



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Happy New Year! This New Year is one full of opportunity. As Pastor Lassman enters a new phase in life, so will I. Now, as the sole pastor on site at Messiah, as you can well imagine, my workload will certainly increase. I am not sure what exactly this will look like in the new year, but I am confident that I am up to the task.

With our change in pastoral leadership, I want to assure you the church will operate the same way that it always has centered around God's Word and Sacraments. I'm sure that there will be some small changes in the coming year, but these will be changes that would have taken place even if Pastor Lassman was not retiring.

Obviously, there's been a change to the Messenger, but another one of the changes that you will see shortly is a new look to the bulletin. The content of the service bulletin will remain the same, but we will be adding musical notes to help our visitors feel more welcome. This change will increase the number of pages in the bulletin slightly, but we are taking other steps to offset the change. Also, we will be installing hymn number boards for people who would rather not use a bulletin.

I look forward to seeing what all our Lord has in store for us in the year to come, and I would appreciate your prayers.

In HIM,
– Pastor Mankin

From Pastor Lassman

"TRANSITIONS"

My Fellow Redeemed in Christ,

With my retirement on December 31, 2016 this will be my last Messenger article to you. I am writing it in middle December while I am still your pastor.

Transitions are a part of life. There were well known transitions in the Bible, too. In the Old Testament, the leadership of God's people transitioned from Moses to Joshua. Among the prophets there was the well-known transition from Elijah to Elisha. At the beginning of the New Testament there was the transition from John the Baptizer to Jesus the Savior. And in the early church there was the transition from the era of the Apostles to the era when they were no more.

I certainly will be in transition. In the joyous season of Advent/Christmas I struggle with some sadness. It was not an easy decision to leave the ministry of over 38 years which began on August 13, 1978. It is not easy to leave the people of Messiah whom I have served and loved for 29 years. Despite appearances, I am tired. It has become difficult for me to maintain the same pace and energy level that I have had in my ministry. Like all people who retire, I am not sure of what my future will bring. Kathy and I will be staying in our condo in Lake Forest Park and joining Shepherd of the Hills in Maltby. I have to move much of my library from my office to our condo. A daunting task! We will be seeing our son, Aaron and his family, in Anchorage more often. I am sure we will travel. I owe Kathy that. Eventually, I hope to write articles for some journals as I have in the past. Beyond these things, I will leave the future in God's hands. He will lead the way and open any other doors in my retirement. But clearly, Kathy and I are in a major transition in our lives.

Pastor Mankin and Lisa are also in transition. His workload will increase considerably. In our team ministry, Pastor Mankin and I have worked well together and have become good friends. I will no longer be in the office next door for him to discuss theology and ministry with me. That will now be gone; although I have told him that he can contact me at any time as we will maintain our friendship. As the sole

Pastor, everything will be on him. I have no doubt whatsoever that he is up to the task. God has blessed him with many gifts. He is strong in the Word of God and our Lutheran Confessions; he is a good preacher and teacher. I know that he also loves you. He has a pastor's heart for hospital and shut-in calls, for counseling and other human needs. He wants others to know God's love in Jesus Christ.

And of course, Messiah Lutheran Church is in transition. Even as I have loved you and always will, I know that you have loved Kathy and me and always will. But as of January 1, 2017 I will no longer be your pastor. Because I know you so well, I have no doubt that you will love and support Pastor Mankin even as you have loved and supported me. Pastor Mankin and I are so similar, but of course we are not exactly the same; it would not be reasonable to expect that. Will there be any "changes" after I leave? No doubt. But I expect them to be minor and well within the realm of acceptable. This is where Pastor Mankin will need your love and support too. And having lived with a pastor's wife for a long time (!) I know that you will give Lisa that same kind of love and support that you gave Kathy.

Transitions are made more difficult where there has been love. So it is important that all of us (Kathy and me, Pastor Mankin and Lisa, and the members of Messiah), acknowledge that we are in transition, because I think this "awareness" will help us all deal with our different futures. Our gracious God will be with all of us in our transitions; He never changes as the author of Hebrews says, **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever: (13: 8, ESV).** Ultimately, it is God's love in Jesus Christ that binds us together.

Finally, I want to thank God for Pastor Mankin and Lisa. It gives me much joy to know that they are taking the place of Kathy and me. I also want to thank God for you and loving me as your pastor and through the many years overlooking my "idiosyncrasies" and forgiving me where necessary as Peter says, **"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4: 8, ESV).** I have no doubt that we will still see one another as time passes. Indeed, Kathy and I will be at the "formal" farewell on January 7th (Saturday) at Concordia Lutheran School and on January 8th in the Divine

Service for the **"Farewell and Godspeed to a Pastor Entering Retirement."**

I conclude this article using the words of the Apostle Paul to express my love for all of you: **"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace ... in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1: 3-11, ESV).**

In Christ,
- Pastor Lassman

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

JANUARY 16th, 2017

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 mail box located in the choir room or email them to office@messiahseattle.org.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
(LWML) NEWS – *Margie Longan*

Ladies' Guild

The "Anything Goes" luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 at 12:00 pm. All congregational women are warmly invited. Be sure to bring a favorite casserole, salad, or whatever pleases you most to share with everyone. Don't forget your mite money as well for missions. Please RSVP to Marjorie Longan at 206-525-8131. We hope to see you there!

