



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD. This phrase was posted on a sign that my father would read aloud to us every Sunday as we left the church parking lot in Liberty Missouri. Every Sunday I would hear that and take it to heart. In fact, my father had to come to my school one time and explain why I was baptizing the other kids on the playground.

However, over the proceeding years this missionary zeal that I had as a five-year-old began to fade. I became more interested in fitting in with everyone than sharing the Good News of Jesus with them. I had begun to forget about that sign and separate my church and public life. However, recently in a conversation with one of our members, we were reminiscing about that those old parking lot signs, and it got me to thinking.

The sentiment of my father's sign is just as true today, maybe even more so! The United States rapidly becomes one of the largest mission fields in the world, and Seattle is at the forefront of this movement. Indeed, each and every week I'm sure that you come in contact with many who need to know the saving and healing message of Jesus Christ.

Now, the thought of witnessing about Jesus may make you nervous. Especially after generations of door knocking Christians shoving that loaded question, "If you were to die tonight?" in people's faces, it is understandable that you might be uncomfortable with evangelism and witnessing. However, this in-your-face method of witnessing is not the only way to share the hope that fills us. Personally, I do not think it would even work in this day and age.

However, witnessing does not need to send you into cold sweats, and there are several key points to remember that may help. The first and most important thing to remember is that the spreading of the faith isn't about you. People are not going to believe or reject the faith based on what you say to them. Faith is a product of the Holy Spirit alone. All you are called to do is share the hope that you have in Jesus, the hope of forgiveness and reconciliation with God, and the promise of eternal life. Then let the Holy Spirit do the rest. You do not need them to drop to their knees and believe that very moment because that is not the way faith works. It is like a seed, which has to take root and grow. Your job is to be reckless with the spreading of that seed, scattering whenever God gives you the opportunity.

The second, thing to remember is, God who gives you the opportunity to spread the Word. In your many and varied vocations God has given you to do, He has also given your opportunities to share your faith. Think about your place in life, are you a mother or father? God has given you one of the greatest opportunities to share your faith, by bringing you children up in the fear, love, and trust of the LORD. At your job, is there a coworker suffering from a loss? Can you share with them that there is more to life than this world? Sometimes you don't even need to talk with someone about your faith. Rather you simply need to live a God-pleasing life, and they will desire to know how you can be so confident and cheerful in a world like this one. Often just loving your neighbor as Christ has loved you is enough to get things started.

So I guess the best thing I can tell you is that you are now entering the mission field. In fact, you already have been in it for some time. So rejoice in the knowledge that God is giving you such a great opportunity to spread his love.

In HIM,  
– Pastor Mankin

## FROM THE TREASURER

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### ASSISTANCE FUND

Messiah has a designated Assistance Fund. This fund is used at the discretion of the Pastor to help people in need inside and outside of the congregation. For example, this fund is used to pay for Safeway gift cards to give out to people who stop by the church and need help buying food. The balance of the fund is currently low. Please consider contributing to the Assistance Fund over and above your usual offerings to the church. Just note on your check or envelope that the offering is for the Assistance Fund. If you have any questions on the operation of this fund please contact the Treasurer, Harry Edmon.

## FROM THE OFFICE

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### THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

**June 19<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).

**RADIOING FOR BACKUP:** The Office is looking for an individual to act as backup support in producing our Sunday print materials in case Rachel is out-of-town or out sick. Are you reliably available for 4 hours on Fridays? Are you minimally comfortable with MS Word and Excel? Are you ready for the whirlwind excitement that comes from going to print on a deadline? Then contact the Office! We'd love to hear from you.

## THE LUTHER ROSE WINDOW

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**BY BEV EDMON**

Messiah's Luther Rose window, crafted by Bev Edmon, was installed for Palm Sunday on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The blue, gold, and green antique glass was handed down to Bev Edmon by two other glass artists from Messiah- Marion Reese and John Viets. The

window has become a focal point when entering the narthex through the front doors and can be seen from the back of the building overlooking the neighborhood. The Luther Rose is one of the oldest symbols of the Lutheran Church. Martin Luther designed the seal to authenticate his correspondence. Printed below is a letter to Lazarus Spengler—July 8, 1530.

