



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in Our Risen Lord.

During this Lententide, all our midweek services will be focused on the gift of the Lord's Supper. We will be doing this through our Lenten series The Salutary Gift. As a part of our focus on the Lord's Supper, I will be starting a practice that I'm unsure whether Messiah has seen before, the Elevation of the Host. Now before you become too upset about a change. We will only be doing this on Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday.

What is the Elevation of the Host? Well, I'm glad you asked. It is the practice of holding up the bread and wine, body and blood of Jesus when the pastor says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." Indeed, the elevation is a powerful moment. I believe Christ even gives us a good reason to do it when he says, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32 ESV).

The practice of elevating the host is not an ancient one; it was introduced during the Middle Ages. However, the tradition was discontinued in Wittenberg shortly after the Reformation. But Dr. Luther wasn't opposed to the custom. In fact, Martin Luther advised keeping the elevation in his service orders of 1523 and 1526. Here's what he said in 1526:

"We do not want to abolish the elevation, but retain it because it goes well with the German Sanctus [see LSB 960] and signifies that Christ has commanded us to remember him. For just as the sacrament is bodily elevated, and yet Christ's body and blood are not seen in it, so he is remembered and elevated by the word of the sermon and is confessed and adored by reception in the sacrament. In each case he is apprehended only by faith; for we cannot see how Christ gives his body and blood for us and even now daily shows and offers

it before God to obtain grace for us" (Luther's Works, vol. 53, p. 82).

Philip Pfatteicher also gives this helpful note in his book, *Manual on the Liturgy*: "The gestures [of elevating the host and the chalice] are not so much to imitate what Jesus did at the Last Supper as to connect his words of promise visually with this bread and this cup" (p. 239).

In our day and age, the elevation with the adoration of the Lord's body and blood is a fine protest against "receptionism" which would teach that our Lord's almighty words do not affect His presence until the bread and wine are bodily tasted. Rather, the Lutheran Symbols, quoting St. John Chrysostom, speak of our Lord's body resting upon all the altars of Christendom! Thus, we kneel before Him to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, and we confess - as Luther says - that though hidden from our eyes, He is present in His body and blood among us, just as He has promised.

I hope this explanation about the Elevation of the Host will enhance your devotion and respect for the great blessings God has shown us in the Supper of His Son. I pray you all of a blessed Lent as we await a glorious Easter.

In HIM,  
- Pastor Mankin

## LENTEN & HOLY WEEK

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** The devotionals for our Lenten series, *The Salutary Gift*, can be picked up from the usher station at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:** This year's Lenten series, the *Salutary Gift*, focuses on the Lord's Supper. The

following services dates and readings for this series is as follows.

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM

“Life-Giving Fruit”

Readings: Genesis 3:1-15; Revelation 22:1-5, 14; Mark 1:9-13

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Midweek I, 7:00 PM

“Bread from Heaven”

Readings: Exodus 16:1-15; John 6:27-35, 48-51

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Midweek II, 7:00 PM

“Healing Medicine”

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:5; Luke 10:25-37

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Midweek III, 7:00 PM

“Blessed Communion”

Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Acts 2:42-47

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Midweek IV, 7:00 PM

“Rest for the Weary”

Readings: Exodus 31:12-18; Matthew 11:27-12:8

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Midweek V, 7:00 PM

“Nuptial Feast”

Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:5; Matthew 22:1-14

**LENTEN DINNER SCHEDULE:** As always, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall before every Lenten service. Sign up slots are still available. We are especially in need of Clean Up volunteers at the end of each meal. If you're not a great cook, this may be an excellent way to serve.

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday with Communion

“Covenant Meal”

Readings: Exodus 24:3-11; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:30 PM

“Sacrificial Banquet”

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service, 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast\*,

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Easter Service, 10:45 AM

“Feast of Victory”

Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

\***Sunday School Easter Presentation during breakfast**

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

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**THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:**

**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please ensure your announcements/articles arrive at the church office by the date above if you would like them in the next Messenger. The Messenger deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month unless there is a holiday. Please place all messages and articles in the office mailbox located in the choir room or email them to [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

**PHOTOGRAPHER ON SITE PALM SUNDAY:** In an effort to update Messiah's media and print materials, a **photographer has been hired on retainer to take new photos of the building and candid shots our congregation on April 9<sup>th</sup>**. She is slated to arrive in between services that Sunday, but you may see her wandering the halls and peeking in to take photos of the Fellowship hour or Sunday School. If you would prefer that you or your children are NOT included in this photo session, arrangements will be made that day.

## **MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH**

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS – Margie Longan**

### Ladies' Guild

Join us for a Sandwich Smorgasbord luncheon on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 pm. All congregational women are cordially invited. Be sure to bring 1½ sandwiches to share and your “mite” money for missions. Please RSVP to Marjorie Longan at 206-525-8131. We hope to see you there!

### Project Day

Looking for another mission opportunity? The next Project Day will be Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch.

