

The Messiah

MESSENGER

JANUARY



and



2012

PROCLAIMING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter Epiphany, we conclude the Christmas Cycle of the Worship Seasons associated with the coming of Jesus.

Ruthe and I wish to acknowledge and thank all of you who have remembered us with invitations, cards, good wishes, and gifts. The congregation's "Staff Gift" this year was especially generous and greatly appreciated. Thank you, one and all!

As we reflect on the significance of Christ's becoming flesh and dwelling among us, the services of Epiphany include the Baptism of Jesus on January 8th, takes us through the calling of the Disciples, and ends with the Transfiguration of our Lord. Then, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, we enter the Lenten Season.

A large part of epiphany is the ministry of Jesus and his disciples. So, as we enter the New Year, we, too, are called to "follow Jesus." He truly is the light of the world shining in the hearts of believes everywhere.

With faith and confidence we can enter the New year of 2012.

May you have a:

Happy and Blessed New Year!

**Sincerely,
In Christ's Service,**

Rev. John S. Harder

John S. Harder, Pastor



Please call Pastor Harder at home, at 847 515-3976; or leave messages for him at the church office. He should be contacted about all hospitalizations, shut-ins, and any schedule changes.



**Minutes from council meetings,
as well as committee reports,
can be found in the binder
in the church library.**



**Minister of Music.....Margaret Kasak
Administrative Assistant.....Judy Genandt**

Reminder:
**There will be NO OWLS luncheon
 during the month of January.
 A luncheon is tentatively scheduled
 for Monday, February 13th.**



LOCAL BENEVOLENCE - 2011		
<u>Month / Year</u>	<u>Name of Charity</u>	<u>Amount (4 %)</u>
<u>January, 2011</u>	<u>Community Crisis Center</u>	<u>\$ 301.00</u>
<u>February, 2011</u>	<u>Lutherdale</u>	<u>281.00</u>
<u>March, 2011</u>	<u>Zion Lutheran Church</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>April, 2011</u>	<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>May, 2011</u>	<u>Larkin Center</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>June, 2011</u>	<u>Lutheran World Relief</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>July, 2011</u>	<u>Salvation Army</u>	<u>280.00</u>
<u>August, 2011</u>	<u>Administer Justice</u>	<u>266.00</u>
<u>September, 2011</u>	<u>ELCA Disaster Fund</u>	<u>260.00</u>
<u>October, 2011</u>	<u>Bread for the World</u>	<u>309.00</u>
<u>November, 2011</u>	<u>FISH Food Pantry</u>	<u>292.00</u>
<u>December, 2011</u>		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

Altar Guild.....Amy Moog

January 1st

Comm.Asst. Bob Wiemer & Donna Appleberg
Lector
Greeter.....
Usher Ron Zillner
Counter.....
PPT Oper.
Flowers.....Poinsettias

January 8th

Comm.Asst. Susan Davie & Donna Appleberg
Lector Bob Wiemer
Greeter.....
Usher Dick Willrett
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Eila Maenpaa / Jim Kimmey
Breakfast

January 15th

Comm.Asst.....
Lector Mike Maenpaa
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers... Dick&Joy Willrett / Bill&Vandy Maki

January 22nd

Comm.Asst..... Dick Willrett
Lector
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Susan Davie

January 29th

Comm.Asst..... No Communion
Lector Betty Volkening
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Carrie Schneider

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Altar Guild.....Bea Wilson & Elaine Rodden

February 5th

Comm.Asst.....
Lector
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Donna Appleberg

February 12th

Comm.Asst.....
Lector
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Dick & Joy Willrett
Breakfast

February 19th

Comm.Asst..... Julie Edmundson
Lector Mike Maenpaa
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers..... Eila Maenpaa

February 26th

Comm.Asst.....
Lector
Greeter.....
Usher
Counter.....
PPT Oper
Flowers.....

We come together to praise God together.
There are opportunities to be of service on Sunday mornings.
Sign up to be an usher, a lector, a greeter, or a communion assistant.
Worship is enhanced with participation of all.

