



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

Peter W. W. Elliott, Pastor

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From the desk of Pastor Elliott

Dear Saints of God in Seattle,

Our first year here has been filled with blessings far exceeding our hopeful expectations. We love you all and are so thankful that God has led us to you. If you ever would like to share thoughts, ideas, constructive criticisms, or just a cup of coffee, call my cell phone, and we'll make it happen!

God bless you all,
Pastor

VBS IS COMING IN AUGUST!

We need volunteers to help with a 2-day Vacation Bible School happening Friday August 25th & Saturday the 26th!

This year's format will be an evening with Bible study for all ages on the 25th from 6-9pm, followed by a youth lock-in overnight for middle school & high school grades (4th grade and up). Then the morning of Saturday the 26th will be an additional VBS day for all from 9-noon.

If you're able to volunteer, please contact Jill Petro by email or text (jrpetro73@gmail.com, # in directory). Volunteer opportunities include:

- * Meal/Dessert prep
- * Preschool classroom helper
- * Elementary/middle school classroom helper
- * Arts and crafts helper
- * Youth lock-in evening activities
- * Youth lock-in overnight chaperones
- * Breakfast prep
- * Snack prep

Keep an eye out for more VBS updates!

Thanks in advance!

Jill Petro, Rochelle Pemberton, & Pastor Elliott

THANK YOU, FROM A NEW MEMBER

Hi, my name is Drew Thompson, and I wanted to take a moment to thank the congregation for all of their kindness and generosity they have given to me and my family since we began attending Messiah a little more than a year ago. Witnessing God's work through you all has been such a blessing! Whenever my family has been in need for support, sometimes even before I think to ask, my new church family has risen to the occasion. I specifically want to recognize Andrew & Rachel Ferguson, who so graciously accepted my request to have them as sponsors for Ledger's baptism this past fall. Shortly thereafter when God blessed me and my wife, Kirsten, with our little girl Elea (born June 8th), I found myself in need of a baptism sponsor once again, and Chris & Kimberley Zakian were so kind to accept that role for Elea. Thank you also to Val Elliott for organizing an informal meal train and "diaper drive" within the baby/toddler Sunday school class and for everyone who has blessed us with meals, diapers and other little goodies. This ended up being so helpful to me and my family after returning from the hospital and then quickly remembering just how well newborns don't sleep! I have countless other "Thank Yous" to give throughout the congregation for your work in making my family feel at home in this congregation, from simply saying hello to Ledger and me to loaning me a copy of Luther's Large Catechism (thank you for that Josh Pemberton). I can't express how thankful we are to be blessed with such a great family in Christ!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RICH

Rich Blomquist's memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 11am, with reception to follow. Further information can be found at www.bartonfuneral.com or ask Jane Krueger.

CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION

Messiah is looking for a new secretary. The Church Secretary is to assist the Pastor and the members of the congregation as needed. Duties include:

- Producing the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter
- Keeping membership and other church records
- Enter debits and deposits into QuickBooks
- Count and deposit weekly offerings
- Order and maintain supplies
- Maintain the church calendar and website
- Usual business duties & other duties as assigned

The candidate must have proficient knowledge in office administration and a high level of accuracy in preparing and entering information. The candidate must have at least a high school diploma. The position pays \$25 per hour and is not eligible for benefits. For more information and/or to apply, email president@messiahseattle.org.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through May:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through May: \$224,315
- 2023 Actual Expenses through May: \$200,290 (11% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$12,500
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through May: \$229,497 (2% above SG)

The operating result through the five months ending in May is a surplus of \$29,207. Please remember in your prayers to thank the Lord for Messiah's blessings and pray for His continued gifts to sustain us throughout 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, July 10th at 6:00 pm at Brier Pizza Kitchen, located at 23631 Brier Rd in Brier. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *BEV EDMON*

Ladies Night Out is going to be at Briley's BBQ on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00 pm, located at 15030 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155. Briley's has a large outdoor seating area with a view of Lake Washington. RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com, or text (use # in directory).

MESSIAH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP – *ANN MELVIN*

The women's Bible study will not meet in July or August. We will start up again on September 18th to continue the study of the letters of John. The Bible study meets on Zoom the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. Please contact Ann Melvin to get the link.

QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on August 23 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.

ALTAR GUILD – *CHERYL TAYLOR*

Messiah's Altar Guild met on May 21st for lunch and a productive business meeting. I want to thank all of the volunteers who do this important work for our congregation: Dawn Plumb, Erin Goodnow, Jack Holdridge, Donna Holdridge, Jean Mindemann, Joanne Estergreen, Stephanie Colbert, and Sharon Christiansen. Whether you have been serving for 20+ years or 6 months, you are all special and I am grateful. Also, a big THANK YOU to Margaret Leary, who made new custom cloth covers for 3 historical silver pieces from Messiah's past that the congregation has started using for special services and occasions: a chalice, a paten (like a plate), and a shell. As always, we welcome new members and will teach you everything you need to know! You can reach out to any of us if you have any questions.

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 Sholdt for more information.

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.

