

# Messiah Lutheran Church Information Guide

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Messiah Lutheran Church \*1801 W. Plano Pkwy. \*Plano, TX \* 972-398-7500

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## Bible Class Opportunities

GROUP	LEADER(S)	TOPIC	LOCATION
Adults	Pastor Kollmann	<i>Living A Life of Purpose</i>	Gymnasium
Adults	Pastor Otte	<i>Drawing Near: People in Prayer</i>	E215S
Growing Marriages in Christ (GMC)	Chris Bosse	<i>Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe</i>	E110S Conf. Rm.
Adults	Dick Huechteman	Hosea	E237N
Mosaics	Preston Dellinger	Comparative Religions	E220S
Guests	Joan Konkel & Cathy Dalton	Meet Messiah	Guest Desk

Maps to the Education Building can be found at the Guest Information Desk in the Lobby.

**LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE**-A discussion on making the most of your Christian life on this earth.

**DRAWING NEAR: PEOPLE IN PRAYER**-This topic highlights prayer, the powerful gift from God that can deepen our relationship with Him and each other. Come for an energetic, fun, and thoughtful opportunity for spiritual growth.

**GMC**-Join us for this video study that examines the Mormon Church, its origins, and its beliefs and rituals. The videos feature individuals who were previously Mormon, providing us with a first-hand look at the beliefs and inner workings of the Mormon Church.

**ADULTS-Hosea**-This class is currently studying the Old Testament book of Hosea.

**MOSAICS**-Messiah Mosaics is a class geared at anyone in their 30s or 40s, married or single. This is a discussion based class that examines how God's Word influences our daily walk with Christ. New study-A comparative discussion of other religious beliefs including Islam, Mormonism and various Protestant denominations with the foundation of Lutheran beliefs.

**MEET MESSIAH**-If you would like to know about Messiah, meet at the Guest Information Desk at 9:30am. A few of our members will take you on a tour of our campus and answer questions you may have about our church.

## Sunday School Opportunities Today

**Youth Sunday School Openings:** Grades 5-12 in Youth Room (E213S)

Class/Grade	Room	Teachers
2 years	E131N	Mary Hooper, Kari Beyer
3 years	E133N	Carmen Sorenson, Sandy Parks
4 years	E132N	Sandra Murcott, Laura McCallan
Kindergarten	E137N	Dawn Johnson, Meredith Carpenter
First Grade	E115S	Becky Florsheim, Sarah Sisk
Second Grade	E111S	Steve Livingston, Ben Westbrook
Third Grade	E113S	Dianne Kiehne, Michelle Nelson
Fourth Grade	E135N	Chris and Stephanie Price
Fifth Grade	E246N	Christina and Steven Knoernschild
Sixth Grade	E244N	Josie Steele and Kaela Lara
Seventh Grade	E242N	Donald Welmer, Lori Sloan, & Mary Ruble
Eighth Grade	E214S	Michael Neumann and Matt Lee
Ninth-Twelfth Grade	Youth Rm.	Elizabeth Ledford and Jodi Sorenson



**SUNDAY NURSERY**-An attended nursery for infants until walking steadily is in the Education Building, E123N. Care for steady walkers through age 3 is in room E125N. Caregivers available from 8:00am - 12:15pm. A vibrating pager system allows parents to be called by the caregivers. **We also have a cry room located at the back of the Sanctuary.**

Messiah Lambs Early Childhood Center

Amy Myers, Director

[amyers@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:amyers@messiahlutheran.com) / 972-398-7560.

Messiah Lambs Early Childhood offers a Christ-centered program to children who are 6 weeks through Kindergarten. Our caregivers and teachers are exceptional and offer many opportunities for children to grow spiritually, developmentally and cognitively. Our school is growing, and we would be happy for you to be a part of this exciting ministry. Registration for the 2017-2018 academic school year is currently open. For more information, please contact the Lambs' office at 972-398-7560.



