



THE MESSENGER

8 DANGERS OF HAVING A “PICK-AND-CHOOSE” CHRISTIANITY

Many Christians pick and choose what they want to believe about the Bible. They simply pick and choose what they want to believe about the Word of God. Here are some dangers with this approach to God’s Word.

Christianity becomes only an appendage to our lives, not the center of our lives.

We put ourselves and our wants above the Word of God.

We give culture the authority to determine our beliefs.

Church attendance becomes optional.

Church participation becomes a consumer activity.

We miss things we need for our spiritual life with God.

We leave behind doctrines that should motivate us to share Jesus with others.

The world ignores us.

Avoid these dangers by being an active Christian in our world today. Your Christian faith can make a great difference in this world.



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BUILDING FUND

Your continued giving to our Building Fund is greatly appreciated. Recently, we voted as a congregation to build our new Life Center. The Building Committee will have the actual drawings of our new Life Center ready soon. You will be hearing a lot from them in the next few months. Your amazing generosity is making this Life Center a reality. You are making a big difference in leading more people to Jesus and to heaven.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We can be tired, weary, and emotional drained, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power, and strength.



PASTOR JIM OTTE
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It's Your Best Day! 😊

Well, I thought that this month I would write about something which many of you already know; my upcoming retirement from pastoral ministry. Apparently, it's a topic that has been one of the most closely held public secrets in the church!

Yes, it's true, my days as an associate pastor at Messiah Lutheran are coming to a close. My last Sunday will be **April 7, 2024**. I will be age 70 in February, but I wanted to stay with you until after Easter.

It's been a great run for me at Messiah especially given the way it started way back in 2001. I had been a sole pastor serving smaller churches since I was ordained in 1980. I was pretty burned out, and I was seriously considering the possibility of leaving church work and focusing on a counseling career. I just wasn't ready to make that jump. So, I called around to the different churches in DFW because I knew I wanted to come back to the area. I called Pastor Kollmann, since we had known each other since college.

As they say, the rest is history!

It was only going to be a part-time gig, reviewable every year. And so, we have reviewed it every year – for 22 years! Working with Pastor Kollmann and our staff has been a super joy for me. And, the way that all of you have embraced Victoria and myself provided a wonderful landing spot for us – coming out of serving mostly by ourselves.

I can tell though that I'm getting ready for the next season of life. The biggest adjustment will be on Sunday mornings when I'm not up front in my usual spot. For 40+ years I've led worship, preached, and taught on Sundays. It will be quite the adjustment to sit in a pew without fidgeting and listen to someone else do that. Victoria and I are looking forward to more normal Sundays where work is not involved. She has been my faithful partner in this following me wherever. Now, it's my turn to follow her!

As many of you know, I've been counseling since 1997, and I must admit that it's my first love. I'm built for it. When my retirement officially begins on April 8, 2024, my plan is to shift my priorities into more of what I love. Some of you know, that I do some work for our Texas District church workers and their families. I'm actually the Director of Congregational & Worker Care for the District, and I'm delighted that President Newman is planning to use me more in that role.

So, as you can tell, I have a plan (I hope it's God's plan, too!).

There's still a ton of work to do before April, so let's not slip into a slower gear. It's a great day, as we serve together!

Pastor Jim Otte



Words cannot express how grateful for all the prayerful support fellow members of Messiah has given John and I this year upon the death of John's brother-in-law and my

youngest brother, as well as my recent surgery and recovery. We felt God's comfort and presence through these events and felt surrounded by and lifted by your prayers. God bless each of you.

John and Kathy Douglas

We want to thank everyone that prayed for Dave's surgery; bringing a plant over from the church; phone calls; cards and food. Dave truly felt the love from our congregation and friends. *Dave and Cathy Dalton*

A Word From Pastor Lee

What is “Church?”

On the first Sunday of October, during children’s time, I asked students a question. I asked, “What is church?” Their answers in early service were, “One weekend, Jesus, Jesus is Lord, Messiah, where I learn about the Gospel, the Lord, Jesus died for us, and where we learn about Jesus. Their answers in late service were, “A place where Christians gather together to worship God, God, the house of God, and Jesus coming down from the ceiling.” One student said, “I think of you.” I said, “I think of you too!” Now when we think about the word, “church,” we probably think about our beautiful Messiah Lutheran Church. Maybe we think of singing and praying as well. Maybe we think of something beautiful like our steeple, our stained-glass windows. Or maybe you think about people you worship with on Sundays and/or Wednesdays. But the Apostle Paul in Ephesians describes church differently. He says in chapter four verses four and five, “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Now, that is not a description of a building or a place. God’s Church is you. You are His Church. You are a part of the Body of Christ, united together as a family. This is a family that shares the same belief in Jesus, with one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. That is quite a different definition of the church than maybe you first thought.



