



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Call Committee*

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As you are all aware, Pastor Mankin had accepted a call to be the shepherd of Town & Country Lutheran Church in Sacramento, CA. This places our congregation in a “Vacancy” situation, and we will need to go through the Divine Call process to select our new Pastor. This Messenger article is written by the Messiah Call Committee and contains a brief summary of the process we’ll need to go through. The Call Committee is composed of the Messiah Church Council, with the help of several advisers. We are also blessed to have Pastor Malone from Lamb of God in Lake City as our Circuit Visitor to act as our link to the District and to give us spiritual guidance. But let us be clear – the congregation of Messiah will execute the call for our new Pastor and make other larger decisions. The Call Committee will perform the leg work and provide insight and recommendations to the congregation.

For the next few weeks, we will have a substitute Pastor leading us in worship. This will be Pastor Flath. During this time, we will also be having several congregational meetings (the first one was held on 10/24), to discuss a temporary shepherd to lead us prior to receiving our new Pastor. Our two options for our temporary Pastor during this vacancy are: 1) Vacancy Pastor, or 2) Intentional Interim. If Messiah chooses the intentional interim pastor option, the congregation would need to go through a similar Divine Call process as to what is discussed below. Alternatively, the vacancy pastor option is not a Divine Call, but a contractual agreement between the vacancy pastor and Messiah Lutheran Church. Accordingly, the second option can be completed without going through the formal Divine Call process as outlined in the constitution's bylaws. There will be lots of information about both of these options presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting held November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, and the congregation will select one of these two options at that meeting.

Once we have a Vacancy Pastor or Intentional Interim, we will then begin the Divine Call process, which entails:

- Filling out a self-survey about Messiah and our ministry, and submitting it to our District Office
- Gathering names of potential Pastors for the Call List from our members
- Getting names from our District President of other potential Pastors from around the country
- Considering the names from both lists, narrowing down to one man
- Placing a Divine Call to this man, to be our Pastor
- If he accepts, great. If not, we repeat steps 4 & 5 until a Pastor accepts our Divine Call

This is a summary of the people and the process, but it is not an exhaustive explanation. There will be much more information that the Call Committee will be sharing over the next weeks and months as we go through the Divine Call process. There will be congregational meetings, lots of communications, and it will require plenty of prayer!

If you have questions, please reach out to the Call Committee, by e-mailing [call@messiahseattle.org](mailto:call@messiahseattle.org) – this goes to the Call Committee members.

Please continue to keep Pastor Mankin and his family in your prayers (as they begin their new ministry in California), our congregation, the Call Committee, and the men whom we will consider calling to be our new Pastor. We don’t have names yet, but we will follow God’s guidance through this process, and trust that God has our new Shepherd in His care.

In His Service,  
Messiah Call Committee

## FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

## FROM THE TREASURER

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Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through September:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through September: \$423,992
- 2021 Actual Expenses through September: \$398,500 (6.01% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$49,500
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through September: \$469,717 (10.78% above SG), including PPP grant: \$93,446

The operating results through September is a surplus of 71,217; this includes \$49,500 in funds set aside for future use and the PPP loans received and forgiven, totaling \$93,446. God be praised for providing these resources during this time. 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

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### MEN'S NIGHT OUT – BRIAN DANFORTH

Please join us Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at Azteca Mexican Restaurant, located at 401 NE Northgate Way. RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

**YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH:** Trinity Lutheran would like to extend an invitation to all of our fellow young adults, college ages to early 30s, to join us for our small group at Trinity. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the U District for a meal and fellowship. Our meeting address is 4130 University Way NE. We have about 5-10 people attend most weeks. Our building, Chapel on the Ave, does have limited locked garage parking for those who drive. For those who bus we are right off many main line routes, such as the 45 and 73. For more information, contact Anna Fenster at 503-939-2023 or [anna.m.fenster@gmail.com](mailto:anna.m.fenster@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY'S EDUCATION HOUR:** Adult Bible Class started a six-lesson study on "Priesthood and Ministry" on October 24<sup>th</sup>. While every baptized believer is a priest in the royal

priesthood of Jesus Christ, not every Christian holds the Office of the Holy Ministry (i.e. Pastor). This study will discuss the laity's role in the priesthood of all believers. We will also discuss the office of Pastor including qualities and tasks, and call and ordination.

### NEW TEACHING SERIES THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:

Starting November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday online Bible Class will begin an overview of the first five books of the Bible, Genesis through Deuteronomy. Class starts at 7:00 pm. Contact Jim Grant for questions and more information.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES NEXT PROJECT – SHARON CHRISTIANSEN

This will be a sock drive to benefit Night Watch of Seattle. Messiah has served this institution before, and we hope to SOCK IT to them. Our deadline is noon on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Church. PS: We continue to welcome clothing for the homeless. This is an opportunity to clean out closets and benefit others. Items can be brought to church or give Sharon word for a pick-up. Please leave a message at 206-362-6774.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT – BEV EDMON

We will meet on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Saffron Grill located at 2132 N Northgate Way. We will need a reservation so please RSVP to Bev Edmon, [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com) or text (425) 773-3711. We hope you can join us.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The Altar Guild is meeting via Zoom on Monday night, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We'll talk about the past year and plan for next year. Please prayerfully consider joining us, as we could use a few more hands. We serve approximately 8 weekends every 6 months, with some special services. It's a great way to get to know one another and serve the congregation! If interested or you have questions, contact Cheryl at [cat1596@gmail.com](mailto:cat1596@gmail.com) or 206-782-5734.