**Helping Others at Christmastime!** We are helping families in need in our school and congregation with gift cards for food, gifts, gas, etc. at Christmas. If you would like to participate, please stop by the Lambs table on Sundays now through December 10th, or come by the school office to purchase \$25 gift cards through our Script program which helps the Lambs with a percentage earned for cards purchased.



## Mid-Week Bible Study Opportunities

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS** are open to guests and members alike. They welcome new participants. Please call the leader listed below if you want more information.

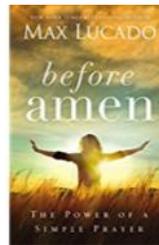
**Tobaben Careciple Fellowship Group**-This group meets in the Reception Room at church the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7:00-8:30 PM. Mary Jane and Richard Tobaben-972-596-6749.

**North Dallas Fellowship Group**-Call for location. Bill Dickson-972-248-3547.

**PASTOR KOLLMANN'S TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-11:00AM in the Conference Room. This class is going through a study based on Jeremiah and Lamentations.

**PASTOR WELMER'S WEDNESDAY MEN'S LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY** In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we shall look further into Luther's Small Catechism and seek to understand more fully the questions that arise from studying the Catechism. Questions such as, *"What does God require of us in the second commandment? What do the Scriptures teach about the gifts of the Holy Spirit?" "Is it possible for an unbaptized person to be saved?"* and much more!

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP**- Ellen Thorne is facilitating a study by Max Lucado, called "Before Amen." Max writes, *"We all pray . . . some. We pray to stay sober, centered, or solvent. When the lump is deemed malignant. When the money runs out. When the marriage is falling apart. But wouldn't we like to pray . . . more? Better? Stronger? With more fire, faith, and fervency?"* Max reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God.



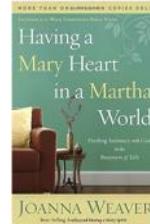
To reserve a book, please contact Ellen, eet75002@yahoo.com. Cost is \$6. We meet in Room E247N on the 2nd floor, down the back hallway. **Free baby-sitting** is offered with advanced notice to Amy Plenger, aplenger@messiahlutheran.com.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN**-Member Carla Detrie leads this class every other Thursday evening at 6:30 PM, in Room E245N. The current book this class is going through is, *"Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World."*

The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet, but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve Him, yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Carla: 972.922.0723, or Carla.Detrie@verizon.net. Facebook Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/241852702671552/>

**JOYFUL!** (Join Other Young Families Uplifting the Lord) New Bible Study group for families with young children. We'll meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:00-5:30pm in Messiah's Conference Room. Join us for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please feed your kiddo(s) prior to arrival. **Childcare will be provided!** For more information, please contact leaders: Josh and Courtney Hamit, 214-507-9624, Courtney.m.hamit@gmail.com or Josh and Meredith Carpenter: (432)934-9382 or mer258@yahoo.com.



## General Announcements & Fellowship Opportunities



Come Decorate for Christmas

Schedule changes have necessitated re-scheduling of our dates for Christmas decorating at church. Please note the NEW dates and times. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Visitor's Desk for the next few weeks so we can assure enough help.

**Friday, December 1, at 10am**-Men are needed to set up the 5 trees. The Sanctuary tree requires extra help for placement, moving ladders, etc. Several ladies will also be needed to move the ornament boxes to the location of each tree, and get the Chrismon wreaths ready to hang.

**Saturday, December 2, at 9am**-Many hands will be needed to decorate the 5 trees, hang the Chrismon wreaths and place the poinsettias on the Chancel...as well as put away the ornament boxes. If you have a small ladder or stepstool to bring, it might come in handy. (Because of the Sunday School program rehearsal that morning, we'll start decorating in the Narthex and by the Chapel.) **Look for the sign-up, or contact me if you have any questions. Text-214-538-8554 or e-mail [joycealax@aol.com](mailto:joycealax@aol.com). Thank you! Joyce Laux**



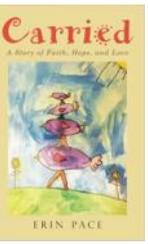
### WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENT TEA

The first Monday in Advent is December 4th, and so our Soul Sisters will gather in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00pm. Dessert, Water, and Tea will be served. **ONLY A COUPLE OF SEATS ARE LEFT.** Sign up at the Guest Info Desk. Please watch your e-mail this week for more information about the tea. There is no cost to attend, but a free-will offering will be collected for our Soul Sisters Ministry.

