



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We want to update you regarding changes we will be implementing, considering new information from federal health officials and the Governor of the State of Washington.

On May 13th, the CDC announced that fully vaccinated people two weeks after their final injection, no longer need to wear masks or socially distance inside or outside (except in certain circumstances). Later, Governor Inslee held a press conference outlining our state's plan to fully reopen by June 30th. Until then, all counties will be in Phase 3 and the new guidelines about masking may be immediately implemented. Local businesses may make their own decisions about their customers wearing masks.

For Messiah, this means starting on Sunday, May 30th, it will be up to each fully vaccinated person (two weeks after final injection) to decide whether they will wear a mask during service. As you make this decision, please remember the importance of loving and respecting your neighbor without making judgments. Also, we will not be asking if you are fully vaccinated nor to show your vaccination records. While businesses may choose to operate this way, we are not a business as such; we are the Family of God, and we should have trust in each other and our Lord's care.

During services, there will be a few minor changes. The Common Cup will be returning for the Lord's Supper; this is entirely up to your Christian freedom if you choose to partake of it. However, we would ask that if you are ill or feeling uncomfortable, please refrain at this time. Also, laypeople will be returning to more normal service in the church over time—readers, acolytes, etc.

The current rules and regulations will still apply until June 30 or new advice from the State for all those who are not vaccinated. This guidance means we are asking those who are not fully vaccinated to keep wearing your masks and maintain proper social distancing at this time.

Thank you all so much for your patience. The past fourteen months have been challenging and frustrating in many ways. Your leadership at Messiah has tried to be sensitive to everyone's concerns on both sides of the issues. The health and welfare of our members are a priority while also doing our best to continue to deliver God's gifts to His people in Word and Sacrament. We have made small steps along the way, and thanks be to God, we have not had any cases of COVID spread at Messiah. With these new guidelines from our national and state officials, it finally looks as if we will be returning to normal.

Thanks be to God we have been able to hold in-person services for over a year now! We are grateful for having the online option all this time (and thankful for the high-quality live stream that our tech committee has produced). Virtual is a poor substitution for the incarnational (the "in-the-flesh") aspect of our worship. Being together as God's people in one place, hearing God's Word together, and receiving the body and blood of the Incarnate Lord Jesus from the same altar in the Supper He provides for us cannot be fully replicated digitally.

We look forward to the day when all members and people in our community can feel safe and comfortable again, with nothing hindering us from receiving God's gifts together in worship.

Serving you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

June 21, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

Congratulations are in order for Elizabeth Cohrs, who completed her master's degree in Library and Information Services at San Jose State University this month.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL

Are you currently subscribed to *The Lutheran Witness*? Would you like to be? This monthly magazine interprets the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. To subscribe or renew your subscription please send your payment of \$15.96 to the office **no later than July 2nd**.

KEY AUDIT

Do you have a key to the church building? Please reach out to the office. It's been five years since building keys were mass distributed, and we're doing an audit to track them all down. So please contact the office at office@messiahseattle.org to let us know what key number you have.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through April:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through April: \$188,439
- 2021 Actual Expenses through April: \$180,121 (4.4% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$22,000
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through April: \$149,564 (20.6% below SG)
- 2021 Change in cash position: \$51,435 increase
- PPP grant received: \$46,738

The operating results through April are a deficit of \$30,557; this includes \$22,000 in funds set aside for

future use. God be praised, earlier this year we received an additional PPP grant of \$46,738 which covers several more weeks of payroll, in addition to the PPP grant of \$46,709 received in 2020. Please remember in your prayers to thank the Lord for Messiah's blessings, and pray for His continued gifts to sustain us in the year to come. Please feel free to reach with any questions or concerns.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

With vaccinations levels up and restrictions down we have resurrected Men's Night Out. So please join us on Monday, June 7th at 6:00 pm at Ivar's Salmon House, located at 401 NE Northlake Way. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206- 363-5654.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH AT 7:30 PM – *Cheryl Taylor*

The Altar Guild will meet to connect and discuss business. We will meet at the lower courtyard, weather permitting. If it's raining, we'll be upstairs. Anyone is welcome to join us! For questions contact Cheryl Taylor at cat1596@gmail.com (206)782-5734.

LADIES NIGHT OUT IS BACK! – *Bev Edmon*

Ladies Night Out will be at The Lodge Sports Grille on Monday, June 21st at 6:00 pm. The Lodge is located at 8501 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle. You will find paid parking on the street and in parking lots a few blocks east on N 85th. It is important to RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com, text (425) 773-3711. I need to know who is attending in case we need to change restaurants at the last minute. Restaurants are coming and going quickly these days as you know.

GRADUATION CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan ahead and pick yours up in the Narthex today! They cost a dollar and the proceeds goes back into Messiah's missions.

2021 FLOWER CHART IS UP! Do you have a special event in your life that you'd like to commemorate with altar flowers? The chart is up in front of the upstairs restrooms.

MESSIAH'S GOING CAMPING! The summer trip to Valley Camp is returning this year on August 20th - 22nd. Attendees can stay in the lodge or pitch tents

outside. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, and if you have any questions (or if you want to sign up by phone), you can call Peter Boomhower at (206) 605-9287.

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.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: Lutheran Difference Bible Study
 WHEN: Sundays at **9:30 am**
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall and Online
 TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: 2 Kings
 WHEN: Tuesdays, **10:00 am**
 WHERE: Fellowship Hall and Online
 TEACHER: Harry Edmon

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan Hillmann	6/01
Robert Denis	6/04
Jim Hewitson	6/07
Zoe Anderson	6/09
James Bourn	6/09
Bill Homann	6/11
Lynn Knudson	6/14
Stephanie Colbert	6/16
Katie Kohring	6/16
Jill Petro	6/16
Keri Valdes	6/17

Jim Mendes	6/18
John Daigneault	6/19
Cade Pak	6/19
George Totten	6/26
Rebecca Rath	6/27
Marsha Hudson	6/28
Jennifer Mueller	6/28
John Putsch	6/28
Fumiko Schaub	6/28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Rachel Ferguson	6/08
John & Nancy Daigneault	6/09
Bob & Joyce Lucas	6/21

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERS

8:00 am

6	Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin
13	Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro
20	Andrew Petro, Michael Boomhower
27	Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon

10:45 am

6	David Miller, Neil Strege
13	Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton
20	Josh Pemberton, David Miller
27	David Miller, Neil Strege

2:00 pm – Vulnerable Population Service

13	Neil Strege
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USHERS

8:00 am

6	Sharon Christiansen	10:45 am	Steve Miller
13	Lee Cohrs		Dave Paeth
20	Terry King		Curt Colbert
27	Harry Edmon		Dan Lassman

ALTAR GUILD

6	Jack & Donna Holdridge
13	Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
20	Joanne Estergreen, Cheryl Taylor
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June 2021

<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 Elder's Meeting	2 4:00 pm Confirmation - Bible Overview	3 4:00 pm Confirmation - Catechism	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study
6 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	7 2:30 pm Concordia School Parking Lot Ceremony 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	8 10:00 am Bible Study 2:30 pm Concordia School Parking Lot Ceremony 7:00 pm Council meeting	9 2:30 pm Concordia School Parking Lot Ceremony 4:00 pm Confirmation - Bible Overview	10 2:30 pm Concordia School Parking Lot Ceremony 4:00 pm Confirmation - Catechism	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study
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