



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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## *From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in our Risen Lord!

The time is finally here for us to resume in-person services. I am so excited to be with all of you again! However, I would like to share with you some thoughts about the upcoming months.

As hard as the last several months have been, I am grateful for how we weathered this pandemic. We certainly can debate the constitutionality of the lockdown orders. Still, I would like to say; I do believe our leaders were making their decision as best they could with the information available to protect the public; as to the effectiveness of their actions, that will be up to history to judge. However, we should continue to pray for those in authority, even if we might not always see how God is using them for His ends.

Since we have now entered Phase II of the state's reopening plan, we are free to hold services up to 25% of our sanctuary capacity. However, after thoughtful discussions with the elders and council, we have decided to cap our attendance at 75 people for the time being. We think this will adequately meet our needs for social distancing. We have been working on many protocols that will allow us to reopen safely.

Sadly, due to state guidelines, we will not be able to reopen in person Sunday School and the Adult Education Hour at this time. We will, however, be continuing to offer these online soon. Please check your email and our website for more information about the times.

Additionally, the governor has stated that he reserves the right to switch back to Phase I if they deem it necessary, so please be flexible and understand if that happens, we will need to shut down in-person services again.

I know that returning to services might be hard on us. For some, the changes that we had to set in place might seem off-putting. For others, there may be anxiety being around the public again. To all of these concerns, please just be patient. I know that change doesn't come easy, especially to Lutherans. If something is upsetting you about the service, please talk to one of the elders or me, and we will do our best to address your concerns. If you are worried about virus transmission, that is perfectly understandable. And in your Christian freedom, you are free to continue to worship online at home.

If you, or someone in your family, are a member of a vulnerable population, I would encourage you to stay home at this time. This decision is not a reflection on your faith, nor will it impact the way your pastor or church family will view you. Please use your God-given logic and reason to make balanced and informed decisions about attendance.

Finally, for anyone uncomfortable with returning to in-person services, I would like to offer you the Lord's Supper as well. We can schedule a private communion at the church for you or your family. I will do my best to accommodate your needs. With that said, I will be on vacation the first week of July, sorry.

I pray you all stay healthy, and I look forward to what our Lord has in store. And as always, Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

In HIM,  
– Pastor Mankin

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We are blessed to have the opportunity to start in-person services and would like to share an update on steps taken to support guidelines provided by county/state authorities. Please understand that

considerable thought and prayer has gone into how/when we return to in-person services, and I do expect we will make iterative changes over the coming weeks to ensure all attending (both online and in-person) can continue to worship together.

Below is a high-level overview of changes made leading into our first few in-person services:

- Attendance will be limited to 75 people per service and those attending are asked to register for a specific service by calling the church office or registering online at [messiahseattle.org/register](https://messiahseattle.org/register).
- All attending in-person will be required to wear a face mask while on church property (aligning to guidance across King County). Disposable masks will be available at the church if needed.
- Everyone attending are encouraged to follow guidelines for washing your hands and using sanitizer frequently.
- Pews will be blocked (every second row) to facilitate social distancing and the usher team will swap the blocked rows for the second service.
- Usher and Elder teams have met and will direct members/visitors on any small changes to the service (including the distribution of the Lord's Supper).
- Additional cleaning will occur between services for high touch areas (stairwell railings/elevators/etc.) and custodial team are cleaning the church during the week.
- Education Hour will be cancelled through July 19th (both in-person and online).

An additional follow-up from the last Messenger, Church Camp has been cancelled for 2020 due to current gathering restrictions and availability of campsites later in the year.

One final item, as a council we have not forgotten that we missed the opportunity to all enjoy a meal together on Easter Sunday morning. When appropriate, we hope to hold a similar event (maybe lunch ☺); however, we will only do so when it is safe for us all to be together again.

It has been a long few months getting us to this point, and I want to again extend my sincere thanks to everyone who continue to support our congregation during these difficult times. I acknowledge we are not back to our normal service protocols, and it is understood that it will take time before everyone can be back together again. Until then, I wish everyone a safe and Blessed summer.

Peace in Him,  
Mark

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## FROM THE OFFICE

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### THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

**August 17, 2020**

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).

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## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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### LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWALS

Looking to renew your magazine subscription to *Lutheran Witness*? Renewal information is finally in! The 2020 price is \$15.96 for the NW District, and as always, September is the first issue. If you would like to start a subscription or renew yours from last year, please place your payment in an envelope marked *Lutheran Witness*. **All payments must be collected by July 8<sup>th</sup>**, so please send your payment in today!

### JOB OPENING AT CONCORDIA

Our amazing administrative assistant is moving to Yakima in July and therefore, leaving us. We are in the process of interviewing individuals for the position. The job description is attached. If you are able to share it with your members that may be looking for a job or to your members as a whole, please do so! [cmalone@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com)

**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 LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW...** 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 teachings include: A Lutheran Justification for Political Resistance, The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters, Lutheran Piety in the Home, Mary Visiting Elizabeth and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

WHAT: Revelation  
 WHEN: Returning Sundays at 9:30 am 7/19  
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall  
 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: Fellowship Hall  
 TEACHER: Jim Grant

**JULY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Branom	7/01
Becky Johnson	7/01
Dave Manahan	7/01
Dorothy Bellin	7/02
Joyce Lucas	7/04
Robin Arbuckle	7/06
Robby Branom	7/07
Allison Danforth	7/10
Nicole Cox	7/13

