



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Elliott*

Dear brothers and sisters,

We all have so much to be thankful for! It is important that we take time to remember all that God has done for us. When counting our blessings, we can divide them into three categories, corresponding to the three articles (“parts”) of the Apostles’ Creed.

First, God gives us what we need to support this body and life. Therefore, every breath we take, every beat of our hearts, and even our abilities to think and to feel are all “First Article Gifts,” lovingly provided by our Creator. Likewise, food and clothing are gifts. Our work and leisure are gifts. This country is a gift, and all of our relationships—family, friends, coworkers, neighbors—are all granted to us from the tender heart of our dear Heavenly Father.

Second, Jesus Christ is the ultimate gift! “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son!” And if the Father “did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?” Indeed, on the cross, Jesus gave of Himself, pouring out all His precious blood to blot out our transgressions that we might be saved eternally through Him.

Third and finally, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: “the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.” Whereas First Article Gifts have to do with secular things (things of “this age”), Third Article Gifts are the gifts of the age to come, even though we already enjoy them now. These gifts are particular to Christians. To this category belongs the gifts of faith and all which flows from faith.

So, this Thanksgiving make sure that you thank God for ALL the gifts He gives. Thank Him for the First Article Gifts, as even some pagans do. Thank Him for the Second Article Gift—the gift of Jesus! And thank Him for the gift of faith, for it is only through faith that we take hold of Christ and receive the fullness of God’s blessings. To God alone be thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elliott

## FROM THE OFFICE

THE DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21ST  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please place all messages and articles in the office mailbox located in the choir room or email them to [office@messiahseattle.org](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

The congregational annual meeting will be Sunday, November 19th during the Education Hour at 10:30 am. The main agenda items for the meeting are to elect new members of the Council and to approve the 2024 Spending Guide. We will be sending out a letter prior to the meeting with the proposed 2024 Spending Guide and our October 31, 2023 financial statement.

I encourage all our members to attend the meeting. This is one of your opportunities to voice your opinion on the direction of our congregation. When I was Treasurer I always appreciated it when members had questions or comments when I was presenting the Spending Guide. The Council takes seriously our responsibility to be accountable to the congregation, so don't be afraid to speak up if you have a comment or question. Of course you can always catch me privately either in person or via email ([president@messiahseattle.org](mailto:president@messiahseattle.org)) about any concern you may have.

May God continue to bless us as He gives us his gifts in Word and Sacrament and enables us to do His work at Messiah.

## FROM THE TREASURER

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Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through September:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) - prorated through September: \$403,768
- 2023 Actual Expenses through September: \$387,847 (4% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$22,500
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through September: \$387,994 (4% below SG)

The operating result through the nine months ending in September is a surplus of \$147. 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](http://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](mailto:treasurer@messiahseattle.org).

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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### MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *BRIAN DANFORTH*

Please join us on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Lake Forest Bar and Grill, located at 17535 Ballinger Way NE in Lake Forest Park. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT – *BEV EDMON*

Tired of turkey? Join us for Ladies Night Out at Kostas Opa Greek Restaurant, 1924 N 45th St, Seattle, on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. RSVP to Bev Edmon in person, email [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com) or text to the phone number in the directory.

### QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FELLOWSHIP CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT – *JILL PETRO*

During the month of November I will be putting up a volunteer booth with all of the events throughout the next year at Messiah! If anyone has interest in helping with a specific event, you can sign up to join that committee! For example, if you would like to host a lenten supper, you would sign up for the Lenten supper and the fellowship chair can help you hosting the event! Thank you everyone for all the volunteer effort you've given to make these events so successful!

### ROOM MAKEOVER- MESSIAH EDITION! – *JILL PETRO*

The Young Adult Group and Fellowship chair are working together to plan to make over one of the Sunday school classrooms in an effort to make a lounge area & meeting room for the young adults at Messiah! To make over the room, the Fellowship chair and Young adult group are looking for any Thrivent Members who have an interest in using their Thrivent Grant to help raise funds for new furniture, paint, supplies for this room makeover! If you are a Thrivent Member interested in donating your grant to this great cause, please let Jill Petro know 206-276-5379 or [jrpetro73@gmail.com](mailto:jrpetro73@gmail.com)

### THANKSGIVING CARDS – *JAN SCHOLDT*

Thanksgiving cards are now available for purchase in the Narthex. Help support our missions by buying cards, each for \$1.00!

