



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Elliott

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Summer is just around the corner. This Summer we want to gather for **Friday Night Small Groups**. These are fellowship events for adults hosted by a member of Messiah. We're hoping to have four groups, but that could change based on participation. We intend to place approximately twelve adults in each group, and the groups will meet twice—once in June and once in July from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

When you come to a Friday Night Small Group, your host will have a main dish prepared, along with some beverages. You also will have brought something to share. After a welcome gathering and a prayer, the adults will enjoy a meal and time for conversation. Finally, the adults will gather for the Word of God, intercessory prayer, and an activity to learn more about each other.

We hope to place you in a group close to your home. Not only will that be convenient, but it will allow you to meet those Messiah members that live in your neck of the woods. The current intention is to have Valerie and me at all the events.

On three Sundays—April 30th, May 7th, & May 14th—you will see a sign-up sheet asking for your name, how many adults you're bringing, and any Fridays you are unavailable. Then, in the second half of May, the elders will organize the groups with host families, and the fun begins! Our goal is to have one of the groups meet as early as June 2nd. I hope you all can participate and enjoy time together as God's family at Messiah.

In Christ,
Pastor Elliott

P.S. For older youth, youth group will continue every 3rd Sunday after Education Hour. During our April meeting, the kids provided suggestions for possible events. Stay tuned! Finally, we are hoping to create a junior youth group. Thanks be to God for all the children He has provided!

FROM THE OFFICE

THE JUNE MESSENGER DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2023

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.

HANDY WITH A CAMERA?

Regardless of whether it's a high end DSLR camera or if it's just your cell phone, the office is looking for a volunteer or two to periodically take photos of the activities and memorable moments happening at Messiah. It wouldn't have to be every Sunday. Several Messiah members have not been able to physically attend since the pandemic, and we would like to share our church life with them at least on social media. Not sure what you might capture? Sometimes just a snapshot of the Education Hour, our Sunday School in action (we've been so blessed with new children recently!), announcements or chatting during fellowship, rare exceptions for special rites during service, or more likely after service—these would be awesome. Even snapshots of the tasty Bible Class snacks to give thanks for these generous offerings would be great! Interested? Let the office know!

FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

Messiah is looking for a Music Director starting in September 2023. The Music Director is responsible for directing the Choir and Instrumental Ensemble. Duties include selection of music subject to approval of the Pastor, conducting rehearsals for each group during the week in the evening and prior to services, and directing in the special music time during services. Most services are Sunday morning, but there are additional services during Advent, Christmas, and Lent. Typical week is 5-7 hours plus prep time. For more information or to apply please send email to president@messiahseattle.org.

I would also like to thank Martha Channon and Rebecca Rath for filling in when we were unable to hire a Music Director last fall. They have done a fine job of keeping our groups going this year and providing our services with special music.

Additionally, there has been some uncertainty about how long articles will run in the bulletin. Bulletin articles will now run a maximum of two weeks unless the person submitting the article asks for a longer time, or it is written with an end-date in the announcement.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through March:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through March: \$134,589
- 2023 Actual Expenses through March: \$130,885 (3% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$7,500
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through March: \$97,822 (27% below SG)

The operating result through the first quarter ending in March is a deficit of (\$33,063). Total Offerings are 5.65% below this same period last year.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS - MAY 2023 FROM LCMS

James 1:17 – *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”*

There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo the theme that everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again, and He desires that we reflect His love and openhanded kindness.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to cash or check there are online payment options available on our website at messiahseattle.org/stewardship. Please note: credit card transactions incur a 3% processing fee to Messiah, but the ACH payment option is free.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at treasurer@messiahseattle.org.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – BRIAN DANFORTH

Please join us on Monday, May 1st at 6:00 pm at Mazatlan restaurant, located at 6003 244th St SW in Mountlake Terrace. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

OLYMPIC ZONE LWML SPRING JOYSHOP IS MAY 6TH

The Olympic Zone meeting is at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Kenmore, and this year is featuring speaker Barbara Boswell, a local Christian author. For our in-gathering, we are collecting food for the Kenmore Senior Center. Lunch will be provided. Come be inspired with the Word, fellowship, food, and fun! Registration starts at 9:30 am, program begins at 10:00 am and entry cost is \$4.00. For more information, contact Zone President Mary Abdi at 206-427-7260 or by email at marybadbi@hotmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS – JAN SHOLDT

They're now available in the Narthex. Our greeting card sales support Messiah's missions, and at only a dollar a card, it's a deal for you, too. Pick yours up today!

MESSIAH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP – ANN MELVIN

Typically, the group meets online 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. Contact Ann Melvin if you would like the Zoom link or if you have any questions or comments.

QUILTING DAY – JEAN MINDEMANN

We will be meeting on May 24th at 9:30 am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Bring your own lunch. No

sewing experience necessary. If you have any questions, contact Jean Mindemann.