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Did you ever use hand gestures and repeat the phrase as a child, “Here’s the church and there’s the steeple. Open the door and see all the people?” The church is us, fellow believers, joined together as a Body, with Jesus as the Head or the Leader. When we gather together for worship, it is around Jesus and His Word, together with our family. This is why it is so important that we are gathered together in church and that we read and hear His Word. As we practice our faith, we are both receiving Jesus and His Word and then going out into the world. We are being equipped with God’s Word and then carrying it out as we live as God’s family.

The Apostle Paul also writes about what it looks like to be the church. He says in Ephesians 4 verse 16, “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” That is what we do. We grow together. We build each other up in love. That is why it is so important that we continue to worship Jesus together. A family wants to be together all the time.

In the near future, our church, Messiah Lutheran, will expand our campus through the construction of the new Life Center, where many more people will be able to be gathered together around Jesus and His Word together. God will continue to equip His Church, His family, as we grow together, all to His glory. I am so thankful for our Sunday mornings, for our Sunday School hour, and for every moment that we are gathered as God’s church family. Let us continue to grow together and to build each other up in love. God bless you all, Messiah Lutheran Church Family! -Pastor Lee

Dining Out Club



DINING OUT

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse

Thursday, November 16th, 6:30 PM

1101 N Central Expressway, Plano (972) 424-4262

If you have any questions, please contact Norma Hester at (214) 533-9867 or Kathy O'Brien at (214) 683-1373. Sign-up sheets in Bible study classes and at the Prime Timer Table. Last day to sign up is November 5th.



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JULIETs

Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together

JULIETs Dining Out for the Ladies

Monday, November 13th, 6:30pm

Yu's Asian Diner

1820 Coit Road, Plano, 75075

Redbird Eats - Yu's Asian Diner
(redbirdcloud.com)

RSVP to me by November 7th,



CLASSIC MOVIE & POTLUCK LUNCH

Saturday, November 18th,, 12:00 Noon

2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

We'll watch the comedy "Charade" from 1963.

After Regina Lampert (Audrey Hepburn) falls for the dashing Peter Joshua (Cary Grant) on a skiing holiday in the French Alps, she discovers upon her return to Paris that her husband was murdered. Soon, she and Peter are giving chase to three of her late husband's World War II cronies, who are after a fortune the quartet stole while behind enemy lines. But why does Peter keep changing his name?

E-mail me to sign up. Bring a lot of friends!



Women's Advent by Candlelight

Tea & Dessert

Monday, November 27th, 7:00pm

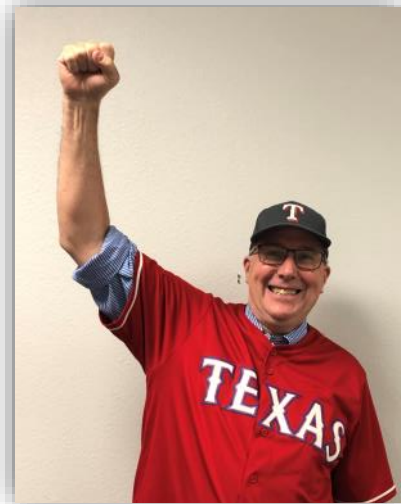
in Messiah's Gym

Sign-up outside of The Lamp Gift Shop.

Hostesses will provide table decorations, silverware, teacups.

If you already know who you want at your table, please list their names.

Questions? Please contact me. Thank you!



PASTOR OTTE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION AT GLOBE LIFE PARK

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:05pm Game Time against the Angels

This is for adults only.

Join us for a tailgate party and/or Rangers Game to celebrate how much Pastor Otte and his ministry has meant to Messiah and beyond.

We will be purchasing group tickets in November with their ticketing director. Please e-mail me to let me know how many tickets you want.

Payment will be collected in the new year.

The tailgate party will be at Randol Mill Park Pavilion at 4:00pm.

We hope to reserve buses for the event. Cost will be determined dependent on how many want to ride to the game.

Please pray for the 36 women who are traveling to Graham, Texas for this year's Women's Retreat, November 2nd-5th. May we be protected in travel, blessed in fellowship, have good weather, and remember all He has done for us from the Old Testament Passover to the Last Supper, and through His suffering, death and resurrection.





PrimeTimers 2024

Empty-nesters, pre-seniors, and seniors, please join us

Thursday, November 9 @ 6:00 PM

Large conference room at Messiah

Pizza @ 5:45 PM

PrimeTimers exists to enable people to shine through 3 fundamental Touchstones:

Fellowship – fun, relationships, energy

Growth – personal and spiritual growth

Making a difference – providing our talents/passions to help our neighbors

These touchstones guide everything we do. In this meeting the **seven teams of PrimeTimers** will provide a comprehensive overview of the wide variety of activities they will sponsor in 2024. These activities reach out to many age groups at Messiah and beyond.

Please join us at our annual meeting to eat savory pizza, enjoy great fellowship, and share our excitement about the future.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT!!

