

# Messiah Lutheran Church Information Guide

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Messiah Lutheran Church \* 1801 W. Plano Pkwy. \* Plano, TX \* 972-398-7500

Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann, Senior Pastor

## Bible Class Opportunities

GROUP	LEADER(S)	TOPIC	LOCATION
Adults	Pastor Kollmann	<i>God's Plan of Salvation</i>	E110S Conf. Rm.
The Upper Room	Pastor Lee	Lutheranism 101	E215S
Focus	Steve Sokolyk	Luke	E237N
Growing Marriages in Christ (GMC)	Monica Pritchett	<i>Building Character in a World of Compromise</i>	E233N
Mosaics	Karrie Looney	God's Influence on Daily Life	E220S
Young Adults/ College & Career	Kevin Warneke, Suzanne Wilson	Various Topics	E247N
Adults	Gina Lehrmann	The CHOSEN	E201S
Meet Messiah	Joan & Randy Konkel	Campus Tours	Guest Desk

**GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION**--A book by book study through the entire Bible.

**THE UPPER ROOM**—In this adult Bible class, we will learn about the basic teachings of the Lutheran faith. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran searching for more information or new to being a Lutheran, we will make connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do.

**FOCUS**—is a small group that goes through the Bible, one book, one chapter, one verse at a time. Our mission is to lead a comprehensive understanding of the Word of God.

**GMC**- Growing Marriages in Christ is a Bible study and fellowship group for married couples. Most participants have high school, college age, or young adult children. The current study is based on a book by Lee Niehuis. "It is easy to look at the world and feel overwhelmed, but you don't need to

lose hope." Lee's book teaches us to embrace God's calling and gives us confidence to know that God will empower us to live out our faith in the world.

**MOSAICS**-Messiah Mosaics is a class geared at anyone in their 30s or 40s, married or single. This is a discussion-based class that examines how God's Word influences our daily walk with Christ.

**YOUNG ADULTS**-This is a class for adults in college or in the work force, ages 18-29.

**THE CHOSEN**-This class led by Gina Lehrmann will watch episodes of The Chosen and follow a study about the biblical events that take place during the episodes.

**MEET MESSIAH**-If you would like to know about Messiah, meet at the Guest Information Desk at 9:30am. A few of our members will take you on a tour of our campus and answer questions you may have about our church.



**THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY IS  
OFFERED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
Now viewing Season 3

Come to the Choir Room during the Bible Class Hour, 9:40-10:45am, to watch episodes of The CHOSEN followed by teaching and discussion. If you have questions, contact our leader Gina Lehrmann at [glehrmann@certaintyhomelending.com](mailto:glehrmann@certaintyhomelending.com).

## Sunday School Opportunities

Class/Grade	Room	Teachers
2 year olds	E111S	Krysten Emersen
3 & 4 years	E113S	Sandra Murcott & Mary Hooper
PreK opening	E135S	Nikole Frischmann
Kindergarten	E245N	Dylan Dunlop & Roxanne Redman
First/Second Grade	E216S	Michelle Nelson & Amanda Wheaton
Elementary opening	E247N	Melinda Kellerman
Third/Fourth Grade	E218S	Jessica & Sean Gremmer
Fifth & Sixth Grade	E242N	Cindy Schwartz & Barb Coen
Seventh Grade Confirmation	E241N	Jodi Sorenson
Eighth Grade	E244N	Tim Napier, & Michael Neumann
Ninth-Twelfth Grade	Youth Rm.	Gerald Luecke & Chris DuBois

## Mid-Week Bible Study Opportunities



**PASTOR KOLLMANN'S TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-11:00AM in the Conference room. This class is going through the LifeLight study on the book of Revelation.

**PASTOR KOLLMANN'S WEDNESDAY MEN'S LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY**-You are invited to join this weekly study on Wednesdays. This class meets at 12:00 PM in the Conference room. This class is going through the LifeLight study on the books of Jeremiah/Lamentations.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets on Thursday from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM in E220 S. They are currently in a study on the book of Haggai. Contact Karrie Looney at [kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com) for more information.

