



Pastor's  
Thanksgiving  
Message



# Messiah



# Messenger

*November 2016*

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## Giving Thanks

When I was probably eight or nine years old, my grandfather took me turkey hunting with him. I was so proud and excited that I had an opportunity to help my grandfather (who already was half blind on one eye) track down and shoot a turkey. Once we had parked his 1977 Chevy Pickup in the woods on some of the family property, he told me his strategy and how I could help. He was going to use his turkey caller (essentially two pieces of hard plastic that he scraped against each other) to try to lure turkeys into the area. My job was to explore the woods until I spotted the turkeys, and then chase them toward where my grandfather would lay in wait with his shotgun. Did I mention that he didn't have the best of vision?

Perhaps fortunately, we didn't encounter any turkeys on that day. I soon realized that hunting wasn't exactly my thing, and not catching anything that particular day didn't end up ruining Thanksgiving for us. Looking back on that day now, I find that even though we didn't achieve what we set out to do, I still have much to be thankful for in that one Autumn day in the country. If I'm being completely honest, I'm rather thankful that I didn't have the opportunity to chase any turkeys toward my grandfather. But I'm also thankful for the chance to spend time with my grandfather. We were definitely blessed.

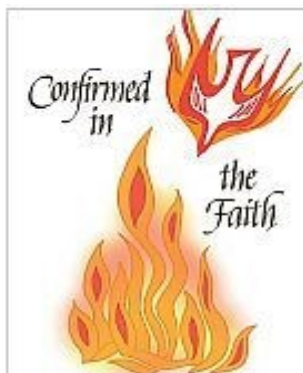
Sometimes things don't go exactly as planned. I've seen it in my own life, and I'm sure most of you have seen it in yours. Things you were hoping to be thankful for don't work out, and sometimes we wonder what it is that we do have to be thankful for. At the same time, however, I believe that all of us have something that we can be thankful for. Maybe we're thankful for wonderful memories of years gone by, such as those I have with my grandfather. Maybe we're thankful for those who - in the midst of the occasional disappointment - continue to walk with us in our journey called life. And maybe we're simply thankful for the daily bread that we receive every day. For all that we have comes from God, and God has blessed so many of us far beyond our needs.

So I invite you all, look for the reasons to be thankful as we enter into this season of Thanksgiving. Look beyond just the reasons to the people who have been a part of your reasons to be thankful. For as we are thankful for one another - and we show it - thankfulness becomes contagious. Wherever we are, there is always a deeper reason to be thankful. For God who gives us every good gift has bound us together in our relationships and in our own stories of life. May all of us live into the generosity of God that we have been given. And may all of us be deeply, fully, thankful.

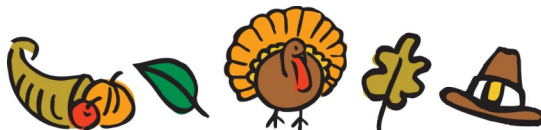
Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Chris*





Welcome to the family  
upon your confirmation, October 30, 2016  
Autumn Devine  
Elizabeth Devine



SO MANY BLESSINGS

**All Saints Sunday**, celebrated on Sunday, November 6th, 2016 with the reading of the newest Messiah saints from November 01, 2015 to October 30 2016.

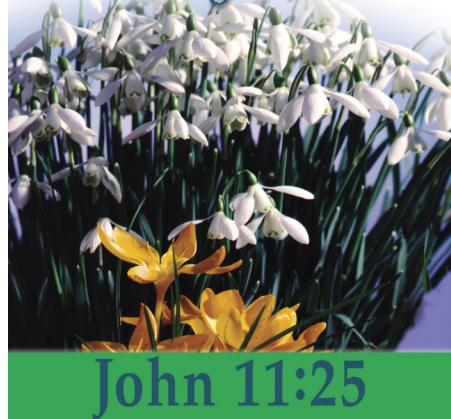
Pastor Neal Mather will bless the Memorial Book and light a candle for each new saint. The congregation will be invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of their family and friends.

The following members and friends have entered Christ's rest.