Albuquerque & Santa Fe New Mexico Trip April 29, 2024-May 5, 2024

Please join the PrimeTimers for an amazing trip to Albuquerque & Santa Fe New Mexico.



Some highlights of the trip are as follows:

- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center with its vast collection of artifacts & exhibition galleries
- New Mexico Veterans Memorial
- Guided Tour of Santa Fe including a stop at the Santa Fe Plaza historical district
- Saint Frances Cathedral

- Old Town Albuquerque & Sculpture Gardens at the Albuquerque Museum
- Ride up the Sandia Park Tramway for breathtaking views of the Sandia Mountains
- Return via Amarillo to visit the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum

The cost of the trip is \$967 for double occupancy. This trip requires a minimum of 30 travelers with registration and payment required by December 1, 2023.

Please visit the PrimeTimers table to register and/or pick up a trip Flyer.

You can also register in Realm. Please feel free to contact Jim Maciejewski at (815) 245-3756 or jandlclubs@verizon.net if you have any questions.

You can also reach out to Tim Johnson, Jim Puckett or Larry Redding with questions.



Notes from the Music Ministry



DOROTHY SHERROD
MINISTER OF MUSIC

Giving Thanks for....

***Musicians in worship**

Every day, choices are made regarding how we will honor God and share His light in our world, as well as serve Him in our church. With all the things that compete for our attention, I would like to focus on the importance of musicians in worship.

Each member of a choir or ensemble serves a vital role in the great heritage of the Christian Church. From the time of Hebrew worship and throughout the Church's history, choirs have been one of the important factors in group worship. The main purpose of these groups is not mere entertainment or the display of individual talent. Rather, it is a blending of many talents and personalities for providing inspiration, warmth and unity to a service. Many spiritual truths are more effectively presented by music than in any other way. To be blessed by God with these talents is indeed both a privilege and responsibility, as we use these gifts to His glory and praise.

To all those who have made the commitment to use their talents in worship-Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Orchestra, Praise Teams, Joyful Ringers and soloists, with the strong support of the Production Team, thank you for the enrichment God brings to our worship through you.

***Saints in Glory-November 5th-All Saints Day**-We celebrate those who have gone to heaven this year, remembering each one and looking forward to the day we will be reunited in glory.

***Veterans-November 12th- 24th Sunday after Pentecost**-We will honor veterans from all branches of service for their contributions to keeping our country free. There will be special music focusing on this theme from our Patriotic Ensemble, as well as poignant power-point presentations. Come and share in this celebration of sacrifice and service. Invite all veterans that you know, so that we can honor and thank them for their service to our nation. The Patriotic Ensemble will offer special anthems.



***Blessings**

November 19-Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost-Loyalty Sunday

November 22nd-(Wednesday at 7pm) We give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings of this year.

***Another year of faith and life in our Lord**

November 26th-Christ the King Sunday and the last Sunday of the Church Year-

We celebrate our Lord and Savior, Christ the King, and look forward to Thanksgiving and Advent.

Looking ahead to Advent

- **December 3rd**-First Sunday of Advent--Joyful Ringers will provide the anthems "A Little Bit of Christmas" during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour
- **December 10th**-Second Sunday of Advent-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present the cantata "Child of Hope" as part of the 8:30am worship service. The **Sunday School Christmas program** will be presented during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour.
- **December 17th**-Third Sunday of Advent-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present "Child of Hope" as part of the 11:00am worship service.
- Communion will be offered every Sunday during Advent.
- Every Wednesday in Advent there is a family service (Chapel)-6pm, and a traditional service (Sanctuary)-7pm.

In Our Music, God is Glorified!

GRIEF SHARING

"Surviving the Holidays with Jesus at the Center."
*A seminar for those coping with the death of a loved one
in the midst of the holidays.*

Sunday, November 12th

***Messiah Lutheran Church Chapel
Plano, Texas***

Event begins at 1:30 PM

***Tips for surviving the holidays,
small group discussion, and fellowship.
Light Refreshments will be provided.***



***There is no
charge
for this event.***

Presented by
Messiah Lutheran Church Touch Ministry
For more information, please call
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james@messiahlutheran.com



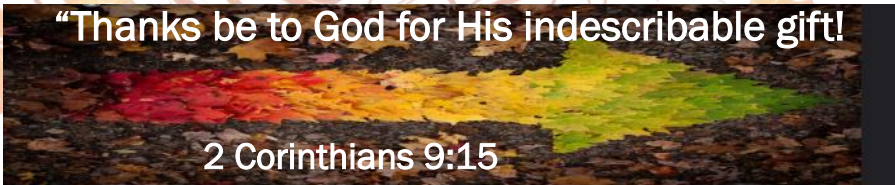
*Triton Comfort Dog.
will be there to bring his
unique ability of soothing
and calming stress from
sadness through his gentle
nature and training.*

Hugs are encouraged!





