



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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Dear Saints of Messiah,

I was recently asked by a former professor to write a brief informal article for *Concordia Pulpit Resource's* Pastor's Conference section of the magazine. Since, I'm fairly sure most of you don't subscribe to this publication, I thought it might be fun to share it here too. Enjoy!

Topic Question: If you had to characterize your preaching as being more like "The Gambler," "The Godfather," or "The Great Gatsby," which would it be?

What an odd question, I guess in order to answer it we would need to define what you mean by each reference.

I would have to say "The Gambler" preaching style would be for those who don't prepare; neglecting your study during the week and hoping somehow the Holy Spirit will 'pull it out' for you in the pulpit. I will confess, because of funerals and such, I have had to play this card a few times in the ministry. But you can't bet this one every week, "You got to know when to hold 'em you got to know when to fold 'em. And know when to walk away from this one."

Sadly, I have often been accused of preaching like The Godfather, with the DVD audio track stuck on Romanian. [Read the following in your best Brando,] "I made them an offer they couldn't understand." However, I suppose that The Godfather style preacher tends to leave the people with a life and death type of intensity to it. I would say, more often than other styles, I have laid this option before my people. There is a real sense of life and death to every sermon. We are dying men preaching to dying men, and there is always a chance one of your members

will be sleeping with the fishes before next Sunday.

Finally, what about the Great Gatsby? He was a self-reliant man with style and pizzazz, but very little substance when you get down to it. He doesn't rely on the Holy Spirit like the Gambler, he thinks he's got it all under control. You know what I mean, old sport, relying on your own charm and charisma rather than providing any real meaning and substance. However, his sermons always leaves me feeling hollow ... and strangely wanting to listen to Jazz.

So, I guess if I was like any of them it would be, none of the above. I preach more like the humble trio from the Wizard of Oz. I go behind the Temple Curtain in prayer to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, heart and courage to share Law and Gospel every week, and He always delivers, even if it's not the way I expect. Then, I try to get the people home, hopefully avoid the Wicked Witch and her flying monkeys catching me in the narthex ... you know who I mean. ;-)

I hope you enjoyed this peek behind the curtain and realize I don't think of any of you as flying monkeys ... or wicked witches, I guess.

In Him,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

October 21, 2019

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW TIME FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – *Kent Questad*

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginnings of Fall and all the blessings it brings. Last Tuesday, at its regular meeting, the church council decided to change the scheduled time of the next congregational meeting. Younger members with children and older members have told us that holding the meeting in the early evening makes it difficult for them to attend, because bringing children and driving at night are difficult for them. Accordingly, we decided to try having the meeting after the second Divine Service or around 12:30 pm on Sunday. So, the new time for **the next congregational meeting will be 12:30 pm, on Sunday November 17, 2019**. I would welcome comments anyone might have about this change either in person, through email or voicemail. Thank you all for your understanding.

FROM THE ORGANIST

HYMNS AND WHY THEY ARE – *Noel Channon*

These indicate the **number of syllables** in a line of poetry (which is what a hymn is), and is known as the **Meter** or pulse, and is indicated by pairs of numbers, i.e., 88 88 or 86 86, etc. The three most commonly used meters are: Long Meter (**LM**) is 88 88, meaning each line of text has 8 syllables, LSB 883. Common Meter (**CM**) is 86 86, first and third line have 8 syllables; the second and fourth have 6, LSB 787. Short Meter (**SM**) is 66 86, first two lines have 6 syllables, the third has 8 and the fourth has 6. LSB doesn't have any of these, although 363 (Silent Night) comes close.

Hymns usually have meter that is either **IAMBIC** [the accent is on the **second** syllable] or **TROCHAIC** [accent is on the **first** syllable]. **IAMBIC**: "O **Love**, how **deep**, how **broad**, how **high**" (LSB 544); **TROCHAIC**: "**See**, the **Lord** ascends in **triumph**" (LSB 494)

In the back of the LSB, page 1007, is the Metrical Index (most hymnals have one). Why? Suppose the Pastor loves the **text** of LSB 648, "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" but really doesn't care for the **tune**. Looking at the bottom of Hymn 648, he'll see that the meter is 87 87 D – which means doubled; then going to the Metrical Index, he can find the list of other tunes with that identical meter. He might like the tune to #476, and sure enough, it will fit (both are 87 87 D).

However, this doesn't always work out, especially in some of the newer hymns. More next month!

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 pm at O'Donnell's Irish Pub, located at 3601 Fremont Ave. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

(LWML) NEWS – *Margie Longan*

Ladies' Guild Meeting

Ladies' Guild will be meeting Wednesday, October 9th from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. Coffee and tea will be served at 10:00 am and the meeting starts at 10:30 am. All ladies of Messiah are warmly invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

Project / Quilting Day

The next Quilting Day will be Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 9:30 am. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are cordially invited.