Dorothy Burmeister  
Gene Currier  
Andrew Martinez  
Leonard Dubuque  
Charles Meek  
Darlene Foster  
Rudy Pacheco  
Timmy West



*"I am the resurrection  
and the life. He who  
believes in me will live,  
even though he dies..."*



John 11:25



**Sunday,  
November 6th**

**Fall back one  
hour.**



Veteran's Day will be celebrated  
at Messiah on Sunday, November  
13th with the choir and hand-  
bells.





**FEDERAL, STATE  
AND COUNTY  
ELECTIONS ON  
TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8TH.  
INFORMATION FOR  
VOTING  
@WWW.BERNCO.GOV.**

**29 Days of Prayer**  
*(complete prayer list in the Narthex)*  
for the 2016 Presidential Election  
From Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA

In the midst of headline news, social media tirades, uncertain times and constant disagreements about who we are and who we should be, it's hard to even know where to begin. We just know that we have a deep ache in our hearts that cries out for God's mercy and a longing to see healing in our land.

In all of the battles about the Presidential election - defending our views, pointing out our differences, scoffing at the opposing side and claiming that our side is the "Christian" side, we might ask ourselves this: Have we prayed about it as much as we have talked about it, worried about it, posted about it, and debated about it?

You are invited to join in an intentional time of prayer leading up to our national election as well as for the state and local elections. Here are 29 Bible passages and prayer points for you to consider. Feel free to use, share or formulate your own prayers. But, pray, we must! Blessings on you and yours as we journey towards the next election.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. – Colossians 4:2*

**Day 22 (11/1/16)**

*When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. -Leviticus 19:33-34*

Holy One, give us wisdom. Throughout the scriptures, we read of how we are to treat the foreigner with respect and compassion and godly hospitality. This has become such a lightening rod issue in the US and throughout Europe. We know that by our birth, we have been born in a land of plenty. And we also know that there are many suffering throughout this world. It's complicated, Lord. Help make it clear how we should live and give in your gracious love.

**Day 23 (11/2/16)**

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. – Romans 8:26*

Holy Spirit, thank you for helping us in our weakness (physically, mentally and spiritually). For you surely know that there are times we don't even know for what to pray or how to pray. Thank you for understanding our sighs and deep breaths and filling them with your prayers.

**Day 24 (11/3/16)**

*I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. -2 Timothy 1*

Emmanuel, God with us, rekindle in all of us the spirit of love, power and self-discipline. Let us boldly be the people you call us to be – loving God with all of our hearts, soul and might and our neighbor as ourselves.

**Day 25 (11/4/16)**

*"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God" -Psalm 20:7*

Awesome God, our strength is in you. We sometimes forget this. As we are persuaded to buy more and more, surrounding ourselves with things we consider to be of beauty, usefulness, and protection, remind us it is you, O Lord, in whom we gain our worth.

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**Day 26 (11/5/16)**

*Give ear to my words, O LORD;*

*give heed to my sighing.*

*Listen to the sound of my cry,*

*my King and my God,*

*for to you I pray.*

*O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;*

*in the morning I plead my case to you, and wait in expectation. —Psalm 5:1-3*

Gracious God, we come before you today with thanksgiving and praise. You continue to hear the prayers of our hearts. We pray for those, Loving God, who don't turn to you for help, for comfort, for peace. Pour your grace upon them, Lord, so that they, too, have the desire to know you.

**Day 27 (11/6/16)**

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:15-16*

Jesus, who is our High Priest, we come before you today knowing that you have walked this earth, the subject of political upheaval. Those were confusing days with the infighting in the government and in the synagogue. Some people today are confused by the infighting, the wide variety of stories and accusations, and the decisions that must be made soon. Some are tempted not to vote. Lord, we are coming to you with boldness, asking for help in these matters, and seeking your mercy and grace.

**Day 28 (11/7/16)**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. —Philippians 4:8-9*

Holy God, on the eve of Election Day, hold us all in the palm of your hand. We pray for the candidates, for their staff, and for all of the volunteers. We pray for our relationship with one another and with you. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Election Day (11/8/16)**

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. —Isaiah 55:8-11*

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life."