Project Day

Looking for another mission opportunity? The next Project Day will be Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. This month, both quilts and lap robes will be made. The finished quilts will go to Lutheran World Relief and the lap robes will go to various local nursing home residents. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are warmly invited.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 2nd at Todo Mexico, located at 19993 Ballinger Way NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon*

Ladies Night Out will be Monday, January 23 at 6 pm. Please check the church bulletin in January for location.

2017 FLOWER CHART - *Cheryl Taylor*

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted in the hallway and ready for signups. Please add your name to purchase or bring flowers for a specific Sunday. As a reminder, we have another option for you to contribute flowers at Messiah. The first Sunday of each month, aside from special occasions, is Flower Fund Sunday. For these Sundays, the Altar Guild will use collected donations to purchase flowers for the sanctuary. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please designate an envelope for "Flower Fund" and place your gift in the offering bag during worship.

GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE: Until May 2017, the Greeting Card program will be donating 50% of all its proceeds to the Assistance Fund to better address the growing need in our local community. Looking for just the right card? Why not buy one that you know will benefit those most needy this holiday season? There are cards that suit any occasion in the Narthex. Just \$1.00, a fraction of the price from the retail stores. Come pick up yours now!

HUMAN CARE

DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

For the month of **November**, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community

Service and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 550 tampons, 250 maxi thin pads, 93 maxi super packs, 6 bottles of body wash, 6 bars of soap and 1 container of body powder. For **December**, we are still tallying our collected donations. We will be gathering razors, shaving creams and aftershaves for **January**. Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. Thank you for your continued generosity. Updated collection announcements will be in the Sunday collection area.

PILLOW CASE DRESSES UPDATE – *Kathy Lassman*

Thirty pillow case dresses finally made it to Papua New Guinea. The Ritzman's distributed them to the girls in their area. Photos are on the board in the Narthex.

MISSION UPDATES

THE RADIO VOICE OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH FOR 21ST CENTURY... You can listen to Lutheran experts discuss subjects like The Pharisee & the Tax Collector, Luke the Evangelist, Confession & Absolution, Old Testament Judge & Prophet Samuel, Early Church Bishop & Martyr Ignatius of Antioch and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the [Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.](#) **Issue, Etc.** is a mission of our congregation.

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: "Exodus"
WHEN: Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)

WHAT: New AIC classes begin February 11th
WHEN: Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00pm
WHERE: Room 202/204
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: "Romans"
WHEN: Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am
WHERE: Room 202/204
TEACHER: Jim Grant

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Maiya Brotzman	1/1
Miles Lindstrom	1/1
Andrew Boomhower	1/4
Peter Boomhower	1/7
Robin Melvin	1/7
Makaela Jenson	1/8
Kristine Sharpe	1/8
Ron Wold	1/8
Kathy Johnson	1/9
Ruby Holman	1/10
James Pemberton	1/12
Megan Bartlett	1/14
Jim Pierce	1/18
Billy Gard	1/19
Cora May Gray	1/22
Eva Hansen	1/22
Carolyn Smith	1/23
David Sousa	1/24
Martha Mathiason	1/25
Jennifer Clark	1/31
Andrew Ferguson	1/31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

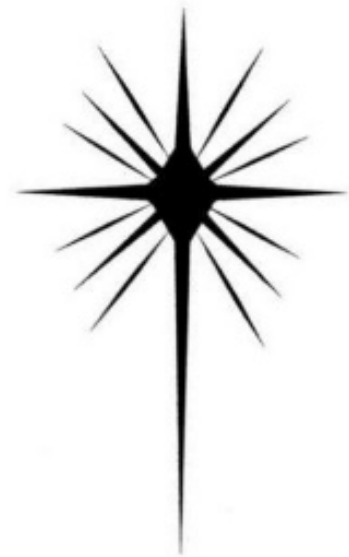
Harriet Chase	1/1
Ardis Fisse	1/1
Bob Guthrie	1/1
Leon Holman	1/1
Ruby Holman	1/1
Ian Littke	1/2
Destiny Schy	1/2
Heather Sousa	1/2
Sonja Questad	1/7
Ehren Sholdt	1/7
Hannah Adams	1/10
Megan Hillmann	1/13
Chikako Kissinger	1/13
Isaac Lindstrom	1/15
Miles Lindstrom	1/15
Evangeline Adams	1/20
Alex Paeth	1/23
Andrew Boomhower	1/26
Kathy Johnson	1/29
Shu Ke White	1/30
Adeline Bourn	1/31
Andrew Ferguson	1/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Earl & Kathy Bell	1/13
Ed & Kathy Johnson	1/20

OFFICIAL ACTS

NEW MEMBERS IN MOSCOW: Robert & Margaret Rudie from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Gresham, OR, and Charles & Kathleen Zillinger from Concordia Lutheran Church in Pullman, WA.