Olympic Zone Fall Rally

Join us for the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, October 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Registration starts at 9:30 am and costs \$4.00. Program will begin at 10:00 am and lunch will be served after the presentation. Our speaker for this event is Washington-Alaska District representative Rhondia Ries and family. For our in-gathering, please bring warm hats, socks, scarves, and gloves for homeless men, women, and children at the Everett Gospel Mission! There will also be an opportunity to drop off your mission mites.

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

We are sending 131 school kits to Lutheran World Relief! Thank you to all who donated school supplies, thread, and money, sewed backpacks, threaded cord in the backpacks, removed packaging, bundled pencils and pens, stuffed backpacks, boxed the kits, and delivered the boxes to the collection site. All of our boxes with school kits have bar codes so we can track where they will be sent. Lutheran World Relief works with local organizations within countries to distribute school kits to those in need. Last year's school kits were sent to Mali and also to Lebanon to aid refugees fleeing war in Syria.

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.

DAILY 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: A Christian-Friendly Government, St. Michael & All Angels, The Movie "Downton Abbey," The Patriarch Joseph 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 August, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services: 33 bars of soap, 3 liquid body washes, 2 shampoo bottles and 2 bottles of conditioner. Thank you for your generosity! In September, we collected razors, aftershave and shaving creams, the count of which is still being tallied. **In October, we are 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.

FELLOWSHIP

LEARN HOW TO HAVE MORE MEANINGFUL SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS! – *Jean Mindemann*

Gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual conversations with others. Our engaging presenter, Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Regional Director-North America for Lutheran Hour Ministries, will guide you through research-based insights and give you tools that will help you more comfortably engage in Spiritual Conversations. A Workshop will be presented October 6, 2019 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7050 35th Ave NE, Seattle,

WA 98115. The workshop will run from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm Refreshments will be available. For registration information contact: Jean Mindemann 206.526.9523.

EDUCATION HOUR REFRESHMENTS: Starting in January we are asking that you sign up to provide the refreshments for the education hour on Sundays. You can provide whatever food that you would like, and it includes set-up and clean-up. Sign-up list will be posted in the kitchen. Questions? Call Jean Mindemann@ 206-526-9523.

FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN: Rekindle your love for each other—celebrate the love you cherished when you first met and discover new dimensions of that love on a Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 1st - 3rd, in Vancouver, WA. For more information, visit www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Carl & Dallas Anne Presley, 206-522-6849 or lmnorthwest@gmail.com.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: Lutheranism 101
WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

BASIC LUTHERAN TEACHINGS (formerly AIC)

WHAT: Intro to Lutheran Christian Faith
WHEN: **To Be Determined**
WHERE: Room 202/204
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: Gospel of Luke
WHEN: Tuesdays, **10:00 am**
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
TEACHER: Harry Edmon

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: Gospel of John
WHEN: Saturdays, **10:00 am**
WHERE: 202/204
TEACHER: Jim Grant

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Sara Zimmerman	10/01
Jill England	10/02
Claire Daigneault	10/03
Henry Davis	10/04
Liam Davis	10/04
Jenny Lueck	10/04
Harriet Chase	10/06
Larry Bourn	10/07
Jacob Miller	10/09
Mike Hillmann	10/13
Will Strege	10/18
Katie Lassman	10/21
Margaret Mankin	10/21
Heidi Witt	10/22
Joanne Warner	10/24
Martha Weiss	10/24
Delores Cohrs	10/26
Rachel Ferguson	10/27
Sue Lassman	10/28
Callum Morse	10/28
Cheryl Kohring	10/30
Ehren Sholdt	10/30
Harry Edmon	10/31
Lourain Schmidt	10/31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Cohrs	10/01
Fumiko Schaub	10/01
June Scott	10/01
Jill England	10/02
Margaret Leary	10/06
Harriet Chase	10/08
Jessica Lueck	10/08
Ann Melvin	10/12
Brian Doersch	10/13
Olivia Lueck	10/13
Irma Guthrie	10/14
Alex Miller	10/15
Robin Arbuckle	10/16
Herman Gross	10/22
Philip Estergreen	10/23
Jacob Miller	10/26
Brian Danforth	10/28
Katie Lassman	10/29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

