



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Elliott*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let us pray: “Lord, open now my heart to hear, and through Your Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e’er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.” (LSB 908) What a beautiful prayer! I commend this prayer to you as one that we should all memorize. If ever we needed to focus upon and pray for “retention,” it is now. For a whole host of reasons, our abilities to memorize and recall information are waning. The problem is most evident in our young catechumens. They struggle to retain information from class session to class session.

So, what can be done? First, we all need to pray. God can do the impossible. God can shape our minds and grant us retention. In the book of Acts, the Lord opened Lydia’s heart to pay attention. He can open our hearts too. So, let us beg him for a proper retention of His Word.

Second, there are habits that aid or hinder retention. Endlessly scrolling short videos are detrimental to memorization and recall. Listening to books read aloud, or even long-form interviews, can build up our listening skills and vocabulary so that we can also hear sermons and Bible Classes.

But taking time to listen isn’t enough. Students need follow-up; we need review. I remember one young gentlemen in our church who was struggling to remember what I taught him. I told him one day that I was going to ask him what the sermon was about right after church. Lo and behold, he was able to give me a beautiful summary! We need to discuss the sermon and Bible classes with one another because knowing that conversation will take place will aid our ability to focus, remember, and recall what we heard.

Brothers and sisters, we need to be in the Word: hearing sermons, attending Bible classes, and reading the Bible at home. However, this won’t do us much good unless we can retain what we hear and then apply it to our lives. Let us strive to retain the Word! And may God plant His Word in our hearts in such a way that it grows with deep roots, and in time bears much fruit!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elliott

## FROM THE OFFICE

### THE MAY MESSENGER DEADLINE IS APRIL 24TH

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).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, HARRY EDMON

From time to time, projects are suggested to maintain and improve our building. We have money set aside that is designated for these types of maintenance and capital projects. But why spend time and money on the building?

There are three reasons I can think of. First off, the building is a reflection of what we think about God and His love for us. In the Old Testament, God gave specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle and temple. The buildings and their furnishings were high quality and made of expensive materials. We too should strive to put the best we can in our church and grounds.

Secondly, keeping the building and grounds attractive is important as a witness to visitors. A clean and properly operating facility shows how we serve our guests and members. We want people to know we value them by making it as comfortable as possible to attend church and Bible Class.

Thirdly, our building and grounds are a witness to our neighborhood. I have had neighbors stop by during our work parties and thank us for keeping the place looking nice. Hopefully, this will encourage them to visit the inside.

Of course, the building and grounds are not everything. We need to pay our pastor and staff, pay for programs in the church, and send money outside of our walls to missions. Due to the generosity of our members we are able to do all of this. We should always strive to have a balance as we use the resources God gives us to proclaim the Gospel of Christ the Crucified and Risen!

## FROM THE TREASURER

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Below is the Financial Summary through February:

- 2024 Spending Guide (SG) – prorated through February: \$86,908
- 2024 Actual Offerings/Income through February: \$103,712 (19% above SG)
- 2024 Actual Expenses through February: \$71,178 (18% below SG), including funds set aside for future use: \$6,000

The operating result for the two months ending in February is a surplus of \$32,534. 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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### MEN'S AND LADIES NIGHT OUT – BEV EDMON

Ladies Night out will NOT meet during March because the 4th Monday is during Holy Week. Instead, we will meet twice during April. There are 5 Mondays in April so we will meet Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Since the first Monday of the month is traditionally Men's Night Out, the ladies will combine with the men at Diamond Knot Brewpub in Mountlake Terrace at 6:00 pm. This is not just for couples, it's a fun night to socialize and have dinner together! Diamond Knot Brewpub is located at 5602 232nd St SW, Mountlake Terrace (not Mukilteo location).

On April 29th, at 6:00 pm, Ladies Night Out will go to Demetris Woodstone Taverna, 101 Main St, Edmonds.

Ladies, please RSVP to Bev Edmon by email ([bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com)), in person, or by text using the phone number in the Messiah directory.

Men, RSVP to Brian Danforth as usual.

### QUILTING DAY – JEAN MINDEMANN

We will be meeting on April 24<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.

### MEALTRAIN FOR THE KELLER FAMILY

Brian and Michelle Keller will be welcoming their first child right after Easter! To support them as new parents, we have set up a Mealtrain so our members can bless them with meals after baby is born. Please speak with Valerie Elliott, Jill Petro, Rochelle Pemberton or Rachel Ferguson to get the link to the Mealtrain.

