

Messiah News January 2026

Servers:

Jan. 4: Coffee & Kool-aid before Bible Study

Fellowship: Ricky Terpstra, Mike & Julie Terpstra

Jan. 11: Mavis Patton, Del & Penny Noetzelman

Jan. 18: Gordy & LaDonna Wentz, Gary Vieth

Jan. 25: Darryl & Karen Cameron

Baker: Dave Walz

Feb. 1: Coffee & Kool-aid before Bible Study

Fellowship: Gene & Carol Danzeisen,
Doug & Marlys Tanner

Feb. 8: Bret & Jill Massey

Baker: Ruth Rosenberg

Feb. 15: Merle & Sandy Bryce

Baker: Cora Granlund

Feb. 22: Gary & Betty Schnellert,

Tim & Wendy Franzwa

March 1: Coffee & Kool-aid before Bible Study

Fellowship: Jon & Jody Meichsner
Mary Jo Freeborn

March 8: Janet Mueller, Ed & Diana Schmidt

March 15: Robert & Nicole Finken

Baker: Ginger Ahlers

March 22: Pat Farrow, Patty Hanson

March 29: Gordy & Annette Koring,
Emily Cameron

Baker: Beau Garman

**If you are not able to serve on the day scheduled, please find a replacement or switch with someone else. A copy of the server/baker contact list is available on the table in the narthex.



Messiah's LWML is on hiatus during the winter months but will meet as a need arises. Any questions can be directed to Karen at 320-253-9128.

Worship Schedule & Calendar

Sundays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Worship Time: 9 a.m. (Bible Study to follow)

Wednesdays, Jan. 14, 21 & 28

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan. 8

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Featherweight Quilters

Sunday, Jan. 25

10:15 a.m. Annual Meeting

For additional January calendar items, including scouts' dates and times at Messiah, visit www.messiahhartell.com.

Thank you for the cards and gifts and thinking of us this Christmas. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Blessings to you all!

~ Organists Carol Danzeisen

& LaDonna Wentz

~ Secretary, Tara Wiese

2026 Envelopes

are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up. Thank you!

Altar Guild: Sandy Bryce, Betty Schnellert

Ushers: Doug Tanner, Dave Brehmer,
Dave Walz

Elders:

Jan. 4: Bob Garman

Jan. 11: Gary Schnellert

Jan. 18: Bret Massey

Jan. 25: Del Noetzelman

Counters: Doug Tanner, Jon Meichsner

Prepare: January Series 'A' Church Year Readings

The following Scripture readings will help you prepare for worship.

Jan. 4: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97- 104; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15); Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 11: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan. 18: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a

Jan. 25: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14); 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

Feb. 1: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

2026 Budget

The budget for 2026 has been printed.

There is a copy posted on the board in the narthex. Copies will be included in the annual report.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to those who provided flowers in

December:

Ginger Ahlers (12/7)

Gene & Carol Danzeisen (12/14 & 12/28)

And thank you to everyone that purchased poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary at Christmas time.



January's flowers will be provided by:

Del & Penny Noetzelman (1/11)

(in memory of Penny's mom Roberta)

Ginger Ahlers (1/25)

(in celebration of her birthday on the 26th)

2026 Flower Calendars are in your mailboxes. Please turn them into the office as soon as possible if you have early 2026 orders.

*****New this year!*****

Choice of a vase or basket with your \$30 seasonal arrangement! Please specify your choice on the form. Thank you!

January Birthdays & **Anniversaries

3 Rick & Jean Gilbertson**

3 Carol Danzeisen

9 Barbara Chesney

11 Dan & Shelly Danzeisen**

12 Hunter Olson

21 LaDonna Wentz

26 Ginger Ahlers

27 Merle Bryce

28 McKenzie Kahre

29 Rachel Niewind

30 Kiara Fuches

*Birthday
& Anniversary
Blessings*

Messiah's Choir will resume practices every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on January 14th.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



A special thank you to our entire Messiah family for the prayers and cards shared with our Franzwa family and my Mom, Donna Brown, as Dad's cancer took his earthly body and Jesus called him home. In Memory of my Dad, Bill Brown, proud to be a founding member of Messiah Lutheran Church - We want to share a simple poem Mom received from a friend, and we know so many of you can apply this to all your family and/or friends, who are also **Spending Christmas with Jesus this year.**

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below.
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars,
reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away that tear.
For I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year!

I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear...
but the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description
To hear an angel sing!

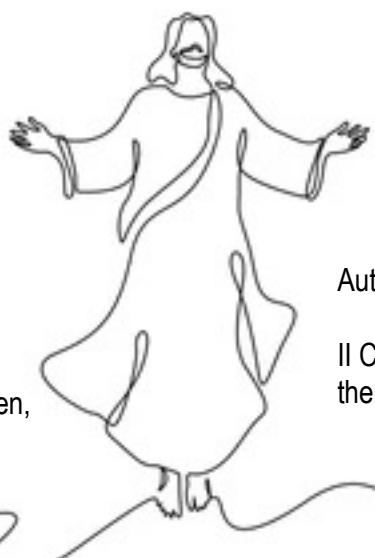
I can't tell you of the splendor
or the peace here in this place...
Can you just imagine Christmas
With our Savior, face to face?!

I'll ask Him to light your spirit,
as I tell Him of your love.
So then pray for one another
as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joyful,
and let your spirit sing.
For I'm spending Christmas in heaven,
and I'm walking with the King!



Spending Christmas With Jesus This Year



Author Unknown

II Corinthians 5:8 "...to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."