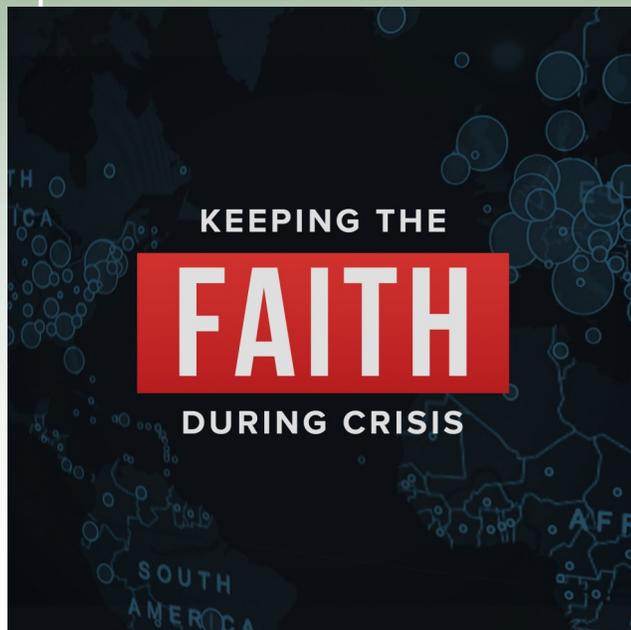


Messiah Messenger

Gather....Grow....Go....Spread the Good News!



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The mission of
Messiah Lutheran Church is to
Glorify Christ by Nurturing our Faith,
Sharing His Love,
and Teaching His Word.

**This issue will again be primarily
focused on how Messiah Lutheran
Church is responding to the changes
that are necessary due to COVID-19.**

**We are in this together and are
working hard to stay connected as a
community of faith during these
times of necessary isolation.**

**Also, know that God's love is not
bound by social distancing. The
Church is who we are, not a place we
go. Please continue to seek out crea-
tive ways to fill yourselves and others
with God's love so that the light of
that love shines in the spaces that
now exist between us all.**

In addition to the information provided in this
newsletter, please check out our website at:

www.messiahroseau.net

On our website we have a link to our facebook
page, information on Amazon Smile, links to
various forms and policies, current and future
serving/volunteer schedules, copies of past
newsletters and bulletins and much more.

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A message from the Church President

December President's Message:

December is a blessed month for Messiah as our new journey with Pastor David and Deacon Joanne begins. It's hard to express how excited I am for the future with the Pastoral leadership of the Swongers in partnership with Moe. We can put aside the complications of 2020 for a moment and savor this moment.

Pastor David's first newsletter message follows. In it you'll see his vision for the future and the path forward for a great 2021. It's a good read!

On behalf of Messiah's council, best wishes for a Merry Christmas to for all the members and families of Messiah Lutheran Church.

God Bless,

Larry





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A message from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we share this Advent greeting with you, it seems so appropriate to begin with the words..."Thank you." **Thank you** for the warm, gracious, and hospitable welcome so many of you have shared with us during our first days in Roseau. **Thank you** for delicious hot dishes of tater tots, pasta, chili and lasagna that kept us well-nourished as we moved into our new home. **Thank you** for tasty cupcakes, sugary treats, and Roseau souvenirs that made us feel loved from the very beginning. **Thank you** for many offers to help us move boxes as we settled into our offices. **Thank you** for the very generous financial provision that completely addressed the cost of our move! **Thank you** for the abundant greetings offered verbally, online, and with spontaneous visits that have warmed our hearts as we adjusted to leaving our home of 26 years to embrace life in a community we already think of as our "home."

We are so excited to begin engaging in a journey of faithful living with all of our new friends at Bethel, Messiah, and Moe Lutheran Churches!

As we step forward with you into the future that lies ahead, it also seems right to highlight another word...HOPE. While there are many themes that can be highlighted during the season of Advent, the one word that seems best suited to this season is HOPE! A hope that has sustained the faithful throughout the ages. A hope whose strength is deeply rooted in God's proven faithfulness to all people! A HOPE anchored in the truth that our God is worthy of our trust and is deeply invested in us!

The well-known Christmas hymn, "O Holy Night" reminds us of this remarkable truth.

***O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.***

Dear friends, as we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth this Christmas... A Christmas that will be remarkably different...A Christmas marked by COVID-19 restrictions and many other unknowns...may our thoughts remain centered upon the joy of the first Holy Night of long ago, when our Savior "appeared." A truly holy night when a new Light, cradled in a forlorn little stable in Bethlehem, became the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams!

