



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

As hard as it is to believe, Lent starts on February 14th this year. I know that feels rather early and it is. Because, this is the earliest Easter for the next 7 years.

So, how do we set the day for Easter? Does it have anything to do with the date of Passover?

First, let me explain the dating of Lent. There are 40 days in Lent; however, you do not count Sundays as part of Lent, since every Sunday is a little Easter. That means 40 days plus Six Sundays this year places us 46 days prior to Easter.

But why is Easter set on the day it is? Now, the first Easter took place immediately following the Passover. The Passover calendar is based on the Jewish Lunar calendar, which is roughly 29 or 30 days. Passover occurred on the 14th day of Nisan, which is the seventh month of their year. A month always starts on a full moon.

However, the early Christian church was faced with the problem of celebrating Easter on this Passover schedule. Since the 14th day of Nisan can fall on any day of the week, that meant so could Easter. But it was very important for the Early Christians to celebrate Easter on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day Jesus rose from the dead. So in the early centuries of the church, the day of Easter and consequently Lent was up to local custom.

Fortunately, in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea they set the day for Easter as a universal. Easter was to be observed on the first Sunday following the full moon which comes on or after the vernal equinox (March 21st). Therefore, Easter can take place no earlier than

March 22nd, but no later than April 25. Which normally aligns with the Passover calendar. However, every two or three years the Jewish calendar requires an adjustment for leap year and this throws us out of sync.

And to make matters more complicated, the Western Church--that's us--celebrates Easter based on the Gregorian Calendar, while the Eastern Church--or orthodox church--follows the Julian calendar, which sometimes puts us out of sync.

I guess what I'm saying is that it's complicated. So I suggest you determine the dates of Lent and Easter the same way people have done for centuries. Just ask the guy next to you. Or Google.

I hope this helps you understand the dating a little better, and I hope you are looking forward to our new Lenten series Return from Exile. Accompanying devotional material will be available the first Sunday in February, or maybe two Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday. This is really hard.

God's blessings,
– Pastor Mankin

LENT: RETURN FROM EXILE

Once again we prepare to enter into the Lenten season as we journey through the Church Year. Lent, however, is its own kind of journey. Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem where He will face the cross and the grave for our sakes. It is a very sobering trip, a journey that often struggles to find joy. But there is Easter!

This year our theme for our Lenten worship will focus upon the journey, but perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme will be "Return

from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” All journeys must have a starting point; and in the preaching and teaching this Lenten season, we will consider our starting point a land of exile.

The land of exile from which we begin our journey is the wilderness of sin and death. Sin came into the world when our first parents were unfaithful and disobedient, eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve sinned, and we have inherited from them not only the sin itself, but also the result of that sin—separation from our Lord and God. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out.

This is the beginning of our journey: exile. But every journey also has a destination, an ending point. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land. Our relationship with our God is restored by Christ’s sacrifice. Our destination, then, is the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by His death and resurrection. There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin.

All journeys consist of many events that take place between the journey’s beginning and its end. Our Lenten journey is no different. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and then continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours in Christ Jesus. Do not be surprised to discover that from the very beginning, even outside the gates of the Garden of Eden, it is Christ who travels with us. He has always been our guide, from the very beginning, and He will journey with us to the very end. Indeed, He has even gone before us to prepare a heavenly dwelling place.

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. We enter this Lenten season contemplating the reality of our earthly journey but with eyes fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life. What joy there is in knowing that we do not walk this way alone!

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Our overall theme is “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” The accompanying devotionals for this series can be picked up from the usher station at the rear of the Sanctuary.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Below are the details for this year’s Lenten series.

February 14th – Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM

“HEART TO HEART: SACKCLOTH AND ASHES TO ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS”

Readings: *Joel 2:12–19; Revelation 7:9–14; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

February 21st - Midweek I, 7:00 PM

“GARDEN TO GARDEN: EDEN TO HEAVEN”

Readings: *Genesis 3:22–24; Revelation 22:1–5; Luke 13:10–17*

February 28th - Midweek II, 7:00 PM

“MOUNTAIN TO MOUNTAIN: MOUNT MORIAH TO MOUNT ZION”

Readings: *Genesis 22:1–8; Hebrews 9:22, 11:17–19; John 3:16*

March 7th - Midweek III, 7:00 PM

“OUT OF EGYPT: THROUGH THE WATER”