The next Worship & Music meeting
has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012,
and again on Tuesday, February 7th,
both at 2:00 pm.



Remember that articles and information
to be included in each month's Messenger
are due by the 15th of each month.

Articles received after this date will be published in the next month's issue.

Please e-mail your submission to MessiahElgin@foxvalley.net
or drop off a copy to the church office. Thank you!

~ Judy Genandt, Messenger Editor

Please note:
The Congregational Annual Meeting
has been scheduled for Sunday, February 5th, 2012,
after the worship service.



HAVING TROUBLE HEARING ON THE PHONE?

Illinois has a program to help!

You can get a FREE amplified phone
through the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. (ITAC).

It's easy to qualify.

You must: Be a legal resident of Illinois
Have your doctor or audiologist sign that you are hard-of-hearing
Have standard phone service in your residence

There are no age or income restrictions.

You can get more information and try the phones
at the FITE Center for Independent Living.
Or, call the center at (847) 695-5818 for an application.

ITAC programs are required and governed by Illinois law. www.itactty.org

Charter Member Elsie Marie Dorn



Elsie Marie Dorn (nee Walledom), 80, Inverness, Ill. and Palm Desert, Calif., was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Fowler, Colo. and died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at home surrounded by her family.

Elsie was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School in Chicago and St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

She returned to college at age 40 and fulfilled the requirements for a degree in nursing at Elgin Community College.

She graduated in 1973 from Elgin Community College, School of Nursing with her husband and five children in attendance.

She enjoyed many activities such as dressmaking, stitching, needlepointing, crafts of all kinds, Women's Fellowship at church, bowling, golf and bridge.

She was an excellent bridge player.

Elsie was a wonderful, loving mother of five children and grandmother of seven grandchildren; a loyal friend, exceptional hostess, and valuable asset to her husband as a director in his business.

She was the beloved wife of Gary R. Dorn for 59 years; loving mother of Lynn Marie (Russell) Kleinke, Karen Ann (Todd) Stelzel, Bradley John Dorn, Robert Fredrick (partner, Jason P. Smith) Dorn and Paul Thomas Dorn; cherished grandmother of Jessica Kleinke, Solomon Dorn, Rebekah Dorn, Kayla Stelzel, Jillian Stelzel, Hannah Dorn and Magdalena Dorn;

dear sister of Doris Stangland and Margaret Ricordati;

fond aunt to many nieces and nephews; and dearest companion of her pets, Sofie and Bella.

December 7, 2011

Messiah Lutheran Church
Pastor John Harder
500 Church Rd
Elgin, IL 60123



Dear Pastor Harder:

*"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."
~ Melody Beattie*

On behalf of the Board of Directions, staff, and clients of the Community Crisis Center at George Van De Voorde Place, thank you for your donation of coats delivered by David Edmundson on 12/03/2011. Your support provides essential services to individuals and families in crisis.

The Crisis Center responds to the need of individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness. Services include a 24 hour hotline, a shelter for 40 women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems.

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Peace,
Gretchen S. Vapnar, Executive Director.

Sundays in January from the Common Lectionary, Year B

Sunday, Jan. 1 **Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4 – 7; Luke 2: 22 - 40**

First of Christmas

Sunday, Jan. 8 **Genesis 1: 1 – 5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1 – 7; Mark 1: 4 - 11**

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, Jan. 15 **1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10; Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18;**

Second after Epiphany **1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20; John 1: 43 - 51**

Saturday, Jan. 22 **Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10; Psalm 62: 5 – 12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29 – 31;**

Third After Epiphany **Mark 1: 14 – 20**

Sunday, Jan. 29 **Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1 – 13;**

Fourth After Epiphany **Mark 1: 21 - 28**

The prayer and healing service
is held the first Sunday of every month,
immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.

This service includes prayer for all who suffer, are sick,
or are involved in ministries, and any who are in need of healing.

The 10-15 minute prayer service begins with and ends with
responsive prayer and also includes laying-on of hands and anointing.

All are welcome to participate.

