushers: 7:30 Roleene Roehl & Nikki Roehl
8:30 Brad Broolsma, Chuck Hayes,
Wally Schuldt, John Kvitrud
11:00 Brady Bargman, Alice Quiah, Tom Lewnau

Worship Assistants: 7:30 Oral Evanson 8:30 John Walther
11:00 Mike Marko

Readers: 7:30 Barb Gaynor 8:30 Lowell Brutlag 11:00 Jeni Aabel

Greeters for November 29:

7:30 John & Nanci Miller
8:30 Ron Bardal – Jim & Kay Kinzie
11:00 Rollie & Mavis Schwanz – Ron & Dayle Boyce

Greeters for December 6:

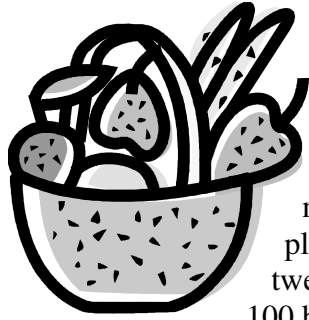
7:30 Lloyd & Olga Mavis
8:30 Jeff & Amy Fey – Jo Norell 11:00 Matt & Candace Johnson
Tom & Debbie Lewnau

Communion Assistants for the Month:

7:30 Jim Bukosky 8:30 Brad Broolsma 11:00 Carl Schwanbeck

Welcome Center:

7:15 – 7:30 Bob & Joanne Anderson 8:20 – 8:40 Don & Marge Eggers
9:25 – 9:50 Sarah Bardal 10:45 – 11:00 Rich & Sharon LaBounty
12:00 – 12:15 Nancy Clark



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS – Please plan now to share your time and blessings this Christmas season with those less fortunate by contributing your time or non-perishable food items or by making a cash donation in support of Messiah’s Holiday Food Basket Program. Cash contributions can also be made by noting the amount on your weekly giving envelope or placing it in an envelope marked “Holiday Food Baskets”. For over twenty years, members of Messiah have annually delivered nearly 100 baskets of food and fruit to our community’s less fortunate members. This year we will be preparing and distributing food baskets to the home-bound and needy families in our congregation and community on Saturday, December 19, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

The afterschool program, Tiger Club, needs some volunteers. Grab a friend or two and head down to TFL. Even if you can only come one night a week for a month, it would help the children. How can you help? Some of the children need home work help. Some like to play games like Connect Four or cards. Volunteers are especially needed on Thursdays and Fridays at this time. YOU can make a difference in the life of a child. If you are interested please contact Nicole Hayenga at hayenga.tfl@gmail.com. If you have questions feel free to ask me Diane M.

Another way to become acquainted with the work of Trinity First Lutheran school would be to come down one day and serve lunch. Your job would be to put a scoop of food on each tray and smile at each student.

LUKE/ACTS BIBLE STUDY will meet at 6:00 PM Dec. 2, 9, and 16, and will dismiss in time for the 7:30 PM Advent service. We will resume our 6:45 PM time slot Jan. 6. New participants always welcome!

News & Notes – November 29, 2009

Welcome friends! We’re glad you’re here today. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, please be sure to indicate so on one of the blue cards found in your bulletin. Please turn your blue card in during the time of the offerings. Visitors, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space for your gift.

- **THE NURSERY** is available for parents and their children three years of age and younger and is located in the hallway across from the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Busy Bags** are filled with quiet activities for your children to use during the service. They can be found in the entryway of the Gathering Space. The busy bags and their contents can be returned to the Gathering Space after the service.
- The **Welcome Center** is located right outside the Worship Center and is filled with information about Messiah and its many activities. Feel free to ask the volunteer any questions you may have.
- **Restrooms** can be accessed from the south side of the Gathering Space.
- If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** and are unable to approach the Communion Rail, please talk to one of the worship assistants or an usher before the service and they will assist you.
- **FM 88.1** Are you experiencing difficulty hearing during the worship service? Try listening to the worship service on a FM radio tuned to 88.1 FM. We encourage you to bring a good quality FM radio with high quality ear buds, and then listen direct to the pastor and music without the distractions. FM radios are also available at the welcome center.

MESSIAH CURRENTLY HAS NO FULL TIME PASTORAL STAFF. In church language, we call this a “vacancy” (i.e., the office of pastor is “vacant”). While we are in the process of seeking to fill the office of Senior Pastor, worship is being conducted and the Word proclaimed primarily by three pastors. Proclaiming the word this morning is Pastor Del Wippich, a retired LCMS pastor. The other pastors are Pastor Richard Krogen, a retired LCMS pastor here at Messiah .and Pastor Philemon Ngare, a pastor of the Evangelical Church in Kenya, Africa, East Africa, who is seeking a call to a parish of the LCMS. All are members of Messiah. Pastors Krogen and Wippich also share the “on-call” responsibilities.