# Kingdom Women

## Small Group/Large Group Bible Study

We will be going through the book Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream

Book cost \$15

First small group and large group meeting dates below. Register on Realm or by emailing Karrie.

### Small Groups

1/6 Mary Jane Tobaben House 7pm

1/9 Messiah Room E237N 6pm

1/14 Dolly Stankus's House 6pm

### Large Group

1/18 Messiah Upstairs Multipurpose Room 10am



**NEWS LETTER**



<https://tinyurl.com/3u3b89y7>

*Calendar*



<https://tinyurl.com/hw2mjrma>

## Hope's Door Volunteer Opportunity

January 11th 10am-noon

Hope's Door Resale Shop:

2129 W Parker Road in Plano

We will be sorting and organizing for the resale shop.



## Kingdom Women Hiking

Arbor Hills Nature Preserve

Mon, Dec 9th @ 9:30am

Meet by the playground

6701 W Parker Rd (near W Parker & Midway)

Suggest comfortable walking shoes and water

Questions? Contact

Kathy Koeneman (214-557-8985)



Register for all events on realm or by emailing Kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com



social media



Contact Jodi Sorenson:  
YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com  
214-649-4720 mobile  
@MYM\_PLANO

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## MORE YAVs NEEDED!

Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) are adults ages 19–25 who serve as role models and servant leaders throughout all corners of the Gathering. The YAV application is open July 15 - December 31, 2024. Young Adult Volunteers commit to:

- Paying a \$400 volunteer registration fee (**talk to Jodi about registration fee**)
  - Staying in assigned Gathering hotel accommodations covered by the Gathering (with 4 or more same-gendered volunteers)
  - Attending volunteer training July 17–18, 2025 in New Orleans
- Serving the Gathering July 19–23, 2025 in New Orleans



## Coming UP!

**December 8th—Youth Christmas Parties @ Church**  
3:00—5:00PM—Middle School  
5:00—7:00 PM—High School  
**December 11th — Advent JAM 5:00 PM—7:30 PM**

### ADVENT JAM

5:00 PM Meal  
5:45 PM Youth help clean up  
6:00 PM Worship  
6:35 PM JAM in the youth room



## Engage, Equip, Enjoy, and Share!

Our purpose is to **ENGAGE** our community’s youth in a relationship with God, **EQUIP** them to grow in their faith, and to **ENJOY** and **SHARE** God’s love.

### Young Adults—College and Career

Bible Study at 9:45 AM, room E247N

**SatT** — December 15th, noon at Love and War Texas.

This will be our Christmas Party. Bring a White Elephant for our gift exchange.

Reach out to Ginny Wilson 214-728-4901 or Joseph Schinnerer 682-667-8806.



Join us for the Youth Christmas Parties in the youth room..  
Join us!

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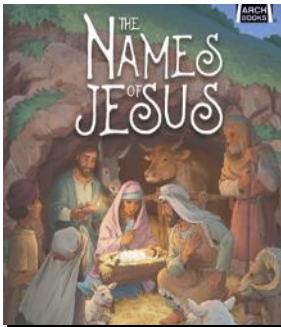


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**TODAY:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - COME SEE LITTLE BIT OF CHRISTMAS!

**Little Bit of Christmas TODAY AT 9:45AM**  
 (2's through Kinder!) Get dressed in RM 121&123  
 @9:15AM

Happy Birthday Jesus Cast Party follows the program in  
 MP Room 116



Join us for Family Advent Services Wednesday  
 December 11th at 6pm in the Sanctuary as we  
 discover the Names of Jesus! **PLUS** join us for  
 a Fellowship Family Meal in the Multipurpose  
 Room beginning at 5pm! **RSVP on REALM!**

**OLDER CHILDREN'S PAGEANT: Dec. 15th (1st-5th Grade)**

- \* Songs & Lines Wednesday, December 11th **AFTER** Advent Service in Choir Room
- \* **FINAL** Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 14th 9am - Noon!



