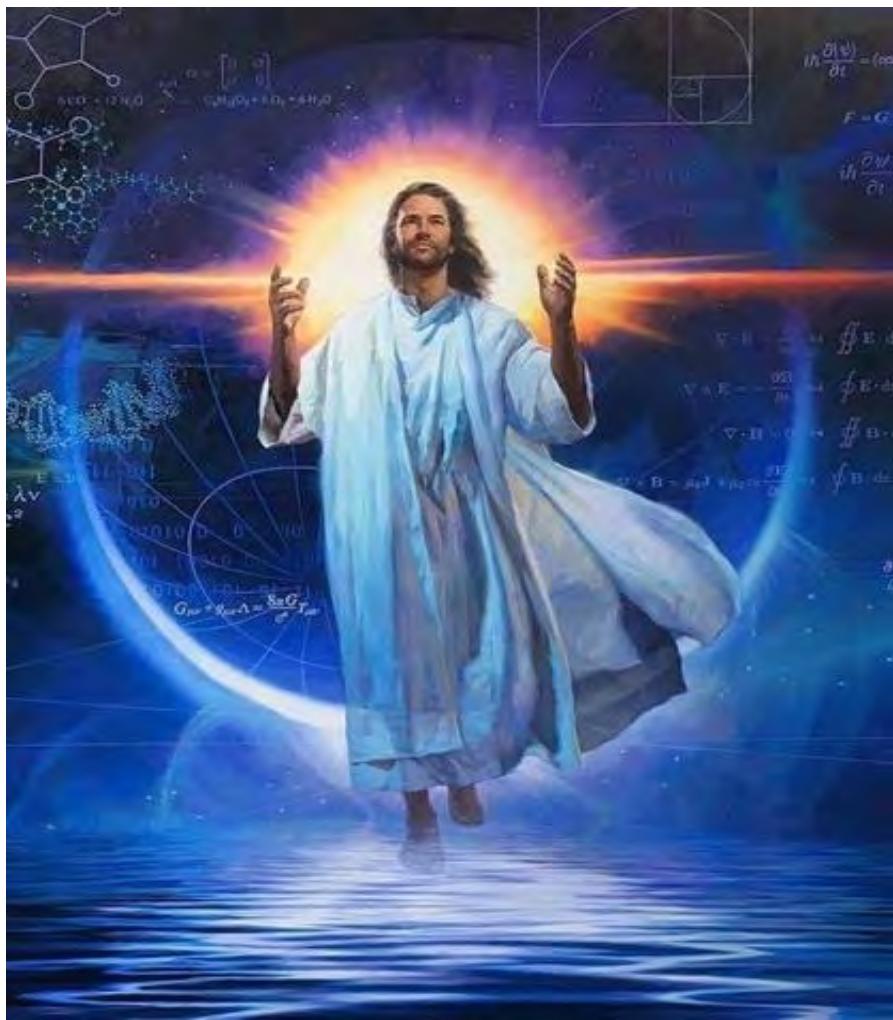


JANUARY 7, 2024



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Jesus and Zip Files. Really?

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah

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The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024

Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

Stand

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Holy Baptism

Dacre Alden Keough; born June 18, 2023; Aome & Daniel Keough
Sponsor: Ellie Selk (grandmother)

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the
last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is

baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Congregation may be seated

The pastor addresses each candidate:

P How are you named?
R [Name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your T forehead and upon your T heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Name/s according to Your boundless mercy and bless him/her/them with true faith by the Holy

Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him/her/them, which has been inherited from Adam and which s/he has; they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that s/he; they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, s/he; they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[* *The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.*]

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

Name/s, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

*The Apostles' Creed ["Creed" comes from the Latin *credo*, which means "I believe." From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creational Church.] (Us men means all people)*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may place a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Please rise as you are able

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted [Name/s] the new birth in Holy Baptism and made [him/her/them] [a member / members] of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and [an heir / heirs] of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as [he/she/they] [has/have] now become Your [child/children], You would keep [him/her/them] in [his/her/their] baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure [he/she/they] may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

One or more of the following collects may also be prayed.