And so it was...that on the night of "our dear Savior's birth"... "a thrill of HOPE" was reignited...causing our "weary world" to rejoice! THANKS BE TO GOD!
As God's people, may it become so with each of us as we embrace our future in this same spirit of hope! Let us live into this hope in these Advent days, as we step graciously and courageously into our new future...together.

Blessings...

Pastor Dave & Deacon Joanne





"J Files" REPORT:

ACTS 20:35: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Hi! ATTENTION ALL OF MESSIAH CONGREGATION:

DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC, we WILL NOT be having the BAGS OF BLESSINGS Collections this December for Northland Rescue Mission in Grand Forks! We hope to Start this up next year in 2021 as this is a very important regional mission for our church!

My hope for this December is too keep up our loving and serving local to Roseau area! I am still working on new details, but the plan right now is to have a parking lot collection Drive-Thru on Wed, Dec 9th at 7 pm to 8:15 pm during our 7-12 Grade Youth Group! We will ask for specific items that our Local Food Shelf is in need for December and the Messiah/Moe Youth would help with the collections that night! Our youth groups might help sponsor a family to buy Christmas Gifts for also! We are in difficult times right now but no Pandemic can ever stop the Power and Love of the Holy Spirit and what the True Christmas of Baby Jesus is all about!

My family and I would like to wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank you to all of you for the Gifts you share and the Service time you have all given to Messiah as followers of Christ!

One special thanks I would like to point out is to the people who helped with the Outdoor North Projects with the new Sand Volleyball court and for the Outdoor Family Landscaped worship area! A BIG THANKS TO Tony Stoskopf and his business, Jason Monsrud and for Evergreen Lumber Supply Business especially Steve Bouton and Irene Lisell! There is still some work to do next spring to complete these 2 projects but without the help and generosity of the people listed above we would be nowhere near the completion of these 2 major outdoor projects! God Bless You all and stay safe and healthy!

Please check December Youth Calendar for Youth Ministry Schedule & times!

Please contact Jay @463-1648 or 242-2221 to visit or to help out!!!!!!

December



2020 MESSIAH/MOE YOUTH CALENDAR

- Wed, Dec. 2nd: 3:30 pm: 4th-6th Grade Moessiah Youth Group @ MESSIAH (Done at 4:30 pm)
5:30 pm: Messiah Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Suppers (Served by Erica Vatnsdal Family)
6:00 pm: Messiah 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes in person and might be offered on Zoom too
(After Confirmation youth need their parents to bring them to Moe for Youth group)
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade MOESSIAH R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ MOE Lutheran Church
(Parents: PLEASE be at Moe by 8:10 pm to pick up child after youth group as we finish at 8:10 pm)
- Sun, Dec 6th: 10:00 am: Joint Worship Service @ Messiah (Service will be on Facebook Live at 10 am)
11:00 am: Messiah Sunday School
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group
- Mon, Dec 7th: 6:00 pm: Messiah Youth Committee Meets on Zoom
- Wed, Dec. 9th: 3:30 pm: 1st-3rd J.A.M. Youth Group @ Messiah (Done at 4:30 pm)
5:30 pm: Messiah Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Suppers @ Messiah (Served by Sarah Larson Family)
6:00 pm: Messiah 7, 8 & 9 Grade Confirmation Classes in person & might be offered on zoom too
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K. Youth Group @ MESSIAH
(Parents: PLEASE be at Messiah by 8:10 pm to pick up child after youth group as we finish at 8:10 pm)
8:15 pm: 10-12 Grade Student Leaders Meeting
- Sun, Dec. 13th: 9:15 am: Moe's Worship Service
10:30 am: Messiah's Worship Service (Will be on Facebook Live on Messiah Page at 10:30 am)
(PLEASE NOTE: Sunday School Times Still TBD at time of this calendar being sent out
Check emails for the latest on Sunday School Times starting on Dec 13th and beyond)
**NO JR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL & NO 7-12 GRADE MOESSIAH VIRTUAL ZOOM YOUTH GROUP
JAY WILL BE ON MINI VACATION FROM DEC 13TH THRU DEC 16TH, BACK IN OFFICE ON THE 17TH**
- Wed, Dec. 16th: **STILL TO BE DETERMINED** (Usually we have Family Fun Event Supper at 6 pm & Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt at 6:30 pm but with pandemic restrictions this might not be possible so alternative is to have 5:30 pm Pizza For Confirmation Students, Confirmation class at 6 pm and 7-12 Grade Youth Group which could be some type of Scavenger Hunt at 7 pm, **WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED THROUGH EMAILS JAY WILL BE GONE**
- Sun, Dec. 20th: 9:15 am: Moe's Worship Service
10:30 am: Messiah's Worship Service (Will be on Facebook Live on Messiah Page at 10:30 am)
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group
- Tues, Dec 22nd: 1:05 pm: 10-12 Grade Moessiah & Friends "GRAB & GO" FREE Lunch Ministry @ Messiah Fellowship Hall
- Wed, Dec. 23rd: 3:30 pm: 4th-6th Grade Moessiah Youth Group @ MESSIAH (Done at 4:30 pm)
**NO YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES ON WED, DEC 23RD AFTER 4:30 PM THIS DAY
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU, HAVE A GREAT BREAK!!!**
- Thurs, Dec 24th: **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES STILL TO BE DETERMINED, CHECK EMAILS FOR UPDATES**
- Sun, Dec 27th: 9:15 am: Moe's Worship Service
10:30 am: Messiah's Worship Service (Will be on Facebook Live on Messiah Page at 10:30 am)
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah Virtual Zoom Youth Group