### NOTARY SERVICE – KATHY LASSMAN

Need a Notary Public? Call Kathy Lassman at 206-526-8820 or email to [k\\_lassman@hotmail.com](mailto: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 at 206-617-4720 or email [chekoh@comcast.net](mailto:chekoh@comcast.net)

### SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SNACK SIGN-UP

The Sunday Bible Class Snack sign-up sheets for April through September 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.

**Auction Thank You:** Thank you to all our auction participants for Under the Sea! It was a wonderfully fun event and so far has raised over \$110,000! We are still accepting donations towards our Hoffman Scholarship Fund, Repainting the Exterior of the Building, and Technology Upgrade. We would love to reach a total of \$125,000.

**Hiring Preschool Director:** After many faithful years of service, Pam Curry is retiring. We are in search of a Full Time Preschool Director. We prefer a Called worker but it is not a requirement. If you know anyone near or far that may be interested, please have them contact Christine Malone or send their cover letter and resume to her at [cmalone@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com).

**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 and full-time preschool director. Contact Principal Malone at [cmalone@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com).



## CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

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### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

What: Assorted Topics  
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, then Hebrews  
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: Pastor Elliott

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Marie Hurlbut  | 04/02 |
| Jim Grant      | 04/04 |
| Kelly Knudson  | 04/04 |
| Cheryl Taylor  | 04/04 |
| Michael Hudson | 04/08 |
| Luke Pemberton | 04/11 |
| Josh Pemberton | 04/12 |
| Todd Germeroth | 04/13 |
| Susan Maslo    | 04/14 |
| Dick Hillmann  | 04/16 |
| James Leary    | 04/16 |

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Eric Stone      | 04/17 |
| Jan Sholdt      | 04/18 |
| Michelle Keller | 04/19 |
| Nate Schaub     | 04/24 |
| Jackie Wold     | 04/26 |
| Erin Goodnow    | 04/29 |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| George & Alice Totten | 04/11 |
| Jim & Sue Hewitson    | 04/24 |

### OFFICIAL ACTS

I Chen Chung (Fay) was baptized on Sunday, March 10th.

## APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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### ACOLYTES

**7** Daniel Elliott  
**14** Theo Petro  
**21** Gabby Strege  
**28** Elijah Elliott

### ALTAR GUILD

**7** Dawn Plumb, Jean Mindemann  
**14** Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor  
**21** Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen  
**28** Erin Goodnow, Cheryl Taylor

### ELDERS

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

### USHERS

**7** Sharon Christiansen  
**14** Curt Colbert  
**21** Lee Cohrs  
**28** Steven Miller

# April 2024

| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU   | FRI | SAT   |
|---|--|--|--|---|-----|---|
|   | 1<br><i>6:00 pm</i><br>Combined Men's<br>and Ladies<br>Night Out | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Young Adult<br>Singles Group  |
| 7<br><i>9:00 am</i><br>Divine Service<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Education Hour                                    | 8<br><i>7:30 pm</i><br>Women's Zoom<br>Bible Study               | 9<br><i>10:00 am</i><br>Bible Study<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Council Meeting | 10<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Ensemble<br>Rehearsal<br><i>8:00 pm</i><br>Confirmation<br>Zoom Class                          | 11<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Bible Study | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br><i>9:00 am</i><br>Divine Service<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Education Hour                                   | 15   | 16<br><i>10:00 am</i><br>Bible Study                                     | 17<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Ensemble<br>Rehearsal<br><i>8:00 pm</i><br>Confirmation<br>Zoom Class                          | 18<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Bible Study | 19  | 20<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Young Adult<br>Singles Group |
| 21<br><i>9:00 am</i><br>Divine Service<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Education Hour<br><i>11:45 am</i><br>Youth Group | 22<br><i>7:30 pm</i><br>Women's Zoom<br>Bible Study              | 23<br><i>10:00 am</i><br>Bible Study<br><i>6:30 pm</i><br>Elder Meeting  | 24<br>MESSENGER<br>DEADLINE<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Ensemble<br>Rehearsal<br><i>8:00 pm</i><br>Confirmation<br>Zoom Class | 25<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Choir<br>Rehearsal<br><i>7:00 pm</i><br>Bible Study | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br><i>9:00 am</i><br>Divine Service<br><i>10:30 am</i><br>Education Hour                                   | 29<br><i>6:00 pm</i><br>Ladies Night Out                         | 30<br><i>10:00 am</i><br>Bible Study                                     |  |   |     |   |





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Divine Service at 9:00 am

Education Hour 10:30 am live & online

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