

The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 December 23, 2018 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 23, 2018 – Sunday, December 30, 2018

<u>Sun.</u>	8:00	Traditional Communion Service
	9:30	Contemporary Communion Service
	9:30	Adult SS
	11:00	Traditional Communion Service
	3:30	Bear Den (Fritz Hall)
<u>Mon.</u>		Christmas Eve
	1:00	Music of Christmas
	1:30	Christmas Eve Service
	4:30	Christmas Eve Family Service
	7:00	Music of Christmas
	7:30	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
	10:30	Music of Christmas
	11:00	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
<u>Tues.</u>		Christmas Day
<u>Thurs.</u>		Faith on 8th
	6:30	Dartball (Welcome Center)
<u>Sun.</u>	8:00	Traditional Communion Service
	9:30	Contemporary Communion Service
	11:00	Traditional Communion Service



Altar Guild has posted the new Altar Flower Calendar for 2019.

Please stop by and sign up for flowers on a

Sunday of your choice. You can also sign up for the Eternal Candle for a month. The cost of flowers is \$20 and the candle is \$15. The calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

There are two slots for each Sunday. Please contact the church office or Meg Reidler if you have any questions.



Joseph's Coat thanks Messiah Lutheran Church for the generous support you have provided in 2018 and every year.

We thank you for your church support, personal donations of money and donated items, and, of course, the Cookie Sale. We also thank the many wonderful volunteers, including the men who go out to pick up furniture

donations. Without the support of Messiah Lutheran, our founding church, Joseph's Coat would not exist and thousands of families would be all the poorer.

Joseph's Coat's mission is to answer God's call to love and serve our neighbors by providing clothing, furniture, and household goods to those who need them. Please continue to help us provide these services, and pray for our volunteers and grateful clients. May the blessings and hope of the Christ Child be with each of you throughout the Christmas season and beyond.



This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God are presented by Cindy Owens in loving memory of Carolyn March and from Ben and Monica Kelch for 18 years of Loving God and Loving Each Other.



Please keep in your prayers. . . . Kimberly Beery, Meg Reidler, Christine Ickes, Susan Franklin, Lauren Blake, Holly Hessler, Julie Searls, Karen Butler,

Tracy Schuricht, Amanda Patterson, Chris Huskey, Martha Koepplin, Arlea Braden, Kim Kulczycki, Jennifer Solt, Tim Eck, Joy Thomas, Sue Portyrata, Rob Canan, Deb Drumm, Al Smith, Lois Beery, Ethel Cochran, Geoff Campbell, Marie Maxwell

Pray for those in the military. . . . MM Paul Newell (Navy) Madison Epperly, Corporal (Marines), Andrew Bailey (Army)

We have moved the 2019 Offering Envelopes from the Welcome Center. Please make arrangements to pick yours up from the office. Thank you.



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed December 25-January 2. If you have an emergency please contact Pastor Liz at 773-241-4840.



The season of giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Messiah Lutheran Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient

way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.messiahlutheran.net or contact the church office for more information.

Thank you for not bringing any food or drink except water into the sanctuary.



CHASING THE COLD AWAY

Outreach will be collecting Items for 1st English Lutheran and Hope Lutheran Church Neighbors.

We serve meals at both of these Churches and there is a Big Need. Please remember their homes are not warm like ours.

Used or New Blankets, Comforters, or Sleeping Bags, Winter Coats, Boots, Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Socks.

There will be a box in the Welcome Center. Please consider gathering up those blankets & items that are no longer being used. **Collection Time : Jan. 6 - 20th.** Please save your items until then.

Thanks for your support. Contact Suzanne Schmandt with questions. suzanne.schmandt@gmail.com

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Messiah Lutheran was able to contribute nearly \$1800 to Joseph's Coat for their work with those in need. 32 bakers, other volunteers, and many, many customers made this gift possible. In addition, hundreds will enjoy the delicious holiday cookies. This was definitely a win-win project. Lois and Randy Wilson donated beautiful metal boxes to sell, and Dee Gabe very efficiently took care of publicity, recruiting and communicating with the bakers.

With the joint effort of St. Pius X and Parkview Presbyterian we were able to give a total of \$5,523.00 to Joseph's Coat to help us continue our work. Thank you to Messiah Lutheran, Parkview Presbyterian and St. Pius X for providing the bakers, the packers and the buyers to give us another great year!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

⌚ You still have time to submit articles for the January newsletter.

E-Waste Recycling Event

Benefitting People with Barriers to Employment

Mark your calendars for our annual recycling event. This year it will be held January 13.



Monday, December 24, 2018

1:30 PM - Candlelight & Carols

4:30 PM - Family Service

7:30 PM - Traditional Service

11:00 PM - Traditional Service

Join us at 1:30 for a quiet, renewing and meaningful Christmas Eve Service led by our own Senior Saints. Come and experience the peace and tranquility that surrounded that first Christmas at the manger. We will light our candles individually to welcome Baby Jesus.

Our Family Service at 4:30 is packed with kids and parents all excited about the big day that is so near. It is led by our Praise Team and our Youth and Children's Ministers. It ends traditionally with communion, candles and the singing of *Silent Night*.

Our traditional services at 7:30 and 11:00 are just like you remember. Led by our Chancel Choir, Men's Chorale and Bell Choirs. They are beautiful and meaningful with all the best Christmas hymns. We end in stunning darkness with candles and singing.

SPECIAL MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

**Come 1/2 hour early to the 1:30, 7:30 and 11:00 services and enjoy The Music of Christmas presented by our many musical groups.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

The epidemic of shootings in America has made many of us feel unsafe in our workplaces, public places, schools and now even our churches. Many of us are asking what a faithful response is. Join Pastor Karl in January for four classes on Wednesday nights looking at this question by studying teachings on violence from Jesus, early church teachers, and our own denomination. Plus, we will evaluate the efforts of other congregations to protect themselves and hear ideas from law enforcement and others. This class will have four sessions beginning **Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 PM.** Come grow in the New Year by learning about the faith in Christ that has claimed you.

Peace,
Pastor Karl

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