



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Elliott

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'll say it again: what an honor it is to be your pastor! What a joy it is to be here in Seattle! My family thanks God every day for you all. I especially appreciate your encouraging words and constant prayers. Thank you!

A lot of exciting things are happening this month. First, the Adult Information Class (AIC) is starting this Wednesday (October 4th) at 6:30 p.m. Please come, if you are able! Second, Confirmation is underway, and we have some excellent young people in that class. Third, I'm excited to join the Thursday night online Bible class hosted by Jim Grant. In that class, we'll be looking at Christ in the Old Testament. Fourth, the three homeschool families will begin meeting every other Friday to study the Catechism, and finally, the Sunday morning adult class is beginning Genesis 12-22, the life of Abraham. Because I enjoy nothing more than reading the Bible with you all and discussing how it applies to faith and life, October is going to be a wonderful month!

In Christ,
Pastor Elliott

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NOVEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 23RD

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

Our congregation thrives due to the dedication of not only our Pastor, but also of our lay leadership. The annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, November 19th. At that time we will be passing our annual budget and electing people to the Church Council. I will shortly be meeting with Pastor and other lay people to put together a list of people to ask to be on Council for a two year term.

Among the positions we will need is a Council Secretary and someone to head up property management.

I have spent most of my adult life serving positions either on Council, Elders, or the Concordia School Board. I consider it an honor to have served our Lord in these positions. I have also found it personally rewarding even though it takes time and involves meetings. If you are asked to serve on Council I hope you will give it careful consideration and prayer.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through August:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through August: \$358,905
- 2023 Actual Expenses through August: \$335,779 (6% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$20,000
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through August: \$347,372 (3% below SG)

The operating result through the eight months ending in August is a surplus of \$11,593. 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, October 2nd at 6:00 pm at Duke's Seafood, located at 7850 Greenlake Drive N. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (A.I.C.)

Will be taught on Wednesdays this Fall, beginning on October 4th. 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), from 6:30-8:30pm.

LADIES JOIN US FOR LWML FALL RALLY – *SUE HEWITSON*

Saturday October 14th at Lamb of God. Program is Deaconess Ruth Ann Shimoi from Lutheran Ministry Services. Registration at 10:00 -- \$4.00. Program starts at 10:30. Lunch will be served after the program. Any questions, see Sue Hewitson.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS – *CHERYL KOHRING*
LWR school kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. You can help by bringing any of the following items to the table in the narthex:

- 70 sheet notebooks wide or college ruled
- rulers with centimeters or centimeters and inches
- pencil sharpener
- blunt tip safety scissors
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 21/2 in eraser

Thank you for participating! The collection deadline is October 22nd!

LADIES NIGHT OUT – *BEV EDMON*

Please join us at the Indian Spice Bistro on October 23rd at 6:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 14553 Bothell Way NE, Shoreline. This is a new restaurant and the menu looks interesting with both northern and southern Indian dishes. Please RSVP to Bev Edmon, bevedmon@gmail.com or text to the number in the directory.

QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on October 25th 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.

FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING DONATION – *SUE HEWITSON*

We are so blessed to have food for our tables and we have an opportunity to share those blessings with others who are struggling to provide food for themselves or their

families. We will be collecting non-perishable food until November 5th to be displayed on November 12th. This will give the Lake City Food Bank time to distribute for Thanksgiving. There will be a table in the narthex to put your items. The suggested items are as follows. Rice, beans, juice, flour, sugar, cooking oil, cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter, soup, and any other non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

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

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheet for 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 40 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, Sarah Jorgenson, Bev Edmon, and many others can show you the ropes.

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY – *STEPHANIE COLBERT*

The Prayer Tree Ministry operates behind the scenes so I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our members: Jane Krueger, Dorothy Bellin, Ann Melvin, Sue Hewitson, Cheryl Kohring, Pat Buckles, Sharon Christianson, Harry Edmon, Curt Colbert, Martha Mathiason, Susie Paeth, Pat Rodeman, Jean Mindemann, Joanne Estergreen, Marie Hurlbut, Don Dunavant, Shelley Tennant, and George Totten. Some of these members have been involved in Prayer Tree for over 20 years! Thanks be to God for their faithful service.

If you have questions about the Prayer Tree, feel free to contact me: stephcolbert@yahoo.com

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.

