

## Discussion Questions for Sunday, January 14th

The theme for this coming Sunday is **Attention: Awakening to Justice**. During our services of worship, we will be talking about how awakening to justice helps us live into Micah 6:8.

To help prepare for our conversation, take a look at and reflect upon the following questions:

- Does attending to issues of God's justice involve an awakening, a focus, or a renewal? If so, why? If not, why not?
- When you think about the world, what breaks your heart? Share, if you desire, in your small group.
- What might a realization that something breaks your heart be saying to you?
- In your own experience, how might an outward focused church be different than an inward focused church?
- Should a congregation become focused in its attention to justice issues (an expert, perhaps) or maintain a broad and general outlook on justice issues?
- We practice awakening to justice by choosing who we talk with, what stories we read, what trips we take, what art we take in. Agree or disagree? Why?

All three of our worship services will be simplified, with a focus on song, scripture and good conversation as a baptized community in Christ.



# Messiah Weekly

January 14-21, 2018

**“And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8b**

## Welcome

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. No matter who you are, you are welcome here! Our hope is that through Messiah's worship, fellowship, and acts of service, you will experience a caring place to belong and exciting growth in your faith. Following Jesus is what we do, and we invite you along as a companion with us on the journey.

## Holy Communion

All are welcome to the Lord's table, and this always includes children! We believe that the Risen Christ comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for all.

We practice communion by intinction—the dipping of bread into either the larger chalice of wine or, for those who prefer, the smaller chalice of grape juice.

Prayer ministers are available to offer individual prayers. If you desire, please also feel free to kneel at the altar rails for a time of personal prayer.

In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to the Lord's Table!

## Leadership Retreat

50 youth and adults from Messiah are participating in the annual Youth Leadership Retreat this weekend. They are focusing on Messiah's Vision Statement “We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God, striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.” The group will enjoy Bible study, discussion, creativity sessions, worship, group building, games, paintball and archery. Please keep this group in your prayers as they learn, play and grow together.

## Communication Is Key

In order to communicate better with one another, we ask everyone to complete a grey worship card found in the pew racks in the sanctuary and in the red pads in Galli Hall. Cards can be placed in the offering plates during all services. In Galli Hall, please complete the card and share the red pad with those near you.

We are especially looking for updated email addresses and phone numbers. Messiah has begun emailing a newsletter to everyone on Monday and Wednesday. Check it out to stay informed. If you are not receiving these email updates, please contact Tia Monsen at [tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org](mailto:tia.monsen@mlcauburn.org). Also, follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** at [mlcauburn](https://www.instagram.com/mlcauburn) or our **website**, [www.mlcauburn.org](http://www.mlcauburn.org).

## Organ Repair and Restoration

Plans to repair and restore the Sanctuary organ have been in the works for quite some time. Those plans got a bit of jump start this past Sunday when an electrical component of the organ failed during the 8:15 worship service. Thanks to a major gift from the Messiah Endowment Fund and a number of individual donations, we already have the necessary parts on order. Fixing an instrument of that size and complexity is time-consuming, however. We can expect to be without organ music for at least the next six weeks.



## Messiah This Week

### Sunday 1/14

8:15am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Education Hour	Classrooms
10:45am	Worship	Galli Hall
12:30pm	New Covenant	Sanctuary
2:00pm	Community Meal	Gathering Space

### Monday 1/15-Office Closed

6:00pm	Sons of Norway	Galli/G. Space
7:00pm	Messiah Ringers	Music Room

### Tuesday 1/16

9:00am	Pastors Study	Gathering Space
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Office
5:00pm	7th Day Adventist	Sanctuary

### Wednesday 1/17

6:00am	Kiwanis	Gathering Space
9:00am	Food Bank	Gathering Space
9:00am	Quilting	Quilting Room
6:00pm	Faith Walk/WOW	Gathering Space

### Thursday 1/18

9:00am	Auburn Schools	Youth Room
10:00am	Bible Study	Quilting Room
6:00pm	Worship Teams	Galli/Sanctuary
6:30pm	Church Council	Classroom E
7:30pm	Messiah Chorale	Music Room

### Friday 1/19

7:30pm	Messiah Players	Galli Hall
8:00pm	New Covenant	Music Room

### Saturday 1/20

8:00am	7th Day Adventist	Sanctuary
10:00am	PTSA Meeting	Galli Hall
5:00pm	7th Day Adventist	Chapel/Music

