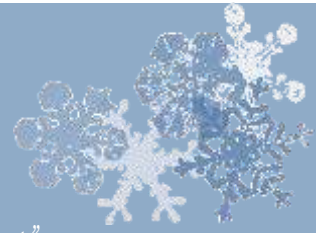


# HAVEN MESSENGER

## Haven Mission Statement

*(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)*

*"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."*



## January 2022

### WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>) or access by clicking the 'F' icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org).



### Scraps and Scatters of Thoughts from Your Pastor

I am preparing this nine days before Christmas. So, I confess, my head is still trying to get wrapped around Christmas let alone a "New Year." So, I humbly offer you a collection of thoughts roaming in mind.

### WORSHIP IN JANUARY

This will be the first year in a very long time that we get to extend the Christmas season to a second Sunday. When you come to worship, in person or on line, you will still find the sanctuary decorated for Christmas (minus the poinsettias that folks took home after Christmas Eve worship.) It's an opportunity for those who could and those who could not attend Christmas Eve worship to share one more pause in the Christmas season.

The following Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we are calling our service, "Star of Wonder, Water of Life." We will be combining the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord (January 6) and the Baptism of our Lord (the first Sunday after the Epiphany.) We make that huge step between the infant Jesus, visited by men from outside the Hebrew community, to Jesus, a grown man stepping into the public ministry to which he has been called.

As we continue through January, we watch how God is revealed through Jesus as told in the gospel of Luke, though we will first stop at the Wedding in Cana in John 2: 1-11.

I urge and encourage you to make Sunday worship a regular part of your week and your faith life. We need that time in God's presence to stay grounded and grow in faith. We need that time as a community to affirm that we are not alone in this walk with God and together we can offer our hands for God's Work.

## GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each first Sunday of the month, we invite all our Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade children to an adventure. It's a time of learning, fun, crafts, music and prayer. As you will read under Education Ministry, in December we adventured in to Christmas Around the World. Here they are all busy coloring the barn for their stand-up manger scene.



To continue their learning about our Lord, each child gets a Spark Family Faith Booklet. It has a Bible story and activities for each week of the month that they are not at a God Squad Explorer Event. Please keep our children, their families and the Education Ministry Team in your prayers, that they continue to share and grow in their love of the Lord.

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

“O Patient God, make something new in me, in this new year, for you.” Amen

*Ted Loder Guerrillas of Grace*

REMEMBER “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Your pastor and partner in ministry,  
Linda M. Alessandri

## COUNCIL

### »»»»»»»»»» ANNUAL Committee REPORTS ««««««««««

**ANNUAL REPORTS** You may think there is little to report in this COVID year, still we need to share what DID happen. There was still ministry happening at Haven! God IS with us. Team reports should be either electronically sent to the office at [havenoffice@havenlc.org](mailto:havenoffice@havenlc.org) or brought to the office on a flash drive.

- If you do not have a flash drive, please contact the office to borrow one.
- If you do not have access to computer software, then contact the church office for other arrangements in advance of the deadline.

Reports are due from all congregational teams and leaders. Annual Reports will be due to the Church Office by **January 15, 2022.**



## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

### Attention God Squad Explorers and Parents!



### God Squad Explorers

All aboard! On December 5th our God Squad Explorers, Emma, Tanner, Georgia, Daniel and Ethan, embarked on an **Adventure into Christmas Around the World.** Their journey began with Mr. Steve

demonstrating the pipe organ and each explorer producing their own unique musical sounds. Next the explorers participated in a scavenger hunt for paper ornaments among the pews and placed them on a Christmas tree on a display board. Each ornament



represented a different country and contained information on a Christmas custom in that country. Robin entertained the

explorers with a manger craft and showed how the manger scene appeared in different countries. Continuing their adventure, the explorers listened to Cindy explain the Christmas tradition of 13 desserts in Provence France and enjoyed a sampling. At the close of their adventure our explorers were surprised to find that St. Nicholas had visited leaving chocolate coins and a candy cane in their shoes placed at the entrance of the Sunday School room.