NO YOUTH MINISTRY ON WED, DEC 30TH AND HAVE A GREAT NEW YEARS EVE & DAY!

PLEASE NOTE: There could be continuous changes to this calendar due to Co-Vid Pandemic, Please Stay tuned in!

PLEASE CONTACT JAY @ 242-2221 IF ANY QUESTIONS, THANKS!

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A message from the Stewardship Committee

2020 Advent Gifts for Local Families

As we all know 2020 has been a most unusual year in almost all aspects. Things, routines, & traditions we have taken for granted have changed, been restricted, or have ceased to exist. To say it is memorable is an understatement.

Messiah's Stewardship Committee is committed to carrying on some semblance of generous giving in our local & churchwide outreach. While we will not have "Good Gifts" & other ornaments on our Narthex Christmas tree, we would like to continue this outreach in a somewhat modified format.

For three weeks of Advent, beginning Sunday, December 6th we will have a basket near the Narthex doors to take your monetary donations towards providing Christmas gifts to two local families in need. Our goal will be to reach \$1000.

Following the December 20th service, the Stewardship Committee will purchase physical gifts for the two families we have been assigned & deliver them to Social Services to be distributed. This change is necessitated by the need to limit handling of ornaments & gifts. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of contributing to this effort.

~Barb Erickson, Roxanne Fabian, Sue Grafstom~

Messiah's December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 6th ~ 10:00 am Worship Service @ Messiah

***Note New Start Times!* Sunday, December 13th ~ 10:30 am** Worship Service @ Messiah

Wednesday, December 16th ~ Online, Sunday School Christmas Program at Moe Church

- (This program will be online. No in-person congregation)

Sunday, December 20th ~ 10:30 am Worship Service @ Messiah

Thursday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Services TBD @ Messiah

Sunday, December 27th ~ 10:30 am Worship Service @ Messiah

[Messiah Lutheran Church's Covid-19 Updates webpage](#)

[NW MN Synod of the ELCA Covid-19 Resources Page](#)

Messiah Messenger Announcements

MESSIAH RADIO WORSHIP

Messiah Radio Broadcast is on Sunday's at 10 am. We encourage you to tune in via:

- **New! FACEBOOK LIVE!** (Search for Messiah Lutheran Church Page)
 - Radio: Wild 102 .
 - Internet: www.roseauonline.com
 - Cable TV: Channel 3

The cost of a radio broadcast is \$80. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast i.e., in honor of or in loving memory of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board, or email/call the office.

The cost of a radio broadcast is \$80. Please write "Radio Fund" on your check or envelope, and who it is in honor of etc.

~Messiah Quilting~



Please join us for quilting at Messiah which starts Monday, January 4th following Minnesota State Covid-19 guidelines.

