



# Messiah



# Messenger



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CONGRATULATIONS  
on  
Your  
New  
Baby!

Elissa and Pastor Chris announce the birth of their son, Erich Christopher Heller, born on **November 22, 2016** and weighing in at 7 lbs 6 oz.

Pastor Chris says "he's perfect in every way."

**It will remain in place until your gifts of mittens, hats and scarves are gathered for warmth and care of the children, who lose their mittens monthly.**



Thank you for giving a family a wonderful Christmas.



Time to order your poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary at Christmas!

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. The Flowers are \$15.00 each this year. Please make your check payable to Messiah with "flower" in the memo box. You may place your check in the Aldredge's mailbox.



**Pastor Pat Holman and  
Pastor Anne Morawski.**

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 the  
• Storehouse Barrels in the Northex



**Messiah Lutheran Church Women  
Will meet On December 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

**Bible Study-Mary Emery**

**Devotions- Mary Emery**

**Hostess-Christmas Brunch**



**In His Service,**

Hazel Mella- Appointed President  
Secretary-Irene Aldredge  
Treasurer-Dotty Dahl  
Prayer Chain-Irene Aldredge

Mission Growth-Lorraine Davis  
Community-Dotty Dahl  
Action-Charlotte Moritomo  
Historian-

**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.**

**Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM  
Bishop's Luncheon & Issues Briefing  
January 31**

**You are invited and urged to attend the 2017 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM Bishop's Legislative Luncheon & Issues Briefing on Tuesday, January 31.**

**The morning Issues Briefing will be at the United Church (1804 Arroyo Chamiso, which is near Christ Lutheran Church).**

**Registration and refreshments will begin at 9:00 am. The Bishop's Legislative Luncheon will be at 12:30 pm in La Terraza at La Fonda Hotel (100 East San Francisco). In order to help meet our growing expenses for this event, the cost of the luncheon has been increased to \$35 per person. The cost is reduced to \$30 when 4 or more people attend from your congregation or group. If you are only able to attend the morning Issues Briefing, the cost is \$10.**

**Deadline for reservations is January 31. Please make reservations by calling the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM office at 505.984.8005 or sending an email to [info@lutheranadvocacynm.org](mailto:info@lutheranadvocacynm.org).**

*Ruth*



**Church Women United**, an ecumenical Christian women's gathering, will meet on Friday, December 2nd at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 211 Jefferson St. NE. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 followed by the program at 10:00.

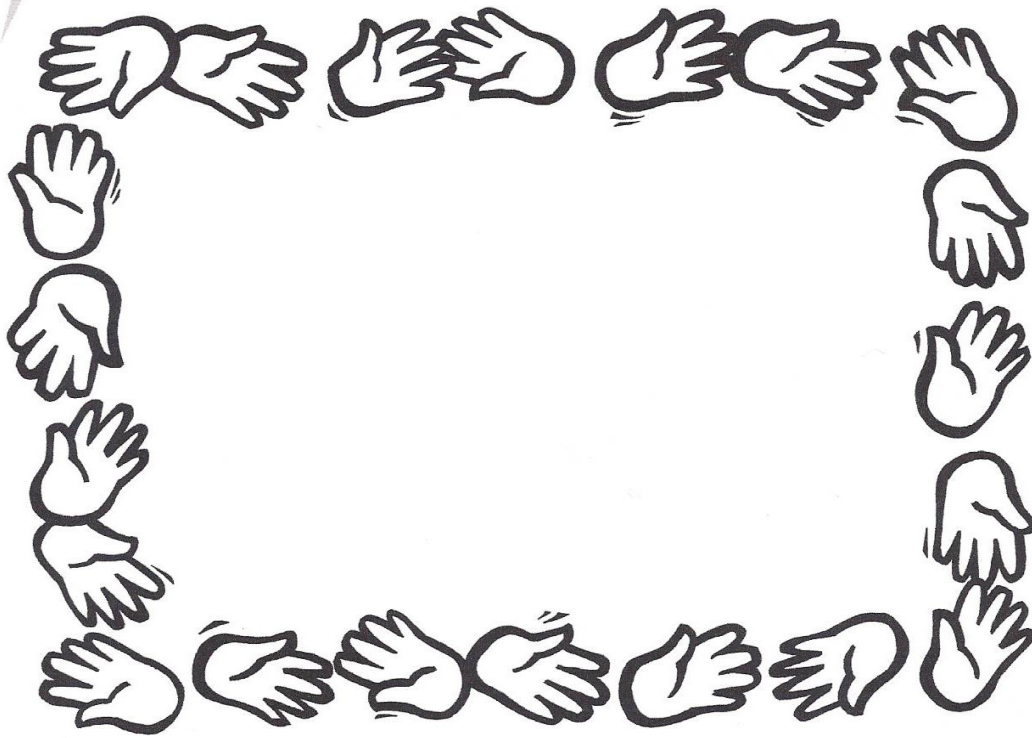
The Mountainside United Methodist Church Jugband, under the guidance of Dr. Bob VanAlan will start our Advent season off with a variety of musical selections. A carol sing will follow. For more information, please contact Amy Costales at 867-4207.





