



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in our Lord,

Thank you all for your generosity this past Christmas! I am always humbled by your generosity that you show my family and me. Your love and care for us are really a great reminder of God's love and care for all of us in Christ Jesus.

This past Advent, I spent a lot of time in my office. Sometimes, I would even take lunch at my desk to save time. Most of the time I would read the news or the like. However, there is a certain TV show that I have grown fond of over the last several years, and sometimes I watch it over lunch at home. The show is Vikings. Being a Norse history buff, I have always found it interesting.

One day while at church I decided to watch an episode or at least part of one over lunch. As the show began to play, I was casually monitoring the progress. Then all of a sudden a scene came on which got my attention, let's just say it wasn't the acting that caught my eye. I said out loud, "Well, that's not appropriate for church." I grabbed the mouse and closed the window.

Then I thought to myself, "I can finish that at home later." But that's when it hit me. Why is it okay to watch that at home and not in the Church? Well, the obvious answer is, it is not. Indeed, God is still God at my house just as much as at the church. I think sometimes we are all guilty of compartmentalizing our faith. Making false determinations like this is okay at home, or that isn't acceptable in public, or we can't do that in the Lord's house.

Our faith should never operate differently depending on our location. If you are doing something in public, you should be okay with doing it in church. If you wouldn't do something at church, you probably shouldn't be watching it at home. Now, of course, there are some exceptions to this rule. Let us say acts God approves and condones among married people I would not like to see take place in this building. But that is a matter of decorum, not faith.

If you are curious about the TV show, I decided to skip the parts of the show I thought were objectionable which turned an hour-long program into about six minutes, so I have just stopped watching. I hope you all have a blessed New Year, and I pray your faith is a consistent one.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
– Pastor Mankin

## FROM THE OFFICE

**THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:**

**JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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).

**2018 BOX ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICKUP!**

For the first few Sundays in January, your 2018 box

envelopes will be waiting for pickup out in the Narthex. For those who don't currently have a box number for a fiscal end-of-year tax statement and would like to start tracking your Sunday tithes for your 2018 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

**2017 BOX ENVELOPES:** The office requests that all members discard any remaining envelopes leftover from your 2017 envelopes. Continuing to use expired envelopes increases the potential for confusion and the likelihood of a tracking error in regards to your future 2018 financial statement. So toss those old envelopes today!

**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, the following positions listed on the next page.

**WISH TO SERVE?** If you would like to serve as a Reader, Greeter, Children's Message Presenter, Counter or Usher beginning January 2018, please let the office know so you can be added into the rotation.

**CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?** Due to the internal transition of members to different positions of service, the office finds itself in need of new volunteers to assist in the weekly count of Sunday tithings. Are you available for roughly an hour or less early in the week? Do you have minimal experience with Windows or Excel? The counter schedule rotates throughout the year, so this role is responsible once out of every three

or four months throughout the year. We're looking for one or two members. For more information, please contact the office, 206-524-0024 or [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

**TEACHER AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:** Due to Lisa Mankin's maternity leave and the Fergusons' transfer, we are still in need of teachers and substitute teachers to help 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](mailto: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.

**2018 SERVICE SCHEDULES:** Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2018 schedule for your volunteer service? Fret not! Near the emergency exit perpendicular to the Sacristy door, a wall file folder has been installed. There, all service schedules for all ushers, elders, readers, etc will be found in the appropriately marked folders. Only the Acolyte schedule is currently missing as it is not yet finalized. Otherwise, all schedules will be updated and reposted periodically.

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

#### Ladies' Guild

The next Ladies' Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. This month expect a Sandwich Smorgasbord! Just be sure to bring 1 ½ sandwiches to share and don't forget

your Mite Money! All congregational women are warmly invited. 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, January 24, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are warmly invited.

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

The annual Olympic Zone LWML annual prayer service will be at Good Shepherd on February 3, 2018. Watch out for the time in the Sunday bulletin! Want more information? Contact Margie at 206-525-8131.