A mission trip to Belize is planned for April 4-10, 2018. A table is set up outside of the Gift shop Sign up today if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and help with church repairs, Bible study, and other various needs.



Erin Pace, author of "Carried, A Story of Faith, Hope, and Love," will be our Guest Speaker. She will inspire us with her message of hope for the holidays. Several years ago, their daughter was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, and her book is the blog of that journey as told through their 2-year olds' eyes as well as the rest of the family. Copies of her book will be available for you to purchase at the tea, and would make great Christmas gifts.



**LWML BAKE SALE** will be held on **Sunday, December 10th**, in the Reception room next to the Gift shop. Please bring all goodies to sell by 8:15 AM. We will be ready for customers before early service, and will remain open until the start of second service. Home-baked goods and home-made items such as kitchen towels and holiday items will be sold. The funds received from will be donated to the missions LWML supports. Please support this ministry with your purchases. Thank you. Kathy O'Brien



**GMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Saturday, Dec. 9th at 5:30 pm. Come and join us for some holiday fellowship and cheer at the Ostrom's! (1321 Greensboro Dr., Wylie) The main course, beer, and wine will be provided. If you have a special beverage you prefer, please bring it. **Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share.**

If you would like to participate in our **Annual GMC Gift Exchange, please bring one \$15 wrapped gift per couple. RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 7th.** Questions? Contact Nicole at 972-835-0051 or at [nicole\\_ostrom@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole_ostrom@yahoo.com). This event is adults only, and babysitting will not be provided.

## Children & Youth News

Amy Plenger-972-398-7524 or aplenger@messiahlutheran.com  
Elizabeth Ledford-972-398-7509 or eledford@messiahlutheran.com

**LAST SUNDAY REHEARSAL** for those in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Come to the Multi-Purpose room from 4-5pm on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> to practice lines and receive musical instrument parts for the songs.

**FAMILY ADVENT SERVICES** will soon be here! We follow the theme of "Advent"ures of Christmas, exploring the topics of Christmas Greetings around the World, Traditions of Christmas Caroling, and Why We Open Presents.

### Little Bit of Christmas



Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45 in the Sanctuary.

2s - Kindergarten Sunday School classes deliver a Christmas message you won't want to miss!

ONE mandatory rehearsal Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 – 11:30am.

Volunteers needed to coordinate the cast party.

### Get in Line for Christmas



Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> during 11:00 worship service in the Sanctuary.

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classes present the traditional Christmas story, with many shoppers getting in line at the Bethlehem market, on their way to the manger.

- Weekly rehearsals on Sunday evenings, Nov. 12, 19, 26, 4:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room (E114/116S).
- Song rehearsals during Sunday School, Nov. 19, and 26 in the Multi-Purpose room, and Dec. 3 (after Little Bit) in the Chapel.
- Dress rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Movie MESH**-9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to hang out, eat snacks, and take part in a Bible study based on a film on Wednesday, 6:30 to 9 in the couch room. Movie TBD. We will also use this time to sign cards for our college students!

**JAM** - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to JAM, our weekly junior high Bible study! Come hang out in the couch room from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday evening!

**Christmas Murder Mystery Party!** - High school students will be invited to take part in this fun event on December 8! More details to follow.

**Christmas Parties** - We will have our annual MYM Christmas parties on Sunday, December 17, from 5 to 7 PM! Junior High students will party at the Vogler's house (603 Wills Point Dr Allen, TX 75013) and High School students will hang out at Elizabeth Ledford's house (6220 Bentwood Trail #1906 Dallas TX 75252). More details to come!