“From Dr. Martin Luther at Coburg Castle

Grace and peace in Christ!

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend! Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology. There is first to be a cross, black and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color [red], so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For if one believes from the heart he will be justified. Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature; that is, the cross does not kill but keeps man alive. For the just man lives by faith, but by faith in the Crucified One. Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace; in a word it places the believer into a white joyful rose; for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives and, therefore, the rose is to be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all the angels. Such a rose is to be in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy; it is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that in heaven such blessedness lasts forever and has no end, and in addition is precious beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen.”

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

The next Men's Night Out will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Jalisco, located at 12336 31st Ave. NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

**GROUNDS WORK PARTY:** The second work party of the year will be on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 9:30 am. If you can spare 1-2 hours to help groom the premises, please come! It will be noticed and appreciated. The main objectives will be weeding and raking; bring your own weeding tools. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Leary at 425-640-7036 or by email at [learym@frontier.com](mailto:learym@frontier.com).

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

The next Ladies' Night Out will be scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, location to be determined. Please check the bulletin for further details as we get closer to the date. RSVP to Bev Edmon, [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com) or (425) 773-3711. As always, if you forget to RSVP, come anyway! We can always add another chair. All ladies are warmly encouraged to attend.

**GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE:** Looking for just the right card? Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours today!

**THE SCHOOL YEAR IS HEADING TO A CLOSE:** If you have a child graduating soon, please contact Rachel in the office, at [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org), so that they can be added to the Graduation Roll.

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE! CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS!** Planning for this year's VBS is beginning and we need your help! VBS will take place July 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> with an evening format again. A simple dinner will be served from 6:00 – 6:30 pm, and then the VBS program will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This year's theme will be, "A Mighty Fortress – In Jesus, the Victory is Won!" There will be many needs – craft leader, lesson leader, music leader, meal preparation and serving, game leader, group leaders, assist with decorating. Whatever your interest or skills, we'll have a place for you!! VBS can be a wonderful evangelism event for our church, but we need your help to make it happen! Please contact Lisa Lindstrom to sign-up as a

volunteer: 206-491-9849 or [lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com).

**LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWALS:** Looking to renew your magazine subscription to *Lutheran Witness*? Renewal information is finally in! The 2017 price is \$15.96 for the NW District, and as always, September is the first issue. If you would like to start a subscription or renew yours from last year, please place your payment in an envelope marked *Lutheran Witness*. All payments must be collected before the end of June, so please send your payment in today!

## HUMAN CARE

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

For the month of **April**, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 36 razors, 8 shaving creams, and 4 aftershaves. Thank you for your generous donations. In the month of **May**, we collected baby items and tallies for these totals are still in process. **In June, we will be collecting toothpastes, toothbrushes and hand/body lotions.** 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).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – *Sharon Christiansen***

I am welcoming pillowcase donations and seeking volunteers to machine sew and/or hand stitch accessories. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated. Written instructions are on the notice wall. Please leave pillowcase donations in basket at notice table. I have big shoes to fill following Bev Edmon and Kathy Lassman. Thank you. Sharon Christiansen, 2016-362-6774 [schonau@comcast.net](mailto:schonau@comcast.net).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY:** Save the date for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Messiah will be taking a group to help on a Habitat for Humanity construction project. We have committed to providing ten people. If you are interested and for more information contact Robin Melvin, [robinmelvin@comcast.net](mailto:robinmelvin@comcast.net) or (206)526-7161.

## FELLOWSHIP

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**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS:** The Maintenance Committee would like to express their warm thanks and appreciation to the following 19 volunteers who so graciously offered their time and talents in the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. Special thanks to: **Bob Zimmerman, Sue Hewitson, Bev Edmon, Margaret and James Leary, Peter Boomhower, Doug Hansen, Jim Hewitson, Jean Mindemann, Nate Schaub, Steve Miller, Josh Pemberton, Dorothy, Harry Edmon, Bob Solum, Trevor Mankin, Justin Bourn, Sharon Christiansen, Kathy Lassman.** A very big thank you to you all!