## All Are Welcome

Just like Jesus and his family, many people travel from where they were born to live somewhere else. Are there people in church this Sunday who are guests or visitors? Create a welcome note for them. Go with your parents and say hello to them after the worship service.



## READER

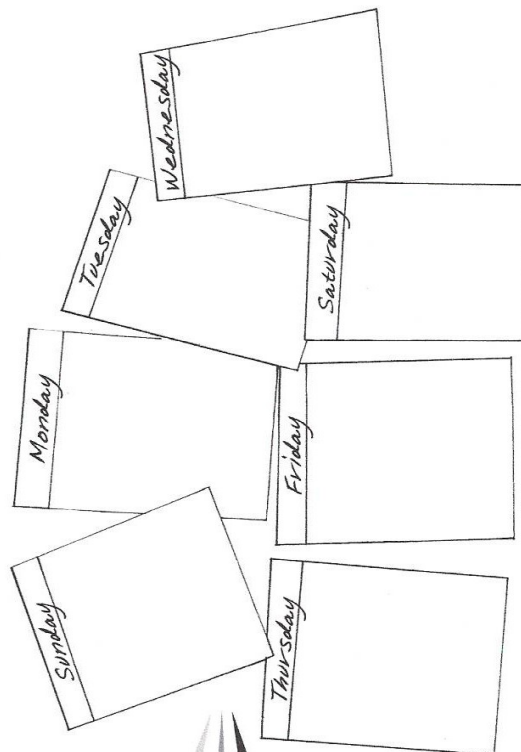
Christmas 1



- Today is the **first** Sunday in the season of **Christmas**.
- The color for the Christmas season is **white**.
- White represents the **purity** of Jesus.
- White is also a symbol for the **light** that Jesus brings to the **world**.

## Party Planner

Plan a week-long birthday party for Jesus! Some activities can be just for fun. Try to think of ways to celebrate how we give to others during the Christmas season. **Use this calendar to plan the biggest birthday party ever!**



Try to fill in the missing words. (Hint: 1=A, 2=B, etc.) If you need help, look up Matthew 2:23.

"There he made his home in a town called

14    1    26    1    18    5    20    8

so that what had been spoken through the

16    18    15    16    8    5    20    19

might be fulfilled, "He will be called a

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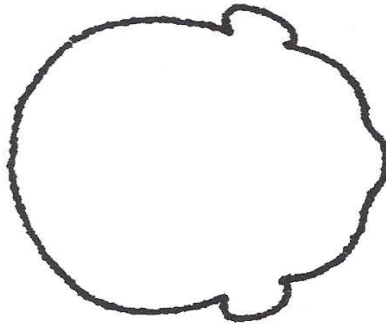
Matthew 2:23

## Facing a Move

Joseph had a dream telling him to move his family to Egypt. Imagine if God was sending you to a new country to live.

Would you be excited? Nervous? Upset?

Draw an expression on the face here that shows how you might feel.



If you were helping Jesus' family get ready for their move, what would you tell them to bring? Fill out the to-do list below.