**Messiah Lutheran Church Women  
Will meet  
On  
Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

**With a Bible study by  
To be determined**

**Devotions by  
Irene Aldredge**

**Hostess  
Irene Aldredge**

**Fellowship at 9:30 AM  
Bible Study 10:00 AM**

**In His Service,**

Hazel Mella– Appointed President  
Secretary-Irene Aldredge  
Treasurer- Dotty Dahl

Community-Dotty Dahl  
Action-Charlotte Moritomo  
Historian-  
Prayer Chain-Irene Aldredge

As a mission of Messiah Lutheran Church Women, members donate "peanut butter" to Albuquerque Storehouse as our gift to the needy in Albuquerque.



You may place your donation in or on the blue boxes located by your church mailbox.



**Christmas Cards**

Irene Aldredge asks if anyone would like a Christmas card this year, to please place a note in her church mailbox. Irene also sends cards to all the servicemen and women we list each week in the bulletin.





*Pastor Chris and Elissa at Messiah's Baby Shower September 25th  
We all look forward to December for the blessing and arrival of Baby Heller.*



*A baby is a bit of  
stardust blown from  
the hand of God*







*Blessings of the Animals in Messiah's courtyard on Sunday October 02 2016*



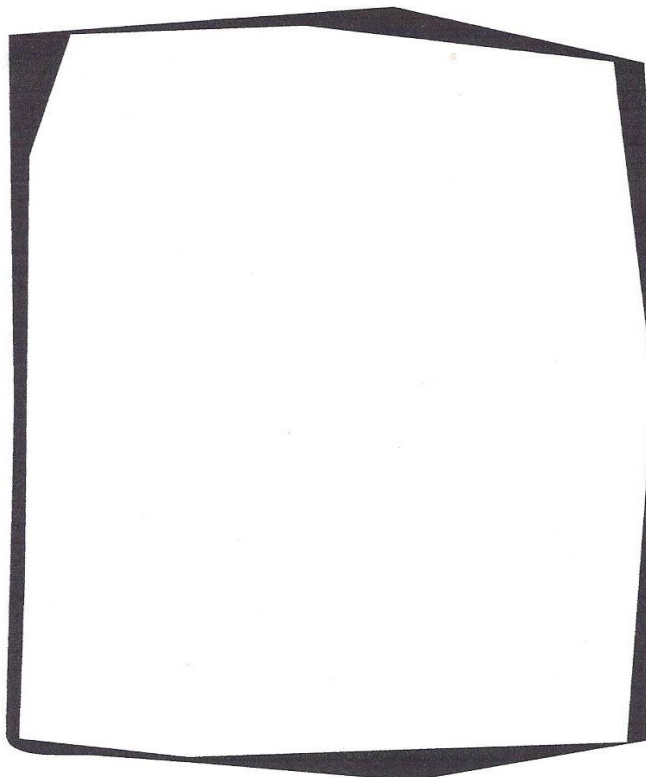
In October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals."



## Wreath Meanings

During Advent, we light candles on an Advent wreath. One candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent until the fourth Sunday, when all of them are lit.

Do you have an Advent wreath in your church or at home? Draw what it looks like.



How many candles are lit today?



Look around your worship space. Can you find any other lit candles? Add them up in the space below.

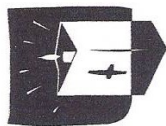


10	5	19	21	19	9	19
20	8	5	12	9	7	8
15	6	20	8	5		
23	15	18	12	4		



# READER

Advent 1



- Today is the **first Sunday** in Advent.
- There are **four** Sundays in Advent before we celebrate **Christmas**.
- One **symbol** for Advent is a candle called a luminary.
- A luminary is something that gives off **light**.

## Advent Code

Why is light a symbol during Advent?  
Crack this code to find out!

D=4 E=5 F=6 G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10  
L=12 O=15 R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21 W=23



Unscramble the underlined words to finish this week's memory verses. You can look in your Bible for help!

Seek aecep, and pursue it.

Seek \_\_\_\_\_ and pursue it. Psalm 34:14b

O eschu of Jacob, come, let us akwl in the ihgtl of the Lord!