THANKFUL FOR THIS LADY



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THANK HER! It's been just over a year since Melinda came to be a part of KidMin@MLC, and wow! What an impact she's had on the families with young children. From every aspect of Sunday School, to Advent and Lent meals, plus her dedication to VBS, she's the whole package! Many of you read her weekly eNews, the KidMin Minute, and some of you survive by its detailed information and reminders for your calendar. The next time you see her, tell her how much she's appreciated!

THANK YOU to all those who came out to serve at the Fall Festival. From set up of almost 200 chairs and over 40 tables, plus booths, activities, food, and trunks, as well as the clean up afterwards, it most definitely takes a full family effort. The family of Messiah Lutheran Church came together to expand from a Trunk or Treat for families of young children, to a full multi-generational outreach event with many sponsoring ministries. We enjoyed the collaboration with our neighbors from the Hope Center as well and pray this is just the start for future joint efforts.

Family Advent Series Dec. 6, 13, 20 Wednesdays 6:00pm



Theme is Miracle in the Manger, a series in which families with young children will uncover God's plan to save the world starting with a lowly stable, a young woman and her future husband, a tiny baby, and a bright star!

The first two services will take place in the Chapel. The third service will be at Evergreen Senior Community followed by Christmas caroling. RSVP on realm. Before each service, there will be a family fellowship meal in the Gym Lobby at 5pm. Sign up is on realm so hosts can plan enough food!

"Little Bit of Christmas" 2s - Kindergarten		
Nov. 5	Letter to Parents	Via realm
Nov. 12	Kindergarten Lines Distributed	SS & via realm
Dec. 2	ONLY Rehearsal 10:00am - 12:00	Sanctuary
Dec. 3	Program begins at 9:45am	Sanctuary



"Not So Silent Night" 1st - 5th Grade		
Nov. 12	Sign up to participate	Via realm
Nov. 26	Song & Lines Rehearsal during SS	E245N
Nov. 29	Lines only rehearsal 6:30 - 7:00pm	Chapel
Dec. 10	Program 9:45 am	Sanctuary



Rest of Dec. dates to be sent via email and added to realm calendar

Notes from the Garden

Spotlight on Messiah's Tranquility Prayer Garden/Columbarium

Isaiah 55 ⁸ "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Ponder the miracles of God. Think about watching a child sleep. How peaceful and miraculous are God's ways. How incredible are God's designs! Recall a miracle that you have observed. God is full of miracles, and November is a time of Thanksgiving. Ponder how God has cared for you and even seek to see His hand in your situation. God does accompany us in our journey. By Richard Edwards

FEATURED PLANTLIFE- DRUMMONDS SKULLCAP - The name "Skullcap" comes from the flower's resemblance to a head covering. Scutellaria is a flowering plant family in the mint family, and skullcap is its common name. The skullcap plants are easy to grow and prefer partial shade to full sun. Make sure the soil is well-drained, and water it moderately. Its evergreen mounding form only gets 6 to 10 inches tall, so it looks right at home as a filler tucked into small bare spots in well-drained garden beds.

This small perennial wildflower is found naturally in sandhills, pine flatwoods, and upland mixed forests, as well as along marsh and swamp edges, along sandhill slopes and Lutheran prayer gardens. Flowers bloom late in the spring and summer. Honey bees are attracted to a variety of flowers, but they seem to have a particular fondness for skullcap. This herbaceous plant is native to North America, and its small blue flowers are a favorite of bees. In fact, skullcap is often used as a bee pollen supplement, as it is rich in nutrients that are beneficial to bees. -Randy Konkel



Please put on your calendar **Wednesday, November 1**, from 10 to 1 when we will be assembling the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief in the upstairs room. We will also be addressing cards for Veterans. You don't have to be a member of LWML to participate in these mission projects. We would love to have women and men join us so that the task is finished efficiently! There is still time to donate cash, and we will do the shopping for you, or put some items in the basket on the LWML table.

We also need your help on **Saturday, November 11, from 9 to 3**—both men, women, and teens—to help load the trucks for **Lutheran World Relief**. Churches come from all over North Texas with their donations of hundreds of boxes. You do not need to come that entire time, but any help will be gratefully accepted. There will be snacks and pizza for lunch! I know that you as a very giving congregation will help us meet these project goals. Thanks for your continued support! Mary Jane Tobaben, President

The church library is located in E231N on the second floor of the Administration Building near the elevator. The Library is self-service and easy to use with directions on the desk as you enter. Email: MessiahLutheran.com/Library



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

Our purpose is to support the mission of the church by providing sources of information that support lessons from church, life and all age groups from the little Lambs Pre-school, to teens and seniors. You will be surprised to see what we have for your reading.

Suggestions for activities or materials from church members are always welcome. Look for our surveys so that you can tell about books and program that would be helpful to you and your family.

Let us know if you would be interested in special programs, book clubs or sessions with Technology Tips.