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father(s) and mother(s) of *[this child / these children]* and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
 worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the LORD, over many waters.**

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
 the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷**The voice of the LORD
flashes forth flames of fire.**

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹**May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Kyrie

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C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]**

Gloria in Excelsis

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P **Glory be to God on high:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'ly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke
2:14; John 1:29]**

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Sit

Kids' Time

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Sermon

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand

The Offering and the Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

LSB 192

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

[The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

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Sermon Notes



1. What are Zip files and why are they important?
2. What was “compressed” into Jesus?
3. How does God zip us into His Zip File? Why is this important?

“God don’t make no junk!” I know this is bad grammar along with a double-negative. The point is that God creates everything and everyone with purpose and intention. God’s voice comes forth from the silence of eternity. In the beginning, God. And God said.

God’s Word, His voice, has power. This power is the same that the pastor pronounces in the Absolution (forgiveness of sins) to you, and so you are forgiven. His powerful voice speaks in Baptism.

Notice and ponder God’s voice in the Old Testament reading, Psalm 29, and the Gospel reading for today. Ponder on what this all means to you and *for you*.

The Week of January 7, 2024

Preacher: Rev. Micheal Redecker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Richard Scott
Acolytes: Cal Diedrich

Elders: Victor Lozano
Ushers: Matt Meyer, Jack Messenger,
Jay Johnson, Dennis Phillips
Greeters: Dona Bruns

PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@gmail.com

Messiah's Prayer List

Continued health and healing for Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, Desiray Gonzales Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauer, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, and Jeff Vagneur.

Fighting serious diseases for Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Dick Crinklaw, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, and Diana Walche

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Carrie Lamgo, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Leland Ottman, Amy Poulin, Loretta Siilata, Ted Skogen, and Sue Stepanek.

Home Hospice Care:
Called Home: Joe Walsh

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Brian Carbone, Madison Lozano, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, & Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty and staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School youth

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students especially here at CMU.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating Birthdays:

Jan 8th: Corwin Miller, Mollie Shepardson, Caleb Burgess, Sidney Hinkle. Jan 9th: Scott Mauser. Jan 10th: Steve Moore, Addison Wilke, Riverlynn Conwell.

Jan 11th: Helen Diers. Jan 12th: Genise Carbone, Erin Ratliff, Angelina Atencio, Shyloh Dimmick, Sayde Miller, Lucas Bonnell. Jan. 13th: Beth Davis, Leighton Stone, Gina Bossow

Celebrating wedding anniversaries:
Roger & Mary Cranor - 35 years

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday	9:00am	Worship, Communion, Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study - FH
	10:30am	Kids Connection - Ext Day
	10:30am	Battle Ready 7/8- Library
	10:30am	Young Adult Bible Study - MPR
	6:00pm	Sipping/Searchng Men's Bible Study
Monday	9:30am	Finance Board
	12:00pm	Faculty Meeting
	6:00pm	Battle Ready 9/10- MPR
Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Tues Bible Study
	8:00am	School back in session
	9:00am	Quilting Ladies
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
	7:00pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel
	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Church, Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Handbell Choir
	6:30pm	Bible Study-Zoom
Friday	10:30am	School Library
Saturday		
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 7, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Jan 1st thru Jan 2nd
Weekly Donations \$16,088.24 Month to Date \$16,088.24
Weekly Need \$21,278.00 Monthly Need \$85,112.00

The Lady's Guild is collecting warm gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for all ages, for those in need. The Collection Box is by the west wall in the narthex.

Communion Set up/Clean up Volunteers are needed for 2024.

The sign-up sheet is on the west wall on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Laura Ryden

Handbell Choir- will resume rehearsals on Thurs, Jan. 11th at 6:30pm.

Adult Choir- will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 7pm. If you have any questions, contact Dona Ramsey in the office. 970-245-2838

Christmas Poinsettias- Thank you for purchasing poinsettias. You may take your poinsettia home or give it to someone else after Christmas Day worship.

