



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in our Risen Lord,

Jesus said in the last chapter of Matthew 19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:19–20 ESV)

Jesus' desire was that all nations would come to the knowledge of him and be saved. For the past 2000 plus years, we have been doing our best to share the Good News of Jesus to our sin-fallen world. Indeed, the Gospel message has spread throughout most of the known world.

However, in many parts of the world, where the Gospel message had sprung up and flourished now the good news has been left to wither and die. Most of Western Europe, which was once the heart of Christendom, is one of the least Christian areas globally. Often times the lack of saving faith in that part of the world goes unnoticed.

I think this is because too often, people confuse material wealth with spiritual health. We see people who are suffering from a lack of essential resources and make many assumptions. That is not to say we should not be concerned with our more impoverished neighbor's physical needs. However, we should be concerned with the spiritual needs of everyone.

At Messiah, we support missions worldwide, from Africa to Asia, and especially Latin America. Even during this Global Pandemic, we have continued to meet our pledges to these missions. However, a need has arisen among our sister congregations in England that we did not budget for this year.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England started back in 1894 with the help of the LCMS. Although never a large Church body, they have played a vital role in keeping the Gospel alive in England, as the other local churches have moved further away from orthodoxy. It would be a great shame to lose this small foothold in England.

To help preserve our Lutheran faith and the Gospel in England this year, we will be holding a Mission Fest Sunday on November 22, 2020. We will be highlighting all of the Mission we support and taking up a special one-time offering for missions.

All of the offering donations will go to support Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Fareham, UK. We have had several members attend there over the years, and they are in desperate need of our support. A different basket will be out back for collections. If you would like to donate beforehand, please write "UK Mission" on the memo line of your check.

May God bless you this Thanksgiving and as we prepare for the close of the Church year.

In Him,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

November 16, 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 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.

COLLECTING FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS:

Concordia Theological Seminary has reached out to Messiah to participate in their collection of gift cards this Christmas season for their attending students. As such, Messiah is asking for financial support from members to aid their cause. If you'd like to help support the next crop of Seminary students, please submit a tithing envelope labeled "Seminary Gift Cards" in your Sunday offerings, or you can mail in a separate payment if you are not attending services in person. At the end of our collection period, gift cards will be purchased with the funds collected and mailed out.

The deadline to submit for this worthy cause is Sunday, October 22nd, the Last Sunday of the Church Year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2020 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

– *Mark Jorgensen*

I hope that everyone is keeping well as we enter the fall season. It is again that time of year for the annual congregational meeting, and I wanted to share the plan for how the meeting will be conducted this year. The meeting will be held between services on November 15th and will commence at 9:15 am and conclude no later than 10:35 am. Also, due to COVID-19 gathering

restrictions, it has been decided that we will hold the meeting in the sanctuary, and those attending are asked to sign-up to ensure we stay under the 75 people allowed in the sanctuary at one time. Additionally, members will have the option to connect/dial-in through Zoom and the instructions on how to access the meeting will be provided in a separate letter to be mailed to members (an email will also be sent).

We acknowledge that this meeting will be different from past years, and the council members and tech committee are working to ensure all members who cannot attend in person can still engage and ask questions in the same way we have done in person in past years. I would welcome comments anyone might have about this change either in person, through email or voicemail. Looking forward to connecting with all of you.

FROM THE TECH COMMITTEE

GET THE GOSPEL OVER THE PHONE!

Did you know that you can listen to the latest sermon from Messiah Lutheran over the phone? No computer or smart phone needed! This is great and easy way to hear the Law and Gospel if you aren't able to come in person, don't have a computer, or aren't familiar with podcasts.

Here's how it works:

Call the church phone number, 206-524-0024, and press 8 from the main menu. At the prompt you can then choose:

- 1 to listen LIVE to Sunday Service (only available on Sundays during the service)
- 2 to listen to the latest Sunday Sermon
- 3 to listen to the latest Tuesday Bible Study

Questions? Contact tech@messiahseattle.org

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

BIBLE STUDY – *Harry Edmon*

The 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Class is moving to broadcasting on Zoom. The address for the class is <https://zoom.us/j/4669703821> on Zoom. You can also call in via phone number 253-215-8782. The meeting ID is 466 970 3821. We currently studying 1 Samuel, which will be followed by 2 Samuel.

