



# 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!

The Call Committee would like to provide an update on the pastoral call process. We received 30 names for consideration and after initial contact, 17 men have been identified as possible candidates.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the list of names were provided to Rev. Brad Malone, our LCMS Circuit Visitor, who will provide some initial feedback and possibly some additional names. At the same time, we have also completed a Self-Study document for Messiah Lutheran and provided this to Rev. Malone. The candidate list and the Self-Study document will then be sent to the District President's office who will work with other District offices to provide feedback to us. This review process is expected to take several weeks to complete, and an update will be provided once we have heard back from District.

While this occurs, the Call Committee will begin finalizing selection criteria for Messiah's next Pastor. We will begin drafting interview questions that can be used with candidates after we receive feedback from District.

If you have other 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 our congregation, the Call Committee, and the men whom we will consider calling, in your prayers.

In His Service,  
Messiah Call Committee

## FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 22, 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:** The 2022 tithing boxes of envelopes have been out in the Narthex for the last few weeks. As always at this time of year, it is imperative that all old 2021 envelopes are recycled. Do you tithe online or by mail via check and don't ever use your envelopes for special tithes or monetary support to Messiah missions? **Please still take your box number with you after service.** The office has no way of knowing whether folks forget to pick up their envelopes or if they need to be mailed to you, so please dispose of your envelopes as you see fit if this scenario pertains to you. Please do not leave them out in the Narthex. Contact the office if you need your box mailed to you if you cannot pick up in person.

**BE CAREFUL OF FAKE EMAILS & NOW TEXT MESSAGES:** Messiah has started receiving phishing emails from strangers posing as church staff. Now, many members have given word that they're receiving text messages as well. Please be sure to always check the email address of the sender when you receive an email that seems a bit strange. If you do find such emails in your inbox and you receive any of these text messages, please follow up with our tech committee at [tech@messiahseattle.org](mailto:tech@messiahseattle.org). Note: Messiah staff never sends out text messages, so if you receive any they're guaranteed to be suspicious.

## FROM THE TREASURER

On the next page is the 2021 Financial Summary through December:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through December: \$565,323
- 2021 Actual Expenses through December: \$512,454 (9.35% below SG), including
- funds set aside for future use: \$66,000
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through December: \$584,076 (3.32% above SG),
- including PPP grant: \$93,446

The operating result through December is a surplus of \$71,623; this includes \$66,000 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 at [treasurer@messiahseattle.org](mailto:treasurer@messiahseattle.org).

## LENTEN SERIES INTRODUCTION

### WERE YOU THERE? – REV. RICHARD FLATH

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is 40 days after we celebrated the birth of Christ the Lord in Bethlehem in Judea. This is the day when we celebrate that Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to God as the Word of God in Exodus and Leviticus instructed. The gospel writer Luke informs us that Joseph and Mary also offered that day the poor people's gift for Mary's purification. Since they made the poor people's offering, I am led to believe that the Wise Men hadn't arrived yet for their visit. If they had already been there, Joseph and Mary would have used some of the gold to buy a lamb as part of the purification sacrifice. Also, if the Wise Men had already come, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus would have to make a U-turn in their fleeing from King Herod to Egypt to return to Jerusalem and hope that they wouldn't be discovered in by those people loyal to Herod.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent does not begin until March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. But Rev. Flath has been working on our midweek Lenten service already. The theme for this year's sermons through Easter Sunday is "Were you there...?" This series of messages focus on this question. Mark 15:22-38 is that scripture basis for each week's message. The series messages are as follows:

### WERE YOU THERE ...

- When they came to Golgotha? [3/02]
- When they offered Jesus drugs? [3/09]
- When they divided Jesus' clothes? [3/16]
- To read the charges above Christ's head? [3/23]
- As two others were crucified; too? [3/30]

- When the sun refused to shine? [4/06]
- As Jesus sipped the sour wine? [4/14]
- When the curtain tore in to? [4/15]
- When He rose up from the dead? [4/17]

LENTEN SERVICES: As per usual, our midweek Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

LENTEN SOUP DINNERS: We will be returning to hosting our Lenten soup dinners just before our midweek services in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We are currently seeking volunteers who may be able to help out these meals. A sign-up sheet is in the upstairs Education Hall, just outside the restrooms. If you have further questions, please contact our Council President at [president@messiahseattle.org](mailto:president@messiahseattle.org).