We quilt Mondays from 1-4pm and Tuesdays from 10am-4pm, January-March. Bring a bag of lunch if you wish!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS ON FACEBOOK:

Each evening at 9 PM Deacon Joanne and Pastor Dave will be sharing a brief Advent scripture, meditation, and prayer. This will be posted on Messiah's Facebook page. Feel free to use this as a resource for an evening prayer time or with your morning coffee! And don't forget that when you "like" or "share" a post, it spreads the word to our wider community that this devotional resource is available to all. May God bring light and hope to your Advent journey this season!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

During these strange and difficult times, it's our goal to worship safely and memorably. Your church leadership is keeping this in mind as we plan Christmas Eve worship opportunities. More information about Christmas Eve will be forthcoming in the bulletin and via email.

The Moe Sunday School Christmas program will be recorded this year with nobody in the audience, but you are invited to view the videos online and share with family and friends.



*Volunteers
Needed!*

~Volunteers Needed~

Now that the church is in person every Sunday, we are in need of Volunteers to help with: Greeting & Ushering.

Please see the server schedule on page 10. Thank you!

The easiest and preferred way for you to sign up is to respond to the volunteer request e-mails. (If this method does not work for you, please contact the office during office hours to sign up).

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- ◆ **Every 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm:** 1st-3rd Grade Hang Time JAM Youth Group.
- ◆ **Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 3:30pm:** 4th-6th Grade hang Time JAM Youth Group.
- ◆ **Wednesdays at 5:30pm:** Confirmation 'To Go' Supper.
- ◆ **Wednesdays at 6:00pm:** 7th, 8th, 9th Grade Confirmation Classes.
- ◆ **Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Messiah:** for 7th-12th grade Youth Group.
- ◆ **Wednesdays at 8:15pm:** Student Leader Quick Check In Meeting.
- ◆ **Sunday School 11am December 6th:** Remaining Sundays—times to be determined.
- ◆ **Sundays at 7pm:** Alternative Zoom night for 7th-12th Grade Youth Group.

Prayer Chain Information!

Mary Olson (463-2364) is the of chairperson of Messiah's prayer chain. Kathy Erickson (463-3942) serves as the assistant. Whenever a prayer need or concern arises, please give Mary or Kathy a call. If you would like to be an active member of the prayer chain, you can let Elaine in the office know: messiahroseau@gmail.com

Have you “liked” & “followed” us on Facebook?

By liking our page you will gain access to pictures, updates, and articles that are helpful to our community of faith—a great way to stay connected!

Our page is called *Messiah Lutheran Church* and it can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Messiah-Lutheran-h/419293738166238>



Messiah's Financial Update

	<u>Check Book Balance</u>	<u>YD Cash Inflow</u>	<u>YTD Expenditure</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
YTD thru Oct. 2020:	\$ 102,081.23	\$ 177,526.46*	\$ 151,697.95	\$ 127,909.74

*Includes PPP Loan proceeds

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Messiah has received \$3,095 through Thrivent Choice Dollars this year to date.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds designated to eligible Thrivent Members, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including local congregations.

SERVING SCHEDULE—DECEMBER

These schedules are posted on Messiah's website (www.messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab as they are updated.

Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)

December 6 Communion TBD @ Messiah

December 13 Communion TBD @ Messiah

December 20 Communion TBD @ Messiah

December 27 Communion TBD @ Messiah

If you are unable to serve on the day below, please find a replacement and let the office know so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

Lay Reader

December 6 Jodie Janzen

December 13 Jessica Howard

December 20 Gloria Skrutvold

December 27 Mark Wilson

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter: 3:8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

Isaiah 61:1-04, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Greeters

(Currently 1 Greeter Needed Each Sunday)

December 6 Kathy Zencius

December 13 Nancy Tveit

December 20 Bruce Guy

December 27 Max Wilson

Sound Booth

December 6 Marty Trangsrud

December 13 Paul Grafstrom

December 20 Bob/Andrew Tuttle

December 27 Marty Trangsrud

Ushers

December 6

December 13

December 20

December 27 Mark Wilson

Counters (2 Counters Needed Each Sunday)

December 6 Warren & Marsha Hagen

December 13 Micky Slater & Bonnie Hagen

December 20 Jon & Bonnie Hagen

December 27 Duane & Barb Erickson

Coffee/Snacks

Not Currently Needed

Council Rep

December 6 Jodie Janzen

December 13 Shelly LaPlante

December 20 Stuart McFarlane

December 27 Karyn Santl

SERVING SCHEDULE—JANUARY

These schedules are posted on Messiah's website (www.messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab as they are updated.