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

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheet for 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.

### 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:** Concordia teachers attended the annual Northwest District Educator Conference in Seaside, Oregon. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to refresh and re-energize, as well as listening to the various speakers, and being in fellowship with colleagues from other Lutheran schools. Two of our teachers led two sectionals at the conference, one on STEM and the other on cultural responsiveness. We also brought our new mascot, Uno the Cardinal, down to the conference and had some fun showing our cardinal school spirit!

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Thank you to all who were able to support Concordia and the surrounding community!

**Open House:** We are having an Open House that is open to all families who are considering coming to Concordia for K-8th. (Preschool Open House will take place in January). Invite any families you may know of who are looking for a great school! The Open House is Tuesday, November 14th at 6pm at Concordia Lutheran School.

**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-8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Job Opportunities:** We are hiring a part-time afternoon preschool teacher (1pm - 5:30pm). Contact Pam at [preschool@concordiaseattle.com](mailto: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](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com).

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## CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

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### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Pat Rodeman	11/01
Tanner Clark	11/02
Robin Danforth	11/02
Zethaniel Lopes	11/02
Dusty Sholdt	11/06
Maya Martin	11/07
Barbara Fruhling	11/09
Alex Paeth	11/10
Hannah Elliott	11/12
Andy Lueck	11/12
Porter Grant	11/13
Jakob Ferguson	11/14
Kimberley Zakian	11/14
Sarah Jorgensen	11/15

Louise Daigneault	11/17
Bailey Cox	11/19
Nancy Daigneault	11/19
Elizabeth Cohrs	11/21
Chloe Cox	11/21
Madison Coy	11/21
Jordan Jenson	11/21
Curt Lassman	11/21
Megan Hillman	11/22
Lydia Miller	11/23
Jordyn Coy	11/28
Brian Reid	11/29
Natalie Colbert	11/30

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Marie Byarlay	11/05
James & June Scott	11/11

## NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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### ACOLYTES

<b>5</b>	Addie Bourn
<b>12</b>	Isaiah Elliott
<b>19</b>	Jim Pemberton
<b>23</b>	Porter Grant ( <b>Thanksgiving</b> )
<b>26</b>	Eli Freeburg

### ALTAR GUILD

<b>5</b>	Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann
<b>12</b>	Cheryl Taylor, Stephanie Colbert
<b>19</b>	Donna & Jack Holdridge
<b>23</b>	Erin Goodnow ( <b>Thanksgiving</b> )
<b>26</b>	Cheryl Taylor, Erin Goodnow

### ELDERS

<b>5</b>	Josh Pemberton, Robin Melvin
<b>12</b>	Mark Jorgensen, Lee Cohrs
<b>19</b>	Andrew Petro, Neil Strege
<b>26</b>	David Miller, Justin Bourn

### USHERS

<b>5</b>	Sharon Christiansen
<b>12</b>	Curt Colbert
<b>19</b>	Lee Cohrs
<b>23</b>	Steven Miller ( <b>Thanksgiving</b> )
<b>26</b>	Harry Edmon

# November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  6:30 pm Adult Information Class  7:00 pm Ensemble	2  7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	3	4  10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
5  DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS  9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	6  6:00 pm Men's Night Out  7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	7  10:00 am Bible Study  6:30 pm Council Meeting	8  6:30 pm Adult Information Class  7:00 pm Ensemble	9  7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	10	11
12  9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	13	14  10:00 am Bible Study	15  6:30 pm Adult Information Class  7:00 pm Ensemble	16  7:00 pm Bible Study Choir	17	18  10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
19  9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting	20  7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	21  DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE  10:00 am Bible Study	22  9:30 am Quilting Day  7:00 pm Ensemble	23  THANKSGIVING  9:00 am Thanksgiving Service	24	25
26  9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	27  6:00 pm Ladies Night Out	28  10:00 am Bible Study  6:30 pm Elders Meeting	29  6:30 pm Adult Information Class  7:00 pm Ensemble	30  7:00 pm Bible Study Choir		



*Thanksgiving  
Blessings*



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