An exciting **Adventures in Light** is planned for our explorers on Sunday, January 2 at 10:45 a.m. We ask that a parent or grandparent attend with our preschoolers to help us make the most of our diverse-aged group of explorers.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Women of Haven will meet for study of Scripture & how it can help guide our lives on **Thursday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Adult Sunday School room. The study is included in the January issue of Gather magazine. Elaine Michael will also have copies available. Please join us for inspired learning & lively discussion!



## FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER



As of December 12, we have received **\$65,246.70** toward retiring our \$100,000 property project.

**Reminder.** When sending in or dropping off your donations towards this project please use a separate envelope marked Roof/Steeple Project OR a separate check to help the money counters easily keep track of all Roof/Steeple contributions. **IF** you really prefer to use one check, PLEASE write on the memo line the amount that is offering and the amount that is for the roof project. You can also make an electronic donation towards the project directly from your checking account by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Mary to arrange it. Thank you for your prayer filled donations!

## PARISH LIFE

**HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB** – On **Thursday, January 20 at 2 pm** we will meet to discuss *AMERICAN DIRT* by Jeanine Cummins. This is an extraordinary story of the lengths a mother will go to save her son. This is a compelling read – so please join us. Looking ahead in February we will be discussing *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. Contact Joan Schupp at 301-797-7536 for questions.



## WORSHIP

### WORSHIP READINGS

- January 2** Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18
- January 9** Matthew 2: 1-12, Psalm 29, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
- January 16** Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
- January 23** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21
- January 30** Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13,  
Luke 4:21-30

## WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

	<u>Assist. Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	Danny Kiblinger	Melita Kaplan	Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Scott Rhodes
<b>Jan. 9</b>	Terry Trovinger	Austin Suchy	Amy Mason, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Aura Neikirk	Ethan Rhodes	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Susan Strobl
<b>Jan. 23</b>	Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Will Seilhammer
<b>Jan. 30</b>	Danny Kiblinger	Piper Meredith	Kathy Wright, Kim Pile, Scott Rhodes

**Securing the Building in January:** Ken Tice, Kris Fignar

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

**Dear Friends of Holly Place,** on behalf of the residents, staff, and the Board of Directors of Senior Living Alternatives, Inc., I would like to thank you all for the very generous \$172.00 donation to Holly Place. We truly appreciate your continued support! Because of you, we can continue to serve at risk seniors, and provide them a loving, safe, affordable place to call home...

*(All notes in their entirety are posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the restrooms.)*

## **HAVEN BLESSING BOX**



**HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX** – Donations are needed for our Blessings Box. Haven's Blessing Box is intended to function as a small neighborhood pantry, offering items to those who have a need. Primarily, the box contains shelf-stable foods. Here are a few suggestions:

- Tuna or Chicken pouches
- Peanut Butter
- Rice/Pasta/Noodles
- Crackers/Granola
- Cereal/ Oatmeal/Powdered Milk
- Condiments/Oil/Salt & Pepper
- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate/Drink Mixes
- Pancake/Baking Mix/Cake Mix and Icing
- Shelf Stable Microwave Meals
- Dried Fruit

While it is a blessing to donate food to those in need, it is not a blessing to donate unsafe food so PLEASE: **NO** Open, Torn Packages or Partially Used Foods,

**NO** Rusty, Dented, Leaking Bulging, or Unlabeled Cans, **NO** Glass, **NO** Perishable Items, **NO** Out of Date Foods. PLEASE REMEMBER if you wouldn't eat it DO NOT DONATE IT.

The turnover in Heaven's Blessings Box has been remarkable in recent months. Please consider donating to this small but vital ministry. Look for the donation box in the Narthex.