Looking for Family Ministry Opportunities? Check out this flyer to see what's happening around campus for families! (<https://mlcplanofamilyministries.my.canva.site>)

For **EVEN** more KidMin News...go to our Newsletter here: <https://mlcplanofamilyministries.my.canva.site/minute>



# Messiah Serves: Social Ministries and Outreach

## *Touching Lives Through Christ*

Dawn Johnson – 972-948-8966 – dawnmj@fastmail.net



*The mission of our Outreach Ministries is to be Jesus' hands to our church, city, national, and international community. We do this through weekly opportunities for hands-on service such as those listed below and also through contributions to community charities such as Network of Community Ministries and the Assistance Center of Collin County. These are wonderful organizations that are equipped to deal with the long-term needs of struggling individuals.*

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FALL SERVICE PROJECTS!!



Over the past weekend we have delivered the Harvest boxes to the wonderful residents living at Plano Community Homes who are part of Collin County Meals on Wheels program. My family was blessed to meet many new residents and catch up with those we haven't seen since last year. We also delivered the Blessing bags to Good Samaritans of Garland.

Thank you for your support for our Fall Service Projects! We truly are a blessing to Collin County Meals on Wheels program and Good Samaritans of Garland as they strive to reach those in our communities who need support and help.



## COLLIN COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS SECRET SANTA CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Please consider picking up a Secret Santa red or green envelope for the Collin County Meals on Wheels residents who were recipients of our Thanksgiving boxes. The Thanksgiving boxes and Secret Santa gifts are the two very special programs that we participate in every year that are truly blessings to the local residents of Plano Community Homes on Ave L., who receive them. Gifts bought for our precious seniors can be gift wrapped! No worries if you're not into wrapping, gift bags work just as great. **\*\*Please drop off the gifts by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** as we will deliver the gifts early in the week.



## Network Is Always In Need Of Volunteers!

We're seeing a continued increase in the number of people seeking our services, and we will need more volunteers to ensure we meet this increased need. We've got a role for everyone- and even some fun new roles for groups.

<https://thenetwork.org/volunteer/>



### Messiah's Men's Ministry – December-14th

December finds us anticipating the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you prepare for this season of Christmas, please take time to attend and worship with your families our Advent and Christmas services. During this time, enrich your anticipation and celebration of Christ's birth by attending Advent and Christmas services that incorporate hymns, scripture readings, and prayers specifically chosen to evoke a sense of expectant joy. These services embrace themes that reflect the journey from darkness to light, sin to forgiveness, and despair to hope as we anticipate the coming of Christ.

### Merry Christmas!

#### Messiah Lamb's Service Project – Men's Ministry

Messiah's Men's Ministry continue their reading of Max Lucado's devotional, "God is with you Everyday" plus group sharing as to what spoke to us in our daily readings. Be encouraged to be in God's Word daily!

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) Tim Napier and Chris Dubois will be leading us in study topics on "being a Godly man in today's times and discussing defending our faith on all occasions." We will continue our sharing during each discussion. More to come on serving our church and community as they are being identified; December has one opportunity. We continue to meet in the large classroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the church, 8:00AM-9:30AM. We welcome all men to come and join us. Contact Tim Napier @ [reaper308@me.com](mailto:reaper308@me.com) or Jerry Baedke @ [jbaedke@pptconsultingtx.com](mailto:jbaedke@pptconsultingtx.com) for more info.

## TODAY!



LWML is having a bake and craft sale **TODAY**. Be sure to come and help

missions when buying a gift for someone else or yourself or enjoying special baked goods.



**PRIMETIMERS**  
*Christmas Party*  
**Sunday, December 15th**  
**6:00 PM**  
 Tim & Marla Johnson's  
 2175 Toole Dr, Lucas

Register on Realm,  
 PT table, or  
 Marla 972-978-9563

Bring Appetizer to share

Optional: Wrapped NEW  
 White Elephant \$20 gift

Give your child a gift that lasts a lifetime: Christian day-school education with individualized instruction in a faith-based environment that encourages each child to develop their unique gifts and talents to become the best version of who God intends. Come tour POPCS on Messiah Lutheran's campus where your child will be celebrated and encouraged to thrive. Early applications and Variable Tuition applications are now open to join the Christian community that feels like family where every student is Welcomed, Known, Connected, and Prepared. I would love to meet you! Dr. Kara Tobaben [kara.tobaben@popcs.org](mailto:kara.tobaben@popcs.org)



Messiah Lambs is hosting the Messiah Angel Tree. This tree is for members of our own Messiah family who may be experiencing a difficult time. Stop by the Lambs table outside the gift shop on December 8th or 15th to purchase a gift card or two. These cards will be ordered and distributed to these families before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.