### Olympic Zone LWML Spring Joy Shop

Join us Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We start at 1:30 pm with a lunch speaker. Watch out for more information in the April Messenger. Details to come!

## **MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth***

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wedgwood Broiler, located at 8230 35th Ave. NE. Please RSVP to [Brian Danforth](#), 206-363-5654.

## **LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon***

Ladies Night Out will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We are dining at Thai Cottage, 417 Main St in Edmonds. Please RSVP to Bev Edmon, at either (425) 773-3711 or [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com).

**GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE:** From November 2016 to May 2017, the Greeting Card program will be donating 50% of all its proceeds to the Assistance Fund to better address the growing need in our local community. **Afterwards, all proceeds from following sales will revert to their original distribution.** Looking for just the right card? Easter cards are here! Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours today!

## **HUMAN CARE**

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### **DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold***

For the month of January, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 30 razors, 4 shaving creams, and 3 aftershaves. Thank you for your generous donations! In the month of February, we collected baby items, and tallies for these totals are still in process. **In March, we will be collecting women's hygiene supplies.** Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. Updated collection announcements will be in the Sunday collection area.

**NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS:** The State of Washington has a critical need for foster parents. If you are interested, go to: [www.fosteringtogether.org](http://www.fosteringtogether.org).

### **PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – *Dorothy Bellin***

We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers

- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex and place items on the table by the end of March. Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year we assembled 80 Personal Care Kits and LWR sent them to Haiti. If you have questions about this project, please contact Dorothy Bellin.

## **MISSION UPDATES**

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**DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: The 95 Theses, The Temptation of Jesus, Christians, Contraception & the Future of the Family, Jesus & Zacchaeus, Ash Wednesday and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## **CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES**

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### **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

WHAT: "Exodus"  
WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am  
WHERE: Fellowship Hall  
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

### **ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)**

WHAT: Lutheranism 101 began February 11<sup>th</sup>  
WHEN: Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00pm  
WHERE: Room 202/204  
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

WHAT: "Romans"  
WHEN: Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am  
WHERE: Room 202/204  
TEACHER: Jim Grant

### **LUTHERISM 101 NOW AVAILABLE IN AIC:**

There's always something to learn about Lutheranism. Have you heard the phrase "by grace alone, through faith alone, in Scripture alone"? This sometimes is referred to as the battle cry of the Reformation. But where did it come from?

Well, the Reformation rested upon three fundamental principles:

- Our salvation is entirely a gift of grace from God and not our own doing.
- We receive that grace through faith and not by any works we might do.
- The sole norm and rule of all doctrine is the Holy Scriptures.

These principles are referred to as the “three solas”: by grace alone, through faith alone, in Scripture alone. Although the word sola means “alone,” the irony is that the three solas are never alone! They are interconnected. And to these three many writers have added another sola—to Christ alone. As a unit these “Reformation solas” form a concise and useful outline of what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess.

As Lutherans, we desire to grow in our understanding of what we believe, teach, and confess. How can we do this? We attend worship services, Sunday School, and Bible studies. We read and study the Word of God and learn from our pastors and teachers. We explore Luther’s Small Catechism and our Lutheran Confessions and discover how they explain God’s Word to us.

Whether you’re a lifelong Lutheran, a newcomer to the faith, or someone interested in learning what Lutherans believe, *Lutheranism 101* makes core principles simple. With a popular and fun style, easy-to-read articles, charts, and bullet points introduce major theological concepts.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the work of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Colbert	3/1
Tamara Hillmann	3/2
Dave Miller	3/2
Jerry Tiersma	3/3
Addy Clark	3/4
Wolfgang Sousa	3/4
John Stockinger	3/4
Shu Ke White	3/7

Justin Bourn	3/8
Tere Ulland	3/9
Lisa Lindstrom	3/10
Victoria Peterson	3/10
Bart Jenson	3/12
Ron Pearce	3/13
Don Dunavant	3/14
Lilly Strege	3/14
Cameron Miller	3/15
Nikolas Linden	3/19
Marcy Doersch	3/21
Steve Miller	3/23
Andrew Linden	3/25
Stacey Meyer	3/26
Simon Warmbier	3/26
Cole Daigneault	3/27
Laurann Radosevich	3/30

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Dianna Altena	3/1
Kristine Sharpe	3/1
Bob Zimmerman	3/1
Rachel Ferguson	3/3
Nancy Bourn	3/5
Wolfgang Sousa	3/11
Maiya Brotzman	3/12
Claire Daigneault	3/13
Evelyn Adams	3/14
Neil Strege	3/14
David Sousa	3/15
Alex Knudson	3/20
Todd Quammen	3/21
Justin Bourn	3/30
Jim Hewitson	3/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Patricia Boomhower	3/16
Josh & Ellen Adams	3/24

### OFFICIAL ACTS

In January, Rev. Ernie and Kathy Lassman transferred to Shepherd of the Hills in Maltby, WA. They will be missed.