On these Sundays, Prayer Cards will be set out
for all members of Messiah to sign.

These cards are sent on a monthly basis
to everyone on our prayer list who has provided an address,
and would like a monthly reminder that there are caring people
in their lives who are praying for them.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please keep in your daily prayers all people in
need, including those mentioned here by their request: Julee McVicker,
Margaret Stading, Greg Carkuff, Eleanor Mielczarek, Charlotte Brainard,
Lillian Sanders, Mark Zeigler, Linda Nutter, Mary Hawkins, Kristen,
Kathy Stempf, Doug Jackson, Carol Marvel, Amber Kalish, Monica Roth,
Danny Schultz, Laura Seifert, Riley Mogan, Claire Baddeley, Lillian
Magnus, Martha Rowley, Irene Savino, and Faith Higgins.



Sundays in February from the Common Lectionary, Year B

Sunday, Feb. 5 <i>Fifth After Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 40: 21 – 31; Psalm 147: 1 – 11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23; Mark 1: 29 - 39
Sunday, Feb. 12 <i>Sixth After Epiphany</i>	2 Kings 5: 1 – 14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9: 24 – 27; Mark 1: 40 - 45
Sunday, Feb. 19 <i>Transfiguration</i>	2 Kings 2: 1 – 12; Psalm 50: 1 – 6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 6; Mark 9: 2 – 9
Wednesday, Feb. 22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17; Psalm 51: 1 – 17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20 b – 6: 10; Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 - 21
Saturday, Feb. 26 <i>First in Lent</i>	Genesis 9: 8 – 17; Psalm 25: 1 – 10; 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22; Mark 1: 9 - 15



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Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Thank You

November 17, 2011

**Messiah Lutheran Church
500 Church Rd.
Elgin, IL 60123**

Dear Messiah Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$260.00 to ELCA Disaster Response. Your gift means the church can continue to respond efficiently and effectively to disasters that have already occurred and can stand ready for those that may come in the future.

To neighbors in need around the corner and around the world, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to be there alongside our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you.

In Christ's service,

**The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal**



Elgin
Community
College

Bright Choice. Bright Future.

GRAND OPENING OF THE
ACADEMIC LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER
Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL
Open House: January 23 through 27, 2012
Grand Opening Ceremony: Friday, January 27, 2:00 pm.



Beginning October 3, 2011, the Westside Elgin routes will be combined into one, to be named the **BLACK** route. There will be two stacks of hot meals and *maybe* two black lunch bags. There will be seven clients and five stops, but eight meals (nine on Monday and Wednesday). One of the three people at 120 South State Street apartments receives two meals. The other four clients live at individual addresses. One does not get meals on Tuesday and Thursday, but gets double meals on Monday and Wednesday. Another client does not get Thursday delivery.

We are asking each team to deliver on the currently assigned day but to deliver every other month in order to share the winter driving. (There will be an exception to Monday teams.) **YOUR SCHEDULE IS BELOW.** Please mark your calendar so that you will not need a reminder when it is your month to deliver.

We have not added new people to our program for almost two years, because we have not recruited a client coordinator. Now, we have an even bigger issue. Church Woman United membership is aging, and the group is unable to continue much longer with the sponsorship of Meals on Wheels. We are searching for another agency to adopt the program. Until we can find a new umbrella agency, we definitely will not add new people.

This program was the vision of Shirley Minks in 1972. Forty years later it is still needed. We serve diet-specific meals and do not discriminate as to age of clients. We have three people who are not old enough to receive Golden Diner meals, as provided by the Salvation Army and Senior Services. Our current 16 customers depend on us to bring them their daily meals. We cannot quit!

ASSIGNMENT: 2012: Mondays in April, August, and December
You share your route with The Church of the Brethren, Congregation Kneseth Israel, and Community United Methodist.