## Things To Do

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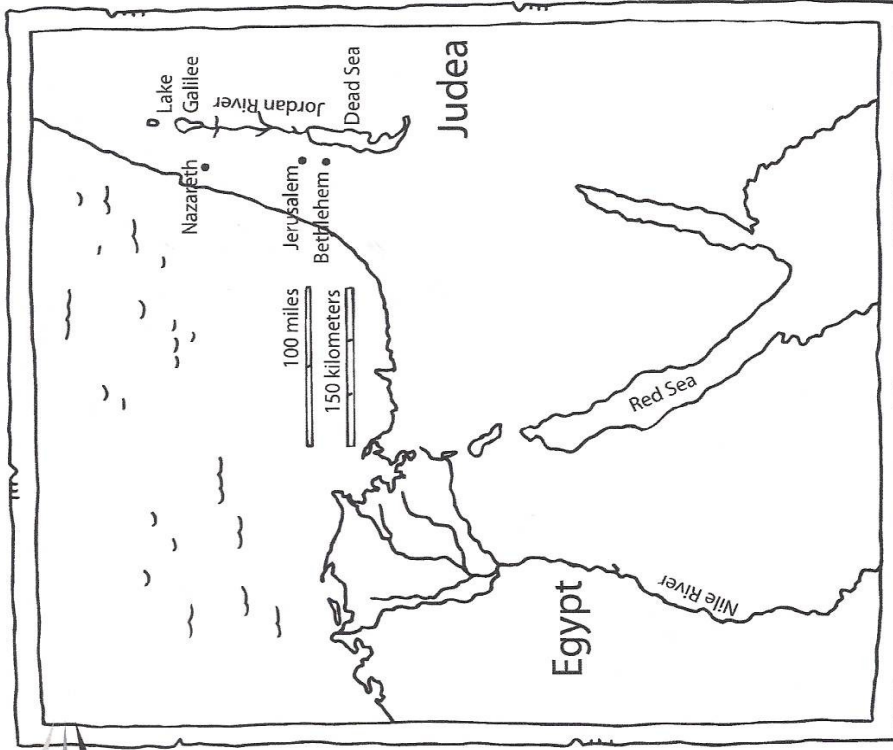
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MEMORY VERSE answers: Nazareth, prophets, Nazorean

## Bible Tip!

Many stories in the Bible happen in the same places. Look up some other stories that take place in Egypt. Start in the Book of Exodus with the story of the Hebrews' escaping from Egypt by crossing the Red Sea in chapter 14 of Exodus.



## Did You Know?

Do people in your neighborhood still have Christmas decorations out? That's because it's still Christmas! Have you heard about the Twelve Days of Christmas? Even though Christmas Day has passed, we celebrate Jesus' birthday for 12 days. The season ends on January 6 on a day called the Epiphany of Our Lord.



You are invited to

## Celebrate Christmas

at

All Saints Lutheran Church  
December 2016

### Preschool Christmas Program

Friday, December 9, 2016 ~ 7:00 p.m.

**The Fumbly Bumbly Angels**

"Heavenly Social" following in the Fellowship Hall



### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2016

**3:00 p.m.**

#### Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Carol Liturgy  
Special Music by the Hallelujah Ringers



**6:00 p.m.**

#### Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Service of Lessons and Carols  
Special Music by Grace Notes



**9:00 p.m.**

#### Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Carol Liturgy  
Special Music by All Saints Choir

## **December 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
December 04	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Sara and Buddy Hooks		Marian and Ron Kulju	Marian and Ron Kulju
December 11	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Tony Carson		Eloise Kesatie	Eloise Kesatie
December 18	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Barbara and Carlos Bachechi		Charlotte Moritomo	
December 25	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Sara and Buddy Hooks			

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.*

<sup>3</sup>*You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* From Sundays and Seasons...Augsburg Fortress



### **December 2016 Flowers**

December 04	Sara and Buddy Hooks
December 11	Eloise Kesatie
December 18	Betty Hauge
December 24	Poinsettias
December 25	Poinsettias



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



# December 2016



DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
December 04	Ron Kulju	Pat Raquet	Pat and Jim Raquet	Ron Kulju
December 11	Ellen Dobson	Jean Paananen	Jean and Orman Paananen	Ellen Dobson
December 18	Orman Paananen	Eloise Kesatie		Orman Paananen
December 24	Jean Paananen	Hauge Family	Hauge Family	Ron Kulju and Gene Aldredge
December 25 9:30 a.m.	Lay Led		Lorraine Davis and Allen Tetreault	