Readings: *Exodus 14:13–31; Hebrews 3:12–4:3a; Mark 1:9–13*

March 14th - Midweek IV, 7:00 PM

“TREE TO TREE: THE TREE OF LIFE TO THE CROSS”

Readings: *Genesis 2:15; 3:22–24; 1 Peter 2:21–25; John 3:14–15*

March 21st - Midweek V, 7:00 PM

“DEATH TO RESURRECTION: THE WILDERNESS TO THE PROMISED LAND”

Readings: *Joshua 3:1–6; Philippians 3:12–21; Matthew 3:13; 4:1–2*

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:

March 25th - Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

March 29th – Holy Thursday Divine Service
“MEAL TO MEAL: THE PASSOVER TO THE LORD’S SUPPER”

Readings: *Exodus 12:1–14; 1 Corinthians 5:6–8; Mark 14:12–25*

March 30th - Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM
“SIN-BEARER TO SIN-BEARER: THE DAY OF ATONEMENT TO THE ATONEMENT”

Readings: *Isaiah 52:13–53:12; John 19:17–30; John 18:1–40; John 19:1–42*

April 1st - Easter Service, 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast*,
9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Easter Service, 10:45 AM
“WELCOME HOME!”

Readings: *Isaiah 25:6–9; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Mark 16:1–8*

***Sunday School Easter Presentation during breakfast**

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

FEBRUARY 19th, 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 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.

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

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 February. 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.

CALLING ALL LONG-TIME AND NEW MEMBERS! For her senior project, Lydia Miller is creating a collection of stories about how families/individuals were brought to Messiah from our very own members, titled: “Humans of Messiah Lutheran.” This project is to help our Wedgwood community learn about our congregation and who we are! The stories will be posted on the church’s Facebook page and website. If you are interested in being interviewed, or have any questions, email Lydia Miller at lydmill7@gmail.com or call (206)-619-0398.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

The annual Olympic Zone LWML annual prayer service will be at Good Shepherd on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 12:00 pm. Want more information? Contact Margie at 206-525-8131.

Ladies’ Guild

The next Ladies’ Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 12:00 pm. This month expect a Sandwich Smorgasbord! Just be sure to bring 2 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, February 28, 2018 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are warmly invited.

MEN’S NIGHT OUT – Brian Danforth

The next Men’s Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 5th at Lucia, located at 7102

Woodlawn Ave. NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon*

Ladies Night Out will be Monday February 26th, 6:00 pm at Scott's Bar & Grill, 8115 Lake Ballinger Way, in Edmonds. We look forward to having dinner with YOU! RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com, (425) 773-3711.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE UPDATE – *David Sousa*

Messiah's new Lutherans For Life "Life Team" has been formed and is now in the training process. Our Team's mission is to equip Lutherans to be gospel-motivated voices for life. In that regard, here are two interesting quotations about that mission:

"Every life has value because every life is someone created by God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and someone He either has called or wants to call into an eternal relationship with Him. It doesn't have to be complicated! Amen." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life

"If unborn children are to be protected from death by abortion; if newborn handicapped children are to be protected from death by infanticide; if the elderly, the 'non-productive,' the dependent are to be protected from death by euthanasia; and if the sanctity of life is to be affirmed and protected, then the Lutherans For Life voice is essential." Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans For Life

You will be hearing more from Messiah's Life Team as we get up and running in the coming months. If you wish to learn more about our Team you can speak with our Team Leader David Sousa or visit the national LFL website at lutheransforlife.org

HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE – *Erin Goodnow*

2018's Higher Things Conference will be taking place this summer, July 31st - August 3rd 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.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION VS. CLASSICAL LUTHERAN EDUCATION...

You can listen to in-depth teachings by Dr. Thomas Korcok of Concordia University Chicago on topics like: Methods Driven Education, Socialization, Technology in the Classroom, The Role of Teacher, Goodness & Beauty in Education, Teaching Worldviews 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 or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

HUMAN CARE

DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

For the month of December, we collected the following items: 29 toothpastes, 36 toothbrushes, 6 dental flosses, & 8 body lotions. **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 January, we collected razors, shaving cream and aftershaves. The tallies for these totals are still in process. **In February, we will be collecting baby items.** 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS – *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. Items may be placed on the table by the end of March. Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year LWR sent our kits to Bosnia and Serbia. If you have questions about this project, please contact Dorothy Bellin.

