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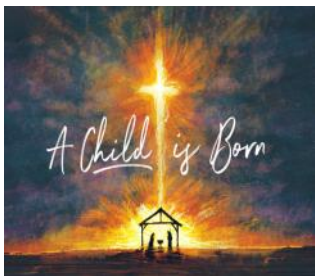
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# MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 415 S. 18th St., Aurora, NE 68818

## December

Happy  
Birthday

Dec 1 Tom Collingham  
Dec 2 Jack Carstensen  
Dec 2 Naela Merrihew  
Dec 3 Karen Rogers  
Dec 4 Mike Fletcher  
Dec 4 Kaitlyn Staehr  
Dec 5 Hayden Farris  
Dec 6 William Dam  
Dec 6 Peter Spirk  
Dec 8 Tonya Smith  
Dec 9 John Farris  
Dec 10 George Chaney

Dec 12 Jennie Kuehner  
Dec 12 Allissa Marty  
Dec 13 Caroline Perry  
Dec 19 Allison Wergin  
Dec 21 Kinley Russell-Lutt  
Dec 24 Stacey Howland  
Dec 25 Tonya Papineau  
Dec 28 Matias Fuentes  
Dec 28 Diane Haden  
Dec 28 Anna Wert  
Dec 29 Jillian Farris  
Dec 30 Laura Sweeney

Happy  
Anniversary

Dec 1 Bill and Nancy Arndt  
Dec 1 Oscar and Marcy Fuentes  
Dec 9 Anthony and Jannelle Seim

Dec 17 Brock and Shelby Kohtz  
Dec 17 Chase and Michaela Perry

### Upcoming Special Services

*We look forward to seeing you during this special time of year.*

#### December 3rd, Advent begins

#### December 13th, Wednesday, GLOW Christmas Program, 6:45 pm

Come hear the children at their Christmas Program in the church sanctuary. Cookies and fellowship will follow. All are welcome.

#### December 17th, Special Children's Music, 9:00 am Worship Service

#### December 20th, Wednesday, Longest Night Service, 7:00 pm

Meditative service for those who find the holidays a difficult time of year.

#### December 24th, Sunday, Christmas Eve Service, 4:30 pm

Candlelight service with holy communion at 4:30 pm. Please note we will have our regular worship service at 9:00 a.m. on December 24th.

#### December 31st, Sunday, Christmas Hymn Sing, 9:00 am Worship Service

A service of hymns and readings. There will be no holy communion at this service.

Advent Devotionals are available to help you deepen your faith this Advent/Christmas season. Feel free to pick one up for your family in the narthex or contact the church office to mail one to you.



Powered by God's Grace, serving the church, community,  
and world through Christ-centered faith.

## *A Word From Pastor Rudy*

Happy December to you all! It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the year and into the season of Advent. During this time of waiting and anticipation of the coming of Christ, it is good to reflect on this past year. Together, we live in the hope that comes to us at the end of Advent, the birth of Christ who brings eternal life with God.

One of my favorite Christmas hymns that I remember learning in elementary school is actually an Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." I'm not sure why it has always stuck out to me as favorite, but I think it has to do with the words of the first verse, "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." There is so much longing and anticipation in this verse. The longing for Christ to come and bring peace. I think as a child, I related this to the anticipation of the coming of Christmas morning. There was a lot of build up to that moment of shopping, wrapping presents, inviting family to gatherings, and going to church on Christmas Eve. In going to church I heard the story that we continue to hear of the travels of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. There was anticipation in their journey and trying to find a place to stay. Even with all of the problems they seemed to encounter, Christmas morning came with the birth of Jesus. Emmanuel, God with us, was born to the world. The promise heard from the prophets of a savior had come. And there was much rejoicing!