## Contemporary Worship Readers for December 2016

*December 04 Linda Dubuque*  
*December 11*  
*December 18*  
*December 25 9:30 worship only*



Irene Aldredge



2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Team	3 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day 9:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
4 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Wor- ship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	5	6 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	7	8	9	10 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study
11 Pr. Pat Holman 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Wor- ship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	12	13 6:30 p.m. Church Council	14 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class	15	16	17
18 Pr. Pat Holman 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Wor- ship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	19	20 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	21	22	23 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Team	24 Pr. Anne Morawski <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Candlelight Worship</b> <b>Service</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> Congregation led worship service at <u>9:30 a.m. only.</u> Christmas Cantata	26	27	28 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class	29	30	31



December 2	Thade Hauge
December 6	Justin Killingsworth
December 15	Linda Mantyla
December 16	Dave Hartenberger
December 18	Rosemary Butler
December 18	KD Pass Maranville
December 21	Devon Hauge
December 22	Dotty Dahl
December 24	Ethan Albillar
December 24	Carole Baker
December 27	Marianne Walck
December 28	Steve McHenry
December 29	Julie Butler
December 31	Melissa Aldredge



December 16-Jan and Herb  
Biermann  
December 27-Kristi and Tom  
Adams



December 8	Marianne Walck
December 9	Hazel Mella
December 27	Dotty Dahl



Baca Family; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Laura Eller; Joe Hauge; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Jean and Orman Paananen, Brian Selby (Betty Hauge's son-in-law)



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



## COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for November 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

