



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in our Lord,

As we head into Lent, people often ask me what I would give up for Lent. Well, this year, that decision has sort of been made for us; we will be giving up singing at church.

After several discussions with local area pastors and the board of elders, we have decided that for the good of our neighbor, we will be suspending singing during church services for the time being. This decision was not made lightly.

As citizens of two kingdoms, we must always balance serving God while honoring God-given authority. Saint Paul admonishes us to, **“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.** (Romans 13:1–2 ESV) Yet, Saint Peter is recorded as saying, **“We must obey God rather than men.”** (Acts 5:29b ESV)

The current state of Washington’s guidelines recommends that congregations keep singing to a minimum to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Now, we certainly could argue the legal merits of this request. However, we must ask ourselves this question, “Does this request impinge on the exercise of our faith?”

In short, the answer is no. Singing is and has been a part of the church for thousands of years and will be again. However, singing is not necessary for us to fulfill our Lord’s commands. We may still gather to hear God’s Word and partake of His Sacraments.

I know this is very difficult. As a person who loves to sing and sometimes cannot help myself, being asked to do this feels very oppressive, and quite frankly, somewhat arbitrary. However, I would never wish to injure my neighbor, let alone fellow members, either in their body or consciousness.

To help fill some of the void brought by not singing in church, I would encourage you to sing at home. To help with that, I have created weekly devotions with a hymn of the week. Printed copies will be available at church or can be downloaded at our site. There is also an audio recording of accompanying music. You can find these at: <http://www.messiahseattle.org/home-devotions>

I know that this is a pale substitute for corporate singing in church, but I think you will be amazed at how much it will lift your spirit during these dark times. But I know we will sing again together.

May God bless you this Lent and always,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

February 15, 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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark Jorgensen

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year. I would like to send a request for help to fill roles on the Messiah Lutheran church council. Presently we have openings for Church Treasurer (requesting someone who has a passion for numbers), Property Management and Fellowship. Please feel free to reach out to me through the church office (office@messiahseattle.org) or by phone (+1 775 846 0565) if you would be interested to serve on the church council in 2021 and/or have questions on the responsibilities of these roles.

FROM THE TREASURER

Erin Goodnow

Below is the 2020 Financial Summary:

- 2020 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses: \$569,555
- Actual Expenses for 2020: \$514,898
(9.6% below SG)
- Total Offerings/Income for 2020: \$469,925
(17.5% below SG)

The overall result was a deficit of \$44,973. Thanks be to God, this deficit was supplemented by a PPP grant from the federal government of \$46,709, used to cover several weeks of payroll. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

LENTEN SERIES INTRODUCTION

DO THE CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN?

Ever since Adam and Eve realized they were naked people's clothes say a lot about them. From the doctor's white coat, the police officer's blue uniform, the prisoner's orange jumpsuit, and the pastor's black suit—you can tell a great deal about who people are and what they do through how they dress.

In the Scriptures clothes are often symbols of office, but do the clothes make the man? Or do the clothes point us to the Man? Join us this Lent as we examine the attire of the Bible as we reflect on our sins and long for the Robe of Christ Righteous on Easter.

LENTEN SERIES SCHEDULE

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Starting Sunday, February 14th, this season's Lenten's devotionals will be out in the Narthex.

LENTEN READINGS SCHEDULE: Below are the readings we'll be focusing on in this year's series:
Do the Clothes Make the Man?

Ash Wednesday - February 17th, 7:00 PM
"The Apparel of Repentance"
Readings: 1 Kings 21:17-29

Lenten Midweek II - February 24th, 7:00 PM
"The Attire of Sinners"
Readings: Genesis 3

Lenten Midweek III - March 3rd, 7:00 PM
"The Coat of the Beloved"
Readings: Genesis 37

Lenten Midweek IV - March 10th, 7:00 PM
"The Vestments of the High Priest"
Readings: Exodus 28

Lenten Midweek V - March 17th, 7:00 PM

“The Mantle of a Prophet”

Readings: 2 Kings 2

Lenten Midweek VI – March 24th, 7:00 PM

“The Raiment of a King”

Readings: Luke 12:22-31

Palm Sunday – March 28th, 8:00 & 10:45 am

“The Uniform of a Prisoner”

Readings: Mark 15:1-47

Maundy Thursday - April 1st, 7:00 PM

“The Garb of a Servant”

Readings: John 13:1-17

Good Friday - April 2nd, 7:00 PM

“Naked”

Readings: John 19:17-30

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 8:00 & 10:45 am

“The Robe of Righteousness”

Readings: Mark 16:18

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

VALENTINES DAY CARDS

Looking for the perfect card for your Valentine? Look no futher! We've got a wonderful selection out in the Narthex. At \$1 each, it seems like a no-brainer solution, eh? Pick yours up today!