CONCORDIA CORNER

What's Happening: Lots of team building has been happening at Concordia. Our elementary and middle school students were each placed in a multi-age house with a lead teacher. Each house is named after a Biblical city (Philippi, Colossae, Galatia, Ephesus) and will meet regularly to learn, serve, and celebrate together this year. Team Woodlands had a great time at Outdoor Ed. They enjoyed activities like canoeing, horse-back riding, and team building. It was great to learn about God with other Washington Lutheran schools while being surrounded by nature. October's theme is Hispanic Heritage Month. Concordia will kick-off this

theme with a performance by Salinas De Leon, a sister group who do traditional Mexican and Spanish folkloric dances.

Trunk-or-Treat: Keep an eye out for more details about this event!

Ways to Help: Prayers: Pray for our teachers, students, and families as we build community, grow student confidence, and help them achieve academic standards all in a Christ-centered, grace filled environment. Thank you for all your support and prayers this year- we appreciate your partnership! Share the News: We have openings! Guide friends, neighbors, and those you meet to our website to find out about our unique personalized learning and project based learning experiences for Kindergarten-8th Grade.

Job Opportunities: We are hiring a part-time afternoon preschool teacher (1pm - 5:30pm). Contact Pam at preschool@concordiaseattle.com. We are also hiring a Music Teacher and continuing to look for a Maternity Kindergarten Sub (Now-December). Contact Principal Malone at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.



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: Christ in the Old Testament
When: Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Where: Online
Teacher: Jim Grant

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Laura Gehrke	10/01
Ledger Thompson	10/01
Sara Zimmermen	10/01
Milton Horst	10/01
Jill England	10/02
Claire Daigneault	10/03
Jenny Lueck	10/04
Larry Bourn	10/07
Jacob Miller	10/09
Gertrude Horst	10/10
Jaxen Coy	10/13
Mike Hillmann	10/13
Aaron Gehrke	10/15
Will Strege	10/18

Katie Lassman	10/21
Heidi Witt	10/22
Joanne Warner	10/24
Martha Weiss	10/24
Rachel Ferguson	10/27
Sue Lassman	10/28
Callum Morse	10/28
Cheryl Kohring	10/30
Harry Edmon	10/31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Sandy Grant	10/01
Tyler & Rebecca Rath	10/06
Eric & Tammy Linden	10/11
Paul & Andrea Neubert	10/11
Dan & Misty Frank	10/25
Kyle & Makela Schultz	10/28

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

1 Theo Petro
8 Chloe Cox
15 Gabby Strege
22 Owen Petro
29 Elijah Elliott

ALTAR GUILD

1 Sharon Christiansen, Erin Goodnow
8 Joanne Estergreen, Dawn Plumb
15 Donna & Jack Holdridge
22 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann
29 Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen

ELDERS

1 Neil Strege, Justin Bourn
8 David Miller, Mark Jorgensen
15 Robin Melvin, Josh Pemberton
22 Andrew Petro, Lee Cohrs
29 David Miller, Justin Bourn

USHERS

1 Curt Colbert
8 Lee Cohrs
15 Steven Miller
22 Harry Edmon
29 Dave Paeth

October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>6:00 pm</i> Men's Night Out <i>7:30 pm</i> Women's Zoom Bible Study	3	4 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble <i>6:30 pm</i> Adult Information Class	5 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	6	7 <i>10:30 am</i> Young Adult Singles Group
8 <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	9 COLUMBUS DAY <i>The office will be closed in observance of the holiday</i>	10 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study <i>6:30 pm</i> Council Meeting	11 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble <i>6:30 pm</i> Adult Information Class	12 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	13	14 <i>10:30 am</i> Young Adult Singles Group
15 <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	16 <i>7:30 pm</i> Women's Zoom Bible Study	17 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study <i>6:30 pm</i> Exec Board Mtg	18 <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble <i>6:30 pm</i> Adult Information Class	19 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	20	21 <i>10:30 am</i> Young Adult Singles Group
22 <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	23 OCTOBER MESSENGER DEADLINE <i>6:00 pm</i> Ladies Night Out	24 <i>6:30 pm</i> Elders Mtg	25 <i>9:30 am</i> Quilting Day <i>7:00 pm</i> Ensemble <i>6:30 pm</i> Adult Information Class	26 <i>7:00 pm</i> Bible Study Choir	27	28 <i>10:30 am</i> Young Adult Singles Group
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY <i>9:00 am</i> Divine Service <i>10:30 am</i> Education Hour	30	31 <i>10:00 am</i> Bible Study				



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