

Community Outreach

METRO LUTHERAN: The Minnesota Area Synod of the ELCA is a companion synod of the Leipzig District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony. That relationship is leading to deepening relationships through collegial contact. This story is on page 6 in the January issue of Metro Lutheran. Copies are available at the Welcome Center and the kiosks (one located near the library and the other near the west entrance.)

MINNESOTA CIRCLES OF SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY - An innovative, new strategy, with proven results to reduce rates of sexual reoffending, is underway – The Minnesota Circles of Support & Accountability (MnCoSA) project. Learn about MnCoSA and issues related to sex offenders in Minnesota at a free, informational evening on January 14, 2010. This event is hosted by the Minnesota Department of Corrections, which is committed to improving public safety by offering opportunities for offenders to make positive changes in their lives. The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Department of Corrections West Entrance, Lower Level, Itasca Room (1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul). For more information, contact Jenn Hamrick, 651-361-7608 or email Jennifer.hamrick@state.mn.us

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WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 10 – JANUARY 16, 2010

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: NEW MEMBER WELCOME AT 11:00 SERVICE

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

9:45 AM Education Hour

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Elders/MVCT Board Meeting

7:30 PM AA

WEDNESDAY:

8:45 AM Prince of Peace Chapel

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

4:45 PM Wednesday Evening Meals

5:00 PM Joyful Ringers

6:00 PM New Song/Confirmation/Senior Youth

6:30 PM Good Vibrations

6:45 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study (Luke & Acts)

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:

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:30 & 8:30* SERVICES

Opening Hymn: "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" #590

Psalm Hymn: "Give to the Lord His Due and Fame" – printed out

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1–7

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1–11

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15–22

Offering Hymn: "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" #405

Sermon: "Being Baptized with the Spirit & Fire" Luke 3:15-22

8:30 Communion Hymns:

"The people That In Darkness Sat" #412

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" #400

"As with Gladness Men of Old" #397

Closing Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #394

11:00 Service

ENTIRE SERVICE DONE ON POWER POINT

Old Testament Reading:

Epistle Reading:

Gospel Reading:

Sermon: "Being Baptized with the Spirit & Fire" Luke 3:15-22

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY:

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

Worship Leader & Proclaimer:	Pastor Del Wippich
Organist:	Kay A. Knutson
Acolytes:	Seth Subiaga & Dan Kroll
	Brandon Fonken & Noelle Stadler
Ushers:	Roleene Roehl & Nikki Roehl
	Brad Brolsma, Chuck Hayes,
	John Kvitrud, Wally Schuldt
	Brady Bargman, Tom Lewnau, Alice Quiah

Worship Assistants: 7:30 Steve Gaynor 8:30 Jerry Steinhorst 11:00 Brad Brolsma

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

Greeters for January 10:

7:30 Myron & Betty Stickle
8:30 Keith & Phyllis Grubb – Lowell & Audrey Brutlag
11:00 Kirby & Sharon Ehrreich – Bruce Smith

Greeters for January 17:

7:30 Steve & Barb Gaynor
8:30 Jerry & Eunice Hildebrandt – Jerry & Yvonne Peterson
11:00 Mike & Barb Marko – Nancy Clark

Communion Assistants for the Month:

7:30 Chuck Tarman 8:30 Jerry Hildebrandt 11:00

Welcome Center:

7:15 – 7:30 Chuck & Gloria Tarman 8:20 – 8:40 Virgil & Ihla Beyer
9:25 – 9:50 Sharon Ehrreich 10:45 – 11:00 Bill & Conny Sherman
12:00 – 12:15 Jerry & Becky Oestreich



Kingdom Kids News



I hope that you all have had a great break! Kingdom kids will now be focusing on starting the puppet ministry. We will be taking the stories from the bible and making them in to God inspired lessons. We will be trying to do some of these in Sunday school opening for the younger children, in a church service over lent, and a family night in April. If your child is a ham and would like to use that talent with puppet, you can still sign up. Please come on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm in room 110 downstairs and we would love to have you. If you have any question you can contact Mike G



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Senior Youth Update

Last week

Was a “Let’s Do” We went to Feed My Starving Children and packed a great many meals. Thank you!

This Week

“Let’s talk” Bible Study

Sunday Youth Bible Study

We are continuing our “*Secret Believers*” book study. Please make sure to come prepared again this morning and bring your books. Only a few short weeks left.

A Thank you to several Sr. Youth students, who are stepping up and becoming mentors to our 8th grade confirmands. We have spent the weekend at Camp Omega with them this year and it was very rewarding.

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Jan 23rd Youth Skiing at Trollhagen. All Jr. & Sr. Youth and their families are welcome. Come have an awesome day of skiing, tubing or just hanging out in the ski lodge. We will carpool together and stay late. Parents this could be a wonderful day to just hang out with your teen and their peers. Please contact Becky Kunz at bkunz@messiah-lutheran.org if you plan on going. Cost will depend on equipment needs and how many attend to get a group rate. Lift tickets range \$31-\$41 and equipment varies. Check out their web page for more details trollhaugen.com

Feb. 5-6th **Acquire the Fire** More than great worship. More than a great concert. More than great talks about God. It is 27 hrs set apart to give your teens a life transforming experience with Christ. Cost \$57. Contact Melea B or Becky Kunz if you are interested in attending this year.