Holy Communion Servers (first name listed also sets up communion)

January 03 Gloria Skrutvold, Roxanne Fabian, Eileen Carter
January 10 Mark Wilson, Kathy Howard, Micky Slater
January 17 Barb Erickson, Bonnie Delmore, Caroline Majer
January 24 Nancy Tveit, Bonnie Hagen, Cheryl Schleppebach
January 31 Roxanne Fabian, Eileen Carter, Gloria Skrutvold

If any server is unable to serve on their scheduled day, please find a replacement. Please let the office know who your replacement is so they can be added to the bulletin.

Thank you for serving!

Lay Reader

January 03 Gloria Skrutvold
January 10 Jessica Howard
January 17 Carol Guy
January 24 Aimee Wilson
January 31 Bob Tuttle

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14. John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Eph 3:1-12, Matt 2:1-12
1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20], Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 1 Cor 6:12-20, John 1:43-51
Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mark 1:14-20
Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Greeters

(Currently 1 Greeter Needed Each Sunday)

January 03
January 10
January 17
January 24

Sound Booth

January 03 Marty Trangsrud, Sam Grafstrom
January 10 Karyn Santl, Isaac Moser
January 17 Bob, Andrew Tuttle
January 24 Paul Grafstrom, Jon Hosaluk

Ushers

January 03 Not currently @ Messiah
January 10 Not currently @ Messiah
January 17 Not currently @ Messiah
January 24 Not currently @ Messiah

Counters (2 Counters Needed Each Sunday)

January 03 Stu & Beth McFarlane
January 10 Micky Slater
January 17 Duane & Barb Erickson
January 24 Jon & Bonnie Hagen

Coffee/Snacks

Not Currently Needed

Council Rep

January 03 Marty Trangsrud
January 10 Jodie Janzen
January 17 Keith Okeson
January 24 Shelly LaPlante
January 31 Bonnie Delmore

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Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 13, 2020

President Larry called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Members Present: Larry Hosaluk, Keith Okeson, Shelly LaPlante, Karyn Santl, Jodie Janzen, Bonnie Delmore, Bob Tuttle, Stu McFarlane and absent Marty Trangsrud.

Shelly made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Seconded by Bonnie and passed unanimously.

Karyn made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Seconded by Keith and passed unanimously.

Bob made a motion to pass the Treasurer's report as explained by Stu. Seconded by Shelly and passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Jay submitted his report

Elaine submitted her report

Old Business

- Marty has tested the audio system.
- Sunday school and Confirmation going well. Working on safety guidelines.
- Groups using the church building facilities need to follow the guidelines.
- Constitutional update: Synod review tabled for a couple months.

New Business

- Tin cups designated for the welcoming of the Swongers
- 2021 Budget

Committee Reports

- Parish Ed- Not many kids attending Sunday School. Discussion on whether to wait for the new Minister/Deacon to do First Communion. Also, whether to plan for a Xmas program.
- Property
- Stewardship- Recap of the activities that have taken place over the year: Hotdish Hoopla, Oatmeal Breakfast, and deciding how they will encourage electronic giving, making it their #1 priority. Sue Grafstrom is planning on starting a Bible Study.
- Worship Planning
- Youth and Family

Upcoming Events

- Congregational meeting 10/14
- Zoom with Bishop, council President every second Monday
- Zoom with Bishop, Rostered Leaders, Every Tuesday
- Trunk or Treat 10/31

Devotions for November: Bob

Next Meeting: November 14, 2020

Stu made the motion to Adjourn. Bob seconded; motion unanimously passed.

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Messiah Lutheran Church Reopening

Resolution Regarding Resumption of In-Person Worship

The Council of Messiah Lutheran Church hereby resolves that it will resume in-person worship as of September 27, 2020.

Consistent with our calling to love and care for one another and for the health of our neighbors, any person attending in-person worship (including weddings and funerals) or other church activities must:

- (1) sign-in providing their name and phone number,
- (2) wear a mask at all times,,
- (3) maintain social distancing.

Those who are ill, have tested positive for COVID-19, or who are in vulnerable populations should refrain from attending in-person worship or other church activities.

Persons exposed to COVID-19, or who have previously tested positive for COVID-19, must refrain from attending in-person worship or other church activities until at least 14 days after they have tested negative for the presence of the virus.

Persons who choose to attend in-person worship or other church activities agree to inform the church promptly if they learn they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Notice of COVID-19 exposure should be made by calling Larry Hosaluk (Pastor or other person) at 218-242-7728 and should inform us of the relevant date(s) of in-person church attendance.