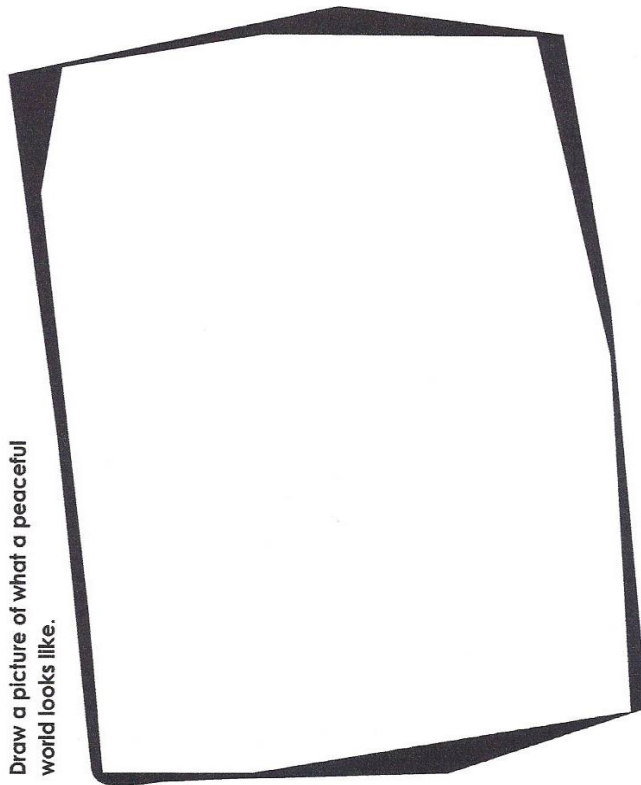
Oh \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob, come, let us \_\_\_\_\_

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord! Isaiah 2:5



One of the Bible readings for today is from the book of Isaiah. Look it up in your Bible: Isaiah 2:1-5. This is a story about what the world will look like when God brings peace.

Draw a picture of what a peaceful world looks like.



## Memory Verse

A **plowshare** is the part of the plow that digs into the ground. It looks like this:



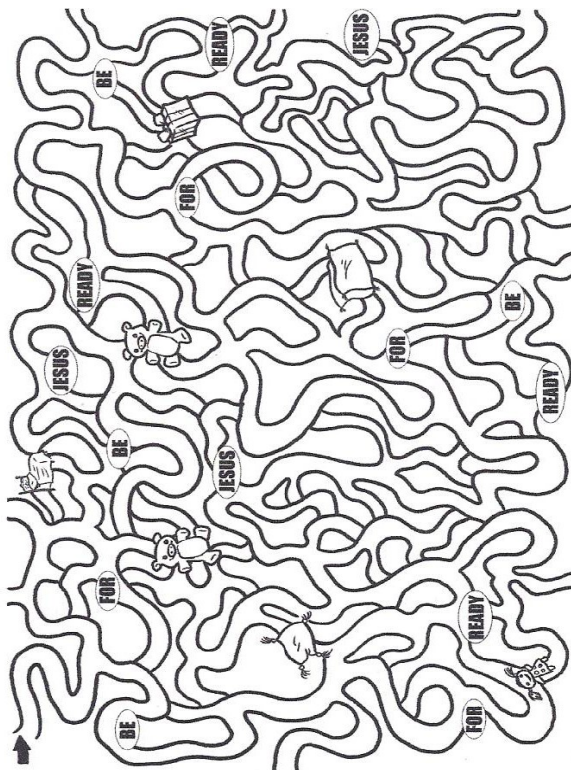
A **pruning hook** is a tool used to cut pieces off of trees and bushes. It looks like this:



## Keep Awake!

We learn that Jesus will come at a time when we least expect it. Jesus tells us "Keep awake!" so that we will be ready. During Advent we stay awake and get ready for Jesus.

Follow the maze to get ready for Jesus. Avoid things that would make you sleepy! Pick up words along the way and put them in the blank spaces. They will reveal a secret message.



Secret Message:





Heidelberg Castle. There are no known blueprints so castle can only be preserved, never restored.

