



# THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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*From the Desk of Pastor Mankin*

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

Fellowship is an often-forgotten aspect of the Christian's life. As we go our separate ways after service on Sunday, that may be our last contact with our fellow members for a week. Or in some cases two weeks. ;) But fellowship with your fellow Christians is important. It helps build up the body of believers.

To help with this aspect of our life together, we will be setting aside the education hour during the first Sunday of every month and use our freshly remodeled Fellowship Hall for fellowship activities. We will be kicking this off this February 5<sup>th</sup> with a "New Members Meet & Greet." This will be a chance to get to know your new fellow members and get reacquainted with the old ones.

For those of you who are worried about the loss of educational opportunities, there will be a brief Bible study at the start of fellowship hour about the topic of the month. This month's topic will be about discipleship.

The council and I have several other fellowship events planned to the upcoming year, which I hope you will enjoy. I know that change is never easy, but I hope you see this as an opportunity to grow in every aspect of our Christian faith and life together.

In HIM,  
– Pastor Mankin

P.S. ARE YOU READY TO HUMBLE!?!

Did you know that Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Ash Wednesday? Because of this early start date, I would like to introduce our new series for our Lenten midweek services this year, The Salutary Gift. There will be corresponding home devotions and even

Sundays as we look at the blessed gift our Lord has given his bride the Church.

## THE SALUTARY GIFT

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The chief blessing of the Lord's Supper is made clear by the words of Christ's institution: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." The forgiveness of sins, won for us on Calvary and offered in the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood truly makes this blessed Supper a "salutary gift" (Post-Communion Collect). While the chief blessing and benefit of the Lord's Supper is the forgiveness of sins, there are several different images and metaphors used by Holy Scripture to highlight the blessings of the Lord's Supper, many of which are reflected in our hymns.

Consider the following examples: In Stephen Starke's hymn "The Tree of Life," the Lord's crucified body and blood are depicted as a life-giving fruit that flows from the tree of the cross.

"For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive. And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat, To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good" (LSB 561:4). This fruit is contrasted with the fruit that Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden, bringing the world into sin and ruin. For the sacramentally minded Christian, it is not difficult to connect this "pure and sweet" fruit with what is received, eaten, and drunk in Holy Communion.

Another benefit of the Lord's Supper is its nourishing power. Martin Luther in the Large Catechism calls the Lord's Supper a "food of souls, which nourishes and

strengthens the new man" (Part 5, par. 23). For this reason, several hymns appropriately refer to the Lord's Supper as "bread from heaven" or "living bread." Stanza 1 of LSB hymn 625 naturally reflects this: "Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You. Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You." These words remind the communicant who hungers and thirsts for righteousness (cf. Matthew 5:6) that God has lovingly prepared for him in the Sacrament a nourishing meal to strengthen him in his lifelong journey towards the promised land of heaven.

Drawing upon the scriptural themes of healing, some of our hymns depict the Lord's Supper as a healing balm or medicine. A classic example of this is David W. Rogner's hymn "Jesus Comes Today With Healing" (LSB 620). Stanza one emphasizes the healing benefits of Christ's body and blood: "Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast." Christians who are suffering from bodily ailments may take comfort in considering the Lord's Supper as a healing medicine, seeing that the complete healing of their bodies in the resurrection begins now with the healing of the soul in the Sacrament of the Altar.

More examples will be developed throughout the course of this Lenten series. The goal of this series is to set before our eyes the many blessings and benefits of the Lord's Supper, chief among which is the forgiveness of sins. Our hymns help us in this regard by making connections that we might not otherwise make. They draw upon the themes of Holy Scripture and teach us to appreciate the full range of blessings that are present when the faithful are gathered around the life-giving, nourishing, and salutary gift of our Lord's holy body and precious blood.

### **FROM THE TREASURER, HARRY EDMON**

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I would like to express my thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fellowship Hall remodel. It is a great blessing from God that we received enough funds to finish the project. It is also a fitting retirement tribute to Pastor Lassman, who had been lobbying for years to remodel the south wall to allow better access to our patio. I look forward seeing how the remodel helps our fellowship activities in the congregation.