School Greeters- Our school is looking for more morning greeters. Every school day we love it when our congregation friends greet the students as they come to school. Greeters are needed each day of the week from 7:35 to 8:05 starting January 9th. Please call or stop in the office if you are interested or need more information. The kids are excited to see your smiling faces!

'2024' Giving Envelopes- are available to pickup in the Narthex intermixed with the remaining cookie tins. If you do not find a box of envelopes with your name on it, then it was determined that you are an online giver and I have assigned you a number from 500 to 800. If you would like a box of Giving Envelopes, please let Deb in the office know.

Safety Team- will resume meetings on Wed, Jan. 17th at 1pm in the library.

Rib City BBQ & Ribs- Earn while you eat! Rib City donates 5% of your food bill. At all three locations, all year long! Ask your server about Show Us Your Colors. They will stamp your receipt. Bring that receipt to the office, & Messiah gets 5%!

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study- Will resume meetings on January 9th at 7:00am. We will be starting Chapter 5 in January. For info, please call Victor Lozano at 970-433-7890.

Updated Greeter Sign-Up Sheet- is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. PLEASE NOTE that it is not only for the East & West doors, but now includes signing up for the welcome booth. Being a greeter enables you to meet and greet new members, visitors, and to renew old acquaintances. Thank you for volunteering!

Thrivent Cards- The office would like to keep a private list of Thrivent Card Holders. Since the cards can only be used every 6 months, we would record when they were used so we would not be asking you to use your card again during that 6-month period. Thank you, Deb Fenske.

The Pregnancy Center - We have received some very nice second-hand baby clothing for The Pregnancy Center. These donations are always very much appreciated. Also, a special thank you to whomever is knitting the soft cuddly baby hats in such pastel colors. They are being very well received by both The Pregnancy Center and Birthright. We have also received some monetary donations which are always welcome and appreciated. TPC's current needs are size 4 and 5 diapers, 9-12 month new and used clothing, and new baby items for their Layettes which are presented to all the newborns. The suggested Layette items would be toys, blankets, outfits, etc. For further information on The Pregnancy Center, please check out their current newsletter on the bulletin on the shelf near the elevator.

Latte Challenge- to save the Siberian Lutheran Seminary. The Rocky Mountain District voted to donate \$150,000 to this cause. **Messiah's goal is \$7,760** which is \$12.50 per member. You can put your donation in the offering. As of Dec. 30th, \$2,093.00 has been donated! Thank you, Messiah!

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Bringing order and simplicity is a goal of all estate planning. The two parts of an estate plan are: 1) The Gift Plan (gifts to family and ministry or other charities) and 2) Legal Direction for managing property or providing for the needs of others (through a trust). If someone does not own a business or excessive properties, this plan need not be complex. The process begins with defining goals. After that, attorneys construct the legal documents to make those goals happen. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in organizing your goals. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Thrivent Choice Dollars- Thrivent members, do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars to the Church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have 2 easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836.

Girls on the Run at Messiah - Attention Messiah members! Girls on the Run is an after-school program for 3-5th graders and Heart & Sole is a program for 6-8th graders. We have hosted this program since 2017. We are hoping to once again host 2 separate programs, we need at least 4 volunteer coaches (2 each team) to help coach in the spring! Practice for both teams will be Monday and Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 PM starting Feb. 26. The season is 8 weeks long and will finish with a 5K event in Fruita on May 4. If you are interested and able to do it at least ONE day a week, please let Brittany or Marlena know. You DO NOT have to be a runner, have a participant in the program or be a mom, dads are welcome as well! We

provide all training and materials (plus cool swag). Thank you so much! Brittany 970-628-5499 or bmarkert14@gmail.com.

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at 8:30am – 9:00am on radio station 1100AM/KNZZ. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund - has an investment opportunity for you. There is an 18-month fixed rate term note at 5% interest, with a minimum of \$500.00. Please visit lcef.org/invest or call 800-843-5233 for more information.

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