The church will then make appropriate **anonymous** notifications to others who may have been in attendance on the same date, so they may take appropriate steps to protect their health and safety. (The church could assist public health authorities with lists of contacts to help with tracing and will assist them in any efforts to undertake contact tracing if requested.)

This action should not be considered as a substitution for the individuals own responsibility to contact public health officials for more detailed contract tracing.

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*Members, visitors and guests who do not feel well or have any COVID-19 *symptoms, must not attend services, events, or other activities at the facility and are strongly encouraged to stay home. Members, visitors and guests are also strongly encouraged to stay home if they have a household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19.*

**Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.*

1. Members must not exceed 150 per worship service.
2. Weather permitting, ushers will open doors for congregation members so they do not have to touch the door handles.
3. Masks must be worn at all times.
4. We encourage members age 65 and above and those with underlying health issues to please partake the service via the radio broadcast or Facebook Live.
5. Congregation members will stop at a hand sanitizing station before entering the Narthex and Sanctuary.
6. There will be no coffee/treats after church.
7. Congregation members will sit with their immediate family members only with 6 feet between other families per social distancing guidelines. Every other pew will be roped off to help facilitate this transaction.
8. Bulletins will be available. If members choose, they can also view the bulletins on their personal phones or the overhead projector. All the hymnals will be removed. Please take your bulletins home for important church announcements.
9. Singing will be kept to a minimum. Special music may be performed within the social distancing guidelines.
10. Communion may be offered with prepackaged kits and distributed with the appropriate use of PPE.
11. Offering to be dropped off on the way out of the sanctuary to limit touch points.
12. Members must leave the church building promptly. If you would like to talk to other members, please do so outside wearing masks and maintaining social distancing guidelines.

Other considerations:

1. The water fountain will not be available for use.
2. Mics and other high touch areas must be disinfected after each use.
3. The bathrooms by the kitchen will be open for use. Members are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before entering and upon exiting the restroom.
4. If Sanctuary is to be used within the week, pews must be sanitized after the service.

Options for Giving to Support God's Ministry at Messiah Lutheran Church

With your help, Messiah Lutheran Church will continue to be the church even if we aren't in the same physical location. Your willingness to invest your time, talents, and financial resources in being church together matters - your generosity matters! Use this guide to giving options to help you consider ways in which you can share a gift and make an impact. If you have questions regarding any of the options below, please contact Aimee Wilson at messiahroseau@gmail.com or call the church office at 218-463-1648 and leave a voicemail.

Mail a Check

Thank you to those that have already started mailing their offering envelopes. An offering plate will not be passed at Messiah for the next several weeks, but our ministry continues. You can share your offering gift by placing a check in the mail. Send your check to:

Messiah Lutheran Church
PO Box 298
Roseau, MN 56751

Drop-off a check at Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank has graciously offered to act as an offering drop-off location for Messiah Lutheran Church at their drive-thru location or in their night deposit drop. If you decide to take advantage of this new offering collection method, please make sure your offering is in a Messiah offering envelope or in any other sealed envelope marked "Messiah Offering." Citizens State Bank will place these offerings in a designated bank bag for weekly collection.

Recurring Automatic ACH Giving

Messiah Lutheran Church has a system in place to initiate and receive automatic recurring ACH direct contributions. To start this type of giving, please fill out the form on the following page and mail (see address above) or e-mail (messiahroseau@gmail.com) to the church office. Setting up a recurring payment can be a helpful tool in the joy and discipline of consistent giving. Please note, once you have returned your completed form, this type of giving is initiated by Messiah. Please do not return the completed form to your banking institution.

Online Bill Pay through your Bank

Most online banks offer a service called "Online Bill Pay." You can arrange for your bank to send a check to Messiah Lutheran Church through the mail.

Online Giving through Messiah's Website

Messiah Lutheran Church receives giving digitally – through bank draft or debit/credit card payment – by way of our church management software, Breeze ChMS. You can make a one-time gift through the site. If you would like to setup a recurring gift, please see the instructions above: Recurring Automatic ACH Giving. You can access Messiah Lutheran Church's giving page through our website messiahroseau.net and click on "Give Now" or you can access the giving page directly by visiting: messiahroseau.breezechms.com/give/online

"The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Amen."

Philippians 4:18-19 (The Message)

Direct Contribution Plan



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