Now for the bad news. Our 2016 Spending Guide ended up with a deficit of \$18,636. Copies of the 2016 financial report are available in the Narthex for your review. As a reminder, we also ended 2015 with a \$37,067 deficit. In the past, we have been able to handle these deficits with previous years' surpluses. We will also have a smaller Spending Guide for 2017 since we will only have one pastor. But it is obvious that these deficits cannot continue indefinitely.

I can think of several causes of our deficits. Several long time members have moved recently to be nearer to their grandchildren. A few others are attending congregations closer to their homes due to the increased traffic in the Seattle area. Finally, it is possible some members redirected their giving to the Fellowship Hall instead to our General Fund.

We rarely talk about the financial aspects of Stewardship at Messiah. Our pastors (past and present) and our leadership have always trusted that if the Gospel is preached it will work in the hearts of the hearers and Stewardship will follow. The following verse is quoted on our offering envelopes and expresses a proper viewpoint on this: "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV. So please review your contributions to Messiah's General Fund in light of this verse. Also, please note that \$78,024 of our 2017 Spending Guide (approximately 15%) goes to support ministries outside of our congregation.

P.S. It is our congregation's policy that no one outside of the Office Manager and those who count the offerings know anything about your individual contributions at Messiah.

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

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**THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:**

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month unless there is a holiday. 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).

**OLD 2016 BOX ENVELOPES:** The office requests that all members discard any remaining envelopes leftover from your 2016 boxes. In the creation of the 2017 box envelopes, 99% of all Messiah members did not receive the same number that was in use for them in prior years. Continuing to use expired envelopes increases confusion and the likelihood of a tracking error in regards to your future 2017 financial statement. So toss those old envelopes today!

**ARE YOU A PHILATELIST?** The office is seeking a volunteer to oversee a project regarding a sizeable stamp collection donated to Messiah. If you, or someone you know, might be able to head this project, please contact us at office@messiahseattle.org or 206-524-0024.

## MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

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

#### Ladies' Guild

Join us for our "Soup Pot" luncheon on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 pm. All congregational women are warmly invited. Be sure to bring 1½ cups of cooked veggies and your "mite" money 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, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are warmly invited.

#### Olympic Zone LWML Prayer Service

Join us Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Kenmore, WA. Coffee Time starts at 9:30 am and Prayer Service begins at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served after the service.

### MEN'S NIGHT OUT – *Brian Danforth*

The next Men's Night Out will be held on at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Arnie's Restaurant, located at 300 Admiral Way in Edmonds. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

### LADIES' NIGHT OUT – *Bev Edmon*

Ladies Night Out will be Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please check the church bulletin in February for location.

**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? 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!

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** Messiah's church website has reverted to a prior version that will grant better access to more up-to-date calendar, accessible membership contact information, posted volunteer schedules, daily devotionals, recent editions of The Messenger and more! Not sure what contact information we have for you? By logging in, you can see if what we have is outdated or not. Check it out today!

## HUMAN CARE

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### DONATION UPDATE– *Jackie Wold*

For the month of December, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 201 hand and body lotions, 3 large bottles of mouthwash, 27 toothbrushes, 28 tubes of toothpaste, and 19 packs of dental floss. Thank you for your generous 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.

### PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – *Dorothy Bellin*

We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex and place items on the table by the end of March.

Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year we assembled 80 Personal Care Kits and LWR sent them to Haiti. If you have questions about this project, please contact Dorothy Bellin.

## MISSION UPDATES

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**YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Martin Luther's Last Year, The 95 Theses, Lutheran Higher Education, The Conversion of Paul, Companions of Paul: Timothy & Titus, Late 4th Century/Early 5th Century Bishop John Chrysostom and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

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### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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

### ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC)

WHAT: New AIC classes begin February 11<sup>th</sup>  
 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

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & OFFICIAL ACTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Karen Smith	2/1
Isaac Lindstrom	2/3
Neil Strege	2/3
Bob Zimmerman	2/4
Dianna Altena	2/6
Karen Johnston	2/6