Check your calendar and plan to attend Messiah's Library Book Fair on November 12, 2023 located outside of the bookstore. Free books will be available for all ages and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our library. Before and after each service.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly Youth Activities

Sunday School each Sunday—9:45 AM in the youth room. **Bring your bible!**

Wednesdays for 5th –8th grade

JAM 6:30—7:30 PM, in the youth room

Sundays for High School

MESH 5:00—7:00 PM in the youth room

Young Adults—College and Career

Sunday morning Bible Class in Room E247N. If you know college and career adults, please connect us to them. Join us this morning. 9:45–10:45 AM

November 19 @ 11:30 PM Monthly Brunch/ Lunch aka Seat at The Table at McAlister's Deli, 701 North Central Expressway, Suite #100, Plano, TX 75075 RSVP on Realm or email @ youthmin@messiahlutheran.com so we know to save your seat at the table.

Youth Sunday School Help

Are you interested in helping teach the Word of God to the youth of Messiah and their friends? We need more teachers as our Sunday School is growing. We need several substitutes!



Remind Classrooms

Youth and Families, sign up for weekly texts

High School

Class of 2024—@mym2024
Class of 2025—@mym2025
Class of 2026 —@mym2026
Class of 2027—@mym2027

Middle School @mym-ms



Thank
YOU!



NOVEMBER

We have a busy month in November! Mark your calendars . We have so much for which to give thanks, especially our church family. Thank you parents for encouraging your students to be engaged in their Faith Walk. Thank you congregation and staff for supporting youth ministry. Thank you students for wanting to make Jesus a part of your every day!

JOIN US

11/11—LWML Lutheran World Relief truck loading, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Earn service hours and help our LWML! Lunch will be provided.

11/12—Bake Sale in the reception room, before and after each service.

Funds raised will help our youth attend camps and mission trips this summer!

11/12 Mission Trip Information Meeting

We are offering two trips this summer, one for middle school and one for high school. We will meet at 4:00 PM in the youth room. Come here how we will share Jesus with the people in Fairbanks, Alaska and Bigfork, Montana

11/30 Reset Retreat Registration Deadline for High School Students Sign up on Realm.

Big Thanks to everyone for supporting the Pumpkin Patch! You've helped our youth raised funds that will be used for their summer trips, 2 camps and 2 mission trips!

Stay Connected Bookmark and check our social channels often. The Facebook and Instagram pages are private sites for youth and family. Contact us: Email YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com * Micah 972-398-7509 or Jodi 214-649-4720 mobile

Messiah Serves: Social Ministries and Outreach

Touching Lives Through Christ

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The mission of our Outreach Ministries is to be Jesus' hands to our church, city, national, and international community. We do this through weekly opportunities for hands-on service such as those listed below and also through contributions to community charities such as Network of Community Ministries and the Assistance Center of Collin County. These are wonderful organizations that are equipped to deal with the long-term needs of struggling individuals.

WRAPPING UP THANKSGIVING & HARVEST SERVICE PROJECTS!

MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS OF PLANO COMMUNITY HOMES

PLEASE RETURN BOXES NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!

* Boxes will be delivered Saturday, Nov. 4th and Sunday Nov. 5th



Thank you for your generosity and support during this time of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing the residents and wishing them a blessed Thanksgiving season.



Hi, I'm in great need and a separate addition to the Blessing Bags! Place me in my labeled bin for Good Sam!

Drop Off Blessing Bags Friday, November 3rd (No Later Than Sunday, November 5th)!

** 1st Delivery will be on Saturday, Nov. 4th (main one) / 2nd Delivery will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8th (final)*

In addition to our Thanksgiving/Harvest boxes for the Meals on Wheels clients living in the Plano Community Homes, we also have an opportunity to help local families in need. Once again, we will support Good Samaritans of Garland, Inc with their Blessing Bags for Families Project. We are also collecting soup cans for Good Samaritans of Garland to go with the Blessing Bags. Donated soup can be placed in the labeled bins.

ALL GIFT CARDS can be placed in the Good Sam Collection container.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS

Almost time to put on your Santa hat, enjoy a candy cane along with the sights and sounds of Christmas while we shop for families in need. Details coming soon in the worship bulletins regarding our Meals on Wheels Secret Santa Program and Network's Toyland Express.



Network is always in need of volunteers!

We're seeing a continued increase in the number of people seeking our services, and we will need more volunteers to ensure we meet this increased need. We've got a role for everyone- and even some fun new roles for groups. <https://thenetwork.org/volunteer/>



Ongoing Collection Projects

Please note that all collection projects are located in the designated collection area next to the Family Room in the chapel building. For questions about any of our collection projects you can contact me at dawnmj@fastmail.net or 972-948-8966. Details regarding our ongoing collections can be found at: <http://www.messiahlutheran.com/ministries/adult/social-ministries-outreach/>



COMFORT DOG MINISTRY



We say goodbye to one of our faithful team members. Lois McCulloch (shown here in October 2018) was one of our first Ministry partners on the Comfort Dog Ministry team. Lois entered her eternal rest on October 6. She became a member of Messiah Lutheran church in 1964. Since then, she has served in many different ministries and volunteered countless hours for various projects. It was our pleasure and privilege to work with her in the Comfort dog ministry, and she will be greatly missed!