**Christmas Mission to Briarwood** - On December 28-30, high school students are invited to a three day mission/service project at one of our favorite places in the world - Briarwood Retreat Center! The trip will only cost \$10! Please sign up by bringing your \$10 payment by December 17.

## Messiah Serves: Our Social Ministries and Outreach

Dawn Johnson - 972-948-8966 - dawnmj@fastmail.net



### UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

It is almost time to put on your Santa hat. Enjoy a candy cane, along with the sights and sounds of Christmas, while we shop for families in need. Look for details in upcoming worship bulletins regarding our Meals on Wheels Secret Santa Program and The Plano Santa Project.



### WREATHS FOR THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH NATIONAL CEMETERY

Held at:  
DFW National Cemetery  
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway- Dallas, TX

You can sponsor wreaths that will be laid at DFW National Cemetery at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=17167>

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

**Ceremony At: 11:00am**

Additional Ceremony Details at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/viewLocation.html>

Notes for families who would like to attend the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Ceremony and participate in laying the wreaths at our DFW National Cemetery. **Please do not forget to register on the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery (TXDFWN)!** That way you will get all updates about the cemetery itself. If you would like more information or have questions, please email me at [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net)

### ONGOING COLLECTION PROJECTS

Please note that all collection projects are located in the designated collection area next to the Family Room in the chapel building. For questions about any of our collection projects, you can contact me at [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net) or 972-948-8966. Details regarding our ongoing collections can be found at <http://www.messiahlutheran.com/ministries/adult/social-ministries-outreach/>

*If you would like more information about our Social Ministries & Outreach programs or Lutherans for Life and the opportunities we have to Share God's Light, I can be reached at (972) 948-8966, or [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net) .*

# Pray for One Another This Week

May we all show praise and thanks this Thanksgiving week. (Ellen Sykora)

Pray for healing for daughter (Yasmine) she was bitten by a brown recluse spider on her leg. (Odie Ernest)

Pray for Daxton Luecke (son of Alex and Courtney and grandson of Steve and Jackie Luecke and Steve and Becky Florsheim)-Healing and wisdom for doctors.

Pray for daughter-in-law (April Claussner) a cure for breast cancer. (Karl Claussner)

Pray for brother (Jeff Buchwald) healing and God's blessings from surgery. Also for dad (Rudy Buchwald) for successful eye surgery and God's healing hand. (Deby Redle)

Pray for Diana (friend) a young beautiful exercise teacher facing permanent hearing loss-was misdiagnosed by a Dr. and now it is too late to fix. (Suzi Checki)

Dear church friends and family. Thanks for this caring congregation and their loving thoughts and prayers. (Shirley Nelson)

Thank you to God and all Messiah members for asking about my surgery and its good outcome. (Susan Seegmiller)

Pray for Michael Paradise (Brother in law) to have comfort and peace on the sudden death of his oldest child, Jennifer. Prayers for my sister (Donna Paradise) that she can find strength to help her husband. (Ruthann Swanson)

Pray for good health for friend, Mona Keeth. (Gene Schafer)

Blessings for the family of Alyssa Noel Mayberry for her baptism. (Kathy and Delilah Woolston)

Pray for Nancy Brutsman who is battling pancreatic and liver cancer, and is now taking chemotherapy. (friend of Edna and Jim Krueger)

Pray for Dale Zadow who is needing a little more assistance with his breathing-pray the oxygen will help ease the struggle. Keep Alma strong in her faith and trust in Jesus.(Jerry and Jane Baedke)

Pray that all my neighbors and friends have all they need this Holiday season. (Norma Hernandez)

Praise God for my twin sister's improving health. Pray for Susan Weaver. She is having knee surgery on November 20<sup>th</sup>. (Carol Clem)

Prayer of thanks for successful surgery and continued recovery for Billie Jurliva (Carol Ann's mother) Bill Krumm

