



**January 2022**

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**Helping Our Youth  
- A Message from Pastor Trish -**

It's a new year – and while we don't know what 2022 is going to bring, one piece of good news I offer for this month is letting you know what some of our youth are up to, and inviting you to help them in their faith and service!

First, for the second year in a row, we are again taking part in the Feeding Our Community Partner's Backpack Program winter fundraiser – a "Climb and Slide" event at Mount Kato on Sunday, January 30. As of this writing 8 students are participating: Madison DeSutter, Blake Brekke, Addy Clifton, Greta True, Megan, Katelyn & Shannon Soost and Charlie Von Bank. While the event itself is meant to be fun, raising money for FOCP is the emphasis, and each team is asked to raise a minimum of \$1000. You can make a gift directly on the FOCP website – [click here](http://www.climb2feedkids.org) (www.climb2feedkids.org > scroll down to TEAMS list > click on Support a Team). Or write a check to FOCP and drop it off at church – we'll make sure it gets there. But we also have a fun way for you to help – buy the mixes the Middle School youth will be putting together in January!

On January 12, 2022 MSM will be doing a service project to benefit FOCP by making and assembling food and gift "Jar Mixes". Our goal will be to have them available for purchase by Sunday, January 16th, and all proceeds will go to this fundraiser. Again, watch for more details as we decide on the specific mixes and costs – but remember, generous donations will be very much appreciated, and all the monies go to a great cause.

As the new year gets underway you will also have opportunity to help some of our high school youth in their fundraising efforts ahead of next summer's National Youth Gathering, to be held in Minneapolis on July 24-28, 2022. Youth from Messiah that will be attending include: Shannon Soost, Emma Tokheim, Autumn Pipes, Jillian Olsen, Steven Olsen, Katelyn Soost, Ashley Pipes, AJ Tobin and Evelyn Erickson. A lefse sale is planned for your Easter celebrations. The students will also be holding a "stockholder's luncheon" – you'll have the opportunity to purchase "stock" in this venture beginning in early 2022, and after the event is over, the students will host a luncheon for you to say thanks AND to tell you all about the gathering.

We are fortunate to have youth interested in doing both these activities, and give thanks as well for their supportive families. Now it's our turn to be a supportive congregation. Watch for more information for giving for both these activities. Keep these students in your prayers. And when you see them, offer encouragement and support. Together, we will continue to share the love of Jesus!

## Quilting



The quilting group starts January 11th. It will be great to resume our work and fellowship once again. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of January, February, March and April. The quilts are displayed on Mother's Day and the Sunday following and then distributed where needed .

New faces are always welcome whether you sew or not. There are several phases to finishing a quilt and all are fun to do and can be learned in minutes and lunch is included. Come join our group!

Any questions, call Nancy 340-8494, Joan 389-9898, Kay 327-9789.

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Monday, January 17, 2022 - 12:30-5:30 pm at Messiah

Sign up by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter MESSIAHKATOMN as the location to schedule your appointment.

Maximize your blood donation & help more patients. If you're an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

## Request for Volunteers for the VITA tax program

Volunteers are needed for the VITA tax program. The program provides free tax preparation for lower-to-middle-income taxpayers, older individuals, and those with disabilities, to help them get the tax refunds to which they are entitled. We need tax preparers, greeters, and phone volunteers. Training for both will be provided, and no experience is necessary. For more information, call Ginger Klenk at 387-5707. If you want more information talk with or call Linda Wenkel who is a phone volunteer for this short-term opportunity.

## 4th Graders — First Communion — Save The Date

Mark your calendars— the First Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, March 12, 2022. On Sunday March 13th, students will want to be sure to come to Sunday School to paint their communion cups. First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10th. If you have a family member, 4th grade or older, who didn't get a chance to participate in a retreat previously, they are welcome to come. Contact the office for more information.

## Middle School Ministry Fundraiser

### FOCP (Backpack Program)

MSM students will be doing a fundraiser in January to support the FOCP Backpack Program. As part of our work, if you have any extra quart or pint canning jars you no longer need, we would be grateful for your donation. Jars can be dropped off at the church with or without lids. Jars will be filled with chocolate chip cookie, brownie, and spiced chai mixes as well as chili and taco seasonings.