If you ordered Butter Braids from Messiah Lambs your order will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, December 10th. You may pick up your orders Wed -Fri between 8 am and 3 pm or between services on Sunday the 15th. Please remember to bring an insulated tote or cooler with you to store them until you get home. Butter Braids arrive frozen and should remain so until you are ready to bake them.



## MESSIAH LAMBS SCHOOL CEREAL BOX DOMINO TRAIN

It is time to start purchasing boxes of dry cereal for our Super-Duper Cereal Box Domino Train event which will be held at the end of January. Last year we collected over 500 boxes of cereal, and we know that we can do better this year. On the day of the event, these boxes will make a domino train around our halls for the Lambs' children to watch and cheer on as they tumble. When we are finished all of the cereal boxes will be donated to our local food pantries. Last year, the need for cereal was so great that within 3 hours of us dropping off our load all the boxes had been distributed! Please help us make a bigger impact this year!



# December Worship Opportunities

**Sunday, December 8-** Second Sunday of Advent--8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

**Wednesday, December 11-** Family Advent Service-6pm / Traditional Advent Service-7pm

**Sunday, December 15-** Third Sunday of Advent--8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

**Wednesday, December 18-** Family Advent Service-6pm / Traditional Advent Service-7pm

**Sunday, December 22-** Fourth Sunday of Advent--8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

**Tuesday, December 24-** Christmas Eve -3, 5 and 7:00 pm Candle light Worship

**Wednesday, December 25-**Christmas Day Worship-10:00 am Worship

**Sunday, December 29-8:30 & 11am services--**Worship Celebration. We look forward to 2025 with prayer and praise!

**Tuesday, December 31-**New Year's Eve Service-7:00 PM

## Special Events

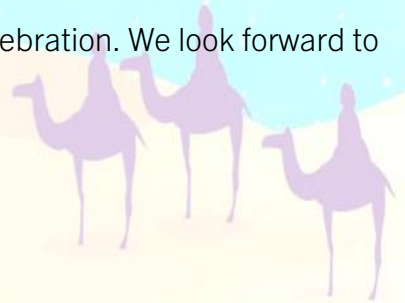
**Sunday, December 8**

9:45 am- "A Little Bit of Christmas" -presented by our 2-5 year olds

**Sunday, December 15**

8:30 am Worship- "A Journey to Joy" Cantata-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program-presented by 1st-5th grades



# Pray for One Another This Week

Prayers for continued healing of my wrist. Samantha's aunt was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. Joshua Schmidtke

Praying for patience and strength for family. Matt Sweitzer

Strength for my mother (Linda Murphy) who lost her husband of 22 years by a sudden heart attack Tuesday November 26. They were soulmates. Kim Johnson

Prayers for healing Nancy. Carl and Nancy Huett

We praise God for giving Don a safe air trip from Midland and spending Thanksgiving with us. Don was formerly the Pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring, TX for 12 years. He is retired. Dan and Bev Pfalzgraff and Bev's brother Don

May Anita gain strength and speech after having a stroke. Keep Gordy strong going forward. Bless our pastors and their families. Dorothy Rigg

Thank you for continued prayers and support for my family. We are blessed. The Beetley family

Tony Fontana, husband. Thanksgiving to the Lord for bringing Tony through recent weeks of radiation treatments, now complete. May the Lord of healing and hope grant relief, recovery, and wellness in the coming days. Shellie Fontana

Bob Schultz - prayers that the radioactive beads implanted recently will slow the growth of his cancer. Evelyn and Bob Schultz

Scott Parks, son-in-law. Prayers for God's healing power. Robert and Linda Moore

Patty-God's will in best results for upcoming tests. Gerald Luecke

Lenore Coudle, former work colleague. Lenore has cancer surgery this week. We pray for a successful outcome for a good friend. Prayers for all those battling cancer in all its forms. Les and Ruthann Swanson