Though this time of the year, there is much joy and happiness, there have been many different emotions felt by our congregation and we acknowledge that this time of year may not be joyful for everyone. As children of God, we continue to walk with one another, helping and tending to the needs of our friends and family. We also come together as a community of faith in providing for others in our community and around the world through our generosity of giving. Our Hamilton County Food Pantry received much needed food items that will help folks have food to eat as they gather during this holiday season. The continued support you all give helps the greater church in providing to those who are suffering war and injustices. These very acts of love and kindness are our way of shining God's light into this world and help to give hope for those in need. For those that are not able to find joy during this time of the year, we offer our prayers of comfort and strength.

I offer prayers of health and happiness for you all. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel! May God's peace be with you all as you ponder the wonderful news of the coming of Christ into the world. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Pastor Rudy

### *Longest Night Service Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 pm*

This is a meditative Service of the Word with hymns and scripture readings to offer some peace to those who may find this time of year difficult. Please feel free to invite friends and relatives who may find this service helpful.



### *Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion Sunday, December 24th, 4:30 pm*

Please join us for our special Christmas Eve service. We will also have our regular 9:00 a.m. worship service. *Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*



# ***Council Minutes***

## **Messiah Lutheran Council Meeting October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Present:** Pastor Flores, Cheryl Frickel, Melissa Griffith, Allissa Marty, Kim McCain, Troy McCain, Craig Shaffer, Steve Vrana **Absent:** Mike Herzberg, Todd Jensen, Dixie Ziegler

**Devotion and Prayer** – Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call Meeting to Order** – The council meeting was called to order by Council President Steve Vrana at 6:39pm.

**Minutes of previous meeting** – The council reviewed the minutes from the September regular council meeting. Cheryl motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Troy, and it carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report for September 2023 was reviewed.

Checking account balance--\$44,341.96

Current--\$36,814.11

Building--\$7,060.60

Outstanding--\$467.25

Money Market balance--\$46,895.00

Helping Hands balance--\$1,944.71

Youth Group balance--\$13,594.56

Fireworks Stand Account balance--\$7,493.40

Mission Investment balance--\$15,875.48

Mission Investment 1 year CD - \$25,000.00

Building Loan Balance as of 9-30-23 \$111,448.58

Income for the month of September was under the expected budget by \$966.34. Expenses were also under budget by \$4,203.82.

A year-end blessing message was discussed for the congregation.

Troy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Melissa. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report--September**

The educational programs are in full swing and going well.

SWAT Youth Group combined with the Methodist youth averages 23 students.

Confirmation has 11 students with a few friends attending.

Confirmation Sunday for two youth will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

For Adult Education, there are two bible studies going—one after church on the Book of Esther and one on Tuesday evenings about the liturgy.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we will hold our contemporary service and Grace Ziegler will be the guest speaker sharing her mission trip story to the Dominican Republic.

Pastor continues to work with the internal and external committees on long range planning.

Pastor has made changes to the service with suggestions from the surveys.

He continues to work with Megan Dam on the website.

A new visitor's card is available in the pews.

Pastor has been asked to serve as a Wartburg Seminary board member. They meet three times a year.

Cards sent—27

Calls/texts made—23

Visits made—12

### **Committee's Reports**

Property – Troy McCain

Thanks to our wonderful Messiah mowers! They are awesome!

A question about checking the furnaces was asked. He is looking into it.

Worship – Dixie Ziegler

No report.

## ***Council Minutes continued***

### Education – Allissa Marty

All educational programs are going well.

Plans are underway for the Christmas program.

### Stewardship – Todd Jensen

No report.

### Fellowship – Cheryl Frickel

Many thanks to those who provide and serve treats after the church services.

Thanks also to our baristas for making the coffee on Sunday mornings.

On Sunday, September 10th, JOY was held at church where participants enjoyed games and fellowship.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> following church, God's Work Our Hands was held with many projects tackled and pizza was served afterwards.

### Outreach – [Melissa](#)

God's Work Our Hands went well.

Blessing of the Animals went well.

The Angel Tree is coming up and this will be Cami Knust's last year to head up this program.