January 12th—MSM students will assemble jars

January 16th—Jars will be available for purchase before and after worship services



**March 12, 2022**  
**Elevate Church Mankato**

The leaders of PEW35 came to visit with the middle and high school students in November to share what this event is all about. It is a day-long activity to pray and worship with other students. If your student is interested, you can register at <https://pew35.org/dayofprayer>

## Council

### *December Council Meeting highlights*

The council approved the financials—our total income was \$34,600 and expenses were \$28,586 resulting in income over expenses \$6014. Year-to-date expenses are over income by \$3823.

### **Team Leads**

Annual reports are due into the office by January 4th.



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## Messiah Scholarship Fund

This summer we developed a scholarship fund for members of the congregation attending post-secondary education. The policy is effective January 1, 2022 for the 2022-23 academic year.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a confirmed member of Messiah Lutheran Church.
- Have completed 25 hours of volunteer work in the church or community. See list of approved activities.
- Be attending an accredited college, university, or technical college.

### **PROCESS**

- Submit application and volunteer form by March 1, 2022.
- Notification of awards will be by May 1, 2022.
- Recognition of awards will be Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- Scholarship is distributed after successful completion of the first semester at the approved post-secondary institution. Submit unofficial transcript by December 31, 2022.

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## Congratulations Janet Adams

It is with joy and excitement to announce that our former intern, Janet Adams, has been called to serve as pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Madelia. Pastor Janet's first Sunday at Trinity was November 28, 2021. Even better, she has asked to celebrate her ordination here at Messiah! This very special day of worship and celebration will be scheduled for later this winter. As part of that day we will be hosting a reception for her. Watch for more details about the service itself and opportunities to help.

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## Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:00 am

Join us for the annual meeting after the 10:00 am Messiah Worships United service. A light lunch will be served. We will hear team reports from 2021 and discuss the budget and plans for 2022.

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## COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation with our current Covid-19 protocols. We will be continuing our current practice: asking members to wear masks during worship and all youth activities, with small groups that are "adult only" making their own decisions on a group basis. As of this writing there are no changes to the current policy. The Stay Safe Committee will continue to monitor the state of the virus and recommend changes as necessary. We are planning to begin Wednesday evening meals in January during our Middle School and High School gathering times.

For any questions or clarifications, please talk to Pastor Trish or one of our Stay Safe Committee members: Jon Graff, Shawna Merrill, Lynell Senden or Greg Suskovic. Most of all – thank you for your understanding and commitment.



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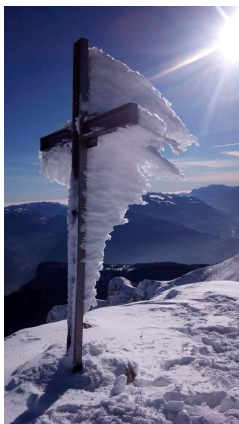

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“Sharing the Love of Jesus...”

## Please Pray For...

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Ben K, Craig V, Dave C, Earl W, Judy F, Rosie L, Nancy O,  
 Dick, Milt H, Dolores S., Sharen O., Jason M., Gary Z., Dan and family, Jim M, Sharon D, Jessica R

**Those who serve our country:** Dan P, Brian M, Derek M, Carley, Alex.



### Worship Schedule

8:30 am—Traditional Worship  
 9:15 am—Sunday School  
 10:30 am—Contemporary Music

**The office will be closed:**  
 Monday, January 3rd.

### Sunday, January 30th

9:15 am—Sunday School  
 10:00 am—Messiah Worships United  
 11:00 am—Lunch & Annual Meeting

