



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Elliott*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is such a joy to be your pastor! It is also such a joy to raise my family amongst you all. My family is supremely happy to be here in Seattle. I also think the congregation is doing well. We seem to be growing in faith and love. Attendance is up, which is nice to see. Even better, I see the work of the Holy Spirit in so many. Things are good! “A little too good...” I kid! However, I do believe that we all need to be on our guard against the schemes of the devil. If God is at work amongst us, the devil will not be far away. Satan will try to destroy harmony between church members by creating factions. He’ll seek to rob us of mutual forgiveness and brotherly affection. Satan will seek either to make us self-righteous—where we compare ourselves to each other with a sense of superiority—or if that doesn’t work, he’ll make us lawless and accepting of sinful lifestyles. He’s a master of a thousand arts, and our only protection is Jesus.

Therefore, we all need to abide in Jesus, which means to abide in God’s Word. The Word is our only hope. Church, Bible Class, home devotions, the singing of hymns, and Christian conversation are all necessary so that God’s Word can permeate all our thinking and activities. We are no match for the devil’s tricks, but the devil is no match against our Jesus. So, abide in the Word!

“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it,” Jesus says. Often people will say that they love the Bible, but they don’t actually want to keep it in its specificities. Do we keep (i.e. guard, cherish) the difficult verses? Or are there parts of the Bible that we don’t like, and we wish that God hadn’t said that? If the devil cannot make us self-righteous or lawless, he’ll seek to make us scoff at the Word or simply apathetic towards it.

Therefore, pray. Pray that we would not only be hearers of the Word, but doers. Pray the Lord’s Prayer, that God’s Name would be hallowed amongst us, that His kingdom would come, and that His will would be done. We pray that He would provide daily bread, whilst also forgiving us our sins, leading us away from temptation, and delivering us from the Evil One. Western civilization sometimes denies the existence of the Evil One, but Jesus

has us mention him daily in our prayers so that we would be ever vigilant against him and know that our only hope is aid from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So, abide in the Word, and pray without ceasing. “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32)

In Christ,  
Pastor

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## FROM THE OFFICE

THE MARCH MESSENGER DEADLINE IS MARCH 22ND

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](mailto:office@messiahseattle.org).

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## FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the Financial Summary through January:

- 2024 Spending Guide (SG) – prorated through January: \$43,454
- 2024 Actual Expenses through January: \$36,279 (17% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$3,000
- 2024 Actual Offerings/Income through January: \$56,303 (30% above SG)

The operating result through the one month ending in January is a surplus of \$20,024. 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](http://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](mailto:treasurer@messiahseattle.org)

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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### LENTEN SUPPER SIGN-UP

Come to the Lenten Suppers on Wednesday nights at 6pm prior to our Lenten Service! Thank you to all who have already volunteered and hosted and to anyone who is interested in hosting, contributing to meals or volunteering we have our sign-up sheet outside of the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Jill Petro, Fellowship Chair at 206-276-5379 or jrpetro73@gmail.com

### YOUNG ADULT ROOM UPDATE – JILL PETRO

Stay tuned this month for the Young Adult Room Makeover reveal date! The team was given a Thrivent grant, has acquired some new furniture and is in the process of cleaning and painting the room for our Young Adults to have Bible studies, game events, and fellowship! We hope to finish the room by the end of March! Thank you to all who have donated time, talents and funds to this project!

### MEN'S NIGHT OUT – BRIAN DANFORTH

Please join us on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Saffron Grill, 2132 N Northgate Way. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

### SPRING CLEANUP DAY – HARRY EDMON

The next cleanup day will be Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be working outdoors raking up leaves and pine needles and doing general cleanup around the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Bring rakes, brooms, gloves, etc... Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

### QUILTING DAY – JEAN MINDEMANN

We will be meeting on March 27<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.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

The Youth Group will host our Easter Breakfast led by The Streges again! More details to follow.

### NOTARY SERVICE – KATHY LASSMAN

Need a Notary Public? Call Kathy Lassman at 206-526-8820 or email to k\_lassman@hotmail.com. There is no charge for this service. Arrangements can be made for time and place.

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DONATION – CHERYL KOHRING

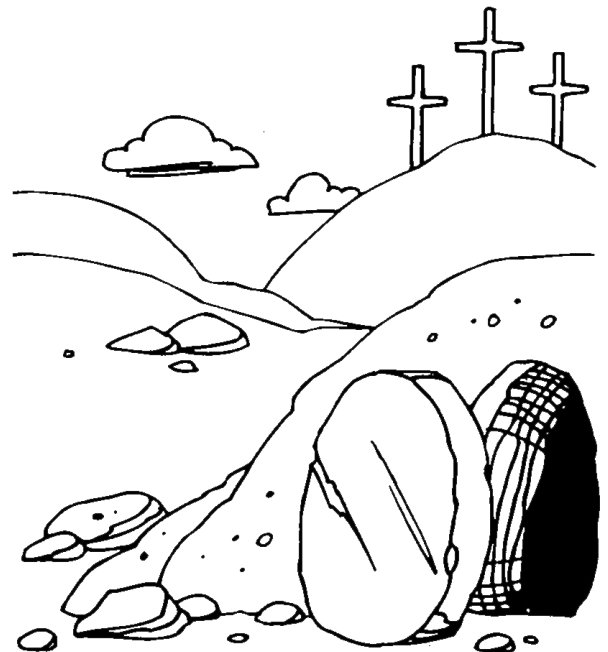
Lutheran Ministries Seattle (LMS) is in a continuing relationship with House of Mercy Ministries who have 30 halfway houses in the State of Washington. For 18 years they have been committed to restoring the lives of men in transition from incarceration. They provide pastoral counseling, employment referrals and life skills classes. The homes provide clean, sober living. There is always a need for household items: furniture and other furnishings as well as kitchen items. Pick-up can be arranged. If you wish more information or to donate contact Cheryl Kohring.