### Next Sunday 1/21

8:15am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00am	Alleluia Express	Music Room
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30am	Education Hour	Classrooms
10:45am	Worship	Galli Hall
12:00pm	Youth Gath. Mtg.	Youth Room
12:30pm	New Covenant	Sanctuary
1:00pm	Community Meal	Gathering Space
2:00pm	Messiah Players	Galli Hall

## Messiah Players

The Messiah Players will be presenting "Arsenic and Old Lace." The show dates are January 19th at 7:30pm, January 21st at 2:00pm, January 26th at 7:30pm, January 28th at 2:00pm, February 2nd and 3rd at 7:30pm. All shows will be in Galli Hall. Mark your calendars!

## Offering Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Gathering Space. They are in alphabetical order. Please contact Lynne Inman at [lynne.inman@mlcauburn.org](mailto:lynne.inman@mlcauburn.org) if you have questions.

## Pictures

The church council would like to put together a slide show/video of the amazing things that have happened in the congregation during 2017. The slide show will be shared at the Annual Meeting on January 28th, 2018. If you have any pictures you would like to share, please send them to Anne Baunach at [abaunach@comcast.net](mailto:abaunach@comcast.net). Thanks!

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th, 2018. We will worship at 9:30am in the Sanctuary and the Annual Meeting will follow. Mark your calendars!

## Actioneers

The Actioneers January event will be on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. They will be going to the Black Diamond Bakery for lunch. The group will leave the church at 10:30am and transportation is free. Please contact Don and Judy Jensen at 253-631-8932 or Bill and Carol Messecar at 253-338-9692 if you have any questions.

## Thank You!

Many THANKS to the folks who came last Saturday to pack up and carry out the Christmas decorations! Marlene & Will Anderson, Leon Chute, Gary Desimone, Pat & Mitch Fritschle, Beth & Duane Gatzke, Mary Lou Macarius, Tia Monsen, Ben Nelson, Loraine Schroeder, Sharon & Chuck Carlson

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Class for January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be lead by Pastor Jim Rismiller. The theme of the class is **Galatians through the Eyes of Martin Luther**. Please contact Pastor Jim Rismiller or Kelly Mullin if you have any questions.

## Altar Flowers

The 2018 Altar Flower sign up sheet is posted in the Gathering Space. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up. Each vase costs \$20 and can be given in memory or honor of someone or something. Contact Lynne in the office if you have questions.



## Messiah Staff Holds in Prayer

**Requests for prayers:** Katherine Acker, Richard Ball, Mary Calhoun, Paula Dragseth, Traci Donohue, Kari Fulbright, Matt Gartner, Marge Gredvig, Gwynne Lindbo, Bob and Beverly Massey, Shirley McGibbon, Kalena Meuli, Don Minnick, Robert Rutherford, Orville Sovereign, Lori Rogers, Erik Welch, Phyllis Whitcher, David Whitcher, Mae Wolfe; the family of Allan Saxton following his death.

**Ongoing prayer concerns:** Gavin Charbonneau, Ken & Joan Daugherty, Sandy Exley, Grayce Fremouw, Edna Frostad, Bea & Ron Girdler, Irene Gordon, Dottie Grebe, Martha Guerrero, Kay Gunderson, Derek & Betty Halverson, Marc Harris, Marcia Hoover, Harold LaDuke, Wayne Lundberg, Lloyd Marion, Juan Polio, Debbie Recchio, Everett Rom, Anita Russell, Algretta Sorenson, Cecil & Mary Tungsvik, Katie Walda, Louise Whitehall.

**In the Military:** Lucas Fitzmorris, Justin Greathouse, Ray Hardaway, Kenny Hendrickson, Matthew Hottle, Daryl Johnson, Madeline Jones, Kristin & Toph Lake, Josh Samuelson, J.R. Sawyer, Steven Shamion and Sam Harris.

*Every Tuesday, our staff prays for the persons listed above. If you would like to be included in our staff prayers, please contact the church office at 253.833.5280. Individuals will be in our prayers for four consecutive weeks. To be included after the four weeks, please call us again, let us know how you are doing, and we will continue to hold you in our ongoing prayers.*