**MEMBER IN WITTENBERG:** This summer, from June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017-July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mary Branom will be working as a volunteer in Wittenberg, Germany, assisting with the celebrations in Wittenberg that will be commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Her duties will include assisting and touring around town visitors from all over the world expected for the various celebrations. In particular, she will accompany guests to the Luther Garden, near the town square, designed to be a living monument to the spirit of the Reformation. All summer long there are activities planned in Wittenberg to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther, and the impacts that the Reformation has had on the Christian faith and many other aspects of Western culture and civilization. Mary will participate in special church services and ceremonies, and will offer translation services throughout her stay in Wittenberg. She will be living in the Colleg Wittenberg, the Old Latin School of Wittenberg, which was renovated by the LCMS to serve as a guesthouse for the many international visitors who come to Wittenberg to study and research the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation. If you have a trip to Germany planned for this summer, be sure to stop by to say 'Hi,' and to visit the momentous sites of Martin Luther's life and of the Reformation--Wittenberg, Germany.

**SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC POSTPONED:** *Faith & Family Night* with the Seattle Sounders FC has been postponed until sometime this September. Further details will be posted as we receive them. Stay tuned!

**MESSIAH GOES CAMPING:** We have reserved Valley Camp by North Bend for a weekend of camping August 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. There are spaces for tents,

RVs, and the lodge for those who like to enjoy the outdoors but don't camp. There is a brochure available in the narthex giving a description and prices. Contact Jean Mindemann if you have any questions. To reserve your place, please submit a check payable to Messiah with Valley Camp in the memo. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Education Wing hallway.

## CURRENT & UPCOMING 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 beginning September  
WHEN: TBD  
WHERE: Room 202/204  
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Jan Hillman	6/1
Robert Denis	6/4
Roman Teuscher	6/6
Jim Hewitson	6/7
Zoe Anderson	6/9
James Bourn	6/9
Bill Homann	6/11
Lynn Knudson	6/14
Stephanie Colbert	6/16
Dan Frank	6/16
Katie Kohring	6/16
Jill Petro	6/16
Jim Mendes	6/18
Earl Bell	6/19
John Daigneault	6/19
Irma Guthrie	6/23
George Totten	6/26
Rebecca Cohrs	6/27

Mike Davis	6/27
Marsha Hudson	6/28
Jennifer Mueller	6/28
John Putsch	6/28
Fumiko Schaub	6/28

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Bob Lucas	6/1
Curt Colbert	6/3
Sandy Grant	6/4
Kent Questad	6/8
Leslie Miller	6/9
Beth Stockinger	6/10
Don Dunavant	6/11
Rebecca Melvin	6/11
Jan Grant	6/12
Pyper Cox	6/13
Joanne Estergreen	6/15
Gloria Schy	6/15
Fu Bi White	6/17
Michael Hudson	6/22
Owen Petro	6/22
David Adams	6/24
Josh Adams	6/24
Jim Mendes	6/25
Dan Frank	6/27
Laura Estergreen	6/28
Misty Frank	6/28

### ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Rachel Ferguson	6/8
John & Nancy Daigneault	6/9
Barbara & Gene Sackett	6/19
Bob & Irma Guthrie	6/27
Chris & Laura Allen	6/30

### OFFICIAL ACTS

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we said farewell to Jim and Karen Smith. They are moving to Florida to be closer to family. They will be missed. God's blessings to them in their new home.

### DAILY READINGS FOR JUNE

You may have noticed the inclusion of weekly recommended readings at the back of our Sunday bulletins. Just in case you have to miss an upcoming Sunday in June, all have been gathered here for your convenience.

**June 1:** Num. 16:41–17:13; Luke 20:1–18;  
**2:** Num. 20:1–21; Luke 20:19–44;  
**3:** Num. 20:22–21:9; Luke 20:45–21:19.

**June 4:** Num. 21:10–35; Luke 21:20–38;  
**5:** Num. 22:1–20; Luke 22:1–23;  
**6:** Num. 22:21–23:3; Luke 22:24–46;  
**7:** Num. 23:4–28; Luke 22:47–71;  
**8:** Num. 24:1–25; Luke 23:1–25;  
**9:** Num. 27:12–23; Luke 23:26–56;  
**10:** Num. 32:1–6, 16–27; Luke 24:1–27.

