



# 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!

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmastide. As we enter 2022, I would like to provide a quick status from the Call Committee on the pastoral call process. The Call Committee received 30 names for consideration. These men are now being vetted, and all candidates will be contacted to determine if they are open to a possible call. Please note that this initial contact does not represent a formal call and is purely done to determine each Pastor's availability for a call in the coming months.

The list of men who have indicated they are available for a call will be reviewed and approved at the next Congregation Call meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. Once approved, the Call Committee will then send the list to the District for review. The District review can take several weeks to complete, and we will be in a holding pattern until we hear back.

Additionally, Pastor Flath has confirmed that he is willing to serve the congregation beyond mid-January 2022, and any further updates will be provided as appropriate. We are grateful to Pastor Flath for his continued service as our vacancy pastor at Messiah Lutheran.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Call Committee thru email at [call@messiahseattle.org](mailto:call@messiahseattle.org). Equally, you are welcome to reach out to Congregational President (Mark Jorgensen), Head Elder (Lee Cohrs) or any members of the church council.

Please continue to keep praying for our congregation, the Call Committee, and the men whom we will consider calling to be our new Pastor. We will follow God's guidance through this process, and trust that He has our new shepherd in His care.

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year.

In His Service,  
Messiah Call Committee

## FROM THE OFFICE

**THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 18, 2022**

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).

**2022 BOX ENVELOPES:** It is imperative that all members recycle their old 2021 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!

**2022 SERVICE SCHEDULES:** Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the January – June 2022 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 TREASURER

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Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through November:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through November: \$518,213
- 2021 Actual Expenses through November: \$465,565 (10.16% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$60,500
- Correction from last month's report, the expenses were incorrectly reported as 473,799. The correct figure for expenses through October is 437,799.
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through November: \$553,238 (6.76% above SG), including PPP grant: \$93,446

The operating results through November is a surplus of 87,673; this includes 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 on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Lake Forest Bar and Grill, located at 17535 Ballinger Way NE in Lake Forest Park. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206- 363-5654.

### QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Bring your own lunch. No sewing experience necessary. If you have any questions, call Jean Mindemann @ 206-300-7537.

**ARE YOU HANDY?** The Maintenance Committee is currently short-staffed, so we're looking for volunteers that would be willing to serve. Contact the office for more information.

**PASTORAL/ELDER CARE & PRAYER TREE:** 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 column to the right.

<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 a Prayer Tree request, please contact Rev. Flath or your Elder—they will communicate to the Prayer Tree team.

### Rev. Flath Contact Information

Cell - 425.210.1795

Home - 360.568.6580

E-Mail - Pastor\_R\_Flath@msn.com

SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON... YOU can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## 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: Rev. Flath

### 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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

### BIRTHDAYS

Maiya Brotzman	1/01
Andrew Boomhower	1/04
Olive Janssen	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
Noelle Smith	1/12
Megan Bartlet	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

### OFFICIAL ACTS

On Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we gave glory to God for the new life granted through the baptism of Jakob Ansel Ferguson.



## JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### ELDERS

8:00 am

- 2** Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin
- 9** Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro
- 16** Andrew Petro, Mike Boomhower
- 23** Mike Boomhower, Harry Edmon
- 30** Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs

10:45 am

- 2** Neil Strege, David Miller
- 9** Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege
- 16** Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege
- 23** Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton
- 30** Josh Pemberton, David Miller

### READERS

8:00 am

- 2** TBD
- 9** Lee Cohrs
- 16** Harry Edmon
- 23** Albert Lirhus
- 30** Harry Edmon

10:45 am

- TBD
- Sue Hewitson
- Dan Lassman
- Curt Colbert
- David Miller

### USHERS

8:00 am

- 2** Sharon Christiansen
- 9** Lee Cohrs
- 16** Harry Edmon
- 23** Sharon Christiansen
- 30** Lee Cohrs

10:45 am

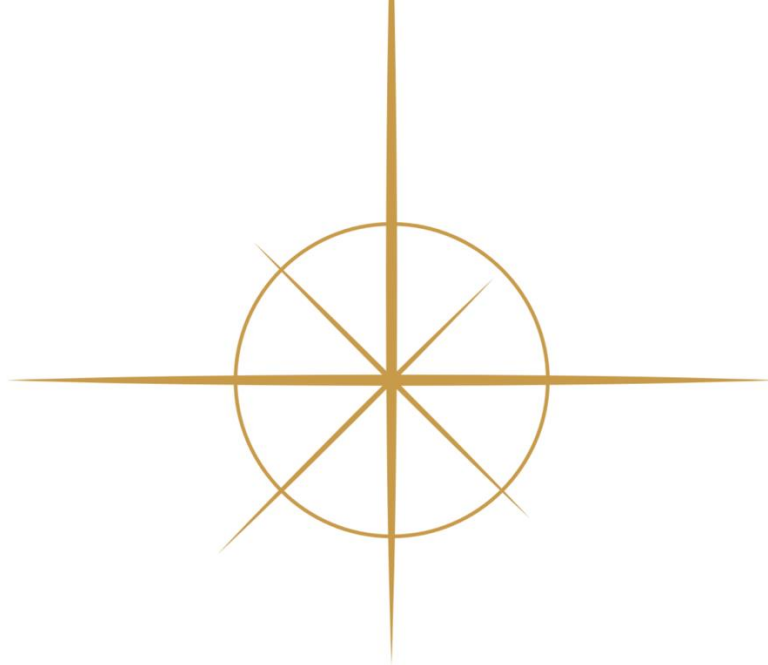
- Steve Miller
- Dave Paeth
- Curt Colbert
- Dan Lassman
- Steve Miller

### ALTAR GUILD

- 2** Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor
- 9** Jean Mindemann, Joanne Estergreen
- 16** Jack & Donna Holdridge
- 23** Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 30** Sharon Christiansen, Stephanie Colbert

# January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 NEW YEARS DAY
2 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study	5 7:00 pm Ensemble	6 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	7	8
9 <b>EPIPHANY</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Congregational Call Mtg 10:45 am Divine Service	10 6:00 pm Men's Out Night	11 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council mtg	12 7:00 pm Ensemble	13 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	14	15
16 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	17 <b>MLK DAY</b> <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	18 <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec Board mtg	19 7:00 pm Ensemble	20 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	21	22
23 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders mtg	26 9:30 am Quilting Day 7:00 pm Ensemble	27 7:00 pm Bible Study Online 7:00 pm Choir	28	29
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