

Messiah Senior Adult Ministry



January-March 2020
Faith, fun, friendship and
service for ages 55+
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Welcome to 2020

Last year was indeed a busy year for Messiah's Senior Adult Ministry (SAM). This year will be no different as 2020 will be fast-paced, action packed, and rewarding in many ways. Messiah's SAM is open to anyone age 55 and over. Friends are always welcome. SAM gives you many opportunities to meet your fellow church members. Check your email frequently throughout the year as this is my main source of communication with you.

Looking forward to a very successful 2020—together with you!

Keith

Keith R. Schlesinger
Coordinator, Senior Adult Ministry

Apple Pie Sale a Huge Success

SAM members made a little over 200 apple pies which resulted in revenue of \$2,200.00. With a doubling of revenue by the Gundlach Family Fund, SAM made a pledge of \$4,400.00 to Share Your Holiday's campaign which was doubled to become \$8,800.00. That means the donation translates into 26,400 meals for over 200 food pantries in 16 southern Wisconsin counties.

There are a lot of people to thank.....

Judy Harris and Denise Cheramy, pie co-chairs
The many Messiah SAM members who made the pies over three days
The Messiah members and friends who purchased the pies
The Lutheran Ladies of Janesville for sharing their crust recipe with SAM
The Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Co. for commercial freezer space
Metro Market for donating 12 cases of apples
Yahara Materials Buckeye Quarry No. 2 for their financial support
Thrivent Financial for their financial support
Sharon and Gary Gundlach for doubling our sales
Tim Coulthart for taking care of all the finances
The late Mike McKinney, NBC15 anchor, for having the dream
The Madison area businesses that doubled our donations

We are ready for the 2020 apple pie season. Our work dates of November 4-6 are on the church calendar. Our apple pie co-chairs will be back to lead another successful fundraiser!



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Ladies Lunch Bunch

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, January 8, at 11:30 am at Tully's II Food & Spirits located at 6401 Monona Dr., Monona. The limit is 20 participants so be sure to sign up on the kiosk ASAP! For more information, contact Janet Alfonso at (608) 221-1040. The group will decide at Tully's II where their February 12th luncheon will be held.

Second Harvest Food Bank Label Project

We will again work with SHFB on the third Friday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. We will be responsible for placing adhesive food product labels on plastic bags. The dates are January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18. If you would like to sign up, please send an email to adultministry@messiahchurch.com or leave a message on my home phone (608) 221-0060. This activity consists of 5-6 people and is a great way to meet Messiah members.

Madison Police Dept.'s Newest K9 to Visit

Mark your calendar for January 29 at noon. That will be our first SAM potluck of the new year in Social Hall and our featured "speaker" will be Officer Archie and his handler, Officer Emily. Yes, Archie will "speak"!! Archie is an official officer in the MPD and is the department's newest K9 dog. He will be doing some demonstration work for us. Officer Emily will talk about the overall importance of the K9 unit and how the unit interacts with the Madison Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. This has been an extremely popular event in the past.



WKOW-TV Meteorologist to Discuss Climate Change

Our February 26 luncheon speaker will be WKOW-TV chief meteorologist, Bob Lindmeier. Bob is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oregon, and a member of the synod's Care for God's Creation team. He uses his many years of experience as a scientist who has closely followed the problem of climate change to offer education on the following: causes of global warming, impacts of global warming in Wisconsin and in the U.S., consensus in the scientific community, what is needed to create positive change, and taking responsibility as people of faith. Bob will also share resources from the Care for God's Creation team that include materials from ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Advocacy, and additional faith-based and secular groups.