What is the future of the Comfort Dog ministry at Messiah?



Did you know from the time we apply for a ‘replacement’ dog, the wait is approximately 3 years?

Triton is now 6 ½. We noticed at the annual conference this summer the dogs eternally deployed in the last several years the ‘average’ age of ministry dogs service was about 9 years. Messiah can’t get in line for a replacement UNTIL we have a Top Dog and Caregiver in place. The Top Dog oversees the ministry team, communicates with LCC and other Top Dogs about the ministry, etc.. The dog lives with the caregiver and they are responsible for the care of the dog. (All expenses are reimbursed).

If we were to receive the replacement dog before Triton retires, the new dog would shadow Triton on all visits to establish itself with the current places he visits and then when it's time for Triton to retire the replacement then carries on the ministry work.

We are asking for Messiah members to think, pray and talk about this ministry. If the above positions mentioned are not for you perhaps you know someone within the church who might be a good fit for work in this ministry. Feel free to reach out to Carolyn Nussman (214-773-3200) or at [MessiahK9Comfort@gmail.com](mailto: MessiahK9Comfort@gmail.com) about the role of Top Dog and Marti Matz (972-207-5663) about the Caregiver role. You may also call the church office at 972-398-7500.



Encompass Rehab-October 13



Mustang Creek Assisted Living in Frisco-October 17

Join Triton and team members at the annual **Grief sharing seminar** on Sunday, November 12, beginning at 1:30 PM in the Chapel. For more details, see information on page 7.

For more information about the Comfort Dog Ministry, contact our “Top Dog” Carolyn Nussman, email: [messiahk9comfort@gmail.com](mailto: messiahk9comfort@gmail.com)
 Triton’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TritonComfortDog>
 Triton’s Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/lcck9triton/>

News from Messiah Lambs

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:2

Every day, we thank God for all the blessings in our lives. We are thankful for our students and their families, our loving staff, our own families, our homes, food on our tables, and our health.

Thank you to all who bid on and bought baskets from our Auction. We appreciate the enthusiasm you bring to our tables when you come to peek, bid, and purchase these baskets. A big thank you to Carmen Rowan for organizing this event each year, to the staff who stayed after to help wrap baskets, tie bows, and set up auction tables, and to Kathy Mardis for helping us with the basket paperwork.



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Our next fundraiser and crowd favorite is our **Butter Braid Sales**. Butter Braids are on sale from November 1 - November 15th. New this year! You can now place your orders and pay online at: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/d9e38e4c-f11b-4427-83cb-2cb7a4aa4ca2/2809698>. You will find additional flavors and products for sale online. All orders must be paid for in advance and will be delivered to the Lambs on December 13th.

Coming up in January is our **second annual super-duper cereal box domino train!** Throughout the month of January we will be collecting boxes of cereal to first make a super-duper domino train and then we will donate these boxes to area food banks. Last year we collected 335 boxes and when we delivered them to the food bank, we were told that the entire area was in desperate need of cereal, and they were able to supply several local food banks already that afternoon. We know that with your help we can collect many more this year. Please mark your calendars and watch the grocery ads to buy these cereals.

This month I would like to showcase our 4-year-old classes. Mrs. Christina Garcia teaches both our M/W/F and our T/W/Th classes and Mrs. Norma Miller teaches with her on Wednesdays. I asked the students what they loved most about their class, and they said they love to learn Spanish and do "hard artwork". See the pictures below for some of the fun things that happen in that room.



Upcoming Important Dates:

Nov 1-15: Butter Braid Orders

Nov 7-8: H/V/S screening

Nov 20-24: No school Thanksgiving break



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Matt Spieler	11/1
Quinn Smith	11/1
Robert Babbitt	11/1
Katherine Marquett	11/1
Gilly Chrisman	11/2
Karla Thompson	11/2
Laura Johnson	11/2
Jessica Peters	11/2
Vivian Nischal	11/2
Cyndie Bunker	11/3
Whitney Thompson	11/3
Sammy Logue	11/3
Brian Montgomery	11/3
Bobby Schmidt	11/4
Ladd Rowan	11/4
Lesley Lamb	11/4
Taylor Brinkman	11/4
Andy Maisch	11/4
Adam Sheehy	11/4
Rick Helfers	11/5
Kimberly Romero	11/5
Dylan Kovach	11/5
Judy Davis	11/5
Jeff Sorenson	11/5
Robert Wondoloski	11/5
Marv Bjorkman	11/5
Garrett Shipp	11/5
Knox Huechteman	11/5
Marissa Williams	11/5
Larry Trimpe	11/6
Luke Weber	11/6
Matt Helfers	11/6
Mark Ohlmeier	11/6
Willie Williams	11/6
Rick Fulwiler	11/6
Andy Paul	11/6
Lisa Waldo	11/6
Callum Sheehy	11/6
Michelle Fults	11/7
Tyler Moncrief	11/7
Kyle Thompson	11/7
Michael Tinnin	11/7
Kathy Visalga	11/7
Barbara Mortonson	11/7
Rick McIntyre	11/7
Robyn Vines	11/7
Idolina Shumway	11/8
David Semans	11/8
Mason Moncrief	11/8