Melissa was also inquiring about families for holiday food baskets needs names by November 10th.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Emergency preparedness update  
No report  
Update on filling officer manager position  
We will continue look for applicants.
- Update from strategic planning committees  
External Committee  
T-shirt design—It was decided t-shirt choices would be red or black with white lettering. Presales will be held. We will add Aurora, NE to the t-shirt design.  
Internal Committee—no report
- Compensation for co-managers of the fireworks stand  
A total of \$1200 was given for compensation to the co-managers. Troy made the motion to approve the amounts, it was seconded by Allissa, and it carried.

### **New Business**

- 2024 Budget Proposal  
Diane Gowen, church treasurer, was present to discuss the budget for 2024. She will return in November to answer more questions and work toward a proposed budget.
- Separate account for building use fees for tracking purposes?  
We will leave it in the general fund at this time.
- Parking lot lights  
The lights will be fixed before Soup & Pie day.
- Helping Hands  
Discussion on the account was tabled. There is a need community-wide for these ministries.

**Next Meeting** – November 20th, 2023, 6:30 pm.

**Closing Prayer** – Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim McCain, Secretary

## Council Minutes continued

### Messiah Lutheran Special Meeting

November 8th, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Flores, Cheryl Frickel, Mike Herzberg, Todd Jensen, Allissa Marty, Kim McCain, Troy McCain, Craig Shaffer, Steve Vrana **Absent:** Melissa Griffith, Dixie Ziegler

**Devotion and Prayer** – Steve opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call Meeting to Order** – The council meeting was called to order by Council President Steve Vrana at 7:32pm.

The meeting was called to discuss the secretary position. There are three options to consider:

Option 1:

Two people are interested in this position, and they are willing to share the position.

Option 2:

Using a staffing company where they would advertise for the position and then everything goes through them.

Terms of Service information was shared. \$22.08 would be the hourly rate for the secretary to work with them.

Option 3:

Continue to advertise and Pastor takes on more responsibility.

After some discussion, it was decided to pursue Option 1. Mike, as the vice president, will move forward with this option.

Next, compensation for the secretary position was discussed. A motion was made by Pastor to raise the pay to \$17.00 and seconded by Allissa. After reviewing the information with Diane Gowen, we would vote via email.

\*\*After an email vote held on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the motion carried.

Troy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Allissa, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

**Next Meeting** – November 20th, 2023, 6:30 pm.

**Closing Prayer** – Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Kim McCain, Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2023 Checking Account and  
Building Loan Summary

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Offering Income</u>	<u>Other Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Current	\$ 36,814.11	\$ 22,033.66	\$ -	\$ 19,650.14	\$ 39,197.63
Building	\$ 7,060.60	\$ 3,810.00		\$ 3,100.00	\$ 7,770.60
Money Market	\$ 46,895.00	\$ -	\$ 24.93	\$ 17,957.60	\$ 28,962.33
Helping Hands	\$ 1,944.71	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,944.71
Fireworks Stand Ac- count	\$ 7,493.40		\$ 0.92	\$ -	\$ 7,494.32
Mission Investment Fund	\$ 15,881.99		\$ 322.23		\$ 16,204.22
Mission Investment Fund - CD 1 year term	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Total	\$ 141,089.81				\$ 126,573.81

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Building	\$ 111,448.58	\$ 569.02	\$ 2,530.98	\$ 108,917.60



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## BE PRESENT

Ready, Set, Go! In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to GO. We are taking those words to heart.

At Nebraska Synod Assembly, the Nebraska ELCA launched a year-long focus to “Go And...” We are invited to be part of this call to GO! During Synod Assembly, delegates leaned in as God’s people called, gathered, and sent to “Go And...”. They kicked-off a year with 12 intentional themes inviting us to pray; listen; share your story; serve with neighbors; ask; be honest; be present; rest; have the conversation; be intentional; tell the story; and be the church.

Each month, the Synod Staff will provide an introduction to the theme, along with reflection questions, a prayer, and suggested hymn or worship songs.

Together, all 90,000 of us, will be focused on responding to Christ’s sending in the Great Commission, to *GO and...*, and to really live out the joy and hope of Pentecost!