Photos of a business trip to Heidelberg Germany by Rebecca Selby (Betty Hauge's daughter)

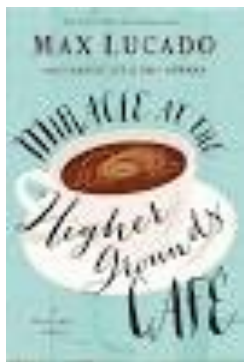
Bec was sent to Germany with her employer, Piper Plasticxs, to discuss the acquisition of the company. She enjoyed her time there and shared the following photos with us at Messiah.



Walking through old town Heidelberg.



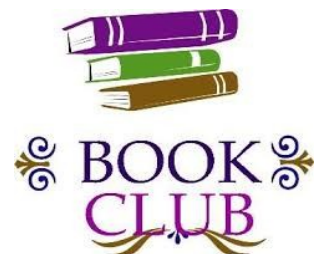
Old wine barrel inside Heidelberg Castle



**Don't forget MESSIAH BOOK CLUB.**  
**Readers will meet on Saturday**  
**November 19th at 10:00 a.m.**

**The November book selection will be**  
**"Miracle at the Higher Ground Café":**  
**by Max Lucado.**

**Please come and enjoy the**  
**fellowship!**



# November 2016 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Fellowship Coffee and Snacks

Date	Praise Fellowship Set-up	Praise Service Snacks	Coffee and Snacks to the Fellowship Hall	Traditional Service Snacks	Library/ Fellowship Clean-up
November 06	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Rosemary Butler		Lorraine Davis	Lorraine Davis
November 13	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Sara and Buddy Hooks			
November 20	Irene and Gene Aldredge				
November 27	Irene and Gene Aldredge			Charlotte Moritomo	Charlotte Moritomo



### November 2016 Flowers

November 06	Betty Hauge
November 13	Sara and Buddy Hooks
November 20	Ellen and Skip Dobson
November 27	Betty Hauge

Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2, NIV



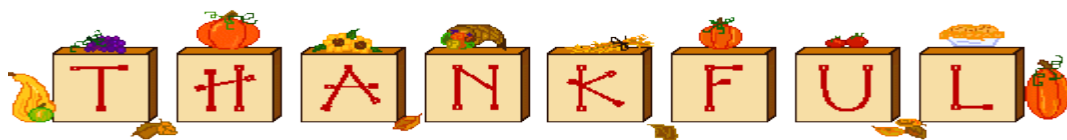
# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



November 2016



DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
November 06	Gene Aldredge	Pat Raquet	Pat and Jim Raquet	Gene Aldredge
November 13	Ellen Dobson	Jean Paananen	Jean and Orman Paananen	Ellen Dobson
November 20	Orman Paananen	Eloise Kesatie	Hauge Family	Orman Paananen
November 27	Gene Aldredge	Lorraine Davis	Lorraine Davis and Charlotte Moritomo	Gene Aldredge

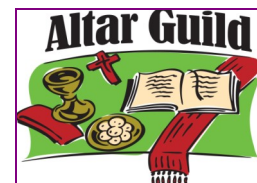


## Contemporary Worship Readers for November 2016

November 06  
November 13  
November 20  
November 27

*Buddy Hooks*

*Steven McHenry*




Irene Aldredge



2016

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 All Saints Day</b> 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Church work day
<b>6 All Saints</b> Special bulletin Daylight Savings Time ends 8:30 a.m. Contemporary 9:30 a.m. SS & Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Election Day</b> 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study 6:30 p.m. Church Council	<b>9</b> 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class	<b>10 Martin Luther's Birthday</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study Mitten Tree
<b>13 Veterans' Day</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary 9:30 a.m. SS & Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study	<b>16</b> 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lutheran Community "Theology on Tap" @Bosque Brew	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
<b>20 Christ the King</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary 9:30 a.m. SS & Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care 10:30 a.m. Traditional	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study	<b>23</b> 6:00-8:00 Craft Class	<b>24 Thanksgiving Day</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 First Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Wreath up</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary 9:30 a.m. SS & Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 p.m. Pastors' Text Study	<b>30</b>			