### THE MUSIC GROUPS AT MESSIAH ARE BACK IN PERSON!

Ensemble meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and plays during Sunday service on the third Sunday of each month. Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and sings during Sunday service on the second and fourth Sundays. Want to be a part of the music groups? If you sing or play a musical instrument, Messiah is looking for new performers. Email Tiffany Walker at [walkertiffanyjf@gmail.com](mailto:walkertiffanyjf@gmail.com) for more information.

**GREETING CARDS:** Thanksgiving greeting cards are now available in the Narthex. Come support Messiah missions

and pick one up today. Only \$1, they're a great deal!

**PASTORAL/ELDER CARE & PRAYER TREE – LEE COHRS**

With the Pastoral Vacancy at Messiah, in the event of any member needing Pastoral/Elder Care (health situation, emergency, etc.), please contact your Messiah Elder, noted in the list below.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Beginning of Last Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>
David Miller	A – B	206.708.9315
Robin Melvin	C – F	206.369.4549
Andrew Petro	G – H	206.276.5581
Harry Edmon	I – L	425.772.0220
Lee Cohrs	M – N	206.310.0663
Josh Pemberton	O – P	425.221.1119
Mike Boomhower	Q – R	206.368.7836
Lee Cohrs	S – T	206.310.0663
Neil Strege	U – Z	425.269.8530

If you have Prayer Tree requests, please reach out to Stephanie Colbert at 425.774.3718 or stephcolbert@yahoo.com.

**IN NEED OF HANDYMEN!** The Maintenance Committee is currently one person, so we're looking for volunteers that would be willing to serve. Contact the office for more information.

**CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

What: Lutheran Difference: Priesthood & Ministry  
 When: Sundays at 9:30 am  
 Where: Fellowship Hall and Online  
 Teacher: Harry Edmon

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

What: Book of Acts  
 When: Tuesdays, 10:00 am  
 Where: Fellowship Hall and Online  
 Teacher: Harry Edmon

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

What: OVERVIEW: Genesis - Deuteronomy  
 When: Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
 Where: Online  
 Teacher: Jim Grant

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Pat Rodeman	11/01
Tanner Clark	11/02
Robin Danforth	11/02
Zethaniel Lopes	11/02
Dusty Sholdt	11/06
Maya Martin	11/07
Barbara Fruhling	11/09
Alex Paeth	11/10
Andrew Lueck	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Sarah Jorgensen	11/15
Louise Daigneault	11/17
Bailey Cox	11/19
Nancy Daigneault	11/19
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

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

June & Jim Scott	11/11
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**OFFICIAL ACTS**

In early October, Pastor Mankin accepted a call to Town and Country Lutheran Church in Sacramento, CA. The Mankin family has since transferred. A call process for finding a new Pastor has begun.

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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### ELDERS

*8:00 am*

- 7 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon
- 14 Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs
- 21 Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin
- 28 Andrew Petro, Michael Boomhower

*10:45 am*

- 7 Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton
- 14 Josh Pemberton, David Miller
- 21 David Miller, Neil Strege
- 28 Josh Pemberton, David Miller

### READERS

*8:00 am*

- 7 Robin Melvin
- 14 Lee Cohrs
- 21 Harry Edmon
- 28 Albert Lirhus

*10:45 am*

- Dan Lassman
- Curt Colbert
- David Miller
- Neil Strege

### USHERS

*8:00 am*

- 7 Sharon Christiansen
- 14 Lee Cohrs
- 21 Harry Edmon
- 28 Sharon Christiansen

*10:45 am*

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

### ALTAR GUILD

- 7 Cheryl Taylor, Stephanie Colbert
- 14 Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen
- 21 Jack & Donna Holdridge
- 28 Cheryl Taylor, Stephanie Colbert

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE – 11/25

Altar Guild – Sharon Christiansen

Ushers – Dave Paeth



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:00 pm Men's Out Night	2 10:00 am Bible Study	3 7:00 pm Ensemble	4 7:00 pm Choir	5	6
7 <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council mtg	10 7:00 pm Ensemble	11 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	12	13
14 <b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 4:00 pm Congregational Mtg	15 <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out 7:30 pm Altar Guild mtg	16 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board mtg	17 7:00 pm Ensemble	18 4:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	19	20
21 <b>LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders mtg	24 7:00 pm Ensemble	25 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>  <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	26  <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	27
28 <b>ADVENT BEGINS</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	29	30 10:00 am Bible Study				





ALL SAINTS  
***SUNDAY***