



# THE MESSENGER

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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### *From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in our coming Lord and Savior,

Happy New Year! To kick off this new year, I would like to begin a new series of newsletter articles about our Lutheran liturgy. As Lutherans, we have a very different understanding of what goes on during a Sunday morning than the rest of the Christian world. As were most other Christian churches believe they are coming together on Sunday mornings to worship God, to do a service for Him. We, however, understand that we come together so that God might serve us, through His Means of Grace, and we respond to His gifts in thanks and praise.

It is with this theological understand that Sundays are God's service to us, that our liturgy has been developing in for thousands of years. Historic Christian Liturgy has its roots all the way back in the Tabernacle liturgy given at Mt. Sinai to Moses and Aaron in 1446 BC. It is a form of worship that has stood the test of time, supplanting all cultic and pagan practices.

So let us begin at the begging with the Invocation. From the Latin word *Invocatio*, it means to call upon a deity or the supernatural of assistance or as an authority. So for we Christians, it takes the form of calling upon the Triune God, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." How often have we heard those words? Has it become simply white noise to us? Something that the Pastor says, like a referee shouting, "Play ball!"

Yet it should remind us and refresh our identity as the children of God, who have been baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is why many of us make the sign of the Cross, as a visible reminder of our baptism upon hearing His name.

Saint Paul captures the eternal significance of our baptism so beautifully in his letter to the Galatians, "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27) It is as if we begin the Divine Service by being clothed in Christ's righteousness. Unlike the man in the parable of the wedding feast who had no garment, when we stand before our eternal Judge on the Last Day, we will be clothed and covered in the purity of Christ.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are keeping both, the Second Commandment (You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God), and entreating the First Petition the Lord's Prayer (Hallowed be Thy name). So that we might stand before the Triune God in all boldness and confidence, that He has claimed us as His own, and named us His beloved children and give us His richest gifts.

Next month we will be looking at the first gift our gracious farther gives to us in His Divine service Confession and Absolution. May God bless you this New Year!

In Him,  
– Pastor Mankin

## FROM THE OFFICE

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### THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

**January 22, 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).

**2019 BOX ENVELOPES:** Please note that ALL 2019 box numbers have changed from 2018's, so your current number will not be the one you'll use starting in January. For that reason, it is imperative that all members recycle their old 2018 envelopes. Still have a lot of those left? Still toss them! The number that's printed on your box of envelopes is what the office uses to track your tithes for your end of year fiscal tax statement. By using old envelopes in the new year, you risk losing track of any tithes on that statement and confusing the office into reporting your tithe on someone else's statement. Who wants that? No one.

For members 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 2019 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

**2019 SERVICE SCHEDULES:** Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2019 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. 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 Meeting

Ladies' Guild will be meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea and a sweet roll will be served. Please remember to bring your "Mites for Missions" money. All women of Messiah are invited to attend!

#### Project Days

The next Project Day will be Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are cordially invited.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The first Wednesday of each month after the midweek service, we serve a hot meal to the attendees. We need volunteers to prepare a casserole, salad and dessert for 8 people. Please contact Jean Mindemann, 206-526-9523, if you can help.

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

The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Mazatlan Restaurant, located at 6003 244th St. SW in Mountlake Terrace. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

**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: The Birth of John the Baptist, The Book of Obadiah, Thy Kingdom Come, The Apostle Thomas, Ahab Steals Naboth's Vineyard and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## HUMAN CARE

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### DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

In the month of November, we collected the following items for Compass Cascade Women's Center: 1 package of hygiene wipes; 1 package of liners; 4 containers of women's hygiene products. Thanks for helping those in need. In December, we will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpastes, and body/hand lotions the totals of which are still being counted. **In January, we will be collecting razors, shaving creams 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.

**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).

## CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

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### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: The Incarnation  
 WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am  
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall  
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

## BASIC LUTHERAN TEACHINGS (formerly AIC)

WHAT: Introduction to Lutheran Christian Faith  
 WHEN: **Saturdays, 3:00 pm**  
 WHERE: Room 202/204  
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: The Book of John  
 WHEN: Thursdays, **10:00 am**  
 WHERE: Room 202/204  
 TEACHER: Jim Grant

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

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
Billy Gard	1/19
Cora May Gray	1/22
Martha Mathiason	1/25
Donna Holdridge	1/27
Jennifer Clark	1/31
Andrew Ferguson	1/31

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Ardis Fisse	1/01
Bob Guthrie	1/01
Ruby Holman	1/01
Destiny Aguayo	1/02
Sonja Questad	1/07
Ehren Sholdt	1/07
Megan Hillmann	1/13

Isaac Lindstrom	1/15
Miles Lindstrom	1/15
Alex Paeth	1/23
Andrew Boomhower	1/26
Adeline Bourn	1/31
Andrew Ferguson	1/31

## OFFICIAL ACTS

In December, Ellen (Eyre) Kendall and Rick & Leslie Greenquist were granted a peaceful release. Andrew & Rachel Ferguson transferred back at the conclusion of Andrew's contract in England.