Madelyn Krenz	2/7
Norman Jannsen	2/8
Henry Petro	2/8
Alex Knudson	2/9
Gene Johnson	2/10
Moriah White	2/12
Catherine Jensen	2/13
Nancy Bourn	2/14
Cheryl Gagne	2/14
Todd Quammen	2/14
Jeri Schy	2/14
Luther Sousa	2/15
Evelyn Adams	2/17
Tammy Linden	2/18
Tiana Bourn	2/22
Prem Robert	2/23
Pyper Cox	2/24
Carol Davidson	2/27
Steve Anderson	2/28
Kimi Jansen	2/28
Marjorie Longan	2/28
Deborah Raymond	2/28

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Robin Melvin	2/1
Carolyn Smith	2/1
James Pemberton	2/3
Kim Strege	2/3
Carter Petro	2/6
Peter Boomhower	2/7
Michelle Chun	2/7
Chloe Sholdt	2/7
Shelley Tennant	2/8
Billy Gard	2/10
Tiana Bourn	2/13
Andrew Melvin	2/14
Makaela Jenson	2/16
Robert Lund	2/16
Rilee Pesce	2/16
Madelyn Krenz	2/17
Ed Johnson	2/18
Craig Kohring	2/21
Erin Goodnow	2/22
Luther Sousa	2/22

### ANNIVERSARIES

Archie & Donna Adams	2/1
Steve & Miyuki Anderson	2/7
Brian & Charity Reid	2/9
Michael & Marsha Hudson	2/27

# February 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Organ lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2:30 pm Organ lesson
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am New Members Meet & Greet! 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Youth Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm Ladies' Guild meeting 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Organ lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:30 pm Organ lesson 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Week 1
<b>12</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Organ lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:30 pm Organ lesson 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Week 2
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>20</b> <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out  <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>22</b> 9:30 am – 1:00pm Ladies' Project Day 7:00 pm Ensemble	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Organ lesson 7:30 pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 2:30 pm Organ lesson 1:00 – 3:30 pm AIC – Week 3
<b>26</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 12:00 pm Catechism	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Bell Choir				

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## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

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

### ACOLYTES

**8:00 am**

5 Lena Witt  
12 Tanner Clark  
19 Cameron Petro  
26 Lena Witt

**10:45 am**

Alexander Peterson  
Cameron Miller  
Olivia Peterson  
Noah Hughes

### USHERS

**8:00 am**

5 Harry Edmon  
12 Lee Cohrs  
19 Jim Hewitson  
26 Jim Mendes

**10:45 am**

Steve Miller  
Dave Paeth  
Curt Colbert  
Dan Lassman

### GREETERS

**8:00 am Upstairs**

5 Prem Robert & Terry King  
12 Sharon Christiansen  
19 Jim & Sue Hewitson  
26 Frieda Johnson

**8:00 am Downstairs**

Robin Melvin  
**OPEN**  
Larry & Nancy Bourn  
**OPEN**

**10:45 am Upstairs**

Prem Robert & Maya Martin  
Sharon Christiansen  
Jim & Sue Hewitson  
Dorothy Bellin & Ellen Eyre

**10:45 am Downstairs**

Dan Lassman  
Dorothy Bellin  
Ann Melvin  
Sharon Christiansen

### READERS

**8:00 am**

5 Robin Melvin  
12 Lee Cohrs  
19 Harry Edmon  
26 Albert Lirhus

**10:45 am**

Sue Hewitson  
Dan Lassman  
Curt & Stephanie Colbert  
Dave Miller

### TRANSPORTATION

5 Sharon Christiansen  
12 Joanne Warner  
19 Doug Hansen  
26 Jane Krueger

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

5 Pastor Mankin  
12 Pastor Mankin  
19 Lee Cohrs  
26 Pastor Mankin

### ELDERS

**8:00 am**

5 Robin Melvin / Lee Cohrs  
12 Lee Cohrs / Jim Smith  
19 Jim Smith / Robin Melvin  
26 Robin Melvin / Andrew Petro

**10:45 am**

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

### ALTAR GUILD

5 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann  
12 Stephanie Colbert, Dianna Altena, Jean Mindemann  
19 Joyce Lucas, Joanne Estergreen  
26 Cheryl Taylor, Cheryl Gagne



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.



*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 40



# 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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Divine Service at 8:00 am & 10:45am

Christian Education at 9:30 am

Catechism at 12:00 pm

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