As we await and celebrate Christ’s birth, we remember that God is present and shows up. The babe in the manger, God Incarnate, is God’s gift of deep love for us. We are invited to pause, be still, and be fully present in this holy season. Society calls us to a different place where busyness, spending, and rushing about are marks of success. God, in Christ, offers another way: Emmanuel – God with us.

### Questions to consider:

- What can I add to this season that would truly allow me to pause?
- What tradition do you have that nurtures being present at this time of year?
- As you are on the GO, how are you going to practice being present?

**Prayer:** Emmanuel, you are present with us. Help us be present with each other. Amen.

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Help us decorate the church by reserving a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one this Christmas with a donation of \$25 toward a church poinsettia. Forms are available in the narthex or call/email the church office to reserve yours.

**Forms/checks are due by Friday, December 15th.**



### 2023 Offerings to Church

Please prayerfully consider an end of the year donation to help meet our current budget and paying down on our building fund loan. Donations need to be delivered or post-marked by December 30, 2023 to go toward your 2023 contributions.

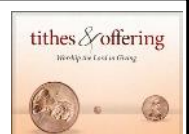
**Thank you for the many ways you support Messiah Lutheran Church and our outreach!**

Craig Shaffer, Council Treasurer

### Looking for a Part Time Job? -- Office Position Opening

The part time Administrative Assistant church office position is coming open by the end of the year. A job description and application are available at the Information Center. If interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the church office.

2024 Offering Envelopes will be available to pick up in the Narthex later in December. Please also consider on-line giving through your bank or Simply Giving Program with Thrivent. Feel free to contact the church for more information.



### Are you interested in becoming a member of Messiah?

If so, please contact Pastor Rudy or the church office.

# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

**\*GLOW** - K-6th grade

**\*CONFIRMATION** - 7th & 8th grade

**\*S.W.A.T. HS YOUTH GROUP** - combined with UMC youth group.

## SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

*Beginning January 1st, Little Learners & SHINE will meet from 10:00 - 10:45.*

**\*LITTLE LEARNERS** - Pre-K - Kindergarten

**\*SHINE** - 1st-5th grade



*Come out to enjoy the children's Christmas Programs!*

**GLOW** - December 13th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm, Church Sanctuary

**Little Learners, SHINE, & GLOW** - December 17th, Sunday, during our worship service

### The Confirmation Bake Sale was a big success!

Thank you to all who donated baked goods and those who purchased them! With the \$686 raised, our Confirmation students selected the following items from ELCA Good Gifts to help those in need in other parts of the world. 10 chicks, 1 goat, 1 community fish farm, stocking a health clinic for a week, and nutrition for a child for one year. Thank you for helping them provide these helpful gifts!



### Veteran's Dinner Served November 15th

About 30 veterans and guests were honored with a dinner served by the S.W.A.T. Youth Group from Messiah and the United Methodist Church. **Thank you, Veterans, for your service!** Thank you also to those who provided food for the dinner.

If you are interested in more details of our Children's Ministries, please contact the church office or the following: Cassie Wineteer, Faith Formation Coordinator, or Allissa Marty, Education Committee Chair, at "education@messiahaurora.org".

*Pray for growth in our children's and youths' faith journey!*

### \*Looking for Teachers & Helpers for our Education Program\*

Volunteers are needed to help with ALL of our programs.

A sign-up sheet is at the Information Center for Little Learner teachers and helpers.



### Pack on the Pounds for the Hamilton County Food Pantry November Food Shelf Challenge \$500 for 500 items

A huge thank you to all who donated food and paper items and gave monetary donations to support the Hamilton County Food Pantry! Our Confirmation youth will be counting and delivering the items the first part of December. As of this writing, we don't have a total, but it appears we will reach our goal of collecting over 500 pantry items! This will meet the Thrivent November Food Shelf Challenge and enable us to receive a grant of \$500 for the Food Pantry! What a blessing that we can share God's love with others by remembering those in need!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

## Christmas Angel Tree

The Angel Tree has been an annual ministry opportunity at Messiah. This year we have 28 angel tags. Each angel hanging on the tree represents a child in Hamilton County whose family may be blessed from the generosity of our church members to assist in providing gifts for their children. Dates to remember:



**Sunday, November 19, 2023**.....Messiah launches “The Angel Tree” project.

- ♦ A display is set up in the narthex. Please select an angel from the tree and record your name on the sign-up sheet located by the tree.
- ♦ Angels can be sponsored by individuals, by families, or by partners.....whatever works best for you!
- ♦ Monetary donations will also be greatly appreciated. Let the Outreach Committee do the shopping for you!
- ♦ You can also stop by the church during the week to pick up an Angel. Messiah office hours are typically Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 3:00.

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**.....**all wrapped gifts are due back to church.** Be sure to initial on the list that it has been returned AND attach the angel to the outside of your package(s).

We ask you to prayerfully consider taking part in Messiah’s Angel Tree this year.

Thank you!

Cami Knust, Angel Tree Coordinator, and Messiah’s Outreach Committee



## Plainsman Museum “Winter Wonderland of Trees”

Messiah has participated in the “Winter Wonderland of Trees” since 2017. This year Messiah’s Quilting Group has graciously volunteered to decorate a tree for this community event. They have been busy at work making quilt-themed ornaments for the museum tree. With the help of several of the quilting group (Elaine Graves and Sue Schutz), Laura Jobman, Dave Olson, and Marilyn Vrana have our beautiful tree ready for all to see. The event opens to the public on Saturday, November 25, 2023. ***Please visit the Plainsman Museum Nov 25 – Dec 31 to see Messiah’s tree beautifully decorated by the Quilting Group.*** Thank you, Quilting ladies!



Messiah Outreach Committee

## Choir News



If you enjoy singing, join the Messiah Choir!  
The choir will sing in church December 3rd.

Practices will be Wednesday, December 6th  
and January 3rd at 7:00 pm with plans to sing  
in church on January 7th.

All are welcome!

## Christmas Sing-A-Long

December 16 at Poco Creek

Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Come and sing some Christmas hymns and songs. Food and drinks will be available to purchase at Poco Creek.

Hope to see you there with bells on!



## Sanctuary Stained Glass Windows



At the start of our new church year with advent, you are encouraged to take a few minutes to look around at the beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary. Each window depicts a special time or event in the Bible. Beginning on the southeast corner, you’ll see a window showing the “Arrival of the Messiah”. As we go through the church year, please look around and notice the beauty of the windows and the story they tell.



## FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



Anyone close to age 50 and older is welcome to come! Everyone is invited to bring a guest if they wish to do so.

The J.O.Y. Group will meet Sunday, December 3rd, from 3:00-5:00 at church for cards and games. Pizza is the plan for supper. Please sign-up at the Information Center for pizza orders by Friday, December 1st. Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. There will be a white elephant gift exchange, so wrap up something special that you are anxious to share with someone else! Hope many of you can come to enjoy the afternoon!



A Bassinet Basket meal train was organized in November for Lance and Sheila Hiebner to celebrate the birth of their daughter, Amelia. Thank you to those who helped provide meals and to Kim McCain with the Fellowship Committee for organizing the meal train!

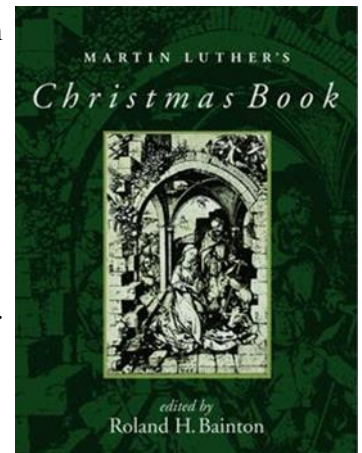


## PROPERTY UPDATE

- Updated lighting was added to the parking lot to make it a safer for our evening gatherings.
- A huge THANK YOU to all the Messiah mowers and trimmers who kept out church lawn looking so nice all year!

## BOOK REVIEW OF THE MONTH

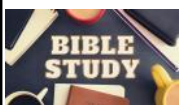
With the Christmas season upon us, I thought this month, we would return to our Messiah Church library and explore the Christmas section. There are many awesome Christmas books to enjoy, but one that stood out was Martin Luther's Christmas Book edited by Roland H. Bainton. This book explores 30 experts from Martin Luther's Christmas sermons. "In his unique and powerful voice, Luther portrays the human reality of God's birth on earth...And throughout these sermon-meditations, Martin Luther reminds us that keeping Christmas is a year-around mission of caring for those in need." To compliment the text, there are nine black and white illustrations that capture the true meaning of Luther's messages. From reading the sermons, I was touched by Luther's deep thoughts about the birth of Christ. The book concludes with two carols that were written by Luther. Reading the book will provide some new and different perspectives on the blessed season that we celebrate!



Check back in January as we continue with our guest reader. Who will help us ring in the New Year?  
Kim McCain

## BIBLE STUDY

### Men's Bible Study



Men's Bible Study is meeting Friday, **Dec. 1st** at 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a time of fellowship and study as we ponder God's word and what it means to us today.

### Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Mission Room. They are studying Max Lucado's "Ten Women of the Bible". This month they are studying Mary, mother of Jesus. New members and drop ins are welcome. We would love to have you join us!

## WOMEN OF MESSIAH (WELCA) NEWS

### Lutheran World Relief Kits & Quilts

On November 2nd, the quilts designated for LWR and the LWR kits were taken to Kearney to be loaded on a semi-trailer to be delivered to a shipping center and sent to those in need around the world. Quilts and kits are blessings to many around the world. Messiah Lutheran Church Women have supported LWR for many years. ***Thank you to all who participated in any way to make this possible!***

162 Quilts!



126 School Kits!



105 Personal Care Kits!



Thank you to the Confirmation and High School youth who loaded the trailer, to Todd & Julie Jensen for the use of their trailer, to Dave & Cheryl Frickel for pulling the trailer to Kearney, and to Ron & Diane Haden, Craig Shaffer, and Dave Frickel for unloading the trailer. It takes many hands.



Thank you to all who donated, worked, and prayed for these projects! When we make quilts and kits for neighbors in need, we are the hands and feet of Christ. In the past 25 years all over the world, LWR quilters and kit makers have donated 9,191,127 quilts and 9,493,141 kits to 95 countries!

### Messiah Quilters

In addition to the 162 quilts for LWR, our Messiah Quilters made 4 quilts for veterans, 7 quilts for Camp Carol Joy Holling (our Lutheran church camp), and 13 quilts for local needs, for a total of 186 quilt! Thank you for all the hours planning, cutting, sewing, and thread tying. You are a blessing!

Our Quilters also made the ornaments for our Plainsman Museum Christmas tree! Be sure to stop by the museum to see their handmade ornaments!

The quilters will be taking a much needed break and will not be meeting in December.

### **SOUP & PIE DAY**



Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Soup & Pie Day on November 7th. We served 589 people with our delicious soups and pies! Proceeds will be used to purchase needed items for our church and will be donated to local non-profits as well as Lutheran organizations across the state and world.

### **Prayer Shawls**



Prayer shawls are available in the narthex for anyone to pick up to take to a friend or family member in need of comfort and a show of love. Please feel free to take one if you know of someone who could benefit from your thoughtfulness.

### **Daily and Weekly Devotionals Available!**

Have you checked out the Information Center for the free devotionals? Please feel free to take a quarterly Christ in Our Home booklet (large print is available) and/or a weekly Taking Faith Home handout. Both offer daily scriptures and prayers.

### **Weekly Messenger Prayer List**



A new list of Weekly Messenger "In Our Thoughts & Prayers" will begin January 1st. **If you would like someone to remain on the Weekly Messenger Prayer list or be added, please contact the office.**

*The prayer list is updated each calendar year quarter (January, April, July, October).*

### **Hamilton County Food Backpack Program**

To help this program provide food for children during the weekends, we are collecting donations of cans of fruit (peaches, pears, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges).

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