Pray for Amy Plenger and family. Praying that God wraps Amy and her family in peace and comfort with the loss of her father. God is welcoming her dad home in heaven with all of His Love. (Connie, Cathy, Deanna Haufler)

Pray for wife, Michelle peace and comfort as chemo is planned to start on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Pray for father, Bob, continued guidance of Doctors who treat him in CT.(Fred Duchow)

Prayer for the Bernita Moss family upon the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Also a prayer for wisdom and insight for the doctors to determine the source of my pain and healing. (Nadine Smith)

Bless Mom, Keep John well, May America appreciate our "Happy Thanksgiving". May John's future medical issues be positive. (Dorothy Rigg)

Pray that Rick's eye surgery is successful and it will be a speedy recovery.(Kim Callaway)

Pray for Ted Fridge. He is recovering from a bout with e-Coli and a 10 day hospital stay. (Burr and Lana Fridge)

Pray for niece, Wendy she has ovarian cancer. (Lois Dusza)

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Pray for daughter, Kristy Cole. May she have continued healing and acceptance by the Mayo clinic for tests. Also, pray for continued healing of Nancy's back. (Carl and Nancy Huett)

Pray for Sandra to have strength to get through the healing process. (Ron Ward)

Pray for cousin, Caleb Gremmer. Give Caleb and his family strength while he battles the lung cancer. Pray for strength and guidance through his fight. (Sean and Jessica Gremmer)

Pray for niece, Joey, strength for her and her small children (Rebekah Hungerford)

**RECOVERY:** For Healing-Lila Hughes, Tiffany Tobaben, Melba Davidson, Edith Weiss, Marge Anderson, Jeanelle Hurst, Michelle Duchow, Helen Wood, Karen Parhizi, Jake Moore, Shirley Nelson, Dick Huechteman, Sandra Ward, and Marian Collins. Marcheta May-knee, Roger Kohls-knee, Jerry Shreve-hip, Sandra Murcott-Gall bladder, Mel Johnson-shoulder, Sandy Fazio-heart, Brian Naber-knee, Jim Nilmeier-back, Judy O'Connor-broken leg, Ruth Murphy-heart, and Ann Murphy-vertigo.

## SHUT-INS

Carol Avellanet

Milo Berg

Elizabeth Brondos

Joe and Melba Davidson

John Fey

Rosella Frank

Kathleen Haarberg

Freda Hafeman

Roger Hawk

Bob Hormann

Kerwin Kaaz

Stu & Kris Johnson

Betty Ladishew

Tom & Jean McCutcheon

Jean Osburn

Tony Raines

Dale & Alma Zadow



## Together in the Lord This Week

### NEXT SUNDAY

Worship

8:30 AM

Bible Class/Sunday School

9:45 AM

Worship

11:00 AM

Visitation Team-Hawk

1:00 PM

Christmas Program Rehearsal

4:00 PM

Grace Community Church

5:00 PM

### MONDAY

Boy Scouts

7:00 PM

### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study

9:30 AM

JAM

6:30 PM

Sanctuary Choir

7:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Canasta

10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study/Lunch

12:00 PM

Cherubs/Choristers/Youth4Truth

6:00 PM

Worship Service

7:00 PM

Movie MESH

7:00 PM

Full Christmas Cantata

Rehearsal

7:30 PM

### THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study

9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study (Detrie)

6:30 PM

### SATURDAY

Little Bit Rehearsal

9:30 AM

### NEXT SUNDAY

Worship

8:30 AM

Bible Class/Sunday School

9:45 AM

Worship

11:00 AM

Visitation Team-Konkel

1:00 PM

Troop 198 Court of Honor

2:00 PM

JOYFUL Bible Study

4:00 PM

Grace Community Church

5:00 PM

Voter's Meeting

7:00 PM

*Sympathy & Understanding* to Beverly Hickerson and Rebecca Kendall and family following the death of their mother on November 19th. May God comfort this family with His peace that passes all understanding.