January 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 OFFICES CLOSED 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	3 7:00 pm Youth Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	4 7:00 pm Ensemble	5 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	6	7 10:00 am Adult Information Class* 2:30 pm Organ lesson 6:00 pm Pastor Lassman Retirement Party
8 LASSMAN FAREWELL 8:00 am Divine Service 9:20 am Education Hour / Confirmation 10:45 am Divine Service	9	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	11 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	12 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	13	14 2:30 pm Organ lesson
15 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour / Confirmation 10:45 am Divine Service	16 MESSENGER DEADLINE MLK DAY OFFICES CLOSED	17 7:00 pm Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	18 7:00 pm Ensemble	19 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	20	21 2:30 pm Organ lesson
22 8:00 am Divine Service 9:20 am Education Hour / Confirmation 10:45 am Divine Service	23 6:00 pm Ladies Night Out	24 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	25 9:30 am – 1:00pm Ladies' Project Day 7:00 pm Ensemble	26 10:30 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir	27	28 2:30 pm Organ lesson
29 8:00 am Divine Service 9:20 am Education Hour / Confirmation 10:45 am Divine Service	30	31 7:00 pm Bell Choir				<u>*Next AIC is FEB 11th</u>

JANUARY SCHEDULE

*If you would like to fill an **OPEN** spot, please call the church office at 206.524.0024*

ACOLYTES

8:00 am

- 1 Tanner Clark
- 8 Cameron Petro
- 15 Lena Witt
- 22 Olivia Lueck
- 29 Destiny Schy

10:45 am

- Will Strege
- Noah Hughes
- Cameron Miller
- Olivia Peterson
- Kelly Knudson

USHERS

8:00 am

- 1 Harry Edmon
- 8 Lee Cohrs
- 15 Jim Hewitson
- 22 Jim Mendes
- 29 Harry Edmon

10:45 am

- Steve Miller
- Dave Paeth
- Curt Colbert
- Dan Lassman
- Steve Miller

GREETERS

8:00 am Upstairs

- 1 Prem Robert & Terry King
- 8 Sharon Christiansen
- 15 Jim & Sue Hewitson
- 22 Frieda Johnson
- 29 none

8:00 am Downstairs

- Robin Melvin
- OPEN**
- Larry & Nancy Bourn
- Sharon Christiansen
- none

10:45 am Upstairs

- Prem Robert & Maya Martin
- Sharon Christiansen
- Jim & Sue Hewitson
- Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre
- none

10:45 am Downstairs

- Dan Lassman
- Dorothy Bellin
- Ann Melvin
- Sharon Christiansen
- none

READERS

8:00 am

- 1 Robin Melvin
- 8 Lee Cohrs
- 15 Harry Edmon
- 22 Albert Lirhus
- 29 Harry Edmon

10:45 am

- Sue Hewitson
- Dan Lassman
- Curt & Stephanie Colbert
- Dave Miller
- Neil Strege

TRANSPORTATION

- 1 Sharon Christiansen
- 8 Joanne Warner
- 15 Doug Hansen
- 22 Jane Krueger
- 29 Rich Blomquist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- 1 Pastor Mankin
- 8 Lee Cohrs
- 15 Pastor Mankin
- 22 Pastor Mankin
- 29 Lee Cohrs

ELDERS

8:00 am

- 1 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs
- 8 Lee Cohrs / Jim Smith
- 15 Jim Smith / Robin Melvin
- 22 Robin Melvin / Andrew Petro
- 29 Andrew Petro / Jim Smith

10:45 am

- Doug Hansen / Rich Blomquist
- Rich Blomquist / Jim Grant
- Michael Boomhower / Doug Hansen
- Jim Grant / Michael Boomhower
- Rich Blomquist / Jim Grant

ALTAR GUILD

- 1 Cheryl Taylor, Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 8 Stephanie Colbert, Joyce Lucas
- 15 Cheryl Taylor, Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen
- 22 Cheryl Taylor, June Scott
- 29 Jean Mindemann, Sharon Christiansen, Joanne Estergreen



*This declaration ... is our faith,
doctrine, and confession. By God's
grace, with intrepid hearts, we are
willing to appear before the
judgment seat of Christ with this
confession.*

—Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XII

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This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is led by **LUTHERAN MINISTRY SERVICES NORTHWEST (LMSN)**, a recognized social ministry organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a member of Lutheran Services in America.

Northwest Reformation 500 is supported directly by Lutheran congregations and members across the Puget Sound Region and, in part, by a grant from the LCMS, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and Thrivent Financial Foundation. Discussions are underway with corporate sponsors.



REFORMATION 2017 *It's Still* All About Jesus

THE VISION

2,500+ Lutherans and fellow Christians joining for a large-scale afternoon celebration event to include inspiring worship, impactful service, and engaging fellowship.

WHAT: Northwest Reformation 500

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 (afternoon time TBA)

WHERE: Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

More information about the Northwest Reformation 500 festival worship service, including how to volunteer your time and talents, is coming in Spring 2017.

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