



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in our Savior,

Happy New Year! This time last year, I told my lovely wife Lisa that I thought 2020 would be a great year, full of promise and opportunity. This year she said to me that I wasn't allowed to make predictions anymore.

But as I look back on the past twelve months, I think my prediction was right on some levels. I freely acknowledge that 2020 has not been a lot of fun. Honestly, on a personal level and for our world, it has been awful. I cannot remember a year when I have had more trips to medical facilities than this one. It seems like we have moved from one disaster to another all year.

However, with all of these difficulties also came opportunities. Opportunities to grow in my faith and trust in our Lord and Savior. Chances to reflect on what was truly important in my life and let go of some emotional and actual baggage I had been holding on to for too long. Growth is rarely pain-free, but I think I have come through this year with a better perspective on life.

We also had a lot of opportunities to grow in our congregation. When the first lockdown occurred, I was so grateful and proud of how quickly we came together to face that challenge. From the elders contacting everyone to the tech committee pulling off a heroic job to improve our online presence, we have been exceptional in our response.

As we have been able to reopen in a modified capacity, I have been so please with everyone's willingness to be flexible. I know that is not easy for Lutherans. The ushers, readers, greeters, altar guild, and music groups have all worked so hard to ensure that we comply with the recommendations and restrictions we have been asked to implement. Our young people have been so

wonderful at moving classes online. Indeed, all of our members have been so loving and supportive during this unprecedented time.

Even facing difficult new social and economic realities, the church council has gone above and beyond to ensure our congregation's continued welfare. They have been working hard to ensure that we will still have a congregation after all of this current crisis has ended.

Usually, I would point to all of this and talk about how I was right about the opportunities we had in 2020. But this year, all I want to say is THANK YOU! You have all been wonderful through all of this. I know this has not been easy on any of us, but I am so grateful to God for all of you. Without your love and support, I don't know where our congregation or I would be right now. You have all truly been an example of Christ's love flowing through His people.

It looks like 2021 is going to be a better year for all of us. No, that is not a prediction, just a hope. But I now understand what Paul meant in his letter to the Romans when he wrote, **"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"**(Romans 3:37-29 NASB). Whatever comes our way, the Lord will see us through it.

In Him,
– Pastor Mankin

P.S. From the whole Mankin family, Thank you for your wonderful Christmas gifts; it really brightened up our Christmas.

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

January 19, 2021

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.

2021 BOX ENVELOPES

Please note that nearly ALL 2021 box numbers have changed from 2020'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 2020 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 2021 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

2021 SERVICE SCHEDULES: Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2021 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.

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

HUMAN CARE

COMPASS DONATION – *Sharon Christiansen*

Messiah delivered 19 blankets, one handmade quilt, and 30 bags of clothing for men, women, and children. The quilt and blankets sparked sudden appreciation as we unloaded the car. All came around to politely ask for a blanket or certain items before we got inside the building. They expressed appreciation more than once. Please know that I remember more than one "God Bless You". The men were really overwhelmed by our items, particularly the softness of blankets and they noted that the blankets did not smell, and special items they found. It was heartwarming.

There was stack of warm clothing in the cry room so I assume those were meant to go with Jackie & Ron Wold so I left them for their distribution. I will leave the disclosure to the Wolds and to Cheryl Kohring. Messiah can be proud of the generosity expressed at Christmastime by all members. God bless you!

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: Luther's Large Catechism
WHEN: Sundays at 4:00 pm
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: 2 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Maiya Brotzman	1/01
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
Abigail Germeroth	1/12
James Pemberton	1/12
Megan Bartlett	1/14
Cynthia Stone	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

Bob Guthrie	1/01
Ruby Holman	1/01
Destiny Aguayo	1/02
Megan Hillmann	1/13
Isaac Lindstrom	1/15
Miles Lindstrom	1/15
Alex Paeth	1/23
Andrew Boomhower	1/26
Adeline Bourne	1/31
Andrew Ferguson	1/31
Neil Woodward	

JANUARY SCHEDULE

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

ELDERS

8:00 am	10:45 am
3 Lee Cohrs	Neil Strege
10 Robin Melvin	Josh Pemberton
17 Andrew Petro	David Miller
24 Michael Boomhower	Neil Strege
31 Harry Edmon	Josh Pemberton

USHERS

8:00 am	10:45 am
3 Jim Mendes	Steve Miller
10 Lee Cohrs	Dave Paeth
17 Terry King	Curt Colbert
24 Harry Edmon	Dan Lassman
31 Lee Cohrs	Dave Paeth

ALTAR GUILD

3 Donna & Jack Holdridge
10 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
17 Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann
24 Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor
31 Joanne Estergreen, Cheryl Taylor

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW YEARS DAY <i>Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	2 10:00 am Bible Study
3 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study	6 EPIPHANY 4:00 pm Confirmation I	7 4:00 pm Confirmation II	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study
10 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 2:00 pm Vulnerable Population Service 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council meeting	13 4:00 pm Confirmation I	14 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation II	15	16 10:00 am Bible Study
17 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	18 MLK DAY <i>Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	19 MESSENGER DEADLINE 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board meeting	20 4:00 pm Confirmation I	21 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation II	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study
24 ST. TIMOTHY, PASTOR & CONFESSOR 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	25	26 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elder's meeting	27 4:00 pm Confirmation I	28 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Confirmation II	29	30
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