

The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
December 29, 2019 – The First Sunday of Christmas



NO MESSIAH NIGHT

JANUARY 1

SEE YOU JANUARY 8

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Sunday, January 5, 2020

- Sun. **First Sunday in Christmas**
 8:00 Traditional Communion Service
 9:30 Contemporary Communion Service
 11:00 Traditional Communion Service
 6:00 Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thurs. Ronald McDonald Serve
- Sat. 9:30 Praise Band (Sanctuary)
 1:00 Baby Shower (FH)
- Sun. 8:00 Traditional Communion Service
 9:30 Contemporary Communion Service
 Baptism (Camille Schlett)
 11:00 Traditional Communion Worship
 4:30 Men's Chapel Chorale (Erni's house)



A good gift for us this morning is Brian Peters and Holly Moretti leading our Contemporary worship on Brian and Holly led our 4:30 Worship for a number of years. Their great harmonies and passionate singing make for meaningful worship.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Ron and I want to thank you all for the wonderful Christmas surprise gift bags you delivered to us on Wednesday. This was such a pleasant surprise for us, and it is so nice to be remembered!!

Bless you all, and Merry Christmas!!

Ron and Linda Resch



Senior Saints Taking a Break

The Senior Saints will not be meeting during the month of January. They will resume rehearsal on February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Fritz Hall. We welcome new voices.



Pick up a copy of the January 2020 *Messenger* from the desk in the Welcome Center this morning or read it on the website.



This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and are presented by Cindy Owens honoring the New Year ahead and ways we may continue to love God and to love one another.



Please keep in your prayers. . .

Kimberly Beery, Meg Reidler, Susan Franklin, Lauren Blake,

Holly Hessler, Julie Searls, Jennifer Solt, Susie Kleeh, Sally Schonhardt, Taylor Dickert, Terry Moore, Susan Ferguson, Janet Bartholomew, Julie Barbee, Dale Kerr, Ralph Portier, Amanda Stickel, Helen Schonhardt, Steve Seng, Egon Carstensen, Sue Hendershot

Pray for those in the military. . . MM Paul Newell (Navy), Andrew Bailey (Army), Nathan Moore (Navy)

There will be no Sunday School on

December 29 (Adult or Children). We hope to see you again in the New Year! Sunday School will resume on January 5!

2020 Offering Envelopes have been moved to the conference room. If you need help finding yours please contact the church office.



→ The last day checks will be written this year is Monday,

December 30. If you have check requests please turn them in to accounts payable no later than Sunday, December 29.

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. These items will be collected January 5 – 19.

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



Altar Flower Chart – The flower chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please stop by and sign up for a Sunday, or two or three.

We order two arrangements per Sunday. The cost is \$20 per arrangement. You can also sign up for Eternal Candle for the month (\$15).



Every year our congregation relies on strong giving in the month of December. The offering in December supports the ministry of our church all year long. I know this December will provide another generous outpouring of wealth to support our work together. Some of our retired members share mandatory withdrawals from their IRA that can be given without tax penalty to the church. If these sorts of gifts, or any other need to be reported as received in 2019 for tax purposes, please give that gift on or before this Sunday, December 29. I am encouraged and thankful for the financial support of all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

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One of the biggest obstacles to our faith is forgiveness. God calls us not only to receive forgiveness, but to give forgiveness. Holding on to hate of someone else or refusing to reopen a relationship are barriers to our own relationship with God. Yet, the harm we do to each other is real and forgiving someone who has harmed us is difficult. Who could not but hate someone who has broken us, abused us, or stolen something we treasure and love? Who could advise a renewed relationship of love and trust with someone who has proven themselves untrustworthy?

Starting on Messiah Night, Wednesday, January 8, Pastor Karl will lead a four week class exploring forgiveness. We will flesh out the boundaries of what God expects of us and what is not expected of us. We will name the consequences of failing to forgive. We will identify the joy that forgiveness can bring. We will challenge the wisdom of forgiving *everyone*. We will investigate and discuss stories of forgiveness that seem extraordinary.

Joseph's Coat Ends 2019 With Record Numbers



In this last quarter of 2019, Joseph's Coat has seen a record number of new and existing clients needing our help to clothe their families!

We are giving out more clothing and household goods than ever. On a Saturday, we are seeing 100-114 families rather than the "normal" 60-80 families.

On a Wednesday, we are assisting 60 families rather than the 40-45 families earlier in the year. Thankfully, we are receiving large amounts of clothing, but always in need of more coats, especially children's'. We still have a great need for good household items such as pots, pans, dinnerware, crock pots, toasters, coffee pots, electric skillets and toaster ovens. We also need all sizes of sheet sets, blankets, spreads, quilt and comforters, especially in queen size. In general, we need more of everything since we are serving so many clients.

Joseph's Coat thanks our church partners and the community for their outstanding support in helping us to achieve our mission to answer God's call to love and serve our neighbor by providing clothing, furniture and household goods to those in need. Thank you.