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SNACK SIGN-UP

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheets for March through May 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 30 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.



## CONCORDIA CORNER

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**What's Happening:** Elementary and Middle-School students hosted their own mini-LEST at Concordia! Students participated in events like dance/cheer, spelling bee, basketball, Lego building, STEM, knowledge bowl, reader's theater, and art! Middle-School students helped mentor and judge events and did a fantastic job assessing and giving feedback. Concordia students are celebrating Women's History Month. They are learning about a variety of influential women in history both past and present. To kick-off this theme, Concordia invited Ty-Lene R. Cook. She is a Filipino American, raised in Southeast Asia, with a career in the creative field. She has a background in performing arts and media, and has produced videos for prominent entities like Bloomberg TV, Fox Sports, Channel E!, Nestle, and more. Ty-Lene spoke about the profound significance of honoring the unique gifts within us and staying true to oneself. She emphasized the power of authenticity, and how being genuine can open doors to opportunities aligned with one's true purpose, ultimately paving the way to a life that surpasses conventional expectations.

**Annual Auction:** Thank you to those who attended, donated, and volunteered! We appreciate your support of Concordia and hope to see you next year.

**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](mailto:preschool@concordiaseattle.com). We are also hiring a Music Teacher. Contact Principal Malone at [cmalone@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com).



## CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

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### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

What: The book of Jeremiah  
When: Sundays at 10:30 am  
Where: Fellowship Hall and Online  
Teacher: Pastor Elliott

### MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

What: Minor Prophets  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### [Taking a break during Lent]

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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Mark Jorgensen	03/01
David Miller	03/02
Andrew Riker	03/04
Justin Bourn	03/08
BJ Coy	03/08
Selah Coy	03/12
Ron Pearce	03/13
Don Dunavant	03/14
Lily Strege	03/14
Cameron Miller	03/15
Tyler Rath	03/16
Paige Germeroth	03/18
Isaiah Elliott	03/20
March Doersch	03/21
Phoebe Zakian	03/21
Steven Miller	03/23
Cole Daigneault	03/27

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Patricia Boomhower	03/16
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## MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

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### ACOLYTES

**3** Elijah Elliott  
**6** Hank Petro (**Lenten Service III**)  
**10** Jim Pemberton  
**13** Isaiah Elliott (**Lenten Service IV**)  
**17** Addie Bourn  
**20** Lily Strege (**Lenten Service V**)  
**24** Porter Grant  
**28** Owen Petro (**Maundy Thursday**)  
**29** Eli Freeburg (**Good Friday**)  
**31** Ellie Strege

### ALTAR GUILD

**3** Jack & Donna Holdridge  
**6** Stephanie Colbert (**Lenten Service III**)  
**10** Stephanie Colbert, Dawn Plumb  
**13** Stephanie Cobert (**Lenten Service IV**)  
**17** Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen  
**20** Jean Mindemann (**Lenten Service V**)  
**24** Jack & Donna Holdridge  
**28** Jack & Donna Holdridge, Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen (**Maundy Thursday**)  
**29** Cheryl Taylor (**Good Friday**)  
**31** Cheryl Taylor (Prep), Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen

### ELDERS

**3** Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege  
**10** Robin Melvin, Lee Cohrs  
**17** Andrew Petro, Mark Jorgensen  
**24** David Miller, Justin Bourn  
**28** Lee Cohrs, Josh Pemberton (**Maundy Thursday**)  
**31** Justin Bourn, Mark Jorgensen

### USHERS

**3** Lee Cohrs  
**6** Steven Miller (**Lenten Service III**)  
**10** Harry Edmon  
**13** Dave Paeth (**Lenten Service IV**)  
**17** Sharon Christiansen  
**20** Curt Colbert (**Lenten Service V**)  
**24** Lee Cohrs  
**28** Steven Miller (**Maundy Thursday**)  
**29** Harry Edmon (**Good Friday**)  
**31** Dave Paeth

# March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	4 6:00 pm Men's Night Out 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	5 10:00 am Bible Study	6 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Service III 8:00 pm Confirmation Zoom Class	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Service IV 8:00 pm Confirmation Zoom Class	14 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour 11:45 am Youth Group	18 7:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study	19 10:00 am Bible Study	20 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Lenten Service V 8:00 pm Confirmation Zoom Class	21 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 MESSENGER DEADLINE	23 9:00 am Spring Cleanup 10:30 am Young Adult Singles Group
24 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour	25	26 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Elder Meeting	27 9:30 am Quilting Day 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal 8:00 pm Confirmation Zoom Class	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour						

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Risen



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Divine Service at 9:00 am

Education Hour 10:30 am live & online

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