Bella, mother. Thanksgiving prayers that my mom turned 104 on November 19. We are so blessed. Carol Olsin

Anita Hanson, friend. Pray for healing and strength for Anita as she recovers from some health issues. Pray for her health to be restored. Jerry and Jane Baedke

Merida Young, mother (Kim's) - Praying that her house sells soon so she can close that chapter of her life and feel more financially secure. Bonnie Stailey (mother, Rick's) - praying for guidance to decide on selling her home. Rick and Kim Callaway

Stephanie, daughter-in-law. God bless the birth of Stella on December 9 (c-section). Barbara McCoy

**RECOVERY:** For Healing-Lauren Beetley, Dick Bogan, Kim Burwinkel, Barbara Copeland, Cathy Dalton, John Devine, Bonnie Dietze, Dan Ferree, Tony Fontana, Anita Hanson, Charles Hayes, Sharon Hutchison, Bear Hutchinson, Lauren Janowski, David Janowski, Phyllis Kohls, Bob Larson, Gwen McTernen, Beverly Pfalzgraff, Nancy Smith, and Bill Swan. Lesley Lamb-back.

**SHUT-INS:** Barbara Albert, Carol Avellanet, John Devine, George Feichtinger, Ellie Fitzpatrick, Lana Fridge, Barbara Gable, Kathleen Haarberg, Bev & Jim Hickerson, Tom Hollcroft, Jane & John Koonsman, Marty Krueger, Carol Meister, Keith Mueller, Ruth Murphy, Rose Nichols, Judy O'Connor, Ted Pospisil, Roy Rohloff, Ruby Stoppenhagen, Lois Supple, Brenda Switzer, Larry & Ken Lynn Trimpe, Ernie & Bonnie Voth, and Agnes Watson.



**GMC Annual Christmas Party – Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>@6pm**

Hosted by Greg & Amy Whittemore

Come and join us for some holiday fellowship and cheer!

Serveware and drinks will be provided, but if you have a special beverage you prefer, you are welcome to bring it.

Please **RSVP and sign up** for an appetizer, main dish, side, or dessert to share by **Thursday, December 12th**.

If you would like to participate in our **Annual GMC Gift Exchange**, please bring **one wrapped gift per couple**. This year's theme is "Winter Warmers!" Bring cozy winter essentials such as fluffy socks, warm blankets, hot chocolate kits or your favorite libation within a budget of \$25.

Questions? Contact Amy at [AmyLWhittemore@gmail.com](mailto:AmyLWhittemore@gmail.com) or (214)724-1159.

# Together in the Lord This Week

## SUNDAY-Second Sunday in Advent

LWML Bake Sale 8:00 AM  
**Worship Service 8:30 AM**  
 Little Bit of Christmas Program 9:45 AM  
**Worship Service 11:00 AM**  
 MYM 5:00 PM  
 Voter's Meeting 7:00 PM

## MONDAY

True Beginners Line Dance 4:00 PM  
 Love on the Line Dance 5:00 PM  
 Scout Groups 7:00 PM

## TUESDAY

Women's Bible Class 9:30 AM  
 Joyful Ringers 6:00 PM  
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Class 12:00 PM  
 Family Advent Pre-Service Meal 5:00 PM  
**Family Advent Worship Service 6:00 PM**  
 JAM 6:00 PM  
 Children's Program Practice 6:30 PM  
 MESH 7:00 PM  
 Sanctuary Orchestra 7:00 PM  
**Advent Worship Service 7:00 PM**

## THURSDAY

Women's Bible Class 9:30 AM  
 Cantata Dress Rehearsal 7:00 PM

## FRIDAY

James Boyd Funeral 11:00 AM

## SATURDAY

Children's Program Practice 9:00 AM

## NEXT SUNDAY-Third Sunday in Advent

**Christmas Cantata 8:30 AM**  
 Elementary Christmas Program 9:45 AM  
**Worship Service 11:00 AM**

**Voter's Assembly Meeting**  
**TODAY**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

CONGREGATIONAL  
 MEETING



## Chairs for the new Life Center



**\$55.00**



**\$65.00**



Scan this  
 code to  
 purchase  
 a chair.