



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

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 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.

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

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY

LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS – *Margie Longan*

Ladies' Guild Meeting

Ladies' Guild will be meeting January 9th 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 23rd 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 Monday, January 14th 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 and on the LPR mobile app.

HUMAN CARE

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.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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

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 2019

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

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
 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