November 05	Della Hernandez (child)
November 05	Rebecca Koeltzow
November 10	Barbara Bachechi
November 11	Margaret Jones
November 12	Jim Raquet
November 13	Zachary Baca
November 21	Marissa Baca
November 22	Woodrow Storey

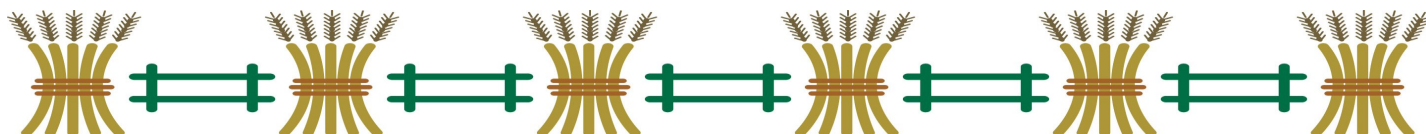


November 01	Carol Hartenberger
November 03	Tom Adams
November 06	Dana Nagle
November 07	Lenell Storey
November 10	Barbara Bachechi
November 10	Eloise Kesatie
November 10	Susan Utegg
November 13	Linda Dubuque
November 17	Alex Osterloh
November 21	Irene Aldredge
November 23	Betty Hauge
November 25	Deja Dubuque
November 28	Tristen Hauge
November 30	Jim Raquet



November 07

Elissa and Christopher Heller



Condolences to Cheryl Hauge at the death of her father, Rudy Pacheco, on October 21, 2016



Baca Family; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Laura Eller; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Orman Paananen.



Max Corrie



**Daniel Vickers** — serving in the Navy (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)  
**Micah Kesatie**—Army Reserves (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)  
**Allen J. Tetreault**—serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military  
**Matt Braun**—serving at Kirkland AFB Military  
**Kevin Dombey**—Air Force Special Forces  
**James Bowdoin**—Army Reserves serving in Kuwait (**nephew of Ellen Dobson**)



## COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for October are available on the usher's table.

*Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information. The binder is located in the church office. All council meetings are open to members.*