News & Notes – January 10, 2010

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. Leading the worship this morning is Pastor Del Wippich, a retired LCMS 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. All are members of Messiah. Pastors Krogen and Wippich also share the “on-call” responsibilities.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class Schedule

	8:30am		9:45am		
	Blue Room B	Room 210	Blue Room B	Room 210	Fireside Room
1/10	Study of John	Thru the Bible	Study of John	Thru the Bible	--
1/17	Study of John	Thru the Bible	Study of John	Thru the Bible	Hearts Ablaze

Missed Pastor Ngare's sermon last week? That's okay - here's the summary! NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: *TRANSFORM YOUR MIND* so that you will understand God's good, pleasing, and perfect will (Rom 12:2). **Together as the body of Christ at Messiah, let's read through the Bible in 2010!** At 8:30 and 9:45, Ron and Melea Bardal and others will be facilitating weekly discussions based on the previous week's daily readings. Other small groups may choose to meet at other times throughout the week for those already in a Sunday Bible class. Think of how we can truly impact the world for God if together we are literally "on the same page!" *Today we will be discussing Genesis 7-24 and Matthew 3-7.* If you have not read these already, please find the reading schedule for the week of January 10 (below), read it, and join us next week!

Read Through the Bible Reading Schedule for the week of January 10, 2010 (to be discussed in small groups on January 17). *Before reading each day, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind (to set your heart ablaze!) to understand the words on the page. Then jot down any questions or insights that come to mind and bring those "jots" to your group to share.*

Sunday, January 10: Genesis 25-26, Matthew 8:1-17
 Monday, Jan 11: Genesis 27-28, Matthew 8:18-34
 Tuesday, Jan 12: Genesis 29-30, Matthew 9:1-17
 Wednesday, Jan 13: Genesis 31-32, Matthew 9:18-38
 Thursday, Jan 14: Genesis 33-35, Matthew 10:1-20
 Friday, Jan 15: Genesis 36-38, Matthew 10:21-42
 Saturday, Jan 16: Genesis 39-40, Matthew 11

NEW MEMBER WELCOME: Please extend a warm Messiah welcome to the following people who will be joining the family of Messiah during the 11:00 service this morning: Julie Fritz & F, Monte & Lauri L, Gloria Long, K & Jared, Alan & Rebecca M, Virginia M, Tanya O, Zachary & Kyra, George & Gail P, & Kristin and Darlene V.,

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.

THANKS. Pastor Richard and Lorna Krogen thank the members of Messiah for their greetings, cards, gifts, affirmations and kindnesses extended during the recently ended Advent-Christmas season. What a privilege to be honored in so many caring ways. Again, thank you.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Men, join us on Friday mornings as our bible study group discusses the best-selling novel "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young. Among the questions we will talk about is; Does this work may make us look at God differently? and Why is this book so controversial? We meet at R J Riches Restaurant Friday mornings at 6:00 am. This new study topic starts on January 15th. For more information, contact Oral E or Mike R. Join us for good food, fellowship and relaxed informal discussion.

MESSIAH BOOK CLUB selection for JANUARY is "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. Based on events at the time of the legendary World's Fair in Chicago, this non-fiction book fuses history and entertainment in a spellbinding way. We meet on Thursday, January 21, at 2:00 in the CrossRoads area. If you are interested in joining the discussion, copies of the book are available by calling Audrey B.

OFFERINGS: General Fund: \$11,143 Expansion Fund: \$3,277 Missions: \$60 (5.0% of General Fund) \$557 Weekly Fund Needs: \$12,355 Weekly Expansion Fund Needs: \$4,053

OFFERINGS: December 31, 2009 - General Fund: \$3,332 Expansion Fund: \$385 Missions: \$ (5.0% of General Fund) \$167

ATTENDANCE: Sunday: 319

Lutherans for Life

"Abortion and 'mercy killing' are hopeless solutions to human problems in a sinful world, but God has words of hope no matter what the situation: '[C]hoose life, that you and your offspring may live' (Deuteronomy 30:19)." *Linda Bartlett, founder of Titus 2 for Life (www.titus2-4life.org)*

**This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life –
www.lutheransforlife.org.**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE COMPOSITE PICTURE that was given to Messiah by the photographer when the 2001 Picture Directory was done. It is poster size and was probably rolled up when the 2008 composite picture was put up. If you have seen it or know what has happened to it please call Kay K or let someone in the church office know. Thanks

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS – During the month of January we are collecting non-perishable items for the CEAP Food Shelf. Last month thanks to your generosity we were able to donate \$100 to the CEAP Food Shelf and 198 lbs. of non-perishable food items to the Ralph Reeder 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:

Peanut Butter	Beef Stew	Tuna
Spaghetti Sauce	Noodles	Boxed Dinners
Cereal		

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Wednesday Evening Meals

January 13, 2010

4:45 – 6:15 PM

**Messiah Spaghetti's with marinara sauce,
Salad, French bread and dessert**

*****Free Will Offering Taken*****

BEFORE WE KNOW IT, ASH WEDNESDAY will be here. During the Lenten season, we have traditionally had groups sign up to do the suppers as a way to earn extra funds. The new sign up sheet is posted just inside the kitchen doorway. You may sign your group up or you may contact Carol in the church office for more information. Check the signup sheet as soon as you can as the weeks available go really fast.