#### September 2016

Contemporary Worship Average—19

Traditional Worship Average—24

#### October 2016

Furry Friends-5

Funerals-109

Contemporary Worship Average—17

Traditional Worship Average—25

### LOOSE CHANGE FOR WORLD HUNGER

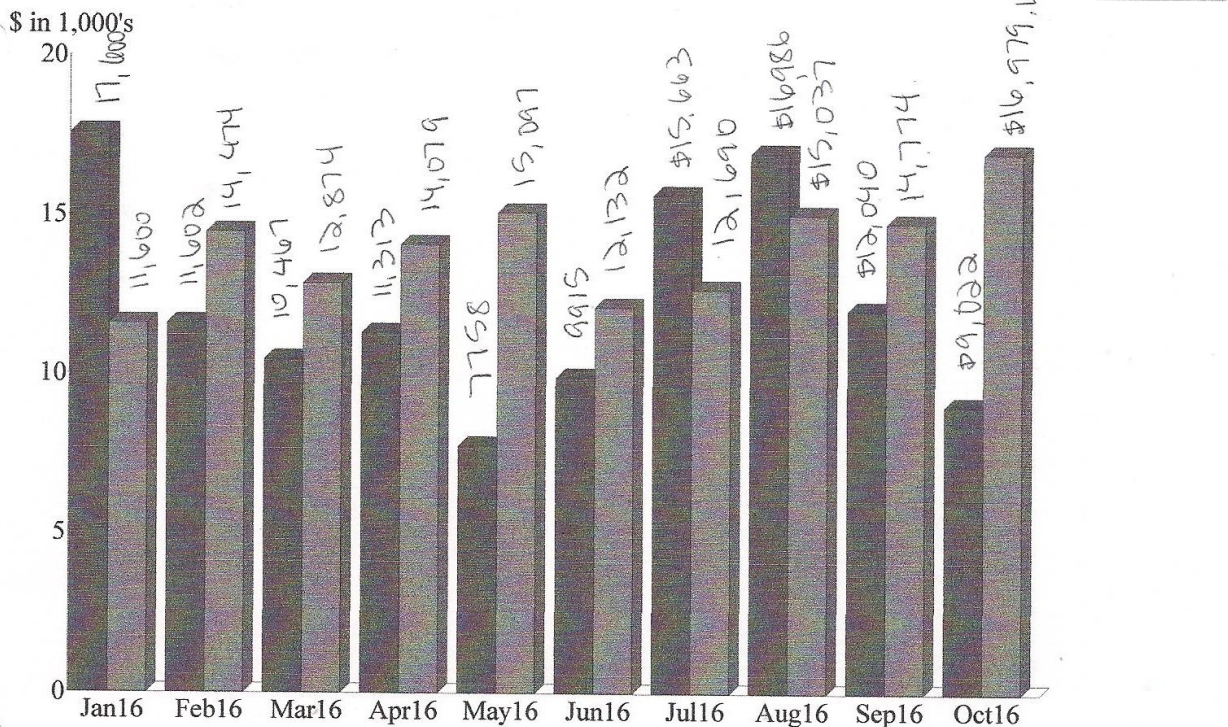


The **FIRST** Sunday of **EVERY** month, bring your loose change and place in the offering plate. This is collected and sent in for **World Hunger!**

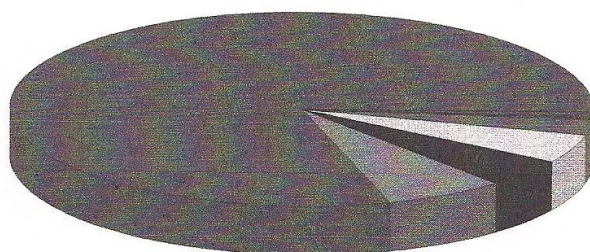




Income and Expense by Month  
January through October 2016



Expense Summary  
January through October 2016



PAYROLL EXPENSESS	80.00%
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	6.83
OFFICE EXPENSES	4.89
MISSIONS	4.80
Insurance Expense	2.60
Conferences	0.42
Travel	0.27
FSA	0.15
Uncategorized Expenses	0.03
OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	0.01
Total	\$139,740.55

By Account



## **Donation Opportunities**

The following items are routinely consumed at Messiah Lutheran Church. Any donations of these items will be greatly appreciated. Highlighted items are needed soon.

### **Office Supplies:**

- **Frequent Need:**

**Copier Paper - 8 1/2 x 11" pale colors**

**Copier Paper -8 1/2 x 14" pale colors**

- HP desktop printer ink - 901 series black and color cartridges
- Brother desktop printer ink - LC101 or LC103 series black and color cartridges
- Labels -Avery template 5160

- **Annual Need:**

**Manilla folders 1 box regular**

**Binders 2-1/2 inch white**

**Tab inserts for 12 months**

### **Kitchen and Bath Supplies**

- Paper plates (small, medium and large)
- 8 oz. coffee cups
- Cold drink cups (red ones in kitchen)

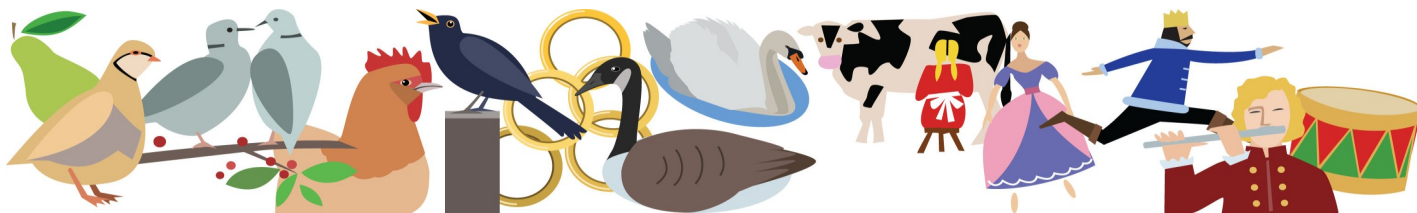
- Plastic silverware
- 33 gal garbage bags (black for big trash in fellowship hall)
- Kitchen garbage bags for kitchen
- Coffee creamer and sugar (get big canisters and refill containers)
- Goldfish
- Cookies to have as a reserve for whenever no one signs up for refreshments
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- **Paper towels**

**Time and Labor (any time convenient for you)**

- Weed Pulling
- Trash Pickup



## IN THE COMING MONTHS



*"Looking for a few good people "*

**Up for election** - Secretary, Financial Secretary,

President-Elect (2 year – 1 as President-Elect and 1 as President), President (1 year), and 1 Member-at-Large.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2017.**

**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
February 28, 2017  
5:30 p.m. Pancake  
Supper



**ASH WEDNESDAY,**  
March 01, 2017



## Lenten Lunch and Supper during Lent.

Please be sure and check out the signup sheet for Soup and Bread luncheons and suppers during Lent.