**June 11:** Num. 35:9–30; Luke 24:28–53;  
**12:** Prov. 10:1–23; John 14:1–17;  
**13:** Prov. 13:1–25; John 14:18–31;  
**14:** Prov. 14:1–27; John 15:1–11;  
**15:** Prov. 15:1–29; John 15:12–27;  
**16:** Prov. 16:1–24; John 16:1–16;  
**17:** Prov. 17:1–28; John 16:17–33.

**June 18:** Prov. 20:5–25; John 17:1–26;  
**19:** Prov. 22:1–21; John 18:1–14;  
**20:** Prov. 22:22–23:12; John 18:15–40;  
**21:** Prov. 24:1–22; John 19:1–22;  
**22:** Prov. 25:1–22; John 19:23–42;  
**23:** Prov. 27:1–24; John 20:1–18;  
**24:** Prov. 30:1–9, 18–33; John 20:19–31.

**June 25:** Prov. 31:10–31; John 21:1–25;  
**26:** Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 8:1–25;  
**27:** Joshua 2:1–24; Acts 8:26–40;  
**28:** Joshua 3:1–17; Acts 9:1–22;  
**29:** Joshua 4:1–24; Acts 9:23–43;  
**30:** Joshua 5:1–6:5; Acts 10:1–17;

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# June 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 PENTECOST</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Organ Lesson	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Grounds Work Party
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## JUNE SCHEDULE

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*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

- 4 Destiny Schy
- 11 Lena Witt
- 18 Destiny Schy
- 25 Lena Witt

10:45 am

- Alexander Peterson
- Cameron Miller
- Will Strege
- Olivia Peterson

### USHERS

8:00 am

- 4 Harry Edmon
- 11 Lee Cohrs
- 18 Jim Hewitson
- 25 Jim Mendes

10:45 am

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

### GREETERS

8:00 am Upstairs

- 4 Prem Robert & Terry King
- 11 Sharon Christiansen
- 18 Jim & Sue Hewitson
- 25 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

- 4 Robin Melvin
- 11 Lee Cohrs
- 18 Harry Edmon
- 25 Albert Lirhus

10:45 am

- Curt/Stephanie Colbert
- Dave Miller
- Neil Strege
- Sue Hewitson

### TRANSPORTATION

- 4 Sharon Christiansen
- 11 Joanne Warner
- 18 Doug Hansen
- 25 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- 4 Lee Cohrs
- 11 Pastor Mankin
- 18 Jill Petro
- 25 Lee Cohrs

### ELDERS

8:00 am

- 4 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
- 11 Lee Cohrs / Robin Melvin
- 18 Lee Cohrs / Andrew Petro
- 25 Andrew Petro / Robin Melvin

10:45 am

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

### ALTAR GUILD

- 4 Sharon Christiansen, June Scott
- 11 Joyce Lucas, Dianna Altena
- 18 Joanne Estergreen, Dianna Altena
- 25 Joanne Estergreen, Stephanie Colbert

### FLOWER FUND

- 4 Flower Fund
- 11 Joan Miller
- 18 **OPEN**
- 25 Delores Cohrs



## *Festival Worship Service*

Worship will be a highlight of the celebration. Rev. Dr. William Weinrich, Professor of Historical Theology and Coordinator of Military Chaplaincy at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., will preach at the Northwest Reformation 500 festival worship service.



An energetic and engaging speaker, Dr. Weinrich brings both an accomplished academic career and a dynamic ability to reach people in everyday language. His message will energize you to share the Reformation legacy of Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone as you reach out in your community. Rev. Paul Linnemann, President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will serve as presiding minister at the service, leading us in prayer and praise. Kyle Haugen, M.S.M., from Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash., is already serving as artistic director to help plan the festival worship service and will direct vocal and instrumental ensembles.



# 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 2:30 p.m. (doors open with exhibits for all ages and fellowship) 4:30 p.m. (festival worship)

**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.*