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

### MEN'S NIGHT OUT – BRIAN DANFORTH

Men's Night Out is cancelled for the month of February. We're holding off as the omicron variant is still causing much havoc now. We aim to resume our fellowship in March, pending the current impact of the pandemic as we get closer to that date. Please contact Brian Danforth, at 206-363-5654, if you have any further questions.

### QUILTING DAY – JEAN MINDEMANN

We will be meeting on February 23<sup>rd</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 at 206-300-7537.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is studying Revelation chapters 1-3. These chapters include the letters to seven churches in Asia Minor. Jesus Himself speaks to each of the seven churches about their situation and development and then encourages each of them. These letters are an opportunity for any given congregation (like Messiah) to reflect, evaluate, and give direction to its own ministry through Christ's message to those seven congregations. Sunday Bible Class begins at 9:30 am and concludes around 10:30 am. Rev. Richard Flath, our Vacancy Pastor, is leading the study.

### FROM SOCIAL MINISTRIES – SHARON CHRISTIANSEN

Messiah Members and friends have generously supported three different agencies working with the needy with carloads of food, clothing and household goods. I will continue to make trips if items are left in the narthex. Thank you for your keen interest and generous hearts for our neighbors. You have been overwhelming

in kindness bringing joy to many. Please see the general list of items in the carloads on the poster boards in the narthex and in the upstairs hall. My next focus will be donation of money for charities devoted to medical care of children having cancer and young children whose hard palates and upper lips that do not close timely. Ideas are gratefully accepted. [Schonau@comcast.net](mailto:Schonau@comcast.net) or 206-362-6774.

**MESSIAH’S 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – MARK JORGENSEN**

This year is Messiah’s 75th Anniversary as a congregation in the Seattle area. As such we are looking for volunteers to lead or serve on planning committee so we may celebrate the event. I expect this will occur in the early summer—although the official date is in April. Please contact me at [president@messiahseattle.org](mailto:president@messiahseattle.org) for any additional questions.

**CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

What: Revelation: Chapters 1-3  
 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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Neil Strege	2/03
Bob Zimmerman	2/04
Dianna Altena	2/06
Charlie Jannsen	2/08
Henry Petro	2/08
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
Steve Anderson	2/28
Kimi Jannsen	2/28
Marjorie Longan	2/28

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve and Miyuki Anderson	2/07
Brien and Charity Reid	2/09
Eric and Cynthia Stone	2/16
Michael and Marsha Hudson	2/27

**FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**ALTAR GUILD**

- 6** Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 13** Jack & Donna Holdridge
- 20** Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 27** Jean Mindemann, Stephanie Colbert

**ELDERS**

- 8:00 am*
- 6** Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin
  - 13** Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro
  - 20** Andrew Petro, Mike Boomhower
  - 27** Mike 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

**READERS**

<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>
<b>6</b> Robin Melvin	Neil Strege
<b>13</b> Lee Cohrs	Sue Hewitson
<b>20</b> Harry Edmon	Dan Lassman
<b>27</b> Albert Lirhus	Curt Colbert

**USHERS**

<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>
<b>6</b> Harry Edmon	Steve Miller
<b>13</b> Sharon Christiansen	Dave Paeth
<b>20</b> Lee Cohrs	Curt Colbert
<b>27</b> Harry Edmon	Dan Lassman

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

A LENTEN SERIES STARTING WEDNESDAYS

# were you THERE?

AT 7:00 PM ON MARCH 2ND