Lenten dates are: March 08 through April 05 The signup sheet will be located on the bulletin board next to the Flower chart.



**Mark those 2018 calendars for late June.....**

**Youth to get ready for Houston Texas ELCA Youth Gathering.**

**There will be many sights and sounds on the Gulf Coast.....**



## A LOOK AHEAD

PLEASE MARK CHANGES ON THE POSTED CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Pr. Neal Mather 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p>	<p>2 7-9:00 p.m. Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>3 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share</p>	<p>4 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lutheran Community "Theology on Tap"</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day</p>
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<p>15 Bishop James Gonia 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Committee 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p>	<p>16 7-9:00 p.m. Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>17 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 7-9:00 p.m., Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>18 7-9:00 p.m., Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00-2:00 p.m. Northern New Mexico Cluster-WELCA</p>
<p>22 Pr. Pat Holman <b>Annual Mtg?</b> 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p>	<p>23 7-9:00 p.m. Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>24 7-9:00 p.m., Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>25 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7-9:00 p.m., Lutherans and Catholics See Newsletter for details</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 a.m. Newsletter Team</p>	<p>28 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club</p>
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JANUARY 2017



ANNUAL MEETING

## IN THE COMING MONTHS

# Lutherans and Catholics Commemorate 500 Years of Renewal and Reform 1517-2017

### Dialogue Dates and Featured Speakers

#### RIO RANCHO DIALOGUE

**MONDAYS**, January 16 - February 20, 2017  
7 - 9 PM at Church of the Incarnation  
2309 Monterrey Rd. NE, Rio Rancho 87144

#### Participating Communions

Calvary Lutheran, LCMS; TBA, ELCA;  
Church of the Incarnation, Roman Catholic

#### Speakers

Pastor Quintin Cundiff, LCMS; Pastor TBA, ELCA;  
Mr. Fabian Yanez, Roman Catholic



#### WESTSIDE DIALOGUE

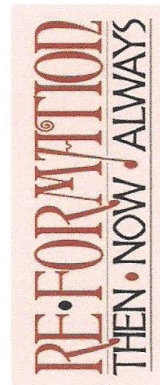
**TUESDAYS**, January 17 - February 21, 2017  
7 - 9 PM at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church  
5415 Fortuna Road, NW, Albuquerque 87105

#### Participating Communions

St. Andrew Lutheran, LCMS; Cross of Hope, ELCA;  
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Roman Catholic

#### Speakers

Pastor Eli Lietzau & Pastor Quintin Cundiff, LCMS;  
Pastor R. Adam Berndt, ELCA; Fr. Graham Golden  
O.Praem, Roman Catholic



#### NORTHEAST HEIGHTS DIALOGUE

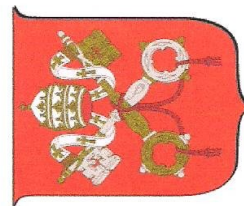
**WEDNESDAYS**, January 18 - February 22, 2017  
7 - 9 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87110

#### Participating Communions

Faith in Christ, LCMS; St. Luke Lutheran, ELCA;  
Our Lady of the Annunciation, Roman Catholic

#### Speakers

Pastors Ryan & Bre Roberts, ELCA, Pastor Eli Lietzau,  
LCMS; Msgr. Bennett J. Voorhies, Roman Catholic



For more information contact Rose Garcia at 505.831.8243 or [rogarcia@archdiosf.org](mailto:rogarcia@archdiosf.org)

**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 December 2016***

### ***December 04***

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### ***December 11***

Isaiah 35:10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### ***December 18***

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### ***December 24***

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

### ***December 25***

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-20



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



***Every Sunday Worship  
Schedule:***

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

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



## **Messiah Messenger**

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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.



**Advent Sunday  
Worship Schedule:**

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

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

**7:00 p.m.  
Special Candlelight  
Christmas Eve Worship  
Service**



**7:00 p.m. Saturday,  
December 24th  
2016**

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

**December 2016**