### **2018 FLOWER CHART - Cheryl Taylor**

The 2018 Flower Chart will be posted in the hallway here shortly and will be ready for signups. Please add your name to purchase or bring flowers for a specific Sunday. As a reminder, we have another option for you to contribute flowers at Messiah. The first Sunday of each month, aside from special occasions, is Flower Fund Sunday. For these Sundays, the Altar Guild will use collected donations to purchase flowers for the sanctuary. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please designate an envelope for "Flower Fund" and place your gift in the offering bag during worship.

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

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at Mazatlan Restaurant, located at 6003 244th St. SW in Mountlake Terrace. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

### **LADIES' NIGHT OUT – Bev Edmon**

Ladies Night Out will be Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please check the church bulletin in January for location.

### **HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE – Erin Goodnow**

2018's Higher Things Conference will be taking place

this summer, July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. If you are interested in attending this year, please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

**AMAZONSMILE:** Are you an Amazon customer? Did you know you can have a small portion of each purchase donated to Messiah Lutheran Church if you order via AmazonSmile? The merchandise and prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com—but the benefit is that .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice. You can set Messiah Lutheran Church as the beneficiary. Go to Amazon.com, and do a search for AmazonSmile to learn more about this program.

**YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS INFORMATION & TRUTH... 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 topics include: Media Coverage of Religion, Pop American Christianity, Christ in the Old Testament, The Birth of Jesus Foretold, The Lutheran Confessions, Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## **HUMAN CARE**

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### **DONATION UPDATE– Jackie Wold**

For the month of November, we collected the following items: 3 extra-large packages of women's hygiene items; 2 large packages of women's hygiene items; 5 medium packages of women's hygiene items; and 3 liquid body soaps. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need at Compass Cascade Women's Center and Immanuel Lutheran Community Services! In the month of December, we collected toothpaste, toothbrushes and hand/body lotions. The tallies for these totals are still in process. **In January, we will be collecting razors, shaving cream and aftershaves.** 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.

**LIFE LINE AT MESSIAH:** On January 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am, Messiah will be hosting a public health screening organized by Life Line. As such, the office has received four complimentary screening vouchers. Life Line will be performing the following: Carotid Artery Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, PAD Screening, Osteoporosis Screening, & Atrial Fibrillation Screening. If interested in a free complimentary voucher, contact the office. These will be given away on a first-come-first-serve basis. Pre-registration is required for all screenings by calling: 1-800-772-8260 OR you may register online by visiting [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

**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).

## FELLOWSHIP

**BABY SHOWER FOR THE MANKINS:** There will be a baby shower to honor the arrival of Evelyn Deanna Mankin on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Instead of bringing a gift for Evelyn, we are asking for diapers, formula, baby clothes, bibs, booties, etc. that will be donated to Lutherans for Life who will distribute them to the needy babies in the Seattle area. There will be sign-up sheets in the upstairs hallway to assist with the set-up and food. Contact Jean Mindemann if you have any questions, 206-526-9523.

**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>

## 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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

### BIRTHDAYS

Maiya Brotzman	1/01
Miles Lindstrom	1/01
Andrew Boomhower	1/04
Peter Boomhower	1/07
Robin Melvin	1/07
Makaela Schultz	1/08
Ron Wold	1/08
Ruby Holman	1/10
James Pemberton	1/12
Megan Bartlett	1/14
Jim Pierce	1/18
Billy Gard	1/19
Cora May Gray	1/22
David Sousa	1/24
Martha Mathiason	1/25
Jennifer Clark	1/31

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Ardis Fisse	1/01
Bob Guthrie	1/01
Ruby Holman	1/01
Ian Littke	1/02
Destiny Schy-Aguayo	1/02
James Southcott	1/04
Sonja Questad	1/07
Ehren Sholdt	1/07
Megan Hillmann	1/13
Chikako Kissinger	1/13
Isaac Lindstrom	1/15
Miles Lindstrom	1/15
Alex Paeth	1/23
Andrew Boomhower	1/26
Adeline Bourn	1/31

## OFFICIAL ACTS

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Prem Robert was transferred to the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Burien, WA. In late December, our former missionary, Deaconess Gail Ludvigson was transferred to a Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

## DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY

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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 January, all have been gathered here for your convenience.