FELLOWSHIP

CAMPING/CHURCH PICNIC: Ready for summer? Starting to make plans now? Be sure to save August 24th - 26th for camping at Valley Camp in North Bend. We have reserved the lodge and tenting area for a weekend of camping and the picnic shelter for a church picnic on Sunday, August 26th after church. More information and rates to follow.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: "Every One A Witness"
 WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)

WHAT: New Members Class
 WHEN: To Be Determined
 WHERE: Room 202/204
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: "Law & Gospel" by C.F. Walther
 WHEN: Thursdays, now at 10:00 am
 WHERE: Room 202/204
 TEACHER: Jim Grant

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Smith	2/01
Isaac Lindstrom	2/03
Neil Strege	2/03
Bob Zimmerman	2/04
Dianna Altena	2/06
Karen Johnston	2/06
Madelyn Krenz	2/07
Norman Jannsen III	2/08
Henry Petro	2/08

Alex Knudson	2/09
Gene Johnson	2/10
Moriah White	2/12
Catherine Jensen	2/13
David Kissinger	2/13
Nancy Bourn	2/14
Cheryl Gagne	2/14
Todd Quammen	2/14
Jeri Valentine	2/14
Luther Sousa	2/15
Evelyn Adams	2/17
Suzanne Pierce	2/17
Tammy Linden	2/18
Tiana Bourn	2/22
Pyper Cox	2/24
Carol Davidson	2/27
Steve Anderson	2/28
Kimi Jannsen	2/28
Marjorie Longan	2/28
Deborah Raymond	2/28

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Robin Melvin	2/01
James Pemberton	2/03
Kim Strege	2/03
Carter Petro	2/06
Peter Boomhower	2/07
Michelle Keller	2/07
Chloe Sholdt	2/07
Shelley Tennant	2/08
Billy Gard	2/10
Tiana Bourn	2/13
Andrew Melvin	2/14
Robert Lund III	2/16
Rilee Pesce	2/16
Makaela Schultz	2/16
Madelyn Krenz	2/17
Ed Johnson	2/18
Craig Kohring	2/18
Henry Petro	2/21
Ellen Eyre	2/22
Erin Goodnow	2/22
Luther Sousa	2/22

OFFICIAL ACTS

On January 22nd, the Teuscher family transferred to St Timothy Lutheran Church in Lynnwood. Chris Allen, Laura Allen, Dan Smith, and Misty Smith were granted a peaceful release of membership. Also, James and Karen Smith were transferred as of January 23rd to Trinity Lutheran in Florida.

February 2018

<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 Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	2	3 12:00 pm Olympic Zone LWML Annual Prayer Service
4 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	5 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	6 7:00 pm Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	7 7:00 pm Ensemble	8 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	9	10
11 TRANSFIGURATION 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	12	13 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	14 ASH WEDNES 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 pm Ensemble	15 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	16	17
18 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY MESSENGER DEADLINE The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.	20 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	21 LENTEN I 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek I	22 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	23	24
25 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	26 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out	27 7:00 pm Elders meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	28 LENTEN 2 9:00 am Project Day 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek II 8:00 pm Ensemble			

FEBRUARY 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

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

10:45 am

- Will Strege
- Peter Grimm
- volunteer*
- Addy Clark

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 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

- 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 **OPEN**
- 25 Jane Krueger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

ELDERS

8:00 am

- 4 Harry Edmon / Robin Melvin
- 11 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
- 18 Lee Cohrs / Andrew Petro
- 25 Andrew Petro / Mike Boomhower

10:45 am

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

ALTAR GUILD

- 4 Cheryl Taylor, Joanne Estergreen
- 11 Jean Mindemann, Joyce Lucas
- 18 Jean Mindemann, Sharon Christiansen
- 25 Joyce Lucas, Jean Mindemann



LENTEN SERVICES

Starting at 7:00 pm

ACOLYTES

- 14 Will Strege
- 21 Addy Clark
- 28 Jack Knudson

ALTAR GUILD

- 14 Cheryl Gagne
- 21 Jean Mindemann
- 28 Jean Mindemann

USHERS

- 14 Harry Edmon
- 21 Steve Miller
- 28 Lee Cohrs



ash wednesday

SERVICE STARTS AT 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 14th

Sackcloth and ashes: the signs of mourning and repentance in the pages of Scripture. Ash Wednesday is the day we begin our return from exile. This is not a journey that begins with rejoicing and excitement; rather it begins with ashes on our foreheads, a sign of broken and repentant hearts.

Join us as we gather this Lenten season. We look forward to seeing you.

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