## 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.

**January 6:** Is. 66:1–20; Luke 3:21–38;

**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.

**January 13:** Ezek. 36:13–28; Rom. 4:1–25;

**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.

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

**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.

**January 27:** Zech. 4:1–5:11; Rom. 15:14–33;

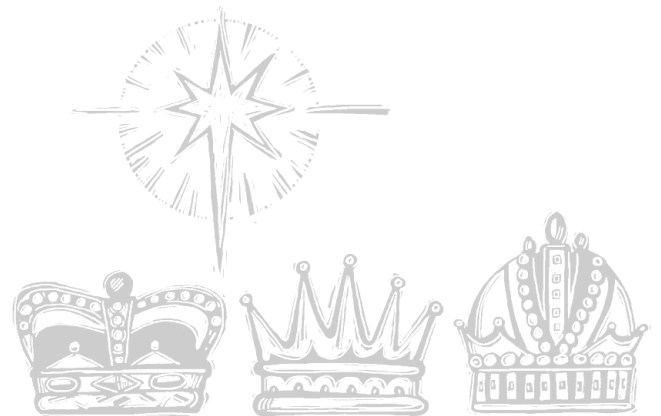
**28:** Zech. 6:1–7:14; Rom. 16:17–27;

**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





# Epiphany

Matthew 2:9-12

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 NEW YEARS DAY</b>  <i>Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm BLT
<b>6 EPIPHANY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Ladies Guild Meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm BLT
<b>13 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3:00 pm BLT
<b>20</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	<b>21 MLK DAY</b>  <i>Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	<b>22 MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>23</b> 9:30 pm LMWL Project Day 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm BLT
<b>27</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Confirmation	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Elder's meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Bible Study		

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## JANUARY SCHEDULE

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

### ACOLYTES

**8:00 am**  
6 Destiny Aguayo  
13 Lena Witt  
20 *volunteer*  
27 Destiny Aguayo

**10:45 am**  
Jack Knudson  
Addie Clark  
Will Strege  
Peter Grimm

### USHERS

**8:00 am**  
6 Jim Mendes  
13 Lee Cohrs  
20 Terry King  
27 Harry Edmon

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

### GREETERS

**8:00 am Upstairs**  
6 Terry King  
13 Sharon Christiansen  
20 Jim & Sue Hewitson  
27 Frieda Johnson

**8:00 am Downstairs**  
Robin Melvin  
Jack & Donna Holdridge  
Larry & Nancy Bourn  
Jack & Donna Holdridge

**10:45 am Upstairs**  
Maya Martin  
Sharon Christiansen  
Jim & Sue Hewitson  
Dorothy Bellin

**10:45 am Downstairs**  
Dan Lassman  
Dorothy Bellin  
Ann Melvin  
Sharon Christiansen

### READERS

**8:00 am**  
6 Robin Melvin  
13 Lee Cohrs  
20 Harry Edmon  
27 Albert Lirhus

**10:45 am**  
Dave Miller  
Neil Strege  
Sue Hewitson  
Dan Lassman

### TRANSPORTATION

6 Sharon Christiansen  
13 Joanne Warner  
20 **OPEN**  
27 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6 *Processional*  
13 Lee Cohrs  
20 Pastor Mankin  
27 Jill Petro

### ELDERS

**8:00 am**  
6 Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin  
13 Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro  
20 Andrew Petro, Harry Edmon  
27 Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin

**10:45 am**  
Neil Strege, Jim Grant  
Jim Grant, Josh Pemberton  
Josh Pemberton, David Miller  
David Miller, Neil Strege

### ALTAR GUILD

6 Shelley Tennant, Sharon Christiansen  
13 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann  
20 Shelley Tennant, Dianna Altena  
27 Shelley Tennant, Joyce Lucas

### CRUCIFERS

**8:00 am**  
6 *volunteer*

**10:45 am**  
*volunteer*