TUESDAY MORNING CLASS – AUGSBURG CONFESSION

The Tuesday Morning Bible Class is finishing up our study of Paul's Epistles with 2 Timothy. After we are done we will start a study of the Augsburg Confession. We will continue to meet through the summer on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the no class on July 4th and August 1st.

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.

OUR AMAZING CHOIR– MARTHA CHANNON

Your adept, flexible, and willing choir sang an amazing 30 anthems in 2022 & 2023, with only an hour of practice weekly! They sang the usual Sundays, plus Reformation, Thanksgiving, 2 Advent Wednesdays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, 2 Lenten Wednesdays, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. The Ensemble joined us Easter and the 75th Anniversary.

The music was from several periods and composers. One, William Billings, is from the American Revolution era, He rode Paul Revere's horse and wrote the original American anthem. Two anthems are from a style called "Shape Note." Pastor chooses these hymns often, but in our hymnal they are written in traditional notation instead of the original Shape Note. Included were Baroque composers: Handel, Vivaldi, J.S. Bach; Micahel Praetorius wrote "Psallite," sung at Christmas in Latin and Middle German. The words are:

*Psallite unigenito Christo, Dei Filio,
Psallite Redemptori, Domino, puerulo jacenti in praesepeio.*
Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein.
Alle lieben Engelein dienen dem Kindelein
und singen ihm fein.

Remember to thank our choir members when you see them.
Tell them, "Job well done!"

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

What: TBA
When: Sundays at 10:30 am
Where: Fellowship Hall and Online
Teacher: Pastor Elliott / Harry Edmon

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER)

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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

What: The Augsburg Confession
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

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Becky Johnson	7/01
Joyce Lucas	7/04
Mary Branom	7/05
Robin Arbuckle	7/06
Robby Branom	7/07
Brian Keller	7/07
Allison Danforth	7/10
Nicole Cox	7/13
Jack Knudson	7/14
June Scott	7/15
Nola Pak	7/18
Sue Hewitson	7/20
Madeleine Ferguson	7/26
Matt Grant	7/26
Molly Neubert	7/27
Craig Kohring	7/28
John Koppelman	7/29
Neil Woodward	July

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bryan & Jennifer Clark	7/08
Drew & Kirsten Thompson	7/13
Neil Woodward & Leanne Gulden	7/14
Robby & Audrey Branom	7/21
Robin & Ann Melvin	7/30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Leslie Miller	8/03
Syriana Schaub	8/05
Braylin Jenson	8/06
Jean Mindemann	8/08
Gabrielle Strege	8/08
Stephanie Totten	8/08
Olivia Lueck	8/09
Albert Lirhus	8/13
Harriet Branom	8/17
Marlene Ivy	8/17
Theo Petro	8/17
Jordan Paeth	8/18
Trey Knudson	8/19
Cameron Petro	8/19
Brian Doersch	8/21
Curt Colbert	8/23
Sandy Grant	8/23
Marjelee Murrell	8/24
Jessica Lueck	8/26
Sean Bartlett	8/29
Bob Guthrie	8/29
Frieda Johnson	8/31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Nancy Bourn	8/02
Jack & Donna Holdridge	8/10
Aaron & Laura Gehrke	8/14
Heidi & Patrick Witt	8/17
Josh & Rochelle Pemberton	8/18
Curt & Stephanie Colbert	8/20
Alex & Masha Miller	8/25

JULY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

- 2** Gabby Strege
- 9** Owen Petro
- 16** Elijah Elliott
- 23** Addie Bourn
- 30** Piper Cox

ALTAR GUILD

- 2** Cheryl Taylor, Dawn Plumb
- 9** Jean Mindemann, Dawn Plumb
- 16** Donna and Jack Holdridge
- 23** Stephanie Colbert, Sharon Christiansen
- 30** Joanne Estergreen, Erin Goodnow

ELDERS

- 2** Lee Cohrs, Neil Strege
- 9** Josh Pemberton, Andrew Petro
- 16** Lee Cohrs, Mark Jorgensen
- 23** Neil Strege, Justin Bourn
- 30** David Miller, Robin Melvin

USHERS

- 2** Sharon Christiansen
- 9** Curt Colbert
- 16** Lee Cohrs
- 23** Steve Miller
- 30** Harry Edmon

AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

- 6** Daniel Elliott
- 13** Porter Grant
- 20** Eli Freeburg
- 27** Ellie Strege

ALTAR GUILD

- 6** Erin Goodnow, Stephanie Colbert
- 13** Jean Mindemann, Stephanie Colbert
- 20** Donna and Jack Holdridge
- 27** Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann

ELDERS

- 6** Mark Jorgensen, Andrew Petro
- 13** David Miller, Josh Pemberton
- 20** Justin Bourn, Neil Strege
- 27** Lee Cohrs, Robin Melvin

USHERS

- 6** Dave Paeth
- 13** Sharon Christiansen
- 20** Curt Colbert
- 27** Lee Cohrs

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.</i>	5	6 7:00 pm Bible Study	7	8
9 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	10 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	11 10:00 am Bible Study	12	13 7:00 pm Bible Study	14	15
16 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour 11:45 am Youth Group	17	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19	20 7:00 pm Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out	26	27 7:00 pm Bible Study	28	29 11:00 am Memorial Service for Rich Blomquist
30 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	31					

August 2023

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