BAPTISED THIS MORNING DURING THE 8:30 SERVICE ARE Caleb Peter B and Olivia Marie B, children of Jared and Kimberly B. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class Schedule

	8:30am	9:45am		
	<i>Blue Room B</i>	<i>Blue Room A</i>	<i>Blue Room B</i>	<i>Fireside Room</i>
11/29	Study of John	Parenting: WORRY	Study of John	Setting Hearts Ablaze for Christ
12/6	Study of John	Parenting: LEGACY	Study of John	Setting Hearts Ablaze for Christ

DURING THE PASTORAL VACANCY Pastoral Care will be provided by Pastor Wippich and Pastor Krogen along with the assistance of other area clergy as needed. If you have need of pastoral assistance please call the church office. If no one is available to take your call please leave a message for one of the pastors. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. If there is a **pastoral emergency** please call the office. If no one is available to take your call please leave a message with a phone number on the **Emergency Pastoral Care Response System**. As soon as you hang up, the “On Call” pastor will be paged.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP for ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm in the Crossroads. **Doug Ohman** of Pioneer Photography will be showing us many of the states oldest churches with a special focus on Christmas at the country church through stories and music. **Sign-up** on the poster on the bulletin board by the elevators to join us. Hostesses are needed for each table. Men are welcomed but remember, you must sign up. This is always a wonderful way to start the Advent season and celebrate the birth of our Savior. If you have any questions, call Donna L

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is TOMORROW here at Messiah from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. If you did not make an appointment you may still come and you will be able to donate as soon as possible.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2: Worship services will be at **4:00 and 7:30 PM**. We will continue with our Wednesday evening meals being served from 4:45 – 6:16 PM.

PRAISE TEAM MEMBERS: There will be no Praise Team rehearsals the entire month of December. Rehearsals will resume on January 4, 2010.

MESSIAH SENIORS will be meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 9:45 a.m. We will have a brief meeting after which we will be entertained by the Messiah Preschool. We will present them with a \$50 gift to go toward their school. We also contribute \$50 to the Messiah Christmas food baskets. For lunch, we will go to Old Country Buffet in Fridley.

PRESCHOOL FOR YOUNG THERE YEAR OLDS – Messiah Preschool offers a unique opportunity for young three year olds, those born between September 1, 2006 and April 1, 2007. We offer a once weekly class on Friday mornings. The deadline to register for this class is **December 1**. Please don't hesitate to call Shirley at the preschool office if you have more questions. Phone 763-784-1786. I would love to hear from you



THE GIVING TREE is up and ready in the Gathering Space, close to the office. If you would like to participate, take one of the ornaments from the tree, purchase the gift that is indicated on the ornament and wrap it. Attach the ORNAMENT onto the gift so we can identify who receives it. Place the gift under the Giving Tree before Sunday, December 13th. Blessings to you for sharing your gifts with others

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS – During the month of November we are collecting non-perishable items for the CEAP Food Shelf. Please leave your donations in the bin marked Food Shelf or you can make a monetary donation by marking “Food Shelf” on your offering envelope.

The items they are in most need of currently are:

Tuna	Cereal	Macaroni & Cheese Dinners
Peanut Butter	Jelly	Canned Pasta
Ramen Noodles	Soups (chicken, mushroom, tomato)	

STEPHEN MINISTRY will meet on December 7th at 6:30 for our Christmas Party so remember to bring a white elephant gift. We will have supervision first then party. Hope to see you all there.

Devotion: Wanda Snack: All

THERE IS INFORMATION MISSING FROM THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

with regards to the rest of the Music Department Article. It should read:

“The Messiah Singers has been blessed by 4 new members this fall. (And yes, we could always use more...) It is so very cool to have so many men in the tenor and bass sections. It affords the choir the opportunity to work on 4 part harmony, which always adds such beauty to the music!

Jubilant Bells has welcomed 2 new ringers to their ranks this year! We are currently playing a full 3 octaves of handbells, and would love to increase our numbers to include the 4th and 5th octave. They enjoy the beautiful music too!! We are always looking for more ringers. No prior music experience is necessary, but it is helpful.

New Song – K-2nd graders are enjoying playing their handbells, melody chimes and rhythm games. We also learn some music symbols and work with Solfege. New Song will participate for the first time in the Christmas Music Sunday during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services.

Good Vibrations – 3-5th graders are working very hard at reading music and playing the handbells. Basic ringing skills are being taught. “

Sorry about the confusion if you were trying to read the article.

FMF-Join us for a fun, musical evening with the Lake Wobegon Brass Band. They will sweep us away again with their traditional "British Brass Band". "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blew" Whatever you call it, it is a fun time for the whole family! There is a free will offering to support Families Moving Forward emergency shelter program. Friday, Dec. 4th, 7:00-9:00, Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina.

TIME FOR PRESCHOOL!! It is time to register young children for a new, gently structured preschool class that begins in January. This class meets once a week on Friday mornings. It is specially designed for children who were born between September 1, 2006 and April 1, 2007. This class is an introduction to the fun learning experiences of preschool that will be held for two mornings a week in the fall. You may pick up your registration forms in the church office or call Shirley Beyer at 763-784-1786. The class size is limited to 12 children so that they will receive lots of individual and loving attention. I look forward to hearing from you. Shirley Beyer – Preschool Directory

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER MENU

Wednesday, December 2:

**Chicken Noodle Soup,
Broccoli Cheese Soup, Bread & Dessert
Free Will Offering**

OFFERINGS: General Fund: \$11,649 Expansion Fund: \$4,158 Missions: \$30 (5.5% of General Fund) \$641 Weekly Fund Needs: \$12,355 Weekly Expansion Fund Needs: \$4,053

ATTENDANCE: Sunday: 422 Sunday School: 59