



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

November is here *already*? How did this happen? Summer just started and now it's almost Thanksgiving. Then of course, before you know it, it'll be Christmas and New Years and so on and so on. It is all too much!

Yes, this time of year can seem overwhelming with all of the events and parties. Family coming from out-of-town, who just won't leave, and kids out of school. Too much food, not enough sleep, most of the time because we are so busy trying to make everything perfect. Well, relax! You are not perfect, but thankfully, the Holiday Season is about the One who is perfect, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It can be very easy with all of our busy-ness and work to overlook what is truly important. It is not finding the perfect present, but receiving the perfect present, Jesus. So this year let's step back from the overwhelming abyss that has become the Holidays. Who cares if you don't have 3 kinds of stuffing? So what if the kids open their presents in January? Most of them can't read a calendar. Instead, use these Holidays as an opportunity to grow in your faith, and to strengthen your family in the knowledge of God's eternal love.

This November we have some awesome opportunities to do just that at Messiah.

1. November 4th: Please join us for an in-depth look at starting a Lutherans for Life Chapter at Messiah.
2. November 5th: We will have a Guest Pastor, the Reverend Doctor Quill from the Fort Wayne Seminary, here to share with us the seminaries International educational efforts.

- 2.5 November 17th: Baby Mankin will be born.
3. November 19th: During the education hour we will hear a presentation from Mary Branom about her time in Germany this last summer leading up to the reformation
4. November 23rd: Our Thanksgiving Service will be held at 9:30 am.
5. November 29th: Advent begins with our first midweek service at 7:00 pm. This year the theme for Advent this year will be Savior of the Nations.

I hope you can take the time to step back and join us for the real reason for all Seasons. Amen.

In HIM,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Annual Congregational Meeting – Neil Strege

Each year Messiah gathers for an annual meeting to adopt a budget and elect officers. This year, that meeting will take place on November 19th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to adopting a budget and electing officers, we will discuss the progress being made with our mission in Moscow, the wonderful things happening at Concordia Lutheran School and potential changes to our worship schedule. These are important topics affecting our congregation and our work together in Christ. I hope that as many members as are able will join us on November 19th!

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

November 20th, 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 3rd 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.

NEED TO RESHOOT YOUR PHOTO FOR THE DIRECTORY? Please contact the office to let us know which Fellowship Hour you are able to attend and we'll ensure that the camera equipment is set up for your picture taking.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We're looking for a handful of volunteers to add into our rotation for the last half of 2017. **Only available one service? No problem!** Contact the office with your interest and availability today!

LATE SERVICE USHERS NEEDED! We're looking for one or two volunteers to add into our rotation for the late service. Looking for a way to better serve? Contact the office today!

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

Ladies' Guild

The next luncheon will be Wednesday, November 8th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We're having a soup pot party! Please bring your favorite 1½ cups of cooked veggies and your "mites for missions" money. The members will be looking forward to your joining them for lunch! All ladies of Messiah are cordially invited to attend!

Project Day

The next quilting day will be Wednesday, November 15th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please be sure to bring your own sack lunch! All Messiah ladies are welcome to join in.

LWML "Mite Box" Donations Thank You!

Thank you to all the congregation members who participate in giving monies for LWML's Mission Mites through their Mite Boxes. This money is sent to both the Washington-Alaska District and the National LWML for their mission grants.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!"

Congregational Thanksgiving Food Shower

Mark your calendars now! The deadline for bringing your food donations to church is Sunday, November 5th. A display of the donations will be out in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 12th. All donated items will be taken to the Lake City Food Bank after November 5th for distribution before Thanksgiving. Start collecting your food items now! Bring them to church after November 15th. We will especially be looking for the following items:

Rice	Pasta	Soups
Canned Fruit	Tuna Fish	Chili
Spaghetti	Peanut Butter	Flour
Sugar	Cold Cereals	Juices
Canned Vegetables		

CHOIR & ENSEMBLE – Monica Berndt

We are still looking for people who are interested in joining the choir and ensemble for this coming season. It's not too late to join, and we would love to have you. Choir meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm and ensemble meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Bring your Sunday morning voice or the instrument you haven't touched since high school and come join us for some fun music making! Contact Monica Berndt at acinomtdnreb@gmail.com (Monica Berndt backwards) if you are interested or wish to learn more about the groups.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – David Sousa