NEW BABY MEAL TRAIN

Charlie and Kimi Janssen are thrilled to welcome their third child, a little girl named Olive, born on January 4. If you'd like to support the growing family, you can bring a meal or make a donation for a local restaurant or food delivery service. To sign up for a meal, access the meal train at: <https://mealtrain.com/62nyrz>

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 DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...

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: The Word “Kingdom” in the Bible, Old Testament Patriarch Jacob, Saul Becomes King, The Day of Atonement and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: Lutheran Difference Bible Study
WHEN: Sundays at 4:00 pm
WHERE: Fellowship Hall / 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Isaac Lindstrom	2/03
Neil Strege	2/03
Bob Zimmerman	2/04
Dianna Altena	2/06
Charlie Jannsen	2/08
Henry Petro	2/08
Alex Knudson	2/09
Gene Johnson	2/10
Nancy Bourn	2/14
Todd Quammen	2/14
Evelyn Adams	2/17
Tammy Linden	2/18
Isla Jannsen	2/21
Tiana Bourn	2/22
Pyper Cox	2/24
Carol Davidson	2/27
Kimi Jannsen	2/28
Marjorie Longan	2/28

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Robin Melvin	2/01
James Pemberton	2/03
Kim Strege	2/03
Carter Petro	2/06
Peter Boomhower	2/07
Michelle Keller	2/07
Chloe Sholdt	2/07
Shelley Tennant	2/08
Noelle Smith	2/09
Billy Gard	2/10
Abigail Germeroth	2/11
Tiana Bourn	2/13
Andrew Melvin	2/14
Robert Lund	2/16
Rilee Pesce	2/16
Makaela Schultz	2/16
Ed Johnson	2/18
Craig Kohring	2/18
Henry Petro	2/21
Erin Goodnow	2/22
Andrew Riker	2/23

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Frieda & Jay Johnson	2/07
Brian & Charity Reid	2/09
Eric & Cynthia Stone	2/16
Michael & Marsha Hudson	2/27

OFFICIAL ACTS

Long-time member Jerry Tiersma passed away late December. Blessed are the saints who die in the Lord. We give glory to God for the new life granted through the baptism of Olive Winifred Jannsen. Olive was baptized January 24th.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

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

ELDERS

<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>
7 Lee Cohrs	David Miller
14 Robin Melvin	Neil Strege
21 Michael Boomhower	Josh Pemberton
28 Harry Edmon	David Miller

USHERS

<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>
7 Jim Mendes	Steve Miller
14 Lee Cohrs	Dave Paeth
21 Terry King	Curt Colbert
28 Harry Edmon	Dan Lassman

ALTAR GUILD

7 Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann
14 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
21 Jack & Donna Holdridge
28 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday 2/17 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Stephanie Colbert
Elder	Andrew Petro
Ushers	Dan Lassman Team

Lenten Midweek II 2/24 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Jack & Donna Holdridge
Ushers	Jim Mendes Team





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LENTEN SERIES STARTS FEB 16

February 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 10:00 am Bible Study	3 4:00 pm Confirmation I	4 4:00 pm Confirmation II	5	6 10:00 am Bible Study
7 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council meeting	10 4:00 pm Confirmation I	11 4:00 pm Confirmation II	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study
14 TRANSFIGURATION 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	15	16 MESSENGER DEADLINE 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board meeting	17 ASH WED 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Midweek Service	18 4:00 pm Confirmation II	19	20 10:00 am Bible Study
21 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elder's meeting	24 LENTEN II 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Midweek Service	25 4:00 pm Confirmation II	26	27 10:00 am Bible Study
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