

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Christmas letter from Pastor, Church Cleaning Schedule for 2104

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call extended to him by Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. Pastor George Dummann, First Lutheran, Faulkton SD has been called by Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake MN.

CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL on January 5th @3pm. Carrying on the tradition of Luther Memorial and Faith, Messiah Lutheran Church invites you and your congregation's members for a festival and time of fellowship around the blessings of Christian music. The Messiah activity committee is planning for a light supper afterwards. As has been done in the past, a dish or desert to pass would be welcome, but not necessary.

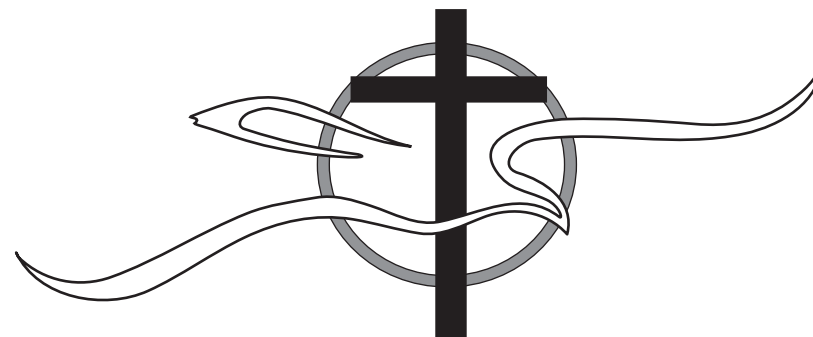
WANTED: Any new phone numbers or new e-mail addresses for our 2013 directory. Please give them to Pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP HALL PAINTING: A couple members have volunteered to paint the fellowship hall the week of Dec. 30th. If you are interested in helping, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

SNOWBLOWERS NEEDED: With the winter months approaching, we will be in need of members who would like to help with the snow blowing of the parking lot. If you would like to help on occasion, please speak with either Randy Dreyer or Pastor.

USHERS: Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2013, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS & LORD'S BLESSINGS: to Jamie & Rachel Arndt who were blessed with a baby girl this past Wednesday: Lydia Paige. Her baptism into the Lord's kingdom is being held today at Messiah, Hales Corners.



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 145

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: 359

Before Sermon: 93

Offering Hymn: Choir

After Prayers: 91

(Sing:1-3) (Read:4-7) (Sing:8-9)

Closing Hymn: 99



BEHOLD: Luke 1:67-73

**I: Behold, our God is constantly present,
coming to visit and redeem His people.**

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

BEHOLD: Luke 1:74-75

**II: Behold, what we are saved from and
what we are saved for.**

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

BEHOLD: Luke 1:76-80

**III: Behold, we have not yet seen the end
of the mercy God has for us.**

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, 79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. 80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We thank our God for your being here worshipping with us today. May we all behold with eyes of faith the coming of our newborn King and be moved to come and worship Him again. Please sign our guest register before you leave.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.:

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
Bible Class: Hebrews 12
11:15 a.m. Choir/Children's
Christmas Practice

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Children's
Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Song Service

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Greve

School: Bernthal/Tardola

Counters today: Randy Dreyer &
Karl Gullerud

CHRISTMAS PRACTICE: Parents,
our last practice is today after
church.

HELP IS NEEDED: to pack the
children's Christmas sacks after
church today. Thanks!

THANKS: to the anonymous
donor for the nice outside
doormat for the church.

LAST WEEK:

Worship 38 B.C. 19 S.S. 6
Advent II 39

OFFERINGS 12/15 & 12/18
for Unified Budget: \$8,185
\$5,000 Mission Development
Fund (MDF)

\$5,000 Cooperative Budget Plan
(CBP)

\$5,000 Capital Expenditure for
2014

\$1,015 Benevolence Fund
Praise God, the giver of all good
gifts, for the special outpouring
of love and thanksgiving from
His people.

"All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired." - **Martin Luther**