



THE MESSENGER

THIS IS THE LIFE

A woman, who has been working for many years, finally retires. Every day she now wakes up and says, "This is the life."

A husband and wife are sitting in a restaurant eating a delicious meal with the thought of no dishes to wash and they say, "This is the life."

These are all material things, but what makes a great life for us as Christians? Well, it is the joy of knowing the forgiving love of Jesus, who promises us an eternal life with Him in heaven through our trust in Him.

Jesus talks about this joy in the Gospel of John when He says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in My love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

As Jesus surrounds us every day with his forgiving love, our joy will be complete. And as we respond to the love of Jesus by loving Him and others around us, our joy will be complete. Then we can truly joyfully say, "This is the life."



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BUILDING FUND

Our three-year campaign is now over, but we still have a building fund that will continue to support the extra expenses it will take to build our Life Center. So, your continued giving to our Building Fund is greatly appreciated. Through your amazing generosity, we have now collected almost \$2,560,000 towards the building of our Life Center. The Building Committee is continuing to work towards sharing with the congregation a drawing of our Life Center and what the possible costs will be. This Life Center will be a great addition to our ministry here at Messiah of leading more people to Jesus and to heaven. You are making a big difference in this Life Center becoming a reality.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

It's Your Best Day!



“What’s your ‘Plan B?’

That’s a question I often ask, when somebody tells me what his/her “plan” is for the future. Like: the career path they are on; the job they are aiming for; the hope they have for financial security; the college they want to attend; and so on.

I ask that question, not because I am pessimistic about anyone’s future. I’m still pretty much the “glass is half full” kind of person. But, I’m realistic enough to know, that the initial plans and ideas we have – in the beginning – don’t always work out the way we think they will or should.

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There’s a lot of thinking about that these days, with all the COVID uncertainty we are dealing with. Everyday seems to bring new information (much of it anxiety-inducing) about infections, hospitalizations, deaths, recoveries, etc. And, just

when we think that we’ve hit a lull or a plateau, then more news hits us that we should not plan for that.

One issue I’m hearing more and more about is with respect to whether schools should start up again or not, and if so, what does that look like? If not, what then? Fears about children and teachers contracting COVID are being pitted against fears that children are falling further and further behind scholastically because they have difficulty learning online. Either way, the winner of the argument is still fearful!

My question is: What’s the Plan B?

If Plan A is to open schools, and then at some point lock them down because of COVID, what then? If, on the other hand, Plan A is to shutter schools, and children fall behind or parents have to quit work to homeschool them, but can’t, what then? What’s the Plan B?

Don’t know if you’ve thought about it before, or not, but God’s answer to life’s uncertainties is His Plan B. And, that is, that no matter what happens in life, He works things out for the good of those who love Him and are called to His purpose (Romans 8:23). His Plan B covers COVID and lockdowns and other bad things, which happen in our lives; and it gives a sense of positive hope in the face of what seems to be impossible situations. All we have to do is trust in His promises, so that the fearfulness we feel doesn’t win the day, and we roll up in a ball and give up.

Faith in His promise means that we look for ways to lean on His Plan B, especially if we have to turn to our own Plan B in life.

I don’t know what the school year is going to look like in 2020. Personally, I think a lot of negative energy is being spent on worrying about it. Maybe a better use of that energy is to prepare ourselves for becoming tutors or training in the Texas Certified Teachers program. Those are wonderful Plans B to consider. Just keep trusting in God and looking for the “good” which God will create out of all this.

It’s Your Best Day...Plan for Plan B!

Pastor Jim Otte

A Word From Pastor Welmer



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him. No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me? Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.”

(Job 41:9-11)

In Job 41, we are given a long discourse from God himself describing the deep-sea creature Leviathan (vs. 1). He reminds Job that man does not create such things, but God only. God is uncreated and the whole universe is under his control.

The book of Job is about Job’s personal suffering that he endures from the hands of the devil. In Ch. 1 the reader is brought into the heavenly realm to see the challenge Satan offers God. Satan accuses Job that if God were to curse Job, surely Job would deny God.

God accepts the challenge, and Satan goes about destroying all that Job holds dear, understanding that God will not allow Satan to take Job’s life. Job endures so much and eventually calls out to God in anger to answer for the cause of his personal suffering.

God indeed shows up and puts Job in his place. God reminds Job that sometimes he allows suffering so that a person can know that salvation is only found in the Lord. That man’s personal suffering is not for nothing, but actually to keep man focused on God and his forgiveness.

Job is enlightened by this and confesses his sin before God. God forgives and restores Job’s fortunes to much more than he had before his torment.

God is our creator and our life source. He has breathed life into us. He does have the power to take it away as well. Should we fear him more than the world? Definitely. He is our rock and our salvation. The devil is the one who wants to curse us and bring us down to Hades (hell).

Satan plays games upon the earth, and uses any method at his disposal to lie, deceive, and confuse us. He enjoys preying on scared Christians. There is nothing more he wants than to have all of us living in fear of the unknown. He wants us to curse God and deny him.

It doesn’t matter what the world is going through today. The world, sometimes in accordance with Satan, skews the truth. But God is no liar, and his truth is found in Jesus Christ, who became flesh for us and accepted the punishment for our sins.

We will never experience what Christ went through on the cross. He made sure that God’s wrath was extinguished upon himself. Because of his sacrifice, we will see God face to face one day, and be wrapped in perfect splendor. The one who created the heavens and the earth will surely make this happen.

Even Job will be there.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Welmer



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FOCUSING ON 2020

“God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may 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.” Phil. 1:8-11

The Scripture above beautifully describes how I am feeling these days. I figured out that one reason I appreciated being at home to work was because of the emptiness I feel when I am in my office. It just magnifies the sadness I feel without you here. When we began our Thursday Morning Bible Study I was like a giddy school-girl. Even though there is only 8-9 of us, it brings me such joy to see the faces and hear the laughter of people I love so dear.

I know many of you are staying home where you feel safe and secure. Just know that you are on my heart. You are missed. If you are struggling with feeling abandoned and lonely, or if you have some need that we can provide, please call or e-mail. I am experiencing so many emotions too: facing so many doubts, questioning what is truth, longing for hugs, and feeling lost and empty at times. I know that I am never truly alone thanks to the love of our ever-present God, however, I really thank Him for the times I get to be with others in person.

As we wait for that day, abound in knowledge, insight, and love. I am continually looking for ways we can do this together safely. I feel very safe with small group activities in “The Upper Room” and on Zoom of course. Look below and see if there is anything that sparks your interest. If you have other ideas on ways we can stay in touch creatively, please let me know. Love to you all and prayers for His peace, protection, and comfort. To God be all glory and praise!

KINGDOM WOMEN ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST: (for all women)



Sundae Soirees -ZOOM Parties—no thinking required and no teaching done! Let’s simply enjoy one another’s company and see one another’s smiling faces. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 4:30pm. August dates: 2nd and 16th. Grab your favorite ice cream, snack and beverage, and chill with your girlfriends.

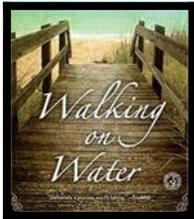
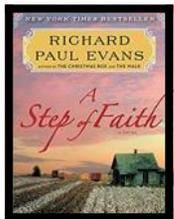
Rest Assured Large Group Teaching with Gina on Chapter Six and Seven:

Attend in person or on Zoom, as Gina leads us. Chapter Six is on Saturday, July 25th and Chapter Seven on August 22nd. Both sessions are at 10:00am. Alexis will lead Kingdom Yoga at 9:00am.

Small Group ZOOM schedule for Chapter Six:

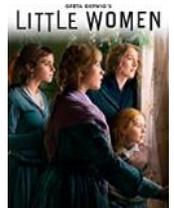
Ellen Thorne Zoom: Monday, August 3rd, 6:30pm or Leann Dietze Zoom: Thursday, August 13th, 6:30pm

Kingdom Yoga with Alexis Maldonado-E-mail Alexis for the latest Kingdom Yoga news if you are not already connected on her Kingdom Yoga Facebook page: thekingdomyogi@gmail.com.



Kingdom Women NEW Book Club-Our third Zoom gathering will be on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30pm to discuss the last two books of “The Walk” series by Richard Paul Evans entitled, “A Step of Faith,” and “Walking On Water.” Invites will be sent out the week before.

If you have book suggestions for the future or want to make sure to receive an invite, please contact me, eet75002@yahoo.com, or Leann Dietze, leann.dietze@gmail.com.



Kingdom Women Movie Night on Friday, August 28th in the upstairs Multi-Purpose Room. We’ll gather at 6:00pm and start the movie at 6:30pm. We’ll watch “Little Women” from 2019, starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Eliza Scanlen, Laura Dern, and Meryl Streep. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages. E-mail me to sign up.

CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE FOR ALL on Saturday, August 8th, at Noon. Bring your own snacks and beverages and enjoy “Angels in the Outfield” from 1951. It stars Janet Leigh, Paul Douglas, and Donna Corcoran. A young woman reporter blames the Pittsburgh Pirates’ losing streak on the obscenely abusive manager. While she attempts to learn more about him for her column, he begins hearing the voice of an angel promising him help for the team if he will mend his ways. As he does so, an orphan girl who is a Pirates fan and has been praying for the team begins noticing angels on the ballfield. Sure enough, the Pirates start winning, and McGovern tries to turn his life around. But can he keep his temper long enough for the Pirates to win the NL pennant? Sign up by e-mailing me.





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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Things are getting curiouser and curiouser

Sometimes don't you wish you could see into the future? It seems like knowing what's coming next would affect our behavior today. We might feel more confident in making decisions now if we knew it aligned with what's ahead. Especially this year, I would certainly welcome a little predictability and stability!

Recently some of the children received their first Bible, as a source of hope and assurance of God's love, as told through His Word. Following that, it seems appropriate to share some Bible verses that everyone can rely on right now!

Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come? Ecclesiastes 8:6-8

Only God is omniscient. Given our human capacity for understanding, that *really* is for the best. God assures us that He knows what will happen, and that He cares for us. We assure youth of this very promise as they reach milestones in their lives. It's about time that we all take His Word to heart, no matter how "youthful" we are.

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

All the good words don't stop there. Keep reading the next few verses.

"Then you will call on me, and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you", declares the Lord... Jeremiah 29:12-14
KEY words: call, come, pray, seek, find

Remember that God didn't promise to hand over a fully planned out life-map, detailing every twist and turn. We couldn't handle it if He did. He said He would be with us every step of the way. Just like a flashlight at camp, a lamp lights only the next few steps, so your know where to plant your feet safely. Once you take that next step, the one after that will be illumined as well.

Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105



Through August 30

- ☺ SS@Home continues all summer
- ☺ Digital download page for all lessons
<https://bit.ly/SSLessons>
- ☺ 2s, 3s, 4s—Talking with God
- ☺ K, 1st, 2nd—Bible Crafts
- ☺ 3rd, 4th—Bible Trivia

Footprints of Faith Family Faith Walks



Sunday, September 6

- * Families of new Kindergarten students
- * Format TBD.
- * Check email for latest plans.



A Song from our Hearts



Each Sunday we come together as a congregation to celebrate the love of Christ in worship with songs of praise! We join our voices together, using music as a way to share the song in our hearts—the song of joy to Christ, our Savior, an offering to our Lord of our love for Him. We hear voices around us of the young and old, strongly and boldly singing praise to God. We also hear instruments of all types lifted in response to our Lord’s grace and mercy. What a wonderful celebration of praise when all of these combine together in worship!

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Whether you worship in person or on the LIVEstream/FACEBOOK/youtube, the impact of music in worship is powerful! Favorite hymns seem to have even more meaning, as the words echo in our hearts and minds. We stay connected to each other and to the saints before us, as we sing these cherished hymns and praise songs each week. What a great gift music is to us in these times of uncertainty—God’s Word is always our certain, solid, strong foundation of faith!



COVID19 has impacted all of our lives, including the Music Ministry. All of the choirs are still under a fermata, holding on, as we work on a way to safely resume group rehearsals. More details to come next month.

“Thank You” to our Praise Team singers and Instrumentalists, as well as our Production Team, who have continued to provide worship leadership in a safe, meaningful way! We are also working on upgrades to make the Live Stream quality more powerful and effective. Exciting things to come!!



To close, here is a list of hymns and praise songs that continue to touch my heart, and bring God’s hope and love even closer to my own soul. If you have some songs that help you, please share them with me: dorothy@messiahlutheran.com



- He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands
- This Little Light of Mine
- My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- Everything-Lauren Daigle
- Our God Saves
- Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
- His Strength is Perfect-Steven Curtis Chapman
- God of Grace and God of Glory
- He Reigns
- Revelation Song
- Savior, Thy Dying Love
- On Eagles Wings



Praise Teams-Youth/Adults—Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM

- Provide worship leadership for the 11:00 am Contemporary service.
- Include singers and instrumentalists on piano, guitar, bass, drums and keyboard.
- Directed by Dorothy Sherrod and Matthew Lee.

Sanctuary Orchestra-Youth/Adults—Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM



- Composed of brass, woodwind, string and percussion instrumentalists.
- Prepare music for worship services.
- Work with the Sanctuary Choir on the Cantatas for Advent and Lent.
- Open to youth and adults who have played for at least 2 years.
- Directed by Teresa Logue and Dorothy Sherrod.

Joyful Ringers (Hand bells)-Youth/Adults—Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM

- Prepares music for worship services.
- Includes experienced and beginning ringers.
- Directed by Ed and Dorothy Sherrod, and Brenda J. Mears.



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TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
	 <p>Cherubs 6:00-6:50 p.m. Choir Room-E201S Starts September 4th</p>
	 <p>Choristers 6:00-6:50 p.m. E214S Starts September 4th</p>
 <p>Joyful Ringers 6:00-7:00pm Balcony Starts September 3rd</p>	 <p>Youth4Truth 6:00-6:50 p.m. E215S Starts September 4th</p>
 <p>Sanctuary Choir 7:00-8:30pm Choir room-E201S Starts August 27th</p>	 <p>Praise Team 7:30-9:00pm Balcony Year-round</p>
	 <p>Sanctuary Orchestra 7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir room-E201S Starts October 2nd</p>



Messiah Youth Ministry!

Each week Elizabeth and Matt email out the Zoom invites for various youth activities. Here are our weekly options:

- High School Sunday School – 9:45 AM on Sundays
- Junior High Sunday school – 10 AM on Sundays
