



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Elliott

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ our Lord came to seek and save the lost. He wants ALL people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. He even guided pagan magi unto Himself, for He truly wants ALL! There is no one in your life who can be excluded from knowing the message of our King. They ALL need to know that their Lord died for them and desires them to the utmost. He wants to gather ALL people to Himself forever, as He says about His cross, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw ALL people to myself.” He means it, and we get to be a part of spreading this good news to ALL!

Now, certainly, sharing your faith can be a daunting task, especially if you haven’t experienced success in the past. However, always know this: Christ is with you. The Spirit is with you, and the Father will continue to reveal His Son to “the little children.” God blesses these efforts, and you have Divine help! Now, it is true that God alone can convert hearts, but He uses us as His instruments—literally speaking through us—to gather all nations. In some cases, you will experience rejection whenever you speak your faith, and because you love these people, it will be exceedingly painful! This is part of the suffering to which Christians are called. We will weep when we see people reject the faith, and God will weep with us. However, if you just keep witnessing, letting your joy in Christ overflow to others, you will also experience indescribable happiness as you see lives changed by Jesus. Not only that, but through this exercise, you will gain new brothers and sisters who you get to keep forever! [Note: fellow believers are the only thing you get to take with you into heaven. So, spend your life gathering these treasures!]

In 2023, I witnessed marvelous things whenever I spoke the Gospel. I witnessed Christ bring wandering sheep back into His church who had been away for decades. Although I often fumbled over my words in witnessing to them, God blessed those efforts anyway, and these lost sheep are now back in the fold! In 2023, I witnessed Christ grant faith to folks who have never believed, and these new believers are now interested in hearing more. I also witnessed church members, who were secretly falling away, repent and find new strength in Christ’s forgiveness. Yes, the Lord snatched them from the pit, and they are safe once more! I also saw lifelong believers develop in their understanding of the Scriptures. I saw little children grow in their faith, and I rejoiced that

others are producing the good fruit of works of love. The Spirit is at work among us! And because we know the Spirit works through the Word, we need to keep speaking that Word to each other and to ALL.

In 2024, Let Christ’s name be on your lips as often as possible, and do not be ashamed of the good news (Rom. 1:16). As one Lutheran pastor famously said, “Christ is risen; we are going to win!” The Gospel is the power of God for salvation. So, keep telling ALL people: “Jesus loves you. He died for you. Follow Him!”

In Christ,
Pastor

FROM THE OFFICE

THE FEBRUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 23RD

Please ensure your announcements/articles arrive at the church office by the date above if you would like them in the next Messenger. Please place all messages in the choir room office mailbox or email them to office@messiahseattle.org.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on our Christmas celebrations in December. Many hands are involved including the Sunday School, Choir, Ensemble, Pastor Elliott, Lydia Miller, the Tuesday Morning Bible Class, and James Leary, Josh Pemberton, and the crew that put up and took down the Nativity and Christmas tree. Also thanks to everyone who contributed to the Staff Christmas Gift.

We are now in that somewhat quieter time between Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. But it is not very long this year. Ash Wednesday will be February 14th and Easter on March 31st. God’s blessings to each of you this January as we finally start to see the daylight get longer again.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2023 Financial Summary through November:

- 2023 Spending Guide (SG) – prorated through November: \$493,494
- 2023 Actual Expenses through November: \$458,246 (7% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$27,500
- 2023 Actual Offerings/Income through November: \$475,398 (4% below SG)

The operating result through the eleven months ending in November is a surplus of \$17,152. 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 is an online payment option available through our website: www.MessiahSeattle.org; Member's Section: 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: treasurer@messiahseattle.org

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

ROOM MAKEOVER- MESSIAH EDITION! – *JILL PETRO*

We are going to have the first work party/planning day for the Young Adult Room Makeover on Saturday, January 13th at 10-noon. If anyone is interested in helping clear out the old Boy Scout/Fireplace Classroom on the 13th - you can let Jill Petro know or just show up! 206-276-5379 or jrpetro73@gmail.com Thanks!

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *BRIAN DANFORTH*

Please join us on Monday, January 15th at 6:00 pm at Mamma Melina Ristorante and Pizzeria. 5101 25th Ave. NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

QUILTING DAY – *JEAN MINDEMANN*

We will be meeting on January 24th 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 January 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 Mindemann, Sarah Jorgensen, 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.



CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

What: TBA
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 Gospel of Mark
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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Maiya Brotzman	01/01
Andrew Boomhower	01/04
Peter Boomhower	01/07
Robin Melvin	01/07
Makaela Schultz	01/08
Ron Wold	01/08
Ruby Holman	01/10
Abigail Germeroth	01/12
Jim Pemberton	01/12
Megan Bartlett	01/14
Cynthia Stone	01/14
Billy Gard	01/19
Cora May Gray	01/22
Martha Mathiason	01/25
Jolie Heck	01/27
Donna Holdridge	01/27
Jennifer Clark	01/31
Andrew Ferguson	01/31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Kimberley Zakian	01/04
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JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

7 Addie Bourn
14 Isaiah Elliott
21 Jim Pemberton
28 Lily Strege

ALTAR GUILD

7 Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen
14 Jack & Donna Holdridge
21 Cheryl Taylor, Sharon Christiansen
28 Dawn Plumb, Jean Mindemann

ELDERS

7 Justin Bourn, Neil Strege
14 Josh Pemberton, David Miller
21 Lee Cohrs, Mark Jorgensen
28 Robin Melvin, Andrew Petro

USHERS

7 Steven Miller
14 Harry Edmon
21 Dave Paeth
28 Sharon Christiansen

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	2 10:00 am Bible Study	3 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal	4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal	11 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study	12	13 10:00 am Young Adult Room work party 10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
14 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	15 6:00 pm Men's Night Out 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal	18 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study	19	20
21 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour 11:45 am Youth Group	22	23 FEBRUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Elder Meeting	24 9:30 am Quilting Day 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal	25 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study	26	27 10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
28 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	29	30 10:00 am Bible Study	31 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal			



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