



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

First, I would like to thank all of you for the love and support you have all given to Lisa, Maggie, and me at the birth of our newest family member, Evelyn. Indeed, she has been a great blessing.

Second, I would like to tell you all about the upcoming Advent midweek series that I have put together. This year we will be looking forward to the Nativity of our Lord, from three perspectives, that of a Camel, a Donkey and a Sheep.

It should be a fun and joyous journey with them to the manger, as we see how they prepared to meet the birth of our Savior. The first week we will be with the camel as he, guided by a star, travels from the East (Matthew 2:1-12). The second week we will be following a lowly donkey as she moves for the comforts of the Galilee to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7). Finally, we will travel with a sheep from a rude awakening on a hillside to a lowly animal stall in the neighboring village to meet the greatest gift of all (Luke 2:8-21).

Yes, it is true that the camel and donkey are not expressly mentioned in the text. However, I am going to take a little pastoral and artistic license to weave together our narrative this Advent Season, and yes, I know the wise men are after the fact. Additionally, I have not seen the new movie "The Star." While it did receive positive reviews on the LCMS blog, and I have heard that it is similar in tone, I planned this idea first. I hope you can join us!

Last, but not least, I would like to remind you of some changes to our usual schedule this year. This year the Fourth Sunday in Advent falls on the same day as Christmas Eve. As such, we have decided to have only one service in the morning this year at 9:30 am without Sunday School or the Education Hour. Also, the

service times for all our evening services are now 7:00 pm to reduce confusion. This change also includes our Christmas Candlelight Service on the 24th at 7:00 pm. We have also elected to cancel the New Year's Eve service again this year.

I wish you all a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas Season this year, as we celebrate His first coming while looking longingly for His second.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Annual "Thank You" Gift to Church Staff

As we move beyond Thanksgiving and into a new church year, let's take a moment to be thankful for the faithful preaching, teaching and worship that we experience at Messiah. There are a number of workers in our church who make that possible. Messiah traditionally collects a monetary "thank you gift" for our dedicated church staff to present to them at our Christmas Eve service. I ask each of you to prayerfully consider contributing to these gifts. To do so, please place your gift in a designated envelope and put it in the offering bag or deliver it to the church office by December 21st.

FROM COUNCIL

A Change of Service Times – Harry Edmon

The Council has decided unify the time for all our Evening Services to be at 7:00 pm. This includes Advent midweek, Christmas Eve, Lent midweek, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The Council has also decided to move non-Sunday morning services to 9:30 am. This includes Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the Council also decided to have one service at 9:30 am that Sunday morning with no Sunday School or Bible Class.

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

DECEMBER 18th, 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.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN 2018: For most of 2017, Messiah has experienced a shortage of volunteers across the board. Some of our empty positions have included: ushers, children's message presenters, acolytes, transportation, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teachers, and office back up. While we realize not everyone has the ability or means to serve in God's house, but if you happen to be an individual who doesn't currently serve and is able to, please prayerfully consider volunteering in 2018. The Lord loves a cheerful giver, regardless of whether we're giving of our time, our talents or our treasure. We are currently still looking for ushers, children's message presenters, and the following positions listed below.

TEACHER AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Due to Lisa Mankin's maternity leave and the Fergusons' transfer, we are in need of teachers and substitute teachers to help out on Sunday starting in January. Don't worry; you won't be teaching confirmation! Please contact Jill Cohrs if you are interested, at ljcohrs@comcast.net or 425-486-6579.

DRIVERS NEEDED: Since the Hansens' transfer, the Transportation Committee has an open slot in their monthly rotation of volunteers to bring one or two members to second service who would not otherwise be able to come to church. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve as we enter 2018. **The open slot that we need to fill is always the third Sunday of the month.** Contact Jane Krueger at 206-783-2964 if interested or have further questions.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Do you enjoy setting up Christmas decorations? Four or five volunteers are needed to help decorate the church building and sanctuary Christmas tree the morning of December 9th. An additional one or two volunteers will be needed to light the candles along the pillars in the sanctuary before the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. Contact Josh Pemberton, at 425-221-1119 or jpembster@gmail.com, for more information.

COME HELP SANTA & MESSIAH! Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 pm, Santa Claus will be making a very special stop at Messiah this year! Unfortunately, he won't have room for any elves on his sleigh. Want to come help Santa? We're looking for roughly ten volunteers to help make this outreach a smashing success. Sign-up sheet is in the education wing.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Children's Christmas Service will be after first service on December 10th. Even if you do not have kids, please join us to hear the Christmas story presented by the children and to sing with us! If you do have kiddos, please bring them and your family to rehearsal on Saturday, December 9th at 1:30 pm. After rehearsal, feel free to stay behind and have a picture with Santa taken!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars again! The midweek Advent services have been scheduled as listed below.

The Nativity from the Perspective of:

December 6: **A Camel**

December 13: **A Donkey**

December 20: **And a Sheep**

Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm and service will be at 7:00 pm these evenings.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Christmas Eve's Candlelight Service starts at **7:00 pm** with readings and hymns.

CHRISTMAS DAY: The matins service for Christmas is starting at **9:30 am** this year. We look forward to seeing you as we welcome the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Please note, this year we will be cancelling the Evening Prayer service since it falls on a Sunday this year.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

Ladies' Guild

The annual "Christmas Luncheon" will be held at the Bryant's Corner Cafe, at 3118 NE 65th, on Wednesday, December 13th at 12:00 pm. All congregational women are warmly invited. Please RSVP to Marjorie Longan at 206-525-8131. We hope to see you there!

Project Day

Please note that there is no Project Day scheduled for December. The next Project Day will be on January 24, 2018.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The annual Olympic Zone LWML annual prayer service will be at Good Shepherd on February 3, 2018, time to be determined. Want more information? Contact Margie at 206-525-8131.

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.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, December 4th at Mama Stortini's, located at 401 NE Northgate Way. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon*

As per usual, there will no Ladies' Night Out meeting for December. We'll meet again in 2018 on January 22nd, restaurant to be determined. Merry Christmas!

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!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will be going caroling to some of our shut-ins on Saturday December 16th. The schedule hasn't been completed worked out, but we will likely meet at church around 1:00 pm and carpool to the various locations. Hope you can come and contribute your voices. Please contact Ann Melvin with any questions 205-526-7161 or anmelvin@comcast.net

WANT TO SING IN CHOIR OR PLAY ENSEMBLE ON CHRISTMAS EVE? – *Monica Berndt*

We would love to have your voice added to the festivities of Christmas! This is a one-time commitment and you would not be required to permanently join. If interested, please come to ensemble rehearsal December 20th at 7:45 pm right after the Advent midweek or choir rehearsal December at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Monica Berndt at acinomtdnreb@gmail.com.

YOUTH SERVANT EVENT – *Erin Goodnow*

Inviting all Messiah Youth to participate in Holiday Hospitality for the Homeless, hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in Tacoma on Wednesday, December 27th from 11:30 am to 6:00 pm. It will be a fun opportunity to fellowship with other Lutheran youth in the region while helping those in need. We will be baking cookies, making sandwiches and cards, and helping distribute meals at the foodbank. We'll also enjoy dinner, board games, and worship with the group. There will be a flyer with information along with the registration forms for those able to attend, located on the Youth Board in the hallway.

ATTN: CATECHISM PARENTS! Messiah will be hosting a Catechism Lock-In on Friday, December 29th, from 6:00 pm until Saturday morning. It's sure to be a blast!

MISSIONARY FUNDING REQUEST: One of the missionaries we support, the Ritzman family, was due to return to Papua New Guinea but their travel back has been delayed due to funding. Consider supporting their mission by contributing directly to www.lcms.org/ritzman or by phone at 888-930-4438. Please send your payments directly through LCMS and not through Messiah's office so that we can expedite the Ritzman family's return.

A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTY MALONE: As a new mom of two and knowing how having a toddler and newborn is, I created Lisa and Pastor Mankin a meal train site for the Messiah community to help out when their new arrival comes. Lisa graciously made us one as well to be sent out to the Lamb of God community. Having meals is such a blessing! If you would like to participate and assist the Mankins as they adjust to the first few weeks of caring for Evelyn Mankin, I encourage you to sign up through the following link: <http://www.mealbaby.com/registry/index.php?&action=displaypublic&hash=23720950>

IN NEED OF GIFT CARDS? The holidays are coming and once again Concordia requests that you think SCRIP for all your gift card needs. We will be at our usual location in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall beginning November 19th. Stop by and see us, get some things checked off your list and support our school in the process!

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT HOLIDAY CARD? Look no further! Holiday cards have been stocked in the Narthex. Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours today!

WHERE DOCTRINE IS LIFE... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Advent Season, The Christian Life, God Sends the Holy Spirit, The Patriarch Noah and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

HUMAN CARE

DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

For the month of October, we collected the following items: 10 baby foods, 5 packages of wet wipes, and 121 baby diapers. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need at Mary's Place! In the month of **November**, we collected women's hygiene supplies and liquid body soap. The tallies for these totals are still in process. **In December, we will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpastes, 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD SHOWER – Sue Hewitson
Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving food shower. The food was taken to the Lake City Food Bank and they were very appreciative. The food weight was 530 lbs. We also had \$120.00 donated. Those clients who received the food, I am sure were very thankful also. Thank you again for your generosity for those in need this holiday season.

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Bev Edmon	12/1
Shelley Tennant	12/1
Titus Grant	12/2
Heidi Morse	12/2
Heather Sousa	12/5
Dea Pearce	12/6
Sue Paeth	12/7
Destiny Schy-Aguayo	12/16
Carter Petro	12/17
Laurie Mendes	12/19
Lucy Neubert	12/20
Adeline Bourn	12/26
Andrew Melvin	12/28
Ian Littke	12/31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/1
Noah Hughes	12/1
Nicole Cox	12/2
Elizabeth Cohrs	12/3
Lydia Miller	12/5
Heidi Morse	12/9
Larry Bourn	12/13
Bailey Cox	12/19
Louise Daigneault	12/19
Shelbey Davis	12/19
Titus Grant	12/20
Jennifer Clark	12/23
Bev Edmon	12/26
Layla Stockinger	12/28
Lucy Neubert	12/30
Andy Lueck	12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Jan Hillmann	12/26
Jonathan & Veronica Steele	12/31

OFFICIAL ACTS

On November 7th, the Kreuter family transferred to Pilgrim Lutheran in Bellevue. In late October, the Hansen family moved to Ana Cortes and Eva Hansen was granted a peaceful release of membership. On October 28th, Makaela Jenson united with Kyle Schultz in the rite of holy matrimony. Congratulations to the happy couple!

As of November 18th, Cyril Berndt transferred in to Messiah.

DAILY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

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 December, all have been gathered here for your convenience.

December 1: Is. 7:10–8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22;
2: Is. 8:9–9:7; 1 Peter 4:1–19.

December 3: Is. 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14;
4: Is. 10:12–27a, 33–34; 2 Peter 1:1–21;
5: Is. 11:1–12:6; 2 Peter 2:1–22;
6: Is. 14:1–23; 2 Peter 3:1–18;
7: Is. 24:1–13; 1 John 1:1–2:14;
8: Is. 24:14–25:12; 1 John 2:15–29;
9: Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24.

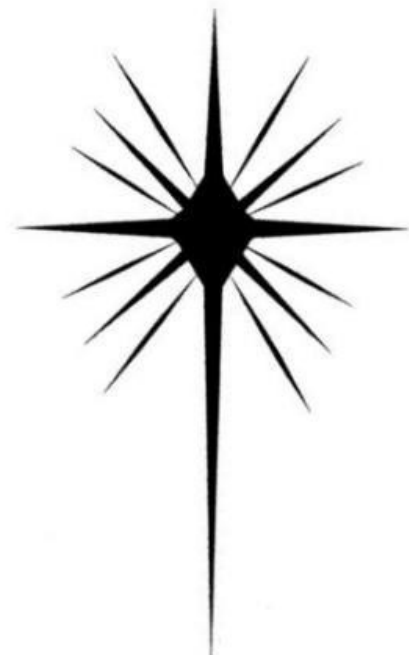
December 10: Is. 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1–21;
11: Is. 28:14–29; 1 John 5:1–21;
12: Is. 29:1–14; Jude 1–25;
13: Is. 29:15–30:14; Rev. 1:1–20;
14: Is. 30:15–26; Rev. 2:1–29;
15: Is. 30:27–31:9; Rev. 3:1–22;
16: Is. 32:1–20; Rev. 4:1–11.

December 17: Is. 33:1–24; Rev. 5:1–14;
18: Is. 34:1–2, 8–35:10; Rev. 6:1–17;
19: Is. 40:1–17; Rev. 7:1–17;
20: Is. 40:18–41:10; Rev. 8:1–13;
21: Is. 42:1–25; Rev. 9:1–12;
22: Is. 43:1–24; Rev. 9:13–10:11;
23: Is. 43:25–44:20; Rev. 11:1–19.

December 24: Is. 44:21–45:13, 20–25; Rev. 12:1–17;
25: Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17;
26: Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25;
27: Is. 51:17–52:12; Matt. 2:1–12;
28: Is. 52:13–54:10; Matt. 2:13–23;
29: Is. 55:1–13; Luke 1:1–25;
30: Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38.

December 31: Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56;

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December 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 10:00 am Nativity Exhibit NW	2 10:00 am Nativity Exhibit NW 1:00 pm AIC
3 ADVENT BEGINS 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am FELLOWSHIP HOUR 9:30 am Nativity Exhibit NW 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	4 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	5 7:00 pm Bell Choir	6 6:00 pm Advent Dinner 7:00 pm Advent Midweek I	7 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	8	9 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens 1:00 pm AIC 3:00 pm SANTA AT MESSIAH
10 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am KIDS CHRISTMAS SERVICE 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	11	12 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	13 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting 6:00 pm Advent Dinner 7:00 pm Advent Midweek II 7:45 pm Ensemble	14 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	15	16 Time TBD Christmas Caroling 1:00 pm AIC
17 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	18 MESSENGER DEADLINE	19 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	20 6:00 pm Advent Dinner 7:00 pm Advent Midweek III 7:45 pm Christmas Eve Choir / Ensemble Practice	21 7:00 pm Choir	22	23 1:00 pm AIC
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9:30 am Divine Service 7:00 pm Candlelight Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am Matins Service The office will be closed	26 7:00 pm Elders meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	27 7:00 pm Ensemble 9:30 am Youth Servant Event in Tacoma	28	29 6:00 pm Catechism Lock-In	30
31 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism						

DECEMBER 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
3 Lena Witt
10 *volunteer*
17 Destiny Schy
24 Lena Witt (9:30 am Service)
31 *volunteer*

10:45 am
 Noah Hughes
 Will Strege
 Noah Hughes
 Cameron Miller

GREETERS

8:00 am Upstairs
3 Prem Robert & Terry King
10 Sharon Christiansen
17 Jim & Sue Hewitson
24 Frieda Johnson
31 *none*

8:00 am Downstairs
 Robin Melvin
OPEN
 Larry & Nancy Bourn
OPEN
none

READERS

8:00 am
3 Harry Edmon
10 Albert Lirhus
17 Shelley Tennant
24 Robin Melvin (9:30 am Service)
31 Lee Cohrs

10:45 am
 Sue Hewitson
 Dan Lassman
 Curt & Stephanie Colbert
 Neil Strege

ELDERS

8:00 am
3 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
10 Lee Cohrs / Andrew Petro
17 Andrew Petro / Mike Boomhower
24 Mike Boomhower / Robin Melvin (9:30 am Service)
31 Andrew Petro / Robin Melvin

10:45 am
 Josh Pemberton / Rich Blomquist
 David Miller / Jim Grant
 Rich Blomquist / David Miller
 Rich Blomquist / Josh Pemberton

ALTAR GUILD

3 Cheryl Taylor, Joanne Estergreen
10 Jean Mindemann, Joyce Lucas
17 Cheryl Gagne, Jean Mindemann
24 Cheryl Taylor, Sharon Christiansen
31 Joyce Lucas, Sharon Christiansen

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, & CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES
6 Joanne Estergreen	<i>volunteer</i>
13 Jean Mindemann	<i>volunteer</i>
20 Jean Mindemann	Will Strege
24 Cheryl Taylor	Lena Witt (9:30 am Service)
25 Cheryl Gagne	<i>volunteer</i>

USHERS

8:00 am
3 Harry Edmon
10 Lee Cohrs
17 Jim Hewitson
24 Jim Mendes (9:30 am Service)
31 Jim Mendes

10:45 am
 Steve Miller
 Dave Paeth
 Curt Colbert
 Dan Lassman

10:45 am Upstairs

Prem Robert & Maya Martin
 Sharon Christiansen
 Jim & Sue Hewitson
 Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre
none

10:45 am Downstairs

Dan Lassman
 Dorothy Bellin
 Ann Melvin
 Sharon Christiansen
none

TRANSPORTATION

3 Sharon Christiansen
10 Joanne Warner
17 **OPEN**
24 Jane Krueger
31 Rich Blomquist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

3 Jill Petro
10 Lee Cohrs
17 Pastor Mankin
24 Jill Petro
31 Lee Cohrs