In February, we officially welcomed the following new members to our congregation: Daniel and Heather Heineking, Todd and Angela Germeroth, Barbara Fruhling, and Lauren Liseth. Please give them a warm welcome.

# March 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1 LENT BEGINS</b> 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm ASH WED SERVICE	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Ensemble 7:30 pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Lutheranism 101 2:30 pm Organ lesson
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Youth Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild meeting 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten I Service	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Ensemble 7:30 pm Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Lutheranism 101 2:30 pm Organ lesson
<b>12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten II Service	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Ensemble 7:30 pm Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Lutheranism 101 2:30 pm Organ lesson
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>20</b> MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>22</b> 9:30 – 1:00 pm LWML Project Day 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten III Service	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Lutheranism 101 2:30 pm Organ lesson
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm Lenten dinner 7:00 pm Lenten IV Service	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	<b>31</b>	

## MARCH SCHEDULE

*If you would like to fill an **OPEN** spot, please call the church office at 206.524.0024. Please note Lenten services are listed separately at the bottom of the page.*

### ACOLYTES

**8:00 am**

- 5 Destiny Schy
- 12 Tanner Clark
- 19 Lena Witt
- 26 Destiny Schy

**10:45 am**

- Kelly Knudson
- Alexander Peterson
- Cameron Miller
- Noah Hughes

### USHERS

**8:00 am**

- 5 Harry Edmon
- 12 Lee Cohrs
- 19 Jim Hewitson
- 26 Jim Mendes

**10:45 am**

- Steve Miller
- Dave Paeth
- Curt Colbert
- Dan Lassman

### GREETERS

**8:00 am Upstairs**

- 5 Prem Robert & Terry King
- 12 Sharon Christiansen
- 19 Jim & Sue Hewitson
- 26 Frieda Johnson

**8:00 am Downstairs**

- Robin Melvin
- OPEN**
- Larry & Nancy Bourn
- OPEN**

**10:45 am Upstairs**

- Prem Robert & Maya Martin
- Sharon Christiansen
- Jim & Sue Hewitson
- Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre

**10:45 am Downstairs**

- Dan Lassman
- Dorothy Bellin
- Ann Melvin
- Sharon Christiansen

### READERS

**8:00 am**

- 5 Robin Melvin
- 12 Lee Cohrs
- 19 Harry Edmon
- 26 Albert Lirhus

**10:45 am**

- Neil Strege
- Sue Hewitson
- Dan Lassman
- Curt & Stephanie Colbert

### TRANSPORTATION

- 5 Sharon Christiansen
- 12 Joanne Warner
- 19 Doug Hansen
- 26 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- 5 Pastor Mankin
- 12 Lee Cohrs
- 19 Pastor Mankin
- 26 Pastor Mankin

### ELDERS

**8:00 am**

- 5 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
- 12 Lee Cohrs / Jim Smith
- 19 Jim Smith / Andrew Petro
- 26 Andrew Petro / Robin Melvin

**10:45 am**

- Doug Hansen / Michael Boomhower
- Jim Grant / Josh Pemberton
- Michael Boomhower / Doug Hansen
- Rich Blomquist / David Miller



### ALTAR GUILD

- 5 Stephanie Colbert, Dianna Altena, June Scott
- 12 Cheryl Taylor, Dianna Altena, Jean Mindemann
- 19 Cheryl Taylor, Jean Mindemann
- 26 Joyce Lucas, Joanne Estergreen

<u>LENTEN SERVICES</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
	1 Olivia Lueck	1 Cheryl Gagne	1 Lee Cohrs
	8 Will Strege	8 Jean Mindemann	8 Jim Hewitson
	15 Cameron Petro	15 Jean Mindemann	15 Steve Miller
	22 Cameron Miller	22 Jean Mindemann	22 Dave Paeth
	29 Will Strege	29 Jean Mindemann	29 Curt Colbert

This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is led by **LUTHERAN MINISTRY SERVICES NORTHWEST (LMSN)**, a recognized social ministry organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a member of Lutheran Services in America.

**Northwest Reformation 500** is supported directly by Lutheran congregations and members across the Puget Sound Region and, in part, by a grant from the LCMS, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and Thrivent Financial Foundation. Discussions are underway with corporate sponsors.



*This declaration ... is our faith, doctrine, and confession. By God's grace, with intrepid hearts, we are willing to appear before the judgment seat of Christ with this confession.*

—Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XII 40



# REFORMATION 2017 *It's Still* All About Jesus

## THE VISION

2,500+ Lutherans and fellow Christians joining for a large-scale afternoon celebration event to include inspiring worship, impactful service, and engaging fellowship.

**WHAT:** Northwest Reformation 500

**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 (afternoon time TBA)

**WHERE:** Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

*More information about the Northwest Reformation 500 festival worship service, including how to volunteer your time and talents, is coming in Spring 2017.*

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### **Sunday Schedule**

Divine Service at 8:00 am & 10:45am

Christian Education at 9:30 am

Catechism at 12:00 pm

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