PADS of Elgin, Inc.'s
Winter Harvest for the Homeless
Saturday, January 28, 2012
Stars Dance for PADS of Elgin
Dinner * Dance * Auction

Crystal Lake Holiday Inn, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
6:00 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction; 7:00 pm Dinner



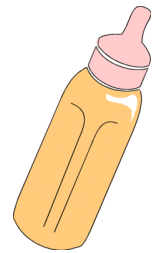


JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

- 2.....Betty Ahrens
- 8.....Vandy Maki
- 10.....Maggie Doyle
(Granddaughter of Ron Zillner)
- 18.....Jerri Zoul
- 19.....Patty Hewitt
- 19.....Elsie Miller
- 19.....Jan Montiegel



In January, a member of the Life Center staff will be providing information about the work they do and the people they help. Also provided will be baby bottles for their Bottles for Babies fundraiser campaign.



February Birthdays

- 9.....Paul Quandahl
- 12.....Christine Halsema
- 13.....Steve Keibler
- 25.....Anton Sokol
(Grandson of Tony & Linda Sokol)
- 26.....Richard Clauson
- 27.....Christopher Halsema

LibraryNotes

Perhaps you made a New Year's resolution to read more this year. If so, check out the books in your church library. There is no time limit and no need to record what you take home. If you find that you are not using the material at home after a while, please return it. Many books are catalogued under the Dewey Decimal System; however, books purchased since 2004 are not part of that system.

A new catalogue of books, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio cassettes, and audio CDs, which you will also find in the library, is available. Please take a look to see if there is something that might interest you.

Several studies on audio tape and/or in paperback book study guides are also available, including a few large print books, along with several editions of the Bible on CD or audio tape and in written form. If you like to listen to music, from traditional classics to popular Christian music, you will find tapes and CDs in the library. If you're looking for gift ideas from Christian sources, there are a number of catalogues from Christian Book Distributors, Gaither, ELCA organizations, etc., from which you may wish to order.

The few titles in the catalog which are missing from library shelves may mean that people are using the materials, or it may mean that they got lost in the shuffle. Please check your personal library for materials that may have the "Messiah Lutheran Church" white sticker on the resource. If you find a stray, please return it.

Happy reading in 2012!

New materials are always welcome as donations.

See Margaret Kasak if you have any questions or comments on the library.



Thank you to all the Angels who donated gifts for the Angel Trees. We had eight kids this year from District 300 (age 14-7 months); each child had 5-6 packages to open on Christmas morning!!!! Thank you again for bringing joy to these kids this Christmas season.

Social Ministries

Note:
OWLS will not meet for luncheon in January but are tentatively scheduled to meet on Monday, February 13th, at 11:30 am.



Let's Get Moving and Have Fun with Pilates

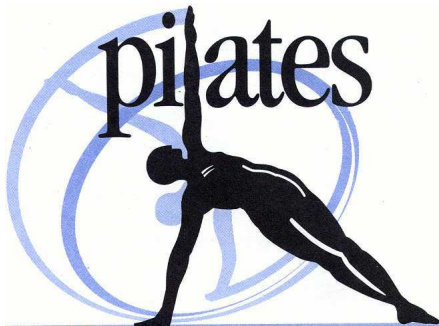
Achieve overall Wellness by learning about healthy lifestyle choices.

Refresh and enhance your livelihood and inner-health at any age for women and men.

The Benefits of Pilates include muscle strengthening and stretching to develop the body's core, mobilizing the spine, and building agility, flexibility, balance and coordination, thus improving your internal and external body.

**Fridays 10:00 am at
Messiah Lutheran Church,
500 Church Road, Elgin.**

(847) 695-0144



**Contact: Linda Bryant, ACE Certified Professional Fitness
Trainer, AARP Fitness Trainer, Pilates Mat Instructor SCW
Certification
Cell: 630-338-6515**

[Check Calendar for Friday Dates](#)

Cut below and return

Questionnaire for Linda Bryant, or call (cell 630-338-6515)

What do you hope to gain from this session?

