



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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Lydia Miller, Office Administrator

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From the Desk of Pastor Elliott

Dear brothers and sisters,

What a joy it is to be with you in Seattle! I'm excited about this Fall!

Rally Day is coming up on September 17, and we hope that everyone can make it. Confirmation begins that same day after Sunday School with an informational meeting for both students and parents. If you're interested to see what we're doing, guests are welcome. AIC is returning on Wednesday, September 20. We will meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 until Advent (December). Light refreshments will be provided. Please consider attending even if you've been a lifelong Lutheran. The homeschool families of Messiah plan to meet every other Friday for a few hours to study the Bible and Small Catechism. Youth group events are in the works. Adult Bible studies are starting up with the Adult Education Hour studying Abraham and Sarah this Fall. Before that, we'll have a military chaplain as a special guest speaker on September 10. Choir and Ensemble are starting up, and if you want to serve your church, community, or world, the volunteer opportunities abound. We can always find something useful for you to do!

I also want to give thanks to God for all our wonderful volunteers this past year. More recently, I thank God for our Small Group host families and VBS volunteers. You made these summer events very special. I am continually impressed by our dedicated volunteers. God has blessed us richly!

Friends, I have good news: we win in the end. In Christ, the victory is certain. All things will work out for the good because we belong to Christ. This year might end up being the best year ever... or it could be a worse year than 2020. We do not know the future, but we do know that Christ will be with us and will bless us in every situation. If He is for us, who can be against us? Praise be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Elliott

P.S. Jesus loves you.

FROM THE OFFICE

THE OCTOBER MESSENGER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 25

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. There have been a few changes at Messiah. We decided to change to a part-time secretary in the office.

I am thankful for the time Rachel Robins was with us as our Parish Administrator and the service she provided us. Our new secretary is long time member Lydia Miller. She will normally be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We also have a new music director, Aaron Gehrke, who will be directing both the Choir and Instrumental Ensemble.

I thank Martha Channon and Rebecca Rath for their service as directors last year.

We are in the process of replacing the organ blower with a new, quieter model. This will result in a couple of Sundays with no organ. Noel will accompany us on the balcony piano on those Sundays. We will also be replacing all six gas furnaces in the education wing that were installed in 1995. This will occur in the middle of September.

It was my privilege to serve as a lay delegate to this summer's Synodical Convention in Milwaukee. Information about the Convention including video and minutes may be found at <https://lcms.org/convention/national>. Please also feel free to contact me if you have questions about the convention.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through July:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through July: \$314,042
- 2023 Actual Expenses through July: \$294,467 (6% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$17,500
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through July: \$305,730 (3% below SG)

The operating result through the seven months ending in July is a surplus of \$11,262. 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, September 11th at 6:00 pm at Ivar's Salmon House, located at 401 NE Northlake Way. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – *BEV EDMON*

Please join us at Le's Pho Tai Vietnamese restaurant on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm. It is located at 15210 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline 98133, near Joanne Fabrics in Shoreline. RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com, or text to the phone number in the directory. Please be sure that Bev has your cell phone number in case of last minute changes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING – *ROCHELLE PEMBERTON*

Rally Day is September 17th this year. If you have children or grandchildren who will be attending Sunday School this year and are not on my Sunday School email list, please let me know so that I can add you and keep you up to date on all the Sunday School happenings.

We are always looking to add people to our Sunday School Team as substitutes or possibly lead teachers. We will be having a Sunday School Teachers meeting after the Education Hour on Sunday, September 3rd. Lunch will be provided. If you are a current teacher or sub or are interested in joining the team, please consider attending

YOUTH CONFIRMATION (7TH AND 8TH GRADERS)

Begins September 17th after Sunday School with an informational meeting. This event is for students and their parents/sponsors. At the meeting, you'll receive a schedule,

a textbook, and a list of expectations. This year the curriculum will be divided into two parts. Neil Strege will teach the biblical portion during the Sunday School hour, and Pastor Elliott will teach the corresponding catechetical portion after Sunday School. Parents/sponsors will have a role to play too! Confirmation Day will be the first Sunday in May.

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

The women's on-line Bible study will start up again on September 18th. We will continue the study of the letters of John. The Bible study meets on zoom the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30. Please contact Ann Melvin to get the link.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (A.I.C.)

Will be taught on Wednesdays this Fall, beginning on September 20th. There will be 10 sessions, skipping the week of Thanksgiving and ending before Advent. The class will meet for 2 hours at a time (with a snack break), tentatively from 6:30-8:30pm.

QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on September 27th 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.

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

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheet for September, October, and November 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.

SINGERS WANTED — *AARON GEHRKE*

Calling upon anyone who would like to join choir! You don't have to know how 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. 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.

Aaron Gehrke will be taking over this year as choir and ensemble director. He has been a member of different choral and instrumental ensembles for over 10 years, but this will be his first time directing one. He is excited for the opportunity to work with you all!

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.

FREE MESSIAH BAGS — *MARGARET LEARY*

There are navy blue Messiah Lutheran Church bags located on the table in the narthex that could be used for shopping, toting, or any needs. Feel free to take them home!

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: Study of Abraham and Sarah
When: Sundays at 10:30 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 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan Grant	9/01
Andrew Petro	9/01
Ann Melvin	9/02
Barbara Sackett	9/02
Gloria Schy	9/02
Michael Boomhower	9/05
Jane Krueger	9/06
Philip Estergreen	9/07
Lee Cohrs	9/08
Dave Paeth	9/08
Ezekiel Elliott	9/09
Rochelle Pemberton	9/11
Alex Miller	9/13
Jill Cohrs	9/15
Arla Mathiason	9/16
Julie McDermott	9/19
Margaret Leary	9/20
Kim Strege	9/20

Drew Thompson	9/21
Brian Danforth	9/26
Kristin Hillmann	9/29
Kent Questad	9/29
Chloe Sholdt	9/29
Leanne Gulden	September

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Sara Jorgensen	9/03
Dave & Susie Paeth	9/07
Brian & Michelle Keller	9/09
Andrew & Jill Petro	9/20
David & Leslie Miller	9/21
Justin & Tiana Bourn	9/23
Keri & Marco Valdes	9/25

OFFICIAL ACTS

Olivia Holmes and Elea Thompson were baptized in July.
A memorial for Rich Blomquist took place in July.
Dan Lassman transferred to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in June and Dorothy and Nels Anderson transferred to Saint Timothy Lutheran Church in July.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

3 Hank Petro
10 Jim Pemberton
17 Bailey Cox
24 Lily Strege

ALTAR GUILD

3 Cheryl Taylor, Stephanie Colbert
10 Donna & Jack Holdridge
17 Sharon Christiansen, Dawn Plumb
24 Erin Goodnow, Jean Mindemann

ELDERS

3 Josh Pemberton, Mark Jorgensen
10 Neil Strege, Robin Melvin
17 Andrew Petro, David Miller
24 Lee Cohrs, Justin Bourn

USHERS

3 Steve Miller
10 Harry Edmon
17 Dave Paeth
24 Sharon Christiansen

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



Join us September 17th!

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Education Hour 10:30 am live & online

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