### Average Attendance

#### August 2016

Contemporary Worship Average—19  
Traditional Worship Average—29

#### September 2016

Contemporary Worship Average—19  
Traditional Worship Average—24

### LOOSE CHANGE FOR WORLD HUNGER

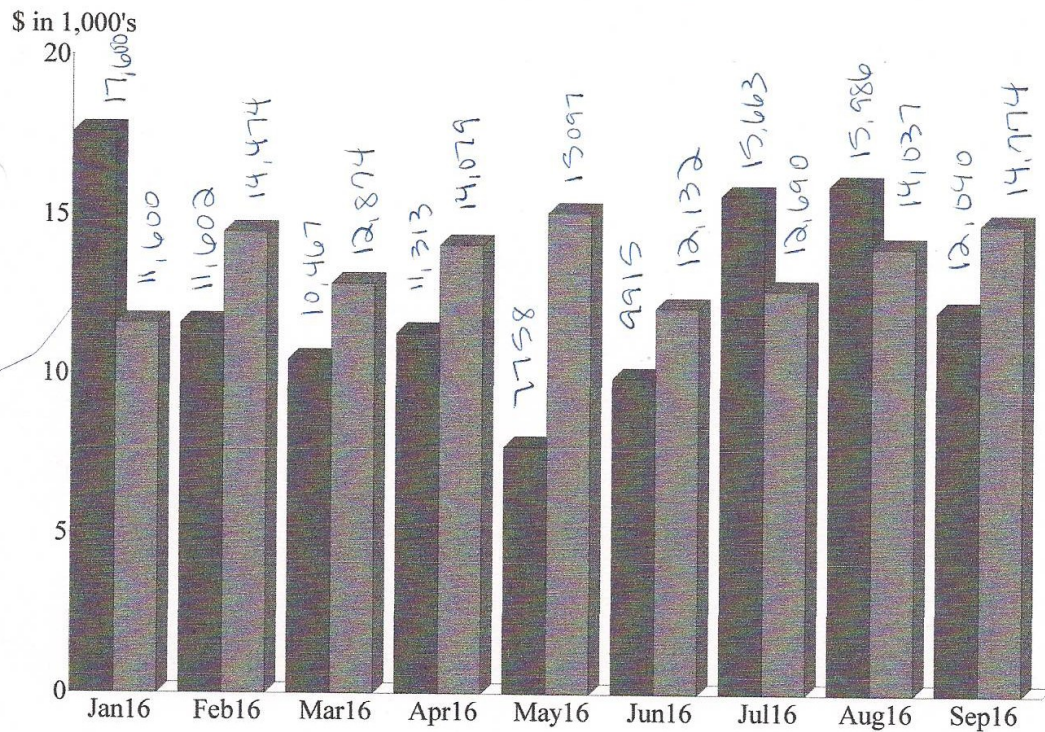


The **FIRST** Sunday of **EVERY** month , bring your loose change and place in the offering plate. This is collected and sent in for **World Hunger!**



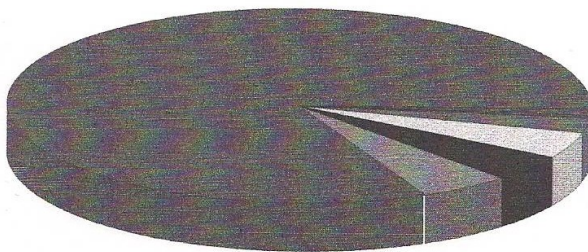
January through September 2016

Expense



Expense Summary  
January through September 2016

PAYROLL EXPENSES	82.14%
MISSIONS	5.24
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	4.56
OFFICE EXPENSES	4.44
Insurance Expense	2.61
Conferences	0.48
Travel	0.31
FSA	0.17
Uncategorized Expenses	0.04
OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	0.01
Total	\$121,761.37



Income YTD \$112,346  
Expense YTD 121,761

Net (9415)

By Account



## IN THE COMING MONTHS

*Hanging of the Greens  
Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.*



*First Day of winter, December 21.*



*December 24,  
7:00 p.m. with  
Pastor Anne  
Morawski*



*The Nativity*

**Special  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

*For Sunday, December 25  
Lay Led service at 9:30 a.m.  
only*



**ANNUAL MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2017.**

**Church Website! is [www.messiahbq.org](http://www.messiahbq.org). You may also listen to Pastor Chris Heller's sermons on the website**  
**You may also reach us on Facebook.**

The website has up to date information about our church, our synod, and current activities.

## ***Sunday Bible Readings for November 2016***

### **November 6**

*All Saints Sunday*

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

### **November 20**

*Christ the King,*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

### **November 13**

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

### **November 27**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 2:1-5

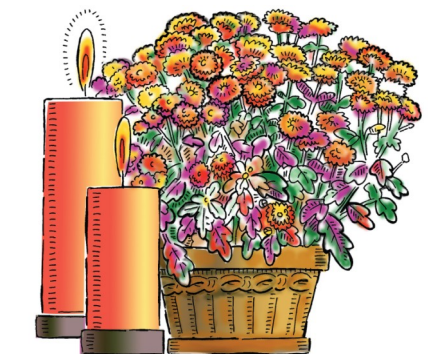
Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



**Note: Daily bible readings may be found in "Christ in Our Home" Devotional.**



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

***Every Sunday Worship  
Schedule:***

**8:30 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship with communion**

**10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
with communion**



### **Education for All Ages**

**Children's Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall:  
Education Hour  
9:30 a.m.**



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## ***Bible Studies***

**Messiah Lutheran Church Women**  
Bible Study and gathering on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



**Lutheran Community  
"Theology on tap"**  
meets on the third  
Wednesday of every  
month from 6:00 to 7:00

p.m. at Kelly's Brew Club 3222 Central SE.



If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.





**THE PEOPLE  
WHO WALKED  
IN DARKNESS  
HAVE SEEN A  
GREAT LIGHT.**

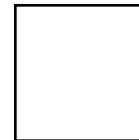
ISAIAH 9:2



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**Our Mission: *Caring For and Serving Others So All May Share in God's Love.***

***November 2016***