Be a Gospel-motivated voice For Life! As mentioned during our most recent Fellowship Hour, we are starting a new Lutherans For Life (LFL) mission at Messiah by establishing a LFL "Life Team" here. LFL seeks to have every Lutheran congregation uphold the God-given value of human life and to influence society to do the same. What, you may ask, is central to the LFL mission? At the heart of Lutherans For Life is Good News - Good News that brings hope to a culture so focused on death. Abortion destroys nearly 3,000 children every day in our country; imposed death through assisted suicide and euthanasia threatens to destroy our elderly and disabled with or without their permission; bio-technologies such as embryonic stem cell research, cloning, genetic manipulation, etc - can challenge God's Authorship and Lordship of life. But what can we, as individuals, do? As Lutherans, we need to take a stand with God's Word of Law and call wrong things wrong while also sharing God's Word of

Gospel, the Good News of life in Jesus Christ, so people will know they have someone they can trust in every situation - someone to turn to for hope and healing when mistakes are made. A Life Team can help us accomplish this vital mission.

On Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 - 11:00 am, we will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall introducing more fully the LFL mission and what a LFL "Life Team" is and does. This is an informational meeting for those considering the possibility of joining our new Life Team, during which you can learn more about becoming a Life Team member (this will be an exploratory event - no commitment required!) For more information, you may contact Messiah's Life Team Leader, David Sousa, at lfl@messiahseattle.org, or for more general information about the national LFL you can visit www.lutheransforlife.org.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

The next Men's Night Out will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 6th at Scott's Bar and Grill, located at 8115 Lake Ballinger Way in Edmonds. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – *Cheryl Taylor*

Monday, November 6th, 7:00 pm, join us for January-June planning and discussion. We are inviting new team members for this rewarding ministry, so please prayerfully consider it and join us at this meeting to learn more about what we do! Many of us feel like it's an honor to take part in worship this way. Currently we serve about 10-12 Sundays per year, with some bonus opportunities during Lent and Advent. Tasks include preparations for communion and baptisms, changing altar paraments, and keeping an eye on robes, candles, and flowers. We serve with a partner every weekend so it goes very quickly. You can join us as an individual or a couple, all men and women welcome. Let us know if you have any questions! - (cat1596@gmail.com; 206-782-5734)

FALL CLEAN UP DAY: will be Saturday, November 11th, from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. We will be working outdoors raking up leaves and pine needles, weeding, pruning and doing general cleanup around the church. Bring pruners, rakes, brooms, gloves, etc.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon*

Ladies of all ages, join us for Ladies' Night Out on Monday, November 20th at 6:00 pm for dinner at a

location that we're still deciding on. You can meet new people and hang out with old friends. RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com, (425) 773-3711.

NATIVITY EXHIBIT NW: This year Messiah will be hosting a nativity exhibition in the Fellowship Hall from Friday, December 1st through Sunday, December 3rd. The exhibit features over 500 nativities from 115 countries. Admission is free, but the organizers are in need of volunteers to help with unpacking, skirting, set up, greeting, manning and taking down the event. Interested in helping out? Contact Leslie Argo at nativityexhibitnw@gmail.com or 206-383-5718.

SANTA PHOTOS AT MESSIAH: Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 pm, Santa Claus will be making a very special stop at Messiah this year! As part as a community outreach, Messiah will be offering a free photo with Santa, so don't forget to bring your little ones down that afternoon!

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT HOLIDAY CARD?

Look no further! Thanksgiving cards have been stocked in the Narthex. Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours today!

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You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: The Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," The Struggle for Confessional Lutheran Identity in America, Obscure Lutheran Reformers, Apostolic Succession, Jeremiah & God's New Covenant and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

HUMAN CARE

DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

For the month of **September**, we collected the following items: 7 razors, 7 aftershaves, 7 shaving creams, 5 bars of men's soaps. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need through Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center! In the month of **October**, we collected baby items. The tallies for these totals are still in process. **In November, we will be**

collecting women's hygiene supplies & liquid body soaps. 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.

FELLOWSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Fellowship Committee is excited over the upcoming events in the next year. We are working on a family movie night, progressive dinner, ice cream social, Sounders and Mariners games, a trip to the Tulip Festival, a hike in Discovery Park, a game night and of course a weekend of camping at Valley Camp in August. We are always in need of volunteers for each event and would love to have your suggestions of things to do. Contact Jean Mindemann, Ann/Robin Melvin, or Sara Zimmerman if you have any questions.



This year's festival will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 5:00 pm. Join us for good food, games and entertainment. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Brats, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert. We will need donations for the Cake Walk. Sign-up sheets workers, cakes, desserts and salads will be in the upstairs hallway. Contact Sara Zimmerman if you have any questions, sarabob99@comcast.net.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: "Lutheran Practice & Doctrine Today"
 WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)

WHAT: New Members Class
 WHEN: Saturdays, 1:00 pm
 WHERE: Room 202/204
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: "Law & Gospel" by C.F. Walther
 WHEN: Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am
 WHERE: Room 202/204
 TEACHER: Jim Grant

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/1
Tanner Clark	11/2
Robin Danforth	11/2
Sarah Lorse	11/4
Dusty Sholdt	11/6
Maya Martin	11/7
Barbara Fruhling	11/9
Alex Paeth	11/10
Andy Lueck	11/12
Von Messmer	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Sarah Jorgensen	11/15
Louise Daigneault	11/17
Shannon Johnson	11/17
Layla Stockinger	11/18
Nancy Daigneault	11/19
Shelbey Davis	11/19
Douglas Eyre	11/19
Isaac White	11/20
Elizabeth Cohrs	11/21
Jordan Jenson	11/21
Curt Lassman	11/21
Lisa Mankin	11/21
Megan Hillmann	11/22
Brynn Hendrickson	11/23
Lydia Miller	11/23
Brian Reid	11/29
Natalie Colbert	11/30

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/1
Martha Weiss	11/1
Sara Zimmerman	11/1

Miller Littke	11/2
Vera Littke	11/2
Kristin Hillmann	11/4
Marie Hurlbut	11/7
Kristin Hillmann	11/8
Margaret Mankin	11/9
Jonathon Krenz	11/11
Zoe Anderson	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Will Strege	11/14
Robin Danforth	11/15
Heather Sousa	11/15
Henry Davis	11/17
Liam Davis	11/17
Tanner Clark	11/18
Theo Petro	11/18
Allison Danforth	11/19
Mike Hillmann	11/22
Jordan Jenson	11/22
Sarah Lorse	11/25
Kimi Janssen	11/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & June Scott	11/11
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OFFICIAL ACTS

On October 1st, Milt Sholdt returned home to our heavenly Father. Blessed are the saints who die in the Lord.

On October 5th, Andrew and Rachel Ferguson transferred to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hampshire, UK.

DAILY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

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 November, all have been gathered here for your convenience.

November 1: Deut. 34:1–12; Matt. 21:1–22;

2: Jer. 1:1–19; Matt. 21:23–46;

3: Jer. 3:6–4:2; Matt. 22:1–22;

4: Jer. 5:1–19; Matt. 22:23–46.

November 5: Jer. 7:1–29; Matt. 23:1–12;

6: Jer. 8:18–9:12; Matt. 23:13–39;

7: Jer. 11:1–23; Matt. 24:1–28;

8: Jer. 20:1–18; Matt. 24:29–51;

9: Jer. 22:1–23; Matt. 25:1–13;

10: Jer. 23:1–20; Matt. 25:14–30;

11: Jer. 23:21–40; Matt. 25:31–46.

November 12: Jer. 25:1–18; Matt. 26:1–19;

13: Jer. 26:1–19; Matt. 26:20–35;

14: Jer. 29:1–19; Matt. 26:36–56;

15: Jer. 30:1–24; Matt. 26:57–75;

16: Jer. 31:1–17, 23–34; Matt. 27:1–10;

17: Jer. 33:1–22; Matt. 27:11–32;

18: Jer. 37:1–21; Matt. 27:33–56.

November 19: Jer. 38:1–28; Matt. 27:57–66;

20: Dan. 1:1–21; Matt. 28:1–20;

21: Dan. 2:1–23; Rev. 18:1–24;

22: Dan. 2:24–49; Rev. 19:1–21;

23: Dan. 3:1–30; Rev. 20:1–15;

24: Dan. 4:1–37; Rev. 21:1–8;

25: Dan. 5:1–30; Rev. 21:9–27.

November 26: Dan. 6:1–28; Rev. 22:1–21;

27: Is. 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12;

28: Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25;

29: Is. 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12;

30: Is. 6:1–7:9; 1 Peter 2:13–25;

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17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17 ESV

November 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 7:00 pm Ensemble	2 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	3	4 10:00 am Lutherans for Life 1:00 pm AIC 5:00pm Harvest Festival
5 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Confirmation FOOD SHOWER DEADLINE!	6 6:00 pm Men's Night Out 7:00 pm Altar Guild Semi- Annual Mtg	7 7:00 pm Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	8 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	9 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	10 VETERANS DAY Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.	11 9:00 am Fall Clean Up Day 1:00 pm AIC
12 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Confirmation	13	14 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	15 7:00 pm Ensemble 9:30 am Project Day	16 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	17	18 1:00 pm AIC
19 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm ANNUAL CONGREGATION MTG	20 MESSENGER DEADLINE 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out	21 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY 9:30 am Matins Service Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.	24	25 1:00 pm AIC
26 LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Confirmation	27	28 7:00 pm Elders meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	29 9:30 am Nativity Exhibit NW set up 6:00 pm Advent Dinners 7:00 pm Advent Midweek	30 9:30 am Nativity Exhibit NW set up 10:30 am Bible Study		

NOVEMBER 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

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>5 Destiny Schy</p> <p>12 Lena Witt</p> <p>19 <i>volunteer</i></p> <p>23 <i>volunteer (Thanksgiving Day Matins)</i></p> <p>26 Destiny Schy</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p><i>volunteer</i></p> <p>Noah Hughes</p> <p>Will Strege</p> <p>Cameron Miller</p>
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USHERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>5 Harry Edmon</p> <p>12 Lee Cohrs</p> <p>19 Jim Hewitson</p> <p>23 Harry Edmon (<i>Thanksgiving Day Matins</i>)</p> <p>26 Jim Mendes</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Steve Miller</p> <p>Dave Paeth</p> <p>Curt Colbert</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p>
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GREETERS

<p>8:00 am Upstairs</p> <p>5 Prem Robert & Terry King</p> <p>12 Sharon Christiansen</p> <p>19 Jim & Sue Hewitson</p> <p>26 Frieda Johnson</p>	<p>8:00 am Downstairs</p> <p>Robin Melvin</p> <p>OPEN</p> <p>Larry & Nancy Bourn</p> <p>OPEN</p>	<p>10:45 am Upstairs</p> <p>Prem Robert & Maya Martin</p> <p>Sharon Christiansen</p> <p>Jim & Sue Hewitson</p> <p>Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre</p>	<p>10:45 am Downstairs</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p> <p>Dorothy Bellin</p> <p>Ann Melvin</p> <p>Sharon Christiansen</p>
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READERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>5 Albert Lirhus</p> <p>12 Shelley Tennant</p> <p>19 Robin Melvin</p> <p>26 Lee Cohrs</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p> <p>Curt & Stephanie Colbert</p> <p>Dave Miller</p> <p>Neil Strege</p>
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TRANSPORTATION

5 Sharon Christiansen

12 Joanne Warner

19 **OPEN**

26 Jane Krueger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

5 Pastor Mankin

12 Jill Petro

19 Lee Cohrs

26 Pastor Mankin

ELDERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>5 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs</p> <p>12 Lee Cohrs / Andrew Petro</p> <p>19 Andrew Petro / Mike Boomhower</p> <p>26 Mike Boomhower / Lee Cohrs</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Josh Pemberton / Rich Blomquist</p> <p>David Miller / Jim Grant</p> <p>Rich Blomquist / David Miller</p> <p>Josh Pemberton / Jim Grant</p>
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ALTAR GUILD

5 Cheryl Gagne, Cheryl Taylor

12 Cheryl Gagne, Cheryl Taylor

19 Cheryl Gagne, Cheryl Taylor

23 Sharon Christiansen (*Thanksgiving Day Matins*)

26 Joanne Estergreen, Stephanie Colbert

FLOWER FUND

5 Flower Fund

12 **OPEN**

19 **OPEN**

26 **OPEN**

CRUCIFER

5 Cameron Petro / Peter Boomhower

