

THE MONITOR

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church – Lindsborg, Kansas

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Greetings, Dear Church!

As we talked at the Annual Meeting, we are in a place where Church has to take form in new and far reaching ways...I have ideas, I hope you do as well. I understand that part of our vision has to include fund raising, I can also tell you that money will not save us. Our ministry is to be focused on Jesus Christ and how God calls us to share the good news of Jesus come to us.

What does it look like to share our faith as a community of believers? That is up to you—all of you! I have a student who is gung-ho on starting a food bank for students. Bethany College is too small to sustain a bank for only itself. I had begun in November to think and talk and pray about a Food Bank for Lindsborg. I truly believe that Messiah can be the inceptor and pilot place for supporting people who live in food insecurity in our community. There are commodities programs we can tap into, and from there, we would need a person to coordinate collection and dissemination of food through our doors.

“What? We’ve never done anything like that!” “Who will take care of this? Who will be the go-to person to make sure it all goes smoothly?” “All those people in and out of our building? What will be the wear and tear on our floors? Our tables? Our space?” “Is there a real need? In Lindsborg? At the College?”

I had a student show up at my office a little after 6 p.m. this Wednesday, January 29th. She was planning to use the microwave in the Pastor’s Living room to make popcorn. I said, “Is this your dinner?” “Yes,” she replied, “it’s also breakfast and lunch. We (she has a roommate) have no food ‘til Monday when we get paid.”

I told her of resources available: TACOL vouchers, a meal in the cafeteria through a special fund Student Development has set up, even the Food Bank in McPherson or Salina. She was hungry and had a night class at 7. I took her home, made eggs, and sent her with a bag of food.

There is a real need.

No one knows any of the answers to a dream. A dream without action is just a hope. There is an African Proverb that says, “when you pray, move your feet.” I am working to move my feet. I hope you will walk this walk with me, in whatever form it takes as the path evolves.

Messiah has a history of doing unusual things for the sake of the gospel. Haven’t I heard that at one point you brought refugees here and housed them until they got on their feet? We have the only infant care facility in Lindsborg—they need us to keep solvent when they have low census. Through us they have no overhead and we, hopefully, take good care of the space for them. (I know one couple who take their infant to Moundridge for child care...daily.)

We are in a unique position to share God’s love through our abundance. This is not to say that we are not in need of money. We are. We did not pass the -\$31,000 budget. We decided to side step that action and work on fundraisers, perhaps finding a way to revamp our needs. New AC units are not going to feel negotiable this summer. Crumbling walls will not suddenly be repaired. We have a call to steward our faith, not only through care of that with which we have physically been entrusted; we are called to steward people and creation. God works in unity, not in isolation. It’s been my experience that the more we focus internally, the more the structure of our faith crumbles and we lose sight of Christ as our center.

Our CommUnity is in Jesus Christ. We have a call on our lives as the community of believers at Messiah to share God’s message of love, hope, forgiveness, and grace to the world, beginning outside our doors. Let us begin the hard conversations about what it looks like to really put the faith of our fathers into today’s world, the world of our children.

Blessings be upon us, Church, as we walk forward into a new way of living God’s love.~Pastor Amy

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me.” ~Matthew 25

**Approximate number of people who used
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church during
the month of January:**

- Worship Services **282**
- Others in January **400**
- Daily (includes staff, daycare & coffee groups) **47**

February Birthdays

Randy Norland	2/01	Kathy Toll	2/11
Nancy Kessinger	2/03	Erik Peterson	2/16
Garrett Forsberg	2/04	Betty Holcombe	2/17
Betty Russin	2/04	Sherry Peterson	2/18
Jacob Peterson	2/06	Jake Lucas	2/25
Laura Flynn	2/11	Sonja Taylor	2/27
Warren Olson	2/11	Taryn Martinez	2/28

February Anniversaries

Gary and Dixie Mattas 2/14

Women's Ministry

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

What's Up in February



- **Thursdays 9:00 AM at church – Women's Coffee** (Come as you are, relax and visit)
- **Thursdays 12:00-1:00 PM – Moms in Prayer** at Barbara Peterson's, 405 N. Chestnut. Join in prayer for our children locally and around the world.
- **Thursday, Feb. 6, 3:00 PM – Visiting at Bethany Home Assisted Living.** Drop by for coffee to enjoy time with residents and each other men and women invited.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:00 AM – Messiah Church Women** meet in the Fellowship Hall. Lesson: Linda Lewis Hostess: TBA

Please note: We will continue to have Messiah church Women meet at 10:00 am for February and March because of Lent. We will go back to 7:00 pm beginning in April. All women are invited to come.

World Day of Prayer service this year will be on Friday, March 6 at Bethany Church. Both men and women are invited to join in prayer with others in our community and around the world.

Tentative plans are to have a showing of the movie "Harriet Tubman" this month. Date to be announced.

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Minutes

(these minutes will be approved at the February Council meeting)

January 8, 2020

Council Members present: Pastor Amy Truhe, Becky Anderson, Kirsten Bruce, Lois Carlson, Gavin Doughty, Pari Ford, Chock Hefner, Linda Lewis, Muriel Gentine, Ted Kessinger, Ingrid Pohl.

Absent: Warren Olson, Anya Pohl.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy Truhe

Reports:

Treasurer Chris Reinert reviewed the proposed 2020 Budget.

Motion to recommend budget as printed with suggestion to add these line items under 710 Worship: 711 Worship & Altar \$3,000, 712 Music \$500 and 713 Bethany College Scholarship \$1,500. This budget will be revisited at the end of April 2020. MSC.

Retirement for Pastor will be reduced from 15% to 10% for 2020 and the call will remain at MELC.

Motion to give Chris Reinert online access to the \$50,000.00 account. MSC

Secretary: Approval of minutes of the December 8, 2019 meeting MSC.

Treasurer: Report included the 2020 budget. MSC.

Pastor: see written report.

President's report: No report.

Old Business: An on-demand hot water heater for under the sink is still recommended. We will next check with the KDHE requirements for our needs.

New Business:

Annual Meeting is January 19, 2020 following worship.

Motion to approve Betty Russin to fill a 3-year term on the Mission Outreach Committee. MSC

Council will ask Jake Lucas to be the Youth representative for 2020

Discussed idea of having a "Chat time" as an opportunity for members to ask questions, give ideas, etc.

Motion to designate 2019 Christmas Eve offering as startup funds for a Food Bank. MSC

A grant will be written to the Nutt Foundation asking for funding for a Food Bank.

Motion for MELC to endorse Karol Carr into the PMA program. MSC

Pastor Amy recommended a task force to restructure committees.

Worship time: Survey will be emailed. Becky reported that 108 members attend 2 times a year.

Committee Reports: No committee reports this month.

Devotions: Gavin Doughty – Blessed to Follow, Chapter _

Next MELC Council Meeting: Wednesday February 19 at 6:30.

Devotions for January: Pastor Amy

Messiah Worship Assistants – February 2020

Thank you for your time of serving. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone and call the church office at 227-3977 by noon on Wednesday.

February 2, 2020	Service of the Lord
Acolyte	Anya Pohl
Lector	Mary Lindgren
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Olivia Ford
Ushers	Andy Carlson, capt; Bill Brock, Bill Lindholm, Larry Elmquist, Dixie Mattas
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist
Counters	Arne Reinert and Ingrid Pohl

February 9, 2020	Holy Communion
Acolyte	Cayson Lindquist
Lector	Harvey Daniels
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Anya Pohl
Ushers	Harvey Daniels, capt; Matt Toll, Julie Aeschliman, Dwight Ford
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist
Counters	Arne Reinert and Ingrid Pohl

February 16, 2020	Service of the Word
Acolyte	Jake Lucas
Lector	Jeanne Ahlers
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Macie Carlson
Ushers	Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Ken Peterson, Marc Anderson
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist
Counters	Ingrid Pohl and Julie Aeschliman

February 23, 2020	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Ellis Peterson
Lector	Barb Malm
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Jake Lucas
Ushers	Dwight Swisher, capt; Arne Reinert, Ron/Carla Wilson, Aaron Yoder, Harvey Daniels
Communion Assistant	Tom Toll
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist
Counters	Ingrid Pohl and Julie Aeschliman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am Girl Scout Cookie Camp Men-Bible Study
2 10:00 am 10:45 am 3:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Camp Service of the Word Fellowship Courage to Conquer Bible Study	3 10:30 am Chapel Break	4 5:15 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	5 10:30 am Chapel Break 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting	6 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 3:00 pm Coffee-visit @ assisted living	7 10:30 am Chapel Break	8 8:00 am Men-Bible Study 9:00 am Child Safety Training
9 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:45 am Fellowship	10 10:30 am Chapel Break 4:00 pm VBS planning meeting	11 5:15 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	12 10:30 am Chapel Break 7:00 pm Worship and Music	13 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	14 10:30 am Chapel Break	15 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
16 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:45 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Courage to Conquer Bible Study	17 10:30 am Chapel Break	18 5:15 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	19 10:30 am Chapel Break 6:30 pm MELC Council Meeting	20 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	21 10:30 am Chapel Break	22 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
23 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:45 am Fellowship	24 10:30 am Chapel Break	25 5:00 Campus Ministries Pancake Feed 5:15 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	26 10:00 am Messiah Church Women 10:00 am Chapel Break 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday	27 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's	28 10:30 am Chapel Break	29 8:00 am Men-Bible Study

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8:30-9:30am Tuesday

Call for appointment with Pastor Amy

Messiah Church Staff

Pastor	Amy Truhe
Office Manager	Alisa Jones
Custodian	Juan Redmon
Youth Directors	Jeanne Lucas <i>Ericka Lysell, Bethany Lutheran Church</i>
Organist	Tyler Breneman
Sr. Choir Director	Dr. Mark Lucas
Treasurer	Christine Reinert

MELC's Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord ♦ Everyone is welcome ♦ Love changes people ♦
Everyone has gifts to offer ♦ God sends us as servants to the
world ♦ We commit to grow in faith

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