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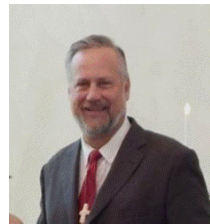


# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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From the Pastor

“What We See & Hear”

John was discouraged. Imprisoned for publically speaking out against the king, even John may have had incorrect expectations of Christ. Remember, he said that the one to follow would baptize with the Spirit and “by fire”. Many believed that the Messiah would be a military leader that would throw the Romans out and bring Israel into its golden years. He asked his disciples to go and ask Jesus if he was really the messiah. Jesus did the unexpected. Instead of leading a rebellion and taking the crown, he healed the sick and preached good news to the poor. This was the evidence of Jesus’ messiahship. He came not to conquer but to demonstrate the love of God who sent him. Jesus was the embodiment of our loving God. Faith is not a matter of blind trust, but having the courage to act on what you know.

OT: Isa. 35:1-10  
NT: Matt. 11:2-11

Blessing,  
Scott



Christmas Pageant

Come see our youth and children in their presentation of the birth of Jesus.

Sunday, December 15.  
During the 10:30 Worship Service



Sunday, December 15, 2019



8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist  
Patsy Sproatt

Usher  
Bruce Diemer

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist  
Patsy Sproatt

Head Usher  
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters  
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers  
Pam Doerter & Team

Acolyte  
Jacob Irmscher

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Christmas Caroling

Join us on Sunday, December 15, at 3 PM for a fun time of Christmas Caroling.

We will meet in the church parking lot and then take the church bus to visit our Friends at Home to spread some holiday cheer!



Prayer Concerns

**Please pray for the following:**  
Melba Hutchinson; Dave & Bobbi Moran; Chris & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran’s brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy’s father - Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy’s brother - John; Barb Ferguson; Barbara; Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Ron Harper; Katy Ellis; Ira Mowrey; Virgie Foley; Nick Prout; Linda; Tracy, Margaret Martin; Scott & Tammy Solether; Jack Bethel; Beth Bailey; Sherry Kearschner; Doris Ann Tucker; Tracey Manis; Linda C.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com) or call the church office.



# Christian Education

## Christmas Pageant Reminder

We will have rehearsal at church next Saturday, 12/14/19 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with lunch for the children and youth participating following the rehearsal. This will be a dress rehearsal. We will choose costumes and run through the pageant a few times to make sure everyone understands their roles. Alanna Keenan has been practicing with the children for the last few Sundays and helping them with the music, as well as making things as easy as possible for those who might be a bit reluctant to get in front of a crowd.

If you are interested in participating, it is not too late. Families should call the church office or show up on Saturday and we will give you a role to play. All are welcome to participate!



## A few illness reminders...

For the health and safety of the children and teachers in our Sunday School and Children's Worship programs, please make sure you follow a few simple rules.



Please make sure kiddos are fever free for 24 hours before returning to church activities. Remember with tummy bugs that children need to be symptom free when attending activities (no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours). It is the time of year for runny noses. We know that sometimes they can be caused by allergies, but children with a persistent runny nose accompanied by other symptoms such as a sore throat, cough, fever, watery eyes, etc. need to stay home and rest and return when they are feeling better. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation with this.



Thanks to everyone who attended our Advent lunch this year. We had between 65 and 70 people this year and many delicious soups and sandwiches!

It takes a village to put these kinds of things together and there are so many people who put in so much time and effort to make this event a success. Thanks to all members of Christian Education who volunteer in so many ways. Thanks to everyone who set up and cleaned up. You don't know how much you are appreciated. Thanks to all who brought so many wonderful soups. Thanks to all who did dishes and tidied the kitchen. It was a wonderful time of sharing the love and joy of the Christmas Season.

If you took any pictures, please make sure to share them on Facebook!

## Children's Worship Leader Schedule

Here is the new Children's Worship leader schedule for the rest of 2019. Thanks!

**12/15/19—Maddie Holden & Alex Kuhs & adult**  
**12/22/19—Annie Engelbrecht**  
**12/29/19—Annie Engelbrecht**

Please check the Welcome Center in the Narthex and sign up to teach Children's Worship for 2020. There is also a Sign Up Genius posted to the Eastminster Facebook page if you would prefer to sign up digitally.

Thanks!  
CE Committee



*Tuesday, December 24, 7 PM*

## Secret Santa Gift Exchange

See Facebook for more details or pick up a form in church this Sunday!



## POINSETTIA INFORMATION

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 22, and should remain in the Sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. If you purchased one or more poinsettias you may take your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.



## Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster!

Please come support the Evansville Civic Theatre by stuffing you, your kids, your elders, and your neighbors with pancakes!

Matt and Caitlyn Hummel and their Friends of Civic Theatre group will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster on January 11 from 8-11AM, serving coffee, sausage links, hashbrowns, and of course piles of pancakes! Buy tickets at the door for: \$10 (Adults 18+), \$8 (Kids 3+), and FREE (Kids under 3).



Proceeds to benefit Evansville Civic Theatre.