



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

Lent is forty days of purpose in purple. It might not be easy at first to see why the Church needs the season of Lent. However, we can find a lot of joy in this season when we better understand its purpose.

Lent is a season of preparation and reflection as we look forward to the glorious day of Easter. The day when Jesus rose from the dead, proving he has the power over death and that your sins are forgiven. The season of Lent prepares us for this great day by slowing down and truly focusing on our need for Easter.

Indeed, without Easter there would be no Christian faith, no hope, and no point. It is the center of our conviction in Christ. But too often and too easily we can begin to take this wonderful fact for granted. And that is where Lent comes on the scene. Lent allows us to look at the reason why we needed a Savior. We look at the sad state of our world and our own lives that have been damaged by sin.

Honestly acknowledging our sins isn't always the most pleasant task. After all, it goes against the "I'm okay, you're okay" mindset of the world. However, this recognition of our shortcomings reminds us of our need for God's love and forgiveness. During Lent, we examine our lives and compare our actions against what God had planned and expected of us. Only then do we see that we have failed in thought, word, and deed. Lent helps us recognize our failure to keep God's Holy Law and that prepares us for the Gospel of Jesus.

To help you get the most out of the Season of Lent, I would recommend following and reading a good Lenten devotion every day. The one Messiah is providing this year is *Return of Exile*, but even

following the Treasury of Daily Prayers or the PrayNow app on your smart phone can also be useful. And if you want, you can even get out Luther's Small Catechism and review the Ten Commandments, and the Christian Questions and Answers section. All of these are a way for us to examine our lives and remember our sin. We do this with the hope that it will led us to sorrow and repentance over our sins and deepen our thirst for the forgiveness that can only come from Him.

Some people also like to prepare for Easter by denying themselves a worldly pleasure during Lent. I think this is a fine practice, but I would like to offer some guidance. First giving up chocolate or candy might be difficult for some people. However, when we talk about fasting for the suffering of our Lord, I think the thing we should be focused on is the giving up of sin. I guess chocolate might be a sin for some, but giving up a particular sinful weakness might be more beneficial.

Maybe you like to hear gossip about your coworkers? That would be something great to give up for Lent (or forever). After all gossip is a sin, it is the violation of the Eight Commandment. Maybe you have been playing especially violent videogames. Has this been leading you to be aggressive and rude to your online opponents? Give it up for Lent. After all, the Fifth Commandment is a serious one.

There are so many ways we can sympathize with our Lord's suffering. He gave up all sin for you. I hope you all have a blessed Lenten Season, which really does prepare you for a joyous Easter.

God's blessings,  
– Pastor Mankin

## LENT: RETURN FROM EXILE

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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 sake. This year's theme focuses upon the journey, though perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme is "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey."

The beginning of our journey is exile in the wilderness of sin and death. 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. But every journey also has a destination. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land, the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by Jesus' 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. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours on account of Christ Jesus. The sermons and resources in this series give the hearers opportunity to contemplate the reality of their earthly journey, but with eyes always fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life—and with an underlying reality of joy as we hear proclaimed again that we do not walk this way alone!

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## LENTEN & HOLY WEEK

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**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** A handful of our Lenten devotionals, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey" are still available at the usher's station at the rear of the sanctuary.

**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.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:** Details for our remaining services in our Lenten series can be found in the next column.

March 7<sup>th</sup> - 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 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday Divine Service, 7:00 pm

"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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 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

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**THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:**

**March 19, 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).

**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](mailto:lydmill7@gmail.com) or call (206)-619-0398.

## **MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH**

**FORT WAYNE SEMINARY KANTOREI COMPLINE SERVICE:** This year Messiah is lucky enough to find itself included in Fort Wayne's Seminary Kantorei 2018 Lenten Tour. On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, come enjoy a special Compline service. **We are still looking for hosts to help shelter the choir for their one night in Seattle! We need to house 17 men, so if you have space please fill out the sign-up sheet in the hall!**

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

### **Ladies' Guild**

The next Ladies' Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. This month "Anything Goes!" Bring a casserole, salad, or anything to share. Rolls, dessert, and coffee/tea will be provided by the hostesses. Also, 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**

If you enjoy helping with making quilts, please join us! The next Project Day will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be

sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are cordially invited.