THANKSGIVING DAY CARDS – *Jan Sholdt*

Need a special card for the upcoming holiday? You're in luck! Thanksgiving Day cards are now in the Narthex and only cost a dollar. Get yours before they run out!

2020 THANKSGIVING FOOD SHOWER – *Sharon Christiansen*

Please consider food or product donations for Thanksgiving, November 26th (Thursday). Leave them in the Narthex, and I will load my car to deliver them. Last day for donation pick-up will be Sunday, November 22nd at 5:00 pm.

We are asking for assistance in loading the food into my car on that evening. Likely the usual food display will not happen due to a shortage of staff. But I will forward a food and cash tally for the membership to have full disclosure. So Messiah's give back offering will continue; but, in a modified fashion due to the health crisis. The Lake City Food Bank has accepted our offering and expressed a great need especially for children's hygiene products.

Thank you in advance for your care for our neighbors.

If you wish to give a check please enclose in the church envelope labeled as "Designated Offering for" Thanksgiving. The office will advise how much

I can spend based on the Thanksgiving designated donations. Deadline for grocery purchase is Monday, November 23rd at 5:00 pm. Thank you for this consideration. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Sharon Christiansen - 206-362-6774

SPECIAL MUSIC AT MESSIAH IS COMING BACK! – *Tiffany Walker*

The ensemble has resumed Wednesday evening rehearsals. Listen for them during services monthly beginning in November.

Calling everyone who loves to sing! Do you want a way to be a memorable part of our Christmas Eve services? Sing with the choir in a congregational recording of "Silent Night". All you will need is your smartphone or other audio recording device. Practice and recording sessions via Zoom are on December 10th and 17th at 7:00 PM. Email Tiffany Walker at walkertiffanyjf@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY - *Stephanie Colbert*

Although we were unable to hold our annual meeting and luncheon this year, our ministry is alive and well. In case you are unfamiliar with Messiah's Prayer Tree, this ministry was started over twenty years ago, by one of our women's groups to "meet the prayer needs" of our members. For example, some may wish to have prayers in addition to those offered on Sunday mornings, or, may prefer to keep their requests private. All of our prayers are considered confidential unless otherwise specified.

We are currently a group of 21 who pray for requests submitted by our members. I'd like to introduce and thank the following individuals for their faithfulness this past year:

Dorothy Bellin (Branch Leader)
Pat Buckles (Branch Leader)

Sharon Christianson
Curt Colbert (Branch Leader)
Don Dunavant
Harry Edmon
Joanne Estergreen
Sue Hewitson
Marie Hurlbut
Ed Johnson
Cheryl Kohring
Jane Krueger (Coordinator)
Margie Longan
Martha Mathiason
Ann Melvin
Laurie Mendes
Jean Mindemann (Branch Leader)
Susie Paeth
Pat Rodeman
Shelley Tennant

If you would like to make a prayer request, please contact Pastor Mankin. (If the request is urgent, you may also contact an elder, myself, or Jane Krueger.) We consider it a privilege to serve our members in this ministry. Feel free to call me with any questions.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) – *Dorothy Bellin*

Thank you to all who donated supplies and money this past spring for personal care kits. We sent 88 kits to LWR to be distributed in areas of need throughout the world. Each kit contains a bath towel, toothbrush, metal nail clippers, soap, and a comb. Aide workers will also distribute toothpaste to those receiving the kits. Bar codes attached to each box allow us to track where the kits will be distributed.

Our personal care kits from 2019 were sent to Tanzania, Haiti, and Lebanon. The explosion at the port of Beirut on August 4, 2020 damaged many humanitarian supplies. Fortunately, LWR's

shipping containers were found intact and supplies of kits and quilts will be distributed to those displaced by the explosion as well as refugees from Syria and Palestine living in the area. For more information: <https://lwr.org/country/lebanon>

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.

