

BLESSED CHRISTMAS EVE!

December 24, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS! *We are glad you are watching our recorded Christmas Eve Service of Worship OR at our outdoor service of worship.*

*If you are a web visitor, please use the **form link** below to give us a record of your online visit*

Guest Form - MLC

Please email claire@mlutheran.org if you would like to join our mailing list.

**THANK YOU FOR TUNING IN
TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

OUR GOD HAS A WORD FOR US TODAY!

Outdoor In-Person SUNDAY services of worship start at 10:30 a.m. After a break Dec. 27 & Jan. 3, we will resume this schedule on January 10 (weather permitting).

THE FLOWERS PRESENTED TODAY

are given to the glory of God by members and friends of MLC to honor & remember loved ones as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Those honored and remembered are listed on a special insert.

YOUR GENEROUS "HOLY-DAY" GIVING

Our Lord brought light into the darkness with the gift of His son Jesus. Through you God shined light into the darkness through the offering of your prayers for our world capsized by a pandemic; giving toys to children through the Salvation Army; funding a digital sign to get God's life-saving word to people on life's highway, transforming the parking lot into a worship space, Bible study, kit making, music rehearsals, a *Ring and Sing* concert to benefit the Madison library; building digital communities through videography and online social platforms; keeping food pantries stocked during widespread unemployment; donating 100 cans of frosting and cake mix for Thanksgiving meals; providing art supplies for quarantined veterans; and by generously giving to Messiah's numerous ministries and missions to fulfill our calling to be *God's People, Reaching Out.*

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Mr. Jim
Julie Seiz
Angie Mitchell and Rob
Thomas
Doug Hendrick
Jack Reed
Baby Abigail
Cliff and Joyce Ann Huntington
Family of Perry Lodholz
Family of Maxim Voronetsky
Family of Jamies Warman
Family of Julie Stanger

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Thursday, December 24 Church Office Closed

3:00 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Online Service**

4:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Outdoor at MLC**

Candlelight Service with Lord's Supper

8:00 p.m. - Zoom Worship with Children's Story

Friday, December 25 Merry Christmas!!!

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 27

6:00 a.m. - Online Service *LBW Setting 1*

(No Outdoor Service Today)

10:30 a.m. - Zoom Group Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

December 28 - 30 - Building Closed

Bathroom Renovations will be made. *See below.*

December 31 Church Office Closed

January 1, 2020 **New Year's Day** Church Office Closed

RENOVATIONS BEGIN ON DEC 28

of MLC's floors in bathrooms and Fellowship Hall kitchen. Due to the nature of the work being done, the **church building will be closed Dec 28-30.** Please do not plan to access the church during those days for your safety. The church staff will be working from home and will be answering calls remotely Dec. 28-30.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CLASS:

We are People of the Word

Classes on Zoom 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. This weekly class will have 12 'standalone' sessions, so please attend as you are able **The class will resume on January 7th** with the topic *"The Word through Preaching and Teaching"* The class is led by Pastor Scott and Dick Azzam. Interested? Send your email address to sepete@att.net to get weekly reminders or see the MLC E-News for the Zoom link.

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM: Interested?

Coordinator Andrew King is preparing MLC to respond to disasters in our area, and to reach out to those in other areas struck by disasters. *If you are interested in being part of Andrew's team, please let him know as he plans to start meeting in January.* andrew.t.king42@gmail.com

"GIVING TUESDAY" IS ALL DECEMBER

Please consider how you might participate in this year's "Giving Tuesday" through Messiah Lutheran Church's *Giving Mall*. 2020 *Gifts for Mission* forms are ready for download at mlutheran.org. Also on the *Give and Take Cart* on Sunday mornings are complimentary cards and gift tags.

[Link to 2020 Gifts for Mission Form.](#)

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012. For the past eight years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

THANK YOU to all who have continued to mail offering envelopes to MLC and those who continue to give electronically. ***A new secure mailbox was installed recently at church.***

WANT TO PRAY in the MLC SANCTUARY?

If you wish to come to MLC to pray, please call the office (256-721-0041) to set up a time. When you arrive please sit in a middle row and before leaving use sanitizer on anything you touch.