SINGERS WANTED — *MARTHA CHANNON*

Choir members! Rejoice in the Lord. As the Psalmist say, “Raise our voices in song!” Good, strong voices can be heard down in the congregation. While your leadership downstairs is appreciated, why not elevate yourselves and add your talents to the choir? It does help, but you don’t have to read music. Just be willing to listen and practice hard for an hour. Practice is usually 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursdays, with occasional adjustments when midweek services are held. We endeavor to sing quality music within our capabilities, liturgically appropriate, with sufficient lead time. We especially need sopranos and basses, but we welcome altos and tenors too. You will to be asked to sing a solo unless you want to! We sing, usually, the 2nd and 4th Sundays, sometimes adding an additional Sunday, plus Christmas Eve and Day, a few Lenten Wednesdays, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. When possible important additional Sundays are added. Come join us. It’s good for the choir, good for the church, and good for you! All that deep breathing and laughter while joining others in song has a very positive impact!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SNACK SIGN-UP — *BEV EDMON*

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheet for May and June is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. There is space for 2 people to sign-up each week if you want to team up. Currently there are around 60 adults and 25 children attending Bible Class and Sunday School. It is helpful if you will make coffee. Instructions are on the side of the coffee maker. Jean Mindeman, Sara Jorgenson, Bev Edmon, and many others can show you the ropes.

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY — *STEPHANIE COLBERT*

It has been a while since our Prayer Tree Ministry has been publicized, so I thought I’d take this opportunity to increase awareness about who we are, and how our ministry works. Messiah’s Prayer Tree Ministry was established over 20 years ago by one of our women’s groups to provide additional prayer support for our church members. The Prayer Tree currently consists of 18 members. All of us have signed a confidentiality

agreement, and consider all requests confidential, unless we hear otherwise. If you would like to submit a request for our Prayer Tree, please contact Pastor Elliott, who will pass the message to our group. If you have any questions, or would like to join us, feel free to contact me at stephcolbert@yahoo.com.

MIGHTY MITES FOR LWML — *SUE HEWITSON*

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League collects money in little mite boxes located on the table on the back wall in the Fellowship Hall. The money goes to mission projects elected at the convention held every other year. For these two years our zone goal is \$75,000 for 13 projects. If you would like to participate in these worthy projects, you can pick a box and when it is full bring it on the fourth Sunday to church and put it in the basket at the table in the back of the sanctuary. A list of the projects is in the hallway upstairs and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your interest and participation. If you have questions, ask Sue Hewitson or Jean Mindemann.

LUKE BIBLE STUDY...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Who Is the Greatest?, Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

What:	Book of Matthew
When:	Sundays at 9:30 am
Where:	Fellowship Hall and Online
Teacher:	Pastor Elliott

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

What: The Epistles
When: Tuesdays, 10:00 am
Where: Fellowship Hall and Online
Teacher: Harry Edmon

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

What: Law & Gospel
When: Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Where: Online
Teacher: Jim Grant

MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Christiansen	5/03
Jack Holdridge	5/03
Curt Lassman	5/08
Daniel Elliott	5/10
Ellie Strege	5/10
Joanne Estergreen	5/11
Rebecca Melvin	5/11
Vicki Bartlett	5/13
Bryan Clark	5/13
Joan Miller	5/13
Ian Paeth	5/13
Lena Witt	5/13
Bob Lucas	5/14
Andrea Neubert	5/15
Freja Heineking	5/18
Jim Kohring	5/19
Owen Petro	5/19
Valerie Elliott	5/21
Bob Sundquist	5/24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Jill Cohrs	5/09
Harry & Bev Edmon	5/27
Brian & Robin Danforth	5/30

OFFICIAL ACTS

On Easter morning, April 9th, we gave glory to God for the new life granted through the baptism of Mykira Robinson, Terry King's granddaughter. On April 16th during service, we formally welcomed the following new

members who have been attending Messiah: Jeff & Shannon Coy, with their children Jasmine, Jordyn, Isaiah, Silas, and Madison; BJ & Joy Coy, with their children Selah, Jaxen, and Joslyn; Drew and Ledger Thompson; Jolie Heck; Dawn Plumb; and finally the Elliott family and their children, Elijah, Daniel, Isaiah, Grace, Moses, Hannah, Ezekiel, and Sarah.

MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

7 Elijah Elliott
14 Daniel Elliott
21 Porter Grant
28 Jim Pemberton

ALTAR GUILD

7 Erin Goodnow, Stephanie Colbert
14 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen
18 Erin Goodnow
21 Donna & Jack Holdridge
28 Erin Goodnow, Cheryl Taylor

ELDERS

7 Lee Cohrs, Neil Strege
14 David Miller, Josh Pemberton
21 Andrew Petro, Lee Cohrs
28 David Miller, Josh Pemberton

USHERS – 9:00 AM

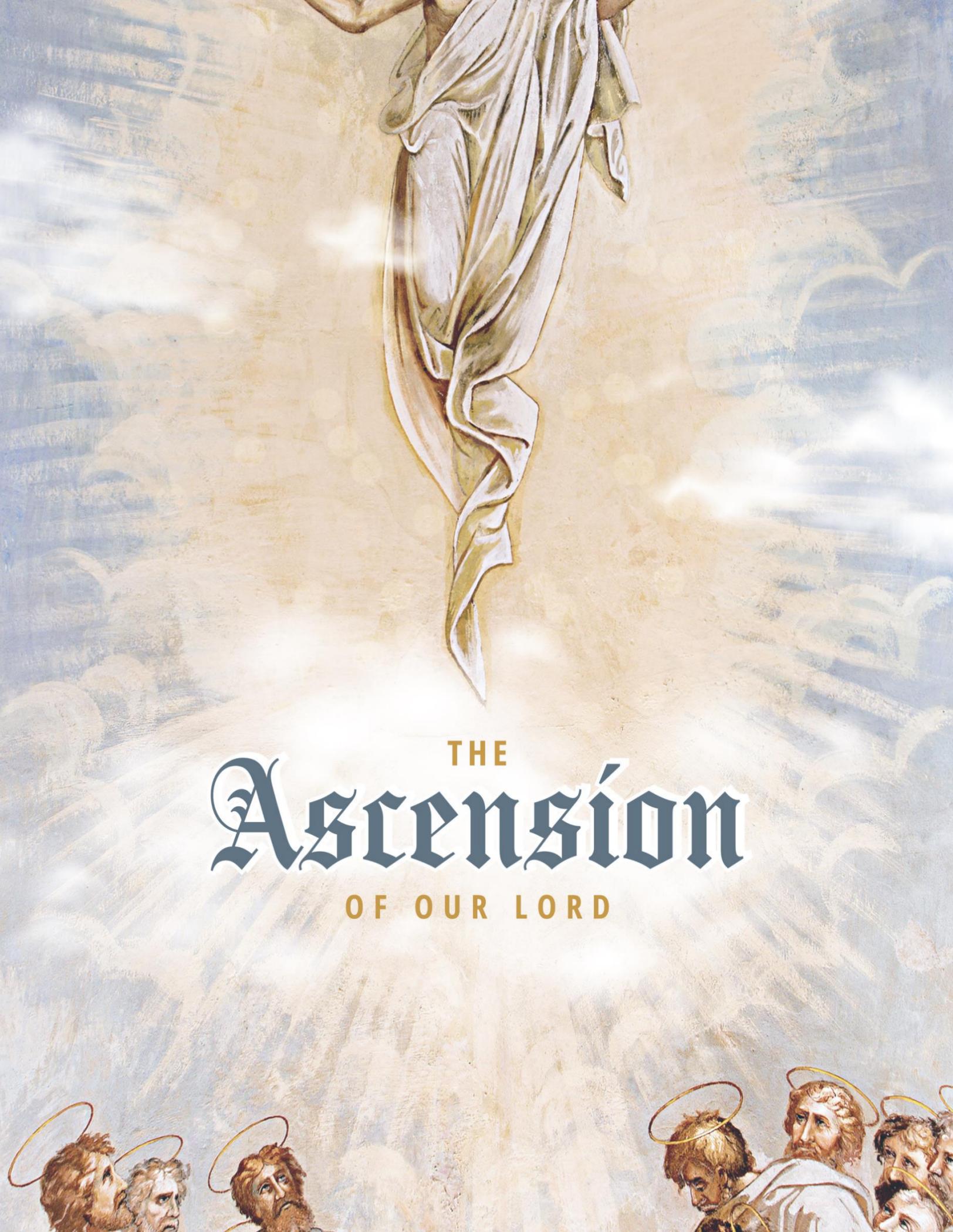
7 Steve Miller
14 Harry Edmon
21 Sharon Christiansen
28 Curt Colbert

USHERS – 7:00 PM

18 Dave Paeth

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>6:00 pm</i> Men's Night Out <i>7:30 pm</i> Women's Zoom Bible Study	2 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study	3 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble	4 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	5	6
7 <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	8	9 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study <i>6:30 pm</i> Council Mtg	10 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble	11 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	12	13
14 MOTHERS' DAY <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	15 JUNE MESSENGER DEADLINE <i>7:30 pm</i> Women's Zoom Bible Study	16 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study <i>6:30 pm</i> Exec Board Mtg	17 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble	18 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD <i>7:00 pm</i> Service	19	20
21 <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour <i>11:45 am</i> Youth Group	22	23 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study <i>6:30 pm</i> Elders Mtg	24 <i>9:30 am</i> Quilting Day <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble	25 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	26	27
28 DAY OF PENTECOST <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	29 MEMORIAL DAY <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	30 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study	31 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble			



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