



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Elliott

Happy Pentecost!

It's official! There are 5 Summer Small Groups, and Group One meets this coming Friday, June 2nd! Be on the lookout for your invitation letter, which will provide your assigned group, dates/times for your group, host locations, and what to bring. This is an exciting opportunity to get to know you all better and for everyone to grow in faith toward God and in love toward one another. God has provided such a wonderful family of believers here at Messiah, and it is such a blessing to share in a good meal, God's Word, prayer, and Christian conversation. If you have any questions about Summer Small Groups, you can contact me or Josh Pemberton. If you can't participate in small groups this year, I hope you and I can find a time to meet and get to know each other better.

Also, for three Sundays in July (9th, 16th, and 23rd), I will be leading youth Sunday School so that I can get to know the children better and to have an opportunity to teach the Small Catechism. Harry Edmon will lead the adults those Sundays.

It is so wonderful to be your pastor. God bless you all!

In Christ,
Pastor Elliott

FROM THE OFFICE

THE JULY/AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE IS JUNE 20

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.

THE OFFICE WANTS YOUR PHOTOS! 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. Interested? Let the office know!

FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

Recently, several members of the congregation received fake texts claiming to be from Pastor Elliott asking for assistance. The text did not come from Pastor's phone number. One person responded knowing that the text was fake and the follow-up text asks the person to buy gift cards that will be given to shut-ins. Pastor and no one else at church would ever ask anyone to buy gift cards via email or text. The church has an Assistance Fund that Pastor can use to help those in need.

Please be aware that criminals will send fake emails and texts claiming to come from Pastor. If you ever have a question whether a message actually came from Pastor please feel free to call or text him at his number in the directory. You can also call the office or Harry Edmon.

Additionally, there will be a short Voters' Meeting at the beginning of Bible Class on Sunday, June 11th to update the congregation on current projects.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through April:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through April: \$179,452

- 2023 Actual Expenses through April: \$165,935 (8% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$10,000
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through April: \$187,723 (5% above SG)

The operating result through the four months ending in April is a surplus of \$21,788. 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.

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, June 5th at 6:00 pm at Anthony's Homeport Restaurant, located at 456 Admiral Way in Edmonds. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

FATHER'S DAY & GRADUATION 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.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

Congratulations are in order for a Messiah member! Please be sure to applaud Destiny Aguayo, who is graduating from Marysville Pilchuck High School on June 14th. Great job, Destiny, for all your hard work!

QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on June 28th 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.

GREETING CARD FUNDS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We donated \$200 to Concordia Seminary from card sales. This will help vicars, missionaries, and deaconesses. Contact Jan for more information.

FREE FURNITURE – *BARBARA FRUHLING*

Know anyone who may be in need of some free furniture? Contact Barbara Fruhling if you would like any of the following items:

- Large wall mirror
- Kitchen table set for 4
- Dining table set for 4
- Pair of end tables
- Lamp
- Rocking chair
- Upholstered chair
- Burrell top coffee table

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL TIME

Are you currently subscribed to The Lutheran Witness? Would you like to be? This monthly magazine interprets the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. To subscribe or renew your subscription please send your payment of **\$19.20** to the office no later than July 10th. **Please note the price increase for this next year's subscription.**

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 June, July, and August 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.

LISTEN TO A LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY ON THE PHONE...

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 currently leading a study on the Book of Acts. You can listen by calling (618) 262-0078.

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

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

What: Letters of John
When: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm
Where: Zoom
Teacher: Ann Melvin

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Buckles	6/01
Jan Hillmann	6/01
Jim Hewitson	6/07
Moses Elliott	6/08
Zoe Anderson	6/09
James Bourn	6/09

Angela Germeroth	6/10
Bill Homann	6/11
Grace Elliott	6/12
Lynn Knudson	6/14
Stephanie Colbert	6/16
Jill Petro	6/16
Keri Valdes	6/17
John Daigneault	6/19
Cade Pak	6/19
George Totten	6/26
Rebecca Rath	6/27
Marsha Hudson	6/28
Jennifer Mueller	6/28
John Putsch	6/28
Fumiko Schaub	6/28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Rachel Ferguson	6/08
John & Nancy Daigneault	6/09
Todd & Angela Germeroth	6/19
John & May Pak Putsch	6/19
Bob & Joyce Lucas	6/21

OFFICIAL ACTS

We are expecting both a memorial for Rich Blomquist and a baptism in July. Details to come.

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

- 4** Lily Strege
- 11** Addie Bourn
- 18** Ellie Strege
- 25** Owen Petro

ALTAR GUILD

- 4** Erin Goodnow, Cheryl Taylor
- 11** Donna & Jack Holdridge
- 18** Erin Goodnow, Jean Mindemann
- 25** Erin Goodnow, Stephanie Colbert

ELDERS

- 4** Neil Strege, Andrew Petro
- 11** Lee Cohrs, David Miller
- 18** Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege
- 25** Andrew Petro, Lee Cohrs

USHERS

- 4** Dan Lassman
- 11** Lee Cohrs
- 18** Steve Miller
- 25** Harry Edmon

Keep
an
eye
out
for
your
summer
small
group
invitation!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	2 FIRST SMALL GROUP! Details TBD	3
4 HOLY TRINITY 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	5 6:00 pm Men's Night Out 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7 6:30 pm Ensemble	8 7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	9	10
11 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour / Congregational Mtg	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Mtg	14 6:30 pm Ensemble	15 7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour 11:45 am Youth Group	19 JUNETEENTH The office will be closed in observance of the holiday. 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	20 JULY/AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Exec Board Mtg	21 6:30 pm Ensemble	22 7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	23	24
25 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	26	27 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Elders Mtg	28 9:30 am Quilting Day 6:30 pm Ensemble	29 7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	30	

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Holy TRINITY