THE PARABLES IN MATTHEW 13... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse, Bible study podcast. It's hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast; The Parable of the Weeds; The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl; and The Parable of the Net. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: Revelation / The Bible Story
WHEN: Sundays at 9:30 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall / Online
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

BASIC BIBLE TEACHINGS

WHAT: Lutheran doctrine / New Members class
WHEN: POSTPONED
WHERE: Online
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: 1 Samuel
WHEN: Tuesdays, 10:00 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall / Online
TEACHER: Harry Edmon

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: Book of Acts
WHEN: Saturdays, 10:00 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall / Online
TEACHER: Jim Grant

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/01
Tanner Clark	11/02
Robin Danforth	11/02
Dusty Sholdt	11/06
Maya Martin	11/07
Barbara Fruhling	11/09
Alex Paeth	11/10
Andy Lueck	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Sarah Jorgensen	11/15
Louise Daigneault	11/17
Evelyn Mankin	11/17
Bailey Cox	11/19
Nancy Daigneault	11/19
Shelbey Davis	11/19
Lisa Mankin	11/20
Elizabeth Cohrs	11/21
Chloe Cox	11/21
Jordan Jenson	11/21
Curt Lassman	11/21
Megan Hillmann	11/22
Lydia Miller	11/23
Brian Reid	11/29
Natalie Colbert	11/30

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/01
Martha Weiss	11/01
Sara Zimmerman	11/01
Kristin Hillmann	11/04
Marie Hurlbut	11/07
Margaret Mankin	11/09
Zoe Anderson	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Will Strege	11/14
Robin Danforth	11/15
Henry Davis	11/17
Liam Davis	11/17
Tanner Clark	11/18
Theo Petro	11/18
Allison Danforth	11/19
Mike Hillmann	11/22
Jordan Jenson	11/22
Kimi Jannsen	11/27

OFFICIAL ACTS

This fall, Maynard Wege passed away. On Monday, October 26th, Lucille Trenor passed away.

DID WE MISS YOU?

Was your birthday, baptism or otherwise, or your anniversary this month or any other month, and you weren't listed? 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!



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	2	3 10:00 am Bible Study	4 4:00 pm Confirmation I	5 4:00 pm Confirmation II	6	7 10:00 am Bible Study
8 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11 VETERANS' DAY <i>The offices are closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	12 4:00 pm Confirmation II	13	14 10:00 am Bible Study
15 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	16	17 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec Board Meeting	18 4:00 pm Confirmation I	19 4:00 pm Confirmation II	20	21 10:00 am Bible Study
22 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR / MISSION SUNDAY 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	23 MESSENGER DEADLINE	24 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	25 4:00 pm Confirmation I	26 THANKSGIVING 9:30 am Matins <i>The offices are closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	27 <i>The offices are closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	28 10:00 am Bible Study
29 ADVENT BEGINS 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	30					

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

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

ALTAR GUILD

- 1 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen
- 8 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
- 15 Jack and Donna Holdridge
- 22 Joanne Estergreen, Cheryl Taylor
- 29 Jean Mindemann, Cheryl Taylor

**ATTENTION ALL ACOLYTES, CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE PRESENTERS, READERS, GREETERS &
TRANSPORTERS:**

As King County is not yet in Phase III of WA's reopening process, all tentative schedules for this month are not in effect. Please only show up for service if you feel comfortable and healthy to do so.

ELDERS

8:00 am

- 1 Andrew Petro
- 8 Michael Boomhower
- 15 Harry Edmon
- 22 Lee Cohrs
- 29 Robin Melvin

10:45 am

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

USHERS

8:00 am

- 1 Jim Mendes
- 8 Lee Cohrs
- 15 Terry King
- 22 Harry Edmon
- 29 Jim Mendes

10:45 am

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

THANKSGIVING MATINS SERVICE - 9:30 AM

Altar Guild

Stephanie Colbert

Usher Crew

Terry King



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR
THIS YEAR'S THANKSGIVING
FOOD SHOWER!