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

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Judy Fu's Snappy Dragon, located at 8917 Roosevelt Way NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

### **LADIES' NIGHT OUT – Bev Edmon**

The next Ladies' Night Out will be Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm. This month, we'll be dining at Green Leaf Vietnamese Restaurant, at 13200 Aurora Ave N. All congregational ladies are invited!

### **SPRING CLEANUP DAY – Nate Schaub**

The next cleanup day will be Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be working outdoors raking up leaves and pine needles and doing general cleanup around the church in preparation for Easter. Bring rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. Feel free to consider it part of your Lenten sacrifice if that helps. Volunteers are much appreciated.

**CONCORDIA AUCTION:** The Concordia School Auction will occur on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope that Messiah congregation can donate an Italian Dinner Basket for the silent auction. A box will be set up in the narthex for collecting donations of cheese, sauces, wine, chocolate, olives, etc. for such a dinner. If you have questions about this you may call Cheryl Kohring or Michael Boomhower.

### **HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE – Chris Zakian**

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.

**ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...** 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: The Movie "Black Panther;" State Islam in France; The Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory;" Creation; Ruth; The Church; and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## **HUMAN CARE**

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### **DONATION UPDATE– Jackie Wold**

For the month of January we collected the following items: 16 razors, 10 shaving creams, and 5 aftershaves. 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 February, we collected **baby items**. The tallies for these totals are still in process. **In March, we will be collecting women's hygiene 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](http://www.fosteringtogether.org).

### **PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR – Dorothy Bellin**

Lutheran World Relief works with local agencies in countries around the world to help alleviate human suffering caused by natural disasters and political crises. We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits that LWR will distribute in areas of need in the world:

- 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.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

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**THE NEXT CIRCUIT CONVOCATION IS MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>!** Just a friendly reminder that the next Circuit Convocation will be on **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**

**at Lamb of God.** It is important to have all of our congregations present, including our congregations that serve immigrant populations. This meeting is to help our congregations connect and share resources and ministries as well as prayers and experiences. As Lutheran Christians, it is good to come together and share with one another how we can be a voice of Gospel in a dark world, especially in Seattle. Thank you so much for participating and being a part of something like this. We look forward to our time together and our conversation.

### **PRAYER BREAKFAST – Mary Branom**

The Kiwanis Club of South Seattle will be holding a Community Prayer Breakfast in memory of Bill Branom, past President of the Kiwanis Club and an elder at Messiah for many years. The keynote speaker for this event will be King County Councilmember and Past Council President Larry Gossett, on the timely theme of "Building Bridges, Healing Communities." Special music will also be provided at the breakfast, which will be held Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, 2nd Floor, 1020 4th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98134 (across the street and due east of CenturyLink Field).

Proceeds from the Breakfast benefit the South Seattle Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, and the public is invited to attend. Tickets and more information are available from Bill's family, Messiah members Mary Branom ([marykbranom@gmail.com](mailto:marykbranom@gmail.com) or (206) 522-2792) and Robby Branom ([robbranom@gmail.com](mailto:robbranom@gmail.com) or (206) 427-8140).

**COME TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS!** Are you interested in seeing the tulip fields this year? We will provide transportation for a day trip to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Costs will be for lunch, admission to Roozengarde fields, and gas. Sign-up sheet is in the upstairs hallway. Contact Jean Mindemann if you have any questions - 206-526-9523.

**GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE A SPRING TUNE-UP** with Lutheran Marriage Encounter! Our next event is scheduled April 13 - 15, 2018 at Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center in Renton WA. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)! For more information, contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley at [carl.presley@comcast.net](mailto:carl.presley@comcast.net) or 206-522-6849. Pre-registration is required by March 15<sup>th</sup>—don't miss out!

**CAMPING/CHURCH PICNIC:** Ready for summer? Starting to make plans now? Be sure to save August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Nicholas Colbert	3/01
Tamara Hillmann	3/02
David Miller	3/02
Jerry Tiersma	3/03
Addy Clark	3/04
Wolfgang Sousa	3/04
John Stockinger	3/04
Mark Jorgensen	3/07
Shun Ke White	3/07
Justin Bourn	3/08
Tere Ulland	3/09
Lisa Lindstrom	3/10
Victoria Peterson	3/10
Bart Jenson	3/12
Cyril Berndt	3/13
Ron Pearce	3/13
Don Duvant	3/14
Lilly Strege	3/14

Cameron Miller	3/15
Nikolas Linden	3/18
Marcy Doersch	3/21
Steve Miller	3/23
Andrew Linden	3/25
Stacey Meyer	3/26
Simon Warmbier	3/26
Cole Daigneault	3/27
Laurann Radosevich	3/30

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Dianna Altena	3/01
Bob Zimmerman	3/01
Nancy Bourn	3/05
Wolfgang Sousa	3/11
Maiya Brotzman	3/12
Claire Daigneault	3/13
Evelyn Adams	3/14
Neil Strege	3/14
David Sousa	3/15
Alex Knudson	3/20
Todd Quammen	3/21
Barbara Fruhling	3/25
Justin Bourn	3/30
Jim Hewitson	3/30



# March 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> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism 2:30 pm Circuit Convocation 7:00 pm Kantorei Compline Service	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>7 LENTEN III</b> 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek III 8:00 pm Ensemble	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:30 pm Catechism	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>14 LENTEN IV</b> 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek IV 8:00 pm Ensemble	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25 PALM SUNDAY / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Elders meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Project Day 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>29 MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 pm Service	<b>30 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00 pm Service	<b>31</b>

## MARCH 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 *volunteer*
- 11 Destiny Schy
- 18 Lena Witt
- 25 *volunteer*

**10:45 am**

- Will Strege
- Noah Hughes
- Cameron Miller
- Noah Hughes

### USHERS

**8:00 am**

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

**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 Shelley Tennant
- 11 Lee Cohrs
- 18 Harry Edmon
- 25 Albert Lirhus

**10:45 am**

- Dan Lassman
- Curt & Stephanie Colbert
- Dave Miller
- Neil Strege

### TRANSPORTATION

- 4 Sharon Christiansen
- 11 Joanne Warner
- 18 **OPEN**
- 25 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### ELDERS

**8:00 am**

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

**10:45 am**

- Josh Pemberton, Dave Miller
- Rich Blomquist, Jim Grant
- Jim Grant, David Miller
- David Miller, Josh Pemberton

### ALTAR GUILD

- 4 Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 11 Joyce Lucas, Jean Mindemann
- 18 Jean Mindemann, Dianna Altena
- 25 Jean Mindemann, Dianna Altena



## LENTEN SERVICES

### CRUCIFER

- 25 TBD (8:00 am)
- 25 TBD (10:45 am)

### ACOLYTES

- 7 Peter Grimm
- 14 Jack Knudson
- 21 Jack Knudson
- 29 Cameron Miller
- 30 NONE

### ALTAR GUILD

- 7 Stephanie Colbert
- 14 Joyce Lucas
- 21 Joanne Estergreen
- 29 Joanne Estergreen,  
Stephanie Colbert,  
Sharon Christiansen
- 30 Cheryl Taylor

### USHERS

- 7 Dave Paeth
- 14 Jim Hewitson
- 21 Curt Colbert
- 29 Jim Mendes
- 30 Dan Lassman

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Come join us!

*Roozengarde  
is calling!*