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Happy Birthday Pastor Trish
<b>2 Communion</b> 8:30 am <b>Worship (FB also)</b> 9:15 am NO Sunday School 10:30 am <b>Worship (band)</b>	<b>3 Office Closed</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00 am SEE 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm MSM & HS Youth	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Men's Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 10:00 am Monarch Meadows Worship 5:00 pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Communion</b> 8:30 am <b>Worship (FB also)</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am <b>Worship (band)</b> 11:30 am Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group 6:30 pm 4H Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:00 am SEE 2:00 pm Life Long Learners 5:30 Meal 6:00 pm NO Worship 6:30 pm MSM & HS Youth 7:30 National Youth Gath- ering Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Men's Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Anti-Racism Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Communion</b> 8:30 am <b>Worship (FB also)</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am <b>Worship (band)</b> <b>Backpack Program Fundraiser before/after worships</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group 12:30 Blood Drive	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:00 am SEE 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm MSM & HS Youth	<b>20</b> 7:00 am Men's Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Communion</b> 8:30 am <b>Worship (FB also)</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am <b>Worship (band)</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group	<b>25</b> 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:00 am SEE 2:30 pm Oak Terrace Worship 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm MSM or HS	<b>27</b> 7:00 am Men's Study 9:00 am SAIL Group 5:00 pm Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Communion</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am ONE WORSHIP ONLY <b>Messiah Worshipers United</b> 11:00 am Annual Meeting 3:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>31</b> 9:00 am SAIL Group 10:00 am Pathstone Worship	<b>You are welcome to join a bible study anytime!</b>				

## Worship Participants

As we continue to transition into a “new normal” for worshipping at Messiah, a calendar scheduling ushers and readers for January, February, March and April 2022 has been created. You will notice only **one usher** is scheduled for **each service** on a given Sunday. The role of an usher is to **direct worshippers to the bulletins, offering plates and communion elements** as well as **being attentive to any needs of the worshippers and pastor** and also **recording the number of worshippers** at each service. Please look through the entire calendar for the date you have been scheduled. If you are interested in being added as an usher or reader, are willing to be a substitute, or are unable to serve as scheduled please call the church office (387-5537) or Linda Wenkel (345-6180) to identify a substitute or get help finding a substitute. Thank you!

<b>January</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>1/2</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Kyle Vogt <b>Reader:</b> Diane Halvorson	Bill Halstead Sandy Hatlestad
<b>1/9</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Steve Lenz <b>Reader:</b> Sonja Parr	Karla Elmore April Graff
<b>1/16</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Steve Jones <b>Reader:</b> Renee Guyer	Steve Carlberg Eva Borneke
<b>1/23</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Chuck Dulas <b>Reader:</b> Kim Henrickson	Dave Dahl Marlene Buker
<b>1/30</b>	<b>Usher:</b> <b>One Service at 10:00 AM</b> <b>Reader:</b>	Frank Steichen Lynn Klaber
<b>February</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>2/6</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Jeremy Soost <b>Reader:</b> Amy Soost	Dayle Moore Kimberly Moore
<b>2/13</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Greg Guyer <b>Reader:</b> Carla Butcher	Jim Jilek Kay Lund
<b>2/20</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Scott Madigan <b>Reader:</b> Greg Suskovic	Cory Merrill Lucette Hurley
<b>2/27</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Kim Henrickson <b>Reader:</b> Janet Jones	Mark Gulden Joan Klanderu
<b>March</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>3/6</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Ron Leiferman <b>Reader:</b> Sarah Suskovic	Bob Rothenbuehler Lisa Benson
<b>3/13</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Les Altenburg <b>Reader:</b> Mike Hanson	Jon Graff Shirley Rosenau
<b>3/20</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Kyle Vogt <b>Reader:</b> Chuck Dulas	Jon Karau/Jeran Karau April Rosendale
<b>3/27</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Steve Jones <b>Reader:</b> Linda Wenkel	Karla Elmore Jeff Pribyl
<b>April</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>4/3</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Jeremy Soost <b>Reader:</b> Amy Soost	Nate Brekke Shawna Merrill
<b>4/10</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Rande Bowman <b>Reader:</b> Janet Jones	Dayle Moore Kay Lund
<b>4/17</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Greg Ous <b>Reader:</b> Greg Suskovic	Bill Halstead Samantha Erickson
<b>4/24</b>	<b>Usher:</b> Steve Lenz <b>Reader:</b> Sonja Parr	Steve Carlberg Lynn Klaber