Jack Knudson	7/14
June Scott	7/15
Nola Pak	7/18
Sue Hewitson	7/20
Madeleine Ferguson	7/26
Matt Grant	7/26
Christina Roethemeyer	7/26
Molly Neubert	7/27
Craig Kohring	7/28
John Koppelman	7/29
Neil Woodward	7/62

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Cole Daigneault	7/01
Marsha Hudson	7/01
Mary Branom	7/05
Stephanie Colbert	7/05
Cade Pak	7/08
Jenny Lueck	7/15
Dorothy Bellin	7/17
Bill Homann	7/17
Mike Davis	7/19
Lauren Sholdt	7/22
Jennifer Mueller	7/23
Lynn Knudson	7/24
Stacey Meyer	7/24
Rebecca Rath	7/25
Lena Witt	7/25

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bryan & Jennifer Clark	7/08
Neil Woodward & Leanne Gulden	7/14
Bob & Sara Zimmerman	7/15
Robby & Audrey Branom	7/21
Ryan & Danielle Smith	7/21
Robin & Ann Melvin	7/30

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Clarence Mankin	8/01
Leslie Miller	8/03
Syriana Schaub	8/05
Braylin Jenson	8/06
Jean Mindemann	8/08
Gabby Strege	8/08
Stephanie Totten	8/08
Olivia Lueck	8/09
Trevor Mankin	8/10

Brien Lindstrom	8/12
Albert Lirhus	8/13
Ardis Fisse	8/14
Marlene Ivy	8/17
Theo Petro	8/17
Jordan Paeth	8/18
Trey Knudson	8/19
Cameron Petro	8/19
Brian Doersch	8/21
Curt Colbert	8/23
Sandy Grant	8/23
Marjeelee Murrell	8/24
Jessica Lueck	8/26
Sean Bartlett	8/29
Bob Guthrie	8/29
Frieda Johnson	8/31

#### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Brien Lindstrom	8/01
Dave Manahan	8/01
Brian Reid	8/01
Katie Kohring	8/08
Keri Valdes	8/09
Trevor Mankin	8/10
James Leary	8/13
Nola Pak	8/14
John Koppelman	8/19
Syriana Schaub	8/22
Cameron Petro	8/25
Gabby Strege	8/26
Callum Morse	8/28
Trey Knudson	8/30
Clarence Mankin	8/48

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Nancy Bourn	8/02
Jack & Donna Holdridge	8/10
Curt & Stephanie Colbert	8/20

#### OFFICIAL ACTS

In June, David Hartshorn transferred. Ehren Sholdt and his family have transferred to Shepherd of the Hills in Maltby. Jon & Veronica Steele have transferred back to California and will be joining St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irvine. We also had two baptisms, the first was Callahan Anthony Sholdt on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and the second was Paige Elizabeth Germeroth on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



## WHAT CAN I DO

to help services go smoothly?

**Wear a mask.** Masks are now required for all in-person services. If you do not have a mask, disposables will be available.

**Avoid shaking hands.** Elbow bumps are currently the new trend.

**Utilize the hand sanitizer available** in the Narthex.

**Please social distance.** We encourage that all members maintain a wide berth from each other as they enter and leave the sanctuary.

Watch the service live at [messiahseattle.org/media/live-stream](https://messiahseattle.org/media/live-stream)

Give your offering online, via text or mail. See [messiahseattle.org/stewardship](https://messiahseattle.org/stewardship)

# July 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday</i>	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour Cancelled 10:45 am Divine Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>8</b> <i>Lutheran Witness Renewal Payments Due!</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Bible Study
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# August 2020

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## JULY & AUGUST SCHEDULES

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

### ALTAR GUILD

#### JULY

- 5 Cheryl Taylor
- 12 Joanne Estergreen, Cheryl Taylor
- 19 Jack and Donna Holdridge
- 26 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen

### ELDERS

#### JULY

##### 8:00 am

- 5 Lee Cohrs, TBD
- 12 TBD, Andrew Petro
- 19 Andrew Petro, Michael Boomhower
- 26 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon

#### AUGUST

##### 8:00 am

- 2 Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs
- 9 Michael Boomhower, TBD
- 16 TBD, Andrew Petro
- 23 Andrew Petro, Lee Cohrs
- 30 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon

### USHERS

#### JULY

##### 8:00 am

- |    |             |          |              |
|----|-------------|----------|--------------|
| 5  | Jim Mendes  | 10:45 am | Steve Miller |
| 12 | Lee Cohrs   |          | Dave Paeth   |
| 19 | Terry King  |          | Curt Colbert |
| 26 | Harry Edmon |          | Dan Lassman  |

#### AUGUST

- 2 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen
- 9 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
- 16 Jack and Donna Holdridge
- 23 Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann
- 30 Cheryl Taylor, Jean Mindemann

##### 10:45 am

- Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege
- Josh Pemberton, David Miller
- David Miller, Neil Strege
- Josh Pemberton Neil Strege

##### 10:45 am

- Josh Pemberton, TBD
- David Miller, Neil Strege
- Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege
- Neil Strege, David Miller
- David Miller, Josh Pemberton

#### AUGUST

##### 8:00 am

- 2 Jim Mendes
- 9 Lee Cohrs
- 16 Terry King
- 23 Harry Edmon
- 30 Lee Cohrs

##### 10:45 am

- Steve Miller
- Dave Paeth
- Curt Colbert
- Dan Lassman
- Dave Paeth



**THANK YOU FOR WEARING  
YOUR MASK TO SERVICE!**