



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Welcome Back!

Okay, admittedly, maybe you haven't been gone. But we are still celebrating a Welcome Back Sunday at Messiah on September 12th.

So, what are we welcoming back? Well... everything. Over the past year, much of what we do at church has been either stopped or modified. We have all been waiting for this dreaded virus to end so we can "get back to normal."

However, the reality is we may never get back to "normal." But that doesn't mean that we can't get back to church. After all, the church has never been "normal." The church is a strange place, where God has promised to come to His people and share in the love, grace, and mercy of His Son. And there is no place on earth like it!

So we are welcoming back the abnormal joy we have at church. Things may not be exactly as they were before the pandemic, but that doesn't mean there isn't a joy to be found in the Lord's House every Sunday.

To celebrate Welcome Back Sunday, we will have a joint worship service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a potluck brunch. It will be an opportunity to see all your fellow members and join in some good abnormal Christian Fellowship. We are asking you all to join us to celebrate, and if you are able, please bring something to the potluck brunch to share.

I can't wait to see you all again and share in the joy we have in Christ Jesus.

In HIM,
Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 20, 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 TREASURER

Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through June:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through June: \$282,662
- 2021 Actual Expenses through June: \$250,815 (11.27% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$33,000
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through June: \$261,414 (7.52% below SG)

The operating results through June is a surplus of \$10,600; this includes \$33,000 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 contact me with any questions or concerns.

Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through July:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through June: \$329,772
- 2021 Actual Expenses through June: \$298,976 (9.34% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$38,500
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through June: \$302,529 (8.26% below SG)

The operating results through June is a surplus of \$3,554; this includes \$38,500 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 contact me with any questions or concerns.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *BRIAN DANFORTH*

Please join us on Monday, September 13th at 6:00 pm at Scott's Bar & Grill, located at 8115 Lake Ballinger Way in Edmonds. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206- 363-5654.

QUILTING DAY will be Wednesday, September 22nd starting at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. No sewing experience needed. Bring a sack lunch. Call Jean Mindemann at 206-300-7537 if you have any questions.

7:00 PM THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS – *JIM GRANT*

This hour-long class has been studying 1 Corinthians and is available online thru Zoom at 1-253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 882-0480-0465; Passcode: 321554. [dial the phone number, follow the prompts]. Question? Contact Jim Grant 425-246-8536.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREAT

This year for Halloween, we will be joining the Wedgewood Community Trick or Treat event on Friday, October 29th, starting around 3:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to set up, man our tent, watch the bouncy houses, and assist with clean up. Please contact the office if you would like to be a part of this fun event.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Messiah has been closely monitoring CDC recommendations. We ask that the congregation to please be masked while in the building and to continue to social distance. Thank you for helping us be in compliance to the mask mandate.

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Thank you to all who donated school supplies! Our last collection of school supplies was sent to Honduras in February 2020 and more recently to the Dominican Republic on August 13, 2021.

THANK YOU FOR BUYING GREETING CARDS! All the proceeds from this year's collection of greeting card purchases have been donated to Ann Melvin's charity, Bike4AChild. Thank you to all whose purchases made this donation possible.

SACRED MUSIC STATION... You can listen to the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years on Lutheran Public Radio. LPR streams 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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: Nehemiah
When: Tuesdays, 10:00 am
Where: Fellowship Hall and Online
Teacher: Harry Edmon

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

What: 1st Corinthians
When: Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Where: Online
Teacher: Jim Grant

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

& OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan Grant	9/01
Andrew Petro	9/01
Ann Melvin	9/02
Barbara Sackett	9/02
Gloria Schy	9/02
Michael Boomhower	9/05
Jane Krueger	9/06
Philip Estergreen	9/07
Lee Cohrs	9/08
Dave Paeth	9/08
Rochelle Pemberton	9/11
Alex Miller	9/13
Jill Cohrs	9/15
Daniel Lassman	9/15
Arla Mathiason	9/16
Julie McDermott	9/19
Margaret Leary	9/20
Kim Strege	9/20
Brian Danforth	9/26
Kristin Hillmann	9/29
Kent Questad	9/29
Chloe Sholdt	9/29
Leanne Gulden	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Sarah Jorgenson	9/03
Dave & Susie Paeth	9/07
Brian & Michelle Keller	9/09
Rev. Trevor & Lisa Mankin	9/10
Charlie & Kimi Jannsen	9/18
Brien & Lisa Lindstrom	9/18
Andy & Jill Petro	9/20
David & Leslie Miller	9/21
Justin & Tiana Bourn	9/23
Keri & Marco Valdes	9/25

OFFICIAL ACTS

On July 11th for New Members Sunday, we welcomed the following members into our congregation: Mark Siegfried, Laura Griffith, Aaron Gehrke, and Josiah Koehn. On August 14th, Aaron & Laura Gehrke were married. On August 20th, Alice French was transferred to Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee. On August 22nd, we held a funeral for Ardis Fisse. On Sunday, August 28th, the following children were baptized: Natalie Colbert, Nicholas Colbert, Yurheiness Branch, Zethaniel Lopes.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERS

8:00 am

- 5** Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs
19 Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro
26 Andrew Petro, Michael Boomhower

9:30 am – *Welcome Back Sunday Only*

- 12** Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin

10:45 am

- 5** Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton
19 David Miller, Neil Strege
26 Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton

READERS

8:00 am

- 5** Robin Melvin

10:45 am

Curt Colbert

9:30 am – *Welcome Back Sunday Only*

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8:00 am

- 19** Harry Edmon
26 Albert Lirhus

10:45 am

Neil Strege

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- 5** Sharon Christiansen

10:45 am

Steve Miller

9:30 am – *Welcome Back Sunday Only*

- 12** David Paeth

8:00 am

- 19** Harry Edmon
26 Sharon Christiansen

10:45 am

Curt Colbert

Dan Lassman

ALTAR GUILD

- 5** Stephanie Colbert, Sharon Christiansen
12 Jack & Donna Holdridge
19 Stephanie Colbert, Sharon Christiansen
26 Sharon Christiansen, Jean Mindemann

September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00 pm Bible Study Online	3	4
5 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	6	7 10:00 am Bible Study	8 7:00 pm Ensemble	9 7:00 pm Bible Study Online	10	11
12 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY! 9:30 am Divine Service 10:45 am Brunch following service	13 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	14 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council mtg	15 7:00 pm Ensemble	16 4:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Bible Study Online	17 CONCORDIA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MT. SI	18
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