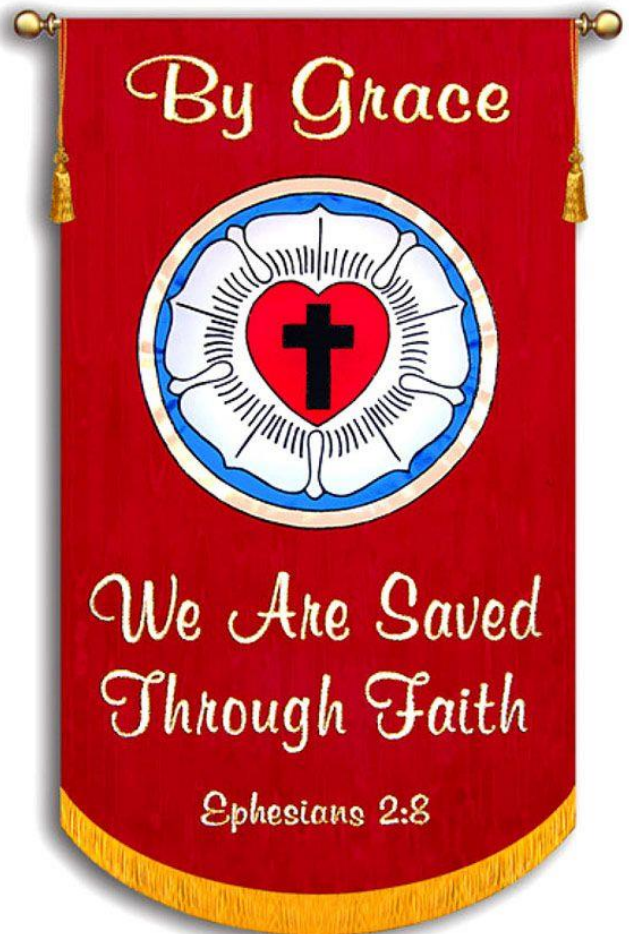
Rebecca & Tyler Rath	10/06
Eric & Tammy Linden	10/11
Makaela & Kyle Schultz	10/28

OFFICIAL ACTS

On September 22nd, Madeleine Juliette Ferguson was baptized. In late September, Monica Kelpel transferred to Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO and Cheryl Gagne transferred to Concordia Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, WA.

DID WE MISS YOU?

Was your birthday, baptism or otherwise, or your anniversary this month and you aren't listed here? That means the office doesn't have your special day on record. You can fix that today by contacting the office at office@messiahseattle.org or calling us at 206-524-0024. We appreciate every chance to update our records so that they're as accurate as possible!



Lutheran Ministry Services



Oktoberfest



Auction & Fundraiser

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October 2019

<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 Youth board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	2	3 7:00 pm Choir	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study
6 LWML SUNDAY 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Fellowship Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 1:30 pm Lutheran Hour Ministries Workshop	7 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	8 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	9 10:00 am Ladies' Guild Meeting	10 7:00 pm Choir	11	12 9:30 am LWML Olympic Zone Fall Rally 10:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm LMS Oktoberfest
13 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	14	15 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	16 12:00 pm Quilting Day	17 7:00 pm Choir	18	19 10:00 am Bible Study
20 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	21 MESSENGER DEADLINE	22 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders' meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	23	24 7:00 pm Choir	25	26 10:00 am Bible Study
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	28	29 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Bell Choir	30	31 7:00 pm Choir		

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

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

ACOLYTES

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6 <i>volunteer</i></p> <p>13 Lena Witt</p> <p>20 Destiny Aguayo</p> <p>27 Lena Witt</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Will Strege</p> <p>Addie Clark</p> <p>OPEN</p> <p>Peter Grimm</p>
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USHERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6 Jim Mendes</p> <p>13 Lee Cohrs</p> <p>20 Terry King</p> <p>27 Harry Edmon</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Steve Miller</p> <p>Dave Paeth</p> <p>Curt Colbert</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p>
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GREETERS

<p>8:00 am Upstairs</p> <p>6 Terry King</p> <p>13 Sharon Christiansen</p> <p>20 Sue Hewitson</p> <p>27 Frieda Johnson</p>	<p>8:00 am Downstairs</p> <p>Robin Melvin</p> <p>Jack & Donna Holdridge</p> <p>Larry & Nancy Bourn</p> <p>Jack & Donna Holdridge</p>	<p>10:45 am Upstairs</p> <p>Maya Martin</p> <p>Sharon Christiansen</p> <p>Sue Hewitson</p> <p>Dorothy Bellin</p>	<p>10:45 am Downstairs</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p> <p>Dorothy Bellin</p> <p>Ann Melvin</p> <p>Sharon Christiansen</p>
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READERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6 Harry Edmon</p> <p>13 Lee Cohrs</p> <p>20 Robin Melvin</p> <p>27 Albert Lirhus</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Dan Lassman</p> <p>Curt Colbert</p> <p>Dave Miller</p> <p>Neil Streges</p>
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TRANSPORTATION

6 Sharon Christiansen

13 Joanne Warner

20 Cheryl Gagne

27 Jane Krueger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6 Lee Cohrs

13 *none*

20 Jill Petro

27 *Processional*

ELDERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>6 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon</p> <p>13 Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro</p> <p>20 Andrew Petro, Harry Edmon</p> <p>27 Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Neil Strege, Jim Grant</p> <p>Jim Grant, Josh Pemberton</p> <p>Josh Pemberton, David Miller</p> <p>David Miller, Neil Strege</p>
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ALTAR GUILD

6 Jack and Donna Holdridge, Sharon Christiansen

13 Cheryl Gagne, Cheryl Taylor

20 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann

27 Cheryl Gagne, Jean Mindemann

CRUCIFERS

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>27 Cameron Petro</p>	<p>10:45 am</p> <p>Will Strege</p>
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