

## *Messiah Lutheran Church + ELCA*

Located at 502 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Tuesday & Wednesday Office Hours  
from 9 am – 3:30 pm

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## *Moe-ssiah's Sunday Morning Blend*

**Livestream 9:15 AM worship on Messiah's Facebook page.**  
**To give online:** Please visit [www.messiahroseau.net](http://www.messiahroseau.net), click the 'Give' tab.

**Listen to the 10:30 AM Radio Broadcast on WILD 102:**  
*Tune in and listen to live worship at Moe Lutheran.*



**Today's Facebook Livestream** is sponsored in HONOR of Bill's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday by the Bill & Helen Wagner Family.

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH SCHOOL:

- **Christmas program practices begin Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!**  
**All Wednesday & Sunday students should come!**
- Wednesday Church School meets November 29<sup>th</sup>. There's 3:30 PM Hangtime on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, but no class.
- Sunday Church School meets November 19<sup>th</sup>. There's no class on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**TEAM REACH for MOESSIAH YOUTH COMMUNICATIONS:** Jay Ostgaard will now be using the app "Team Reach" for all communications about all scheduled activities for Moe and Messiah youth. If you haven't already done so, download the app and use the code Church2324 to login.

**MESSIAH'S GIVING TREE:** Our Stewardship Committee is excited to announce Messiah's annual Giving Tree project! The Giving Tree will be in the narthex the end of November, featuring opportunities for you to give locally and globally. Here's how it works:



Take an ELCA Good Gifts ornament to sponsor gifts of farm animals, school supplies, or health care to families in need across the globe.



Take an ornament with an item needed for local families who cannot afford to buy Christmas gifts. Purchase, wrap, and return these gifts to the church by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** for sharing the love of the Christ Child with others in need during this season of giving!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Messiah is ordering poinsettias from Holter's to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$22 for a plant in a 6-inch pot. Holter's will deliver the plants to the church. If you'd like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, dedication forms are on the bulletin table in the narthex. ***Please return the form with your payment to the church office by Sunday, December 3rd.***

**STEWARDSHIP MAILER** Watch for the Stewardship Committee's mailer, arriving in your mailbox soon! It highlights different ways we can all support and enrich Messiah's mission and ministry! Many of you responded to the request for support sent via email in January. Thank you for your generosity! Messiah's active ministry throughout the current year, despite rising costs, gives us all renewed opportunity to reflect ... How can each of us consider beginning or increasing a regular financial contribution to the important work we do together at Messiah?

**KEEPING THE FOOD SHELF “FRESH”** As we approach colder weather and holiday gatherings with family, please keep in mind the need for all families to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Your local food shelf depends on cash donations to be able to provide these healthy food choices for clients. Please consider a donation if you are able. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 142, Roseau, or dropped off at the food shelf on Tuesday afternoons, 108 Third Ave SW in Roseau. Thank you!

**PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:** Swongers will be travelling to be with their family for Thanksgiving. They will be out of the office Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Should an emergency pastoral care need arise, contact Jay Ostgaard at 218-242-2221.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Gather at the large evergreen just east of Carol’s Cedar Cellar. Come drink hot cider, hear the story of Jesus’ birth, and sing carols!

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TIN CUP** will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Whether the conflict in Gaza and Israel, Russia’s war against the Ukraine, or the devastating drought in the Horn of Africa, rest assured that LDR is there, providing assistance and comfort to those who need it most.

**OUR SUPPORT OF MESSIAH’S MISSION - 2023**

<b>Year to date INCOME (Jan-Oct):</b>	<b>+ \$ 171,516.02</b>
<b>Year to date EXPENSES (Jan-Oct):</b>	<b>- <u>\$ 177,062.92</u></b>
<b>Income less Expenses:</b>	<b>- \$ 5,546.90</b>

<b>OCTOBER Monthly INCOME:</b>	<b>+ \$ 17,637.38</b>
<b>OCTOBER Monthly EXPENSES:</b>	<b>- <u>\$ 16,857.12</u></b>
<b>Income less Expenses:</b>	<b>+ \$ 780.26</b>

**OUR “IN-PERSON” WORSHIP ATTENDANCE – 2023**

**Average Sunday Attendance – Year to Date (Jan-Oct): 79.6**  
**Average Sunday Attendance – OCTOBER: 104.0**  
**CONFIRMATION Attendance: 191**

*Upcoming on the Calendar*

**Sunday, November 19:**

**8:45 am:** Coffee Fellowship  
**9:15 am:** Worship with Livestream  
**9:30 am:** Church School for  
Pre/K-Grade 3  
**10:30 am:** Radio Broadcast WILD 102

**Tuesday, November 21:**

**6:30 pm:** Council Meeting

**Wednesday, November 22:**

**3:30-4:30 pm:** HANG TIME Gr 4-6  
NO Church School Gr 4-6  
NO 7 & 8 Grade Confirmation  
**6:30-8:30 pm:** Moessiah Youth  
ROCK Gr 7-12 at Messiah

**Sunday, November 26:**

**8:45 am:** Coffee Fellowship  
**9:15 am:** Worship with Livestream  
**9:30 am:** NO Church School  
for Pre/K-Grade 3  
**10:30 am:** Radio Broadcast WILD 102

**Monday, November 27:**

**12:05-12:25 pm:** Grab & Go Lunch  
for Grades 10-12

**Wednesday, November 29:**

**4:30-5:15 pm:** Church School Gr 4-6  
**5:30 pm:**  
Confirmation Supper at Moe  
**6:00-6:50 pm:**  
Confirmation Gr 7/8 at Moe  
**7:00-8:30 pm:** Moessiah Youth  
ROCK Gr 7-12 at Moe

**Servers for November 19**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Erica & Neal  
Vatnsdal

**Greeter:** Ally, Brieta & Ivy Vatnsdal

**Usher:** Dave & Sharon Grafstrom

**Reader:** Not Needed

**Communion:**

Carol Guy & Katie Gunderson

**Sound Booth:** Marty Trangsrud

**Counters:** Dave & Sharon Grafstrom

**Council Representative:**

Katie Gunderson

**Servers for November 26**

**Coffee Fellowship:** The Bachleitners

**Greeter:** Needed

**Usher:** John Dorward

**Reader:** Needed

**No Communion**

**Sound Booth:** Mike Tangen

**Counters:** Needed

**Council Representative:**

John Dorwart