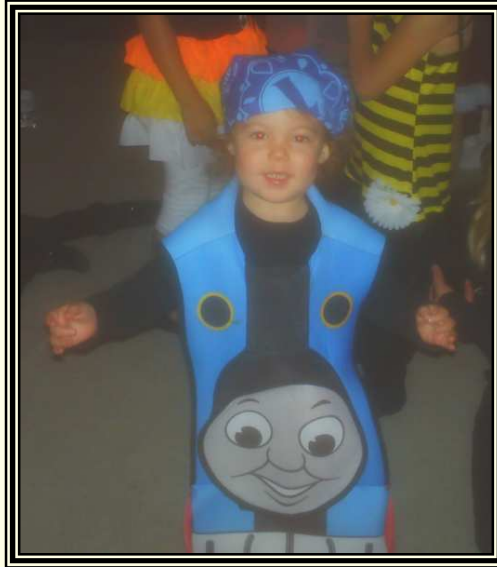
Build flexibility _____

Improve Balance & Coordination

Need to strengthen Muscles

Comments: _____

**First-Timers: Come and Explore the benefits of Pilates- Free.
Free-Will Offering taken for use of Hall.**



Miss Amanda Moog
as
Thomas the Tank Engine
at her Halloween party.
(Many apologies for the delay in publishing!)



December 2011
“Christmas Elves”



December 7, 2011

Dear Friends of Messiah,

*Thank you so very much
for the Christmas greeting and lovely poinsettia.*

*The brilliant color warms
the heart and soul on dreary days!*

Your messages of cheer and prayers were welcome.

Thank you for your friendship and Christian love.

Hope to see you soon!

Love and God Bless,

Linda Nutter



**Thank
You**

*to the
Congregation of Messiah
for the
beautiful poinsettia plant
and Christmas card.
~ Eleanor Mielczarek*

Many, many thanks
to the Congregation of Messiah
for their loving hearts
and generous Christmas gifts.

Your staff-
Margaret Kasak,
Ron Zillner,
and Judy Genandt



46 Years of Giving

Messiah has been asked by the City of Elgin
to participate in their city wide food drive in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
We will be one of sixteen churches, along with local grocery stores,
collecting food which will then be distributed to Elgin area food pantries.

Auhora Gendy lives in rural village several hours outside of Cairo, Egypt. The community of 30,000 is faced with poverty, with the average daily income coming out to \$1.80. That's a less than \$2 to feed, clothe and shelter your family. Health care is limited and hard to afford. And eye care? It's unheard of.

It is estimated that 90 percent of people who are blind live in developing countries. More than half of these cases are caused by cataracts and other preventable, treatable eye diseases. Blindness has a profound socioeconomic impact in society. Not only is the blind person unable to work, but at least one other family member often has to drop out of school or skip work to care for them.



Like many adults worldwide, Auhora slowly developed cataracts as she aged. With no preventative care or treatment, she eventually went blind. Last year, Auhora experienced what some might call a "miracle." She got her sight back.

It is your gifts to ELCA World Hunger that made this possible. Since July 2007, a mobile eye clinic has provided free eye exams, eyeglasses and simple surgeries to prevent and treat blindness in 3,000 patients. In Auhora's case, it was a simple, \$270 surgery that restored her sight. "Now, I see." Auhora says with a smile.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support this program and others like it in more than 60 countries around the world. General e-mail inquiries should be sent to hunger@elca.org

Mailing Address for GIFTS to ELCA World Hunger:

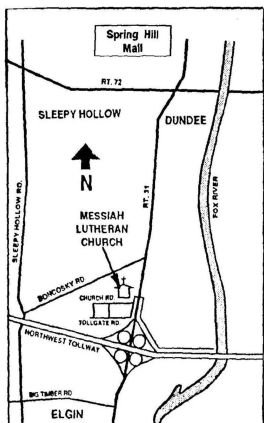
ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764



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 500 Church Road
 Elgin, IL 60123
Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with music
 and sung liturgy and Holy Communion
 Coffee, tea, and snacks after the service
 every first, third, and fourth Sunday;
 Breakfast served after the service every second Sunday



Proclaiming God's unconditional love
 Messiah is located
 2 miles south
 of Spring Hill Mall
 at the corner of Route 31
 and Tollgate Rd.
 (847) 695-0144