Cindy Gragert	11/8
Brian Naber	11/8
Alyssa Rozdilsky	11/8
Robert Lindsey	11/8
Kristin Karnbach	11/8
Bill Greenwald	11/8
Kyle Stuart	11/8
Katie Schroeter	11/8
Les Pritchett	11/9
Marge Grogg	11/9
Mark Moncrief	11/9
Hallie Vogler	11/10
Brianna Peters	11/10
Kyle Shipp	11/10
Chelsea Winkler	11/10
Nancy Smith	11/10
Daniel Peterson	11/10
Monica Plenger	11/10
Pat Reynolds	11/10
Polly Church	11/11
Dave Rohde	11/11
Wendy Mattingly	11/11
Jackson Tyler	11/11
Avery Rozdilsky	11/11
Cassie Evans	11/11
Jay Thode	11/11
Betty Lorenz	11/11
Katy Moyer	11/11
Denise Jeffery	11/11
Keri Gonzales	11/12
Heather Johannsen	11/12
Bob Orr	11/12
Lillian Chappelle	11/12
Lauri Aviles	11/13
Ron Fazio	11/13
Lynette Westbrook	11/13
Chuck Tolsma	11/13
Judi Braddick	11/14
Felix Segovia	11/14
Gladys Hays	11/14
Ken Oltmann	11/14
Garrett George	11/14
Cortney Fulwiler	11/14
Chris Holben	11/14
Jack Ohlmeier	11/14
Dorothy Friedlander	11/15
Lowell Handschke	11/15
JD Poeck	11/15
Addyson Smith	11/15
Kim Burwinkel	11/15
Ben Cole	11/15
Steve Luecke	11/16
Kimberly Cassady	11/16

Robert Peters	11/16	Jamie Whitney	11/22
Steve Sokolyk	11/16	Will Schweinsberg	11/22
Laura Janiszewski	11/16	Kaitlin Pena	11/22
Jennifer Smitherman	11/16	Agnes Watson	11/22
Seppi Whaley	11/16	Eric Trimpe	11/23
Amy M. Plenger	11/17	Ruby Moeller	11/23
Kristy Haferman	11/17	Will Hooper	11/23
Andrew Johnson	11/17	Tarabeth Gertsch	11/23
Shelia Haferkamp	11/17	Jordan Davis (Fucilla)	11/23
Ron Keay	11/17	Joan Pritchett	11/23
Sebastian Aviles	11/17	Matt McIntyre	11/23
Kevin McCoy	11/17	Susan Shehan	11/24
Joan Nilmeier	11/18	Sandra Fey	11/24
Cynthia Vannoy	11/18	Carol Ann Krumm	11/25
Kent Brown	11/18	Tricia Raymund	11/25
Margie Stone	11/18	Denise Kasper	11/25
Kathy O'Brien	11/18	Lisa Spieler	11/25
Kevin Houchin	11/18	Kathy Mardis	11/25
Carla Detrie	11/18	Tom Zagaruyka	11/25
Blair Brooker	11/18	Jodi Sorenson	11/25
Jaime Hughey	11/18	Paul Herigon	11/25
Inger Johnson	11/19	Erin Pace	11/25
Dennis Schmidt	11/19	Joey Seaton	11/25
Karrie Looney	11/19	Deanna Haufler	11/26
Carol McCracken	11/19	Wayne Cooper	11/26
Lydia Johnson	11/19	Mel Johnson	11/26
McKinley Naber	11/19	Kim Osborn	11/27
Greg Molina	11/19	Paul Hoffmann	11/27
Kenna Paul	11/19	Mary Walling	11/27
Mackenzie Murphy	11/19	Gwen Corley	11/27
Hannah Hamit	11/19	Everett Turvey	11/28
Ashley Buchwald	11/19	Mary Hooper	11/28
Timothy Himes	11/19	Kym Luce	11/28
Andrew Sorenson	11/19	Lori Trussell	11/28
Kailyn Cassidy	11/19	Anthony Thomson	11/28
Faith Lane	11/20	Ross Shamshiri	11/28
Anna Brownlee	11/20	Katherine Godwin	11/29
Dennis Hooper	11/20	Darwin Easley	11/29
Richard Edwards	11/20	Lincoln Arras	11/29
Kathy Boneau	11/20	Lana Chinta	11/29
Christina Maele	11/20	Tessa Reynolds	11/29
Katie Pace	11/20	Alex Findley	11/29
Blake Vogler	11/21	John Findley	11/29
Kathy Edwards	11/21	Julie Amundson	11/30
Tommy Albanese	11/21	Lily McCracken	11/30
Romeo Reyes	11/21	Jeff Gutknecht	11/30
Steve Shipley	11/21	Lottie Randle	11/30
Vern Sorenson	11/21	John Collins	11/30
Gary Schutzta	11/22	Larry Sather	11/30
Jon Tabor	11/22	Emmerson Morton	11/30
Joshua Belisle	11/22		
Colleen Seals	11/22		
Lindsey Smith	11/22		