*\*During colder months, please be mindful of containers that could freeze and burst.\**

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Kenneth Myers	01/01
Judy Larson	01/03
Eric Kagle	01/11
Sue Britton	01/12
Bruce Larson	01/14
Ned Strange	01/15
Hannah Tice-Stouffer	01/15
Richard Manspeaker	01/16
Frank Getz	01/17
Abigail Andrews	01/22
Rebecca Mason	01/23
Kathy Pensis	01/26
Donna Hovermill	01/28
James Hassinger	01/29
Kristin Andrews	01/31

### **WEDDING ANIVERSARIES**

Eric & Patricia Byers 01/24



### **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

Jane Muse	01/01	Elaine Michael	01/05
Robert Webb	01/01	Don Andrews	01/06
Jackie Webb	01/01	Austin Suchy	01/25
William Webb	01/01	Morgan Faith	01/26
Grant Wills	01/01	June Hess	01/28
Thelma Wolf	01/01		

If your special day is missing, please contact the church office to update our records. Thank you!



# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>New Year's Day</b>
2 <i>Noisy/Hunger Offering</i> 9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship 10 <sup>45</sup> am God Squad Explorers 11am Adult Sunday School	3 <b>(Office Closed)</b> 6pm Bells 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Property	4 1pm AFG 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Friends in Service	5 10am Bible Study 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir	6 5pm BBBS mtg. 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	7 5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	8
9 9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School 12pm Confirmation	10 6pm Bells 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7pm Worship Team mtg.	11 1pm AFG	12 10am Bible Study 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir	13 5pm BBBS Board mtg. 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	14 5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	15
16 <i>Holly Place Offering</i> 9 <sup>30</sup> am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School 12pm Confirmation	17 <b>M.L.K. Day (Office Closed)</b> 6pm Bells 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Boy Scouts 7pm Barbershop 7 pm Council	18 1pm AFG	19 10am Bible Study 6 <sup>30</sup> pm Cub Scouts 7pm Choir	20 2pm Book Club 5pm BBBS mtg. 6 <sup>30</sup> pm CoDa	21 5 <sup>30</sup> pm AFG	22



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## COMMUNITY NOTES



### Lutheran Disaster Relief Response

On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. Homes and businesses were destroyed, including a candle factory in Mayfield, Ky., where first

responders are still searching for survivors. More than 330,000 people are without electricity across multiple states. The full extent of the damage is expected to become clear in the coming days.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with partners in the affected areas, including the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, to respond to immediate needs. Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany survivors until the response is complete.

#### What you can do:

**Pray:** Please pray for the people who were impacted by the destructive tornadoes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to care for affected communities.

**Give:** Donations made at <https://www.elca.org/disaster>, designated "US Tornadoes," will be used entirely (100%) to assist those affected by tornadoes until

the response is complete. OR write a check to Haven Lutheran Church, putting "Tornado Relief" on the memo line and we will send all donations we receive to the Lutheran Disaster Relief.

**Connect:** To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog <https://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse>
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.



**12th Day of Christmas Bell Concert - January  
5 Wednesday, January 5 at 7 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 15 Radolph Ave.,  
Hagerstown  
(corner of Potomac & Randolph)**

Renowned Capital Carillon handbell choir in the sanctuary - incredible music to celebrate the last day of Christmas. Amazing sound in this acoustically exceptional church! Free and open to the public. For more info call 301-733-2878.



Go For Bold is a community-wide initiative aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles for the residents of Washington County. With a Bold Goal of losing 1 million community pounds by 2030, Groups (i.e. congregations) and individuals are wanted to join this effort and work on better lifestyles. This initiative includes tools needed for bold weight loss, bold nutrition, and bold wellness. If you join as a group, YMCA of Hagerstown can provide you with incentives such as a 3-month gym membership to encourage participation (contact Maria Rubeling at [mariar@ymcahagerstown.org](mailto:mariar@ymcahagerstown.org)). Learn more at [healthywashingtoncounty.com/goforbold](http://healthywashingtoncounty.com/goforbold).

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# BECAUSE WE NEED TO LAUGH



"Got anything else? I gave up carbs."



WHAT DID THE BUFFALO SAY TO HIS SON WHEN HE LEFT FOR COLLEGE?





# Haven Messenger

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