**January 1:** Is. 61:1–11; Luke 1:57–80;

2: Is. 62:1–12; Luke 2:1–20;

3: Is. 63:1–14; Luke 2:21–40;

4: Is. 63:15–65:7; Luke 2:41–52;

5: Is. 65:8–25; Luke 3:1–20;

6: Is. 66:1–20; Luke 3:21–38.

**January 7:** Ezek. 1:1–14, 22–28; Rom. 1:1–17;

8: Ezek. 2:1–3:11; Rom. 1:18–32;

9: Ezek. 3:12–27; Rom. 2:1–16;

10: Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32; Rom. 2:17–29;

11: Ezek. 33:1–20; Rom. 3:1–18;

12: Ezek. 34:1–24; Rom. 3:19–31;

13: Ezek. 36:13–28; Rom. 4:1–25.

**January 14:** Ezek. 36:33–37:14; Rom. 5:1–21;

15: Ezek. 37:15–28; Rom. 6:1–23;

16: Ezek. 38:1–23; Rom. 7:1–20;

17: Ezek. 39:1–10, 17–29; Rom. 7:21–8:17;

18: Ezek. 40:1–4; 43:1–12; Rom. 8:18–39;

19: Ezek. 44:1–16, 23–29; Rom. 9:1–18;

20: Ezek. 47:1–14, 21–23; Rom. 9:19–33.

**January 21:** Joel 1:1–20; Rom. 10:1–21;

22: Joel 2:1–17; Rom. 11:1–24;

23: Joel 2:18–32; Rom. 11:25–12:13;

24: Joel 3:1–21; Rom. 12:14–13:14;

25: Zech. 1:1–21; Rom. 14:1–23;

26: Zech. 2:1–3:10; Rom. 15:1–13;

27: Zech. 4:1–5:11; Rom. 15:14–33.

**January 28:** Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27;

29: Zech. 8:1–23; 2 Tim. 1:1–18;

30: Zech. 9:1–17; 2 Tim. 2:1–26;

31: Zech. 10:1–11:3; 2 Tim. 3:1–17;

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# EPIPHANY

# January 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Youth board meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm AIC
<b>7 EPIPHANY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Life Line Health Screenings	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm AIC
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## JANUARY SCHEDULE

*If you would like to fill an **OPEN** or **VOLUNTEER** spot, please call the church office at 206.524.0024.*

### ACOLYTES

**8:00 am**

- 7 Destiny Schy
- 14 Lena Witt
- 21 *volunteer*
- 28 Destiny Schy

**10:45 am**

- Will Strege
- Cameron Miller
- Noah Hughes
- Olivia Peterson

### USHERS

**8:00 am**

- 3 Harry Edmon
- 10 Lee Cohrs
- 17 Jim Hewitson
- 24 Jim Mendes

**10:45 am**

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

### GREETERS

**8:00 am Upstairs**

- 7 Terry King
- 14 Sharon Christiansen
- 21 Jim & Sue Hewitson
- 28 Frieda Johnson

**8:00 am Downstairs**

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

**10:45 am Upstairs**

- 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**

- 7 Robin Melvin
- 14 Lee Cohrs Albert Lirhus
- 21 Harry Edmon
- 28 Albert Lirhus

**10:45 am**

- Sue Hewitson
- Neil Strege
- Dave Miller
- Dan Lassman

### TRANSPORTATION

- 7 Sharon Christiansen
- 14 Joanne Warner
- 21 **OPEN**
- 28 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- 7 *processional*
- 14 Pastor Mankin
- 21 Jill Petro
- 28 Lee Cohrs

### ELDERS

**8:00 am**

- 7 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
- 14 Lee Cohrs / Andrew Petro
- 21 Andrew Petro / Mike Boomhower
- 28 Mike Boomhower / Harry Edmon

**10:45 am**

- Josh Pemberton / Rich Blomquist
- Rich Blomquist / Jim Grant
- Jim Grant / David Miller
- David Miller / Josh Pemberton

### CRUCIFERS

**8:00 am**

- 7 TBD

**10:45 am**

- TBD

### ALTAR GUILD

- 7 Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Gagne
- 14 Sharon Christiansen, Cheryl Gagne
- 21 Sharon Christiansen, Cheryl Gagne
- 28 Joyce Lucas, Cheryl Gagne