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Bonnie Dietze	11/1/1985
Clayton & Ariana Binder	11/2/2018
Tommy & Blair Brooker	11/3/2012
Milo & Marlene Dvorak	11/4/1962
Taylor & Megan Parr	11/4/2017
Ken & Amanda Leslie	11/4/2017
Timothy & Hillary Schroeter	11/4/2017
Bobby & Kimberly Fackler	11/4/1995
Wayne & Jennifer Cooper	11/5/2005
Jim & Cathy McDaniel	11/5/1988
Ladd & Carmen Rowan	11/8/1985
Ron & Danielle Sizemore	11/8/2003
Jim & Carol Puckett	11/8/1978
Jymm & Kelli Jones	11/9/1998
Reggie & Greer Bailey	11/9/2019
Bob & Sylvia Lehman	11/10/1957

Corey & Krystal Nesbit	11/10/2018
Peter & Brittaney Porsche	11/11/2011
Jeff & Sharon Hutchison	11/11/1978
Keith & Ruth Blom	11/12/1971
Shane & Kristin Karnbach	11/12/2011
Angel & Pat Ibarra	11/12/1977
Andrew & Courtney Huechteman	11/12/2016
Kimble & Pat Bewley	11/12/2016
Jennie & Chris Stanfield	11/12/2016
Mark & Christi Tompkins	11/13/1993
Josh & Brooke Willard	11/13/1999
Ross & Brittane Shamshiri	11/13/2021
Karl & Pam Worthen	11/14/1998
Bruce & Marcia Quinnell	11/14/1987
Ron & Karla Thompson	11/15/1969
Steven & Christina Knoernschild	11/15/1997
Kevin & Wendy Mattingly	11/16/2013
Jason & Josie Steele	11/16/2013
Glenn & Wanda Woods	11/16/1957
Al & Greta Abtahi	11/17/1990
David & Margaret Lamb	11/17/1968

Joshua & Autumn Glass	11/18/2000
Chuck & Gladys Hays	11/19/2011
Jack & Vicki Harkrider	11/19/1965
Blake & Sara Vogler	11/22/1997
John & Bonna Devine	11/22/1980
Darien & Sarah Sides	11/22/2003
Keith & Carla Detrie	11/22/1975
Daniel & Jill Marek	11/22/2014
Ed & Dorothy Sherrord	11/23/1980
Gary & Peggy Schutzta	11/23/1993
Thomas & Gail Hollcroft	11/24/1962
Robert & Libby Pletl	11/25/2009
Irma & Curtis Natvig	11/25/1964
Jimmy & Heidi Holben	11/26/2022
Denise & Scott Jeffery	11/26/1997
Steve & Vicki Shipley	11/27/2003
Ted & Linda Pospisil	11/28/1970
Bruce & JD Danielson	11/30/1985
Randy & Joy Kottwitz	11/30/1988



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Worship Service	2 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Kingdom Women's Retreat Off Site </div>	4 11:00 AM-Mary Wenshau Memorial Service 2:00 PM-Lois McCulloch Memorial Service
5 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH 3:30 PM-JOYFUL Bible Study	6 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	7 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	8 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Worship Service	9 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 6:00 PM-PrimeTimers planning meeting	10	11 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting 9:00 AM-Lutheran World Relief truck loading
12 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 1:30 PM-Grief Sharing Seminar 3:30 PM-JOYFUL Bible Study 5:00 PM-MESH	13 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 6:30 PM-JULIETS Dining Out 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	14 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	15 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Worship Service	16 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 6:30 PM-Dining Out 7:00 PM-Church Council	17	18 Noon-Classic Movie & Potluck
19 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH	20 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	21 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	22 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Thanksgiving Eve Service	23  <i>O, Give Thanks...</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING Church Office and School Closed </div>	24	25
26 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Adult Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH	27 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 7:00 PM-Women's Advent by Candlelight 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	28 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	29 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Worship Service	30 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class		

***Please check with the church office for room location on all events.**

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**Weekly Worship Opportunities:
Sunday-8:30 & 11:00 AM / Sunday School-9:45 AM
Wednesday, 7 PM**

November Worship Opportunities

- 1- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 5- Worship Celebration-All Saints Day 
- 8- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 12- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Veteran's Day Observance
- 15- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 19- Worship Celebration-Loyalty Sunday
- 22- Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve Service-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 26- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Christ the King Sunday
- 29- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM