



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Our Vision: Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God's compassion and love.

TODAY'S HYMNS

*GATHERING HYMN "Give Thanks for Saints"	ELW #428
*HYMN OF THE DAY: "In our Day of Thanksgiving"	ELW #429
*SENDING HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints"	ELW #426

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday (11/01)	10:30am	Worship
Tuesday (11/03)	Election Day Don't forget to vote!	
Thursday (11/05)	9:00am-11am	Food Pantry
Sunday (11/08)	10:30am	Worship

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, and that all baptized Christians are welcome to commune.

PRAYER REQUESTS



We pray for God's comfort, strength and healing in the lives of the following people: Nancy, John Jacobs, Paige Brown, Mike and Lynn M, Andy C, Glen Carlson, Gary, Carol, & Jeff Monnard, Katie Papke, Michael Carlson, Gayle Kern, Misha Gottesman, Harold & Carole Seymour, Deb & Jean Hart, Deb Best, Steve, Janis Jones, Carol Deller, Vicki DeMeyer, Charlie Miller, Avery Smith, Greg Lusk, Matthew Carlson and his family, and the friends and family of Jim Brouse. Receive our prayer, good Lord.

Council Capsule October 2020

- Revenues for the month ending 9/30/20 were \$10,705.94 with expenses of \$10,043.25 and a net of \$662.69. Revenues for the year are \$91,822.67 and expenses for the year are \$92,836.95 with a net for the year of (\$1,014.28). It should be noted that this deficit in current net does not reflect the on-going revenues or expenses for the parsonage renovation.
- A revised Secretary employment agreement was approved.
- Parsonage basement flooring scheduled to be installed Nov. 16-18
- Covid-19 restrictions will remain in effect through end of year. Masks are required.
- There will be 3 open Council positions due to term limits at the Annual Congregation Meeting: Vice President, Secretary, and Resource Management. Also, 4 positions are up for re-election. Please consider where you might serve.
- There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 08, 2020 for the sole purpose of approving the 2021 budget. Copies of the budget are available at the church.
- The next Council meeting will be after worship service on Sunday, November 08, 2020.

Proposed Budget

There are printed copies of the proposed 2021 budget on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one and study; we will discuss and vote on it at our special congregational meeting on 08 November.

Soup Kitchen

All service will be curb-side, and volunteers will bring the food out to people who wish to eat.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

In case of emergency, you may reach Pr. Chris Laughlin at the following:
Cell: (989) 225-9443

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Macey Tulley	11/01
Melissa Michalek	11/01
Jane Eley	11/05
Mark Bojanich	11/06
Evyn Bojanich	11/07



~ Happy Anniversary!

Harold & Carole Seymour	11/16
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Schedule Update

Pastor Chris will be instructing 1st-6th November; the course will be conducted virtually

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA GARDEN

Poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a special loved one will be used to decorate the altar for Christmas. The cost this year is \$6.00ea. Order forms are located on the table by the bulletin board. Please fill out a form and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office along with payment. The deadline to order is November 29th.

Election Time

Our next election is Tuesday, 3 November. It is your duty as a citizen and your vocation as a Christian who lives in a democracy to vote (why such strong language? Read my November Pastor's Page!). You can get your ballots now – I know, because I've already voted.

Congregational Meeting

Our special congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the budget will be on Sunday, 08 November. Our congregation's constitution allows for electronic voting, so if you want to watch the congregational meeting, we will continue to stream it on YouTube and Facebook and you can vote in the comments section. Please indicate that you intend to stay and vote so that we know to watch for your vote.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

November 1-6: Pastor Working With Army
November 01: Daylight Saving /All Saints Sunday
November 03: Election Day
November 08: Special Congregational Meeting
November 10: WELCA Meeting/Thankofferings
November 11: Veterans Day
November 22: Thanksgiving Worship Service
November 26: Happy Thanksgiving!

All Saints Sunday—November 1st.

This year, we will remember Lillian Carter, Martha Hochstetler, Peggy Preston, Jack Stears, Richard Chrisman, and Eunice Rockwell Outman. A mum will be given to each family in memory of their loved one.

The pastors of Messiah, First Congregational, and Constantine UMC will hold a live-stream Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, 22 November, at 7pm. It will be on our YouTube and Facebook pages, and you can always watch it later.

New Worship Update

Worship will look different inside than it does outside. Because singing and responsive readings spread aerosol particles in the air, I've eliminated all congregational responses. Keith will sing the hymns. I will sing the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed. Perhaps by the time this is over you'll be so used to hearing them that you'll be able to sing along. *Just because you're not saying them out loud doesn't mean that you can't say them in your heart.* In fact, I encourage you to pray and confess as I do so or your behalf. We will continue to receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and festivals (Reformation, All Saints, and Christ the King Sundays). I don't like any of this— in fact, I hate it all. But it won't last forever. We will return to a much more "normal" worship service once it's safe.
SDG,
Pr. Chris

Holiday Project 2020

Our holiday project will look different this year. We requested names from the Department of Human Services for a childless couple & 2 single seniors from the Constantine area. The Women of ELCA will provide a food box at Christmas but no clothing items. The only gift list for church members will include paper products & grooming items or a \$20 gift card from Wal-Mart for each of the 3 households. (A list will be included in the December newsletter)

Christmas Celebration

Like everything else this year, our Christmas celebration will be a little different. Thom, Keith, & I have agreed that we will have 2 celebrations, one at 5pm & one at 8pm. We request that you sign up for one or the other, so that we can limit attendance at each. Preference will go to members, who are welcome to sign up during the month of November. Keith will sign people up after worship on 08 November. You can call Mindy. Or you can sign up using Google Forms. I acknowledge that this is not ideal; however, we think this is the best way to keep everyone safe.

Thankoffering

Our 2020 Thankoffering will be collected at the Women of ELCA meeting on Tuesday, November 10th.

Annual Meeting

"At this year's annual meeting, we need three people to serve three roles on the congregation council: vice-president, secretary, and resource manager. If you're interested, please see Glen Carlson or Pastor Chris. If you have questions, please ask Sally Stuby or Jody Bowersox."

WELCA

Business meeting November 10th.

Pastor news

I have received my Army/course schedule for FY 2021:
1—6 November 2020
7—18 June 2021
16—27 August 2021

My first time instructing (October/November) will be virtual (MS Teams), so I'll be in front of my computer Monday—Friday and Monday—Friday; I will lead worship at Messiah on All Saint Sunday, 01 November. Hopefully, by the time I'm slated to instruct again, I will actually go to Fort Jackson to instruct in-person (I'm looking forward to seeing my students—I'm NOT looking forward to South Carolina in the summer). However, only time will tell.

I do hope to attend Phase 3 of ILE/CGSC in early 2021, but who knows?