

# Weekly E-News

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## **DECORATING OUR CHURCH**

Church decorating for Christmas will be December 9 starting at 9:00a.m. Come join the fun as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord! We should be done before noon depending on how many volunteers we have. Hope to see you there!

### **MESSIAH MESSENGER**

The December issue of the Messenger is now available in the revolving rack in the Narthex. Get a copy today!

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

There will no **NO** Ladies Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, December 20th. We will then take a holiday break and resume once again on January 3, 2024.

# PRINCE OF PEACE WINTER COAT DRIVE

We will be accepting coats as we did last year. You will be able to drop them off in the coat room. We will also be accepting adult socks, gloves and hats. (Gently used will be fine.)

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**

**Quick Links** 

Please help yourself to an Advent Devotions booklet from the basket on the Welcome Desk.

## **Prayer Request**

**Messiah Website** 

**LCMS** 

**Building Hope in the City** 

**Hands Against Hunger** 

**Ministry in Mission** 

## Service Times

Saturday @ 5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday @ 8:30 am Traditional Worship

Sunday @ 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

## Youth News

Sunday School -All Ages: Begins at 9:30

Children and Youth, ages 3-12th grade Inperson at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, in the Junior High Classroom, meeting for learning and fun. Come join us!

## **Adult Bible** Study

**Sunday Morning** 

**Fellowship Hall:** 

### COOKIE PACK TIME

Cookie Pack will be help on Monday, Dec. 4 at Christ Lutheran Church at 9:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please have your cookies at church on Sunday, Dec. 3 and we will take them over to Christ



Lutheran Church. We welcome regular cookies by the dozen. No nuts or bar cookies please! All are welcome!



### ANGEL WISHES

Tri-County SOUL Ministries is collecting for the Angel Wishes program to help our Caring Center Clients with assistance at Christmas time. This year we'd like to help 38

families representing 150 people. We try to give \$100 per person towards something that the family needs. Many are requesting gift cards for food, water bills, car insurance, etc. Any amount you donate will be appreciated. You can make a check out to Messiah with TCSM in the FOR line or a check directly to TCSM and put in the church office in Bunny Doebling's mailbox.

## ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE**

How many days until Christmas? Advent



we know it, and as we gather our hearts to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, let's gather for fellowship at the **Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner**. The menu is set, and the date is Dec.9. Once again we will meet at Messiah. Appetizers will begin in the Narthex at 6:30, and around 7:30 we will progress to the fellowship hall for a delicious meal, then we'll enjoy dessert and carols. The cost is \$15, and we are asking that each party bring either an appetizer or dessert. If

Pastor Stuckwisch's education hour (Faith with Pastor) is online. Sunday morning Bible Study with Pastor in the Fellowship Hall, at approximately 9:30 AM. We are studying the Gospel of John.

you would like to have wine with dinner, please bring a bottle to share. The sign-up and menu are on the bulletin Board in the Nathex. There will be a sign-up for anyone that needs to carpool. We've planned for 40 people, and there will once again be babysitting, so mark Your calendars and sign up for this wonderful Messiah tradition!

## Lower Level Conference Room:

We are doing the Life Guide Bible Study James - Faith That Works. Learn from scripture how to live when troubles hit and turn tough times into opportunities for growth. Come join us at any time for a small group bible study where we discuss our faith and look for ways to apply the truth of Scripture to our daily life. We also spend time each week Joining Jesus on His Mission.

Wednesday - 10:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Study** 

First Saturday of each Month - 8:00 a.m.

**Men's Bible Breakfast** 

## **Contact Info**

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## **Elders**

## THRIVENT POLICY HOLDERS

Don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars for 2023. Also, if you have **any kind of policy** you are eligible to apply for a \$250 gift card for some worthy cause. If you have a question about this, please see Bunny Doebling, our rep at Messiah (513-543-0295) or call Thrivent directly (800-847-4836).



## **EPIPHANY PARTY**

The annual Messiah Epiphany party will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at the home of Barb Degenhardt, from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. All women of the congregation are invited. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. The Epiphany party

brings to the end to this Christmas season. It is a time to relax and enjoy each other's company. It is also the time to find out who your Secret Sis has been during 2023! If you were not involved in the Secret Sis program you are welcome to join for 2024. Please come. Signing up is not necessary.

#### **JANUARY BOOK CLUB**

We will meet on Jan. 21st at the home of Jean Floyd, 7138 St. Albans Way, Liberty Twp. At 2:30 p.m. to discuss "Daughters of the Flower Fragrant Garden: Two Sisters separated by China's Civil



War" by Zhuging Li. This non-fiction account of how one sister remained in mainland China and the other one was a world away in Taiwan. The book is written by their niece. Extra copies will be located in the church office. Come join us for a lively discussion!

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## **JANUARY OWLS**

Plan now to attend our next meeting on Jan. 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday). It will be another musical program – this time about the Clooney Sisters. If you missed the program on Doris Day, be sure

you don't miss this one. We meet at 12:30 p.m. for dessert (provided) and coffee, tea or water! All are welcome, this is not a private club!! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex





Advent Services
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Wednesday, December 13th at 7 PM Wednesday, December 20th at 7 PM

<u>Children's Christmas Service</u> Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM (regular worship)

## Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM (regular worship)
Contemporary Candlelight Communion service 5
PM

Traditional Candlelight Communion service at 7 PM
Traditional Candlelight Communion service at 11
PM

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Communion Service at 10
AM

New Year's Eve
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM (Service of
Lessons & Carols)
New Year's Eve Communion Service @ 7 PM

There will be NO New Year's Day Service



News for all of Messiah's youth from birth to young

## adulthood.

Join us at 9:30 for Sunday School in the junior high room every week. More Family Ministry News on the Bulletin Board at the top of the main stairs. All ages welcome!

## **Sunday Nursery & Childcare**

The nursery is open and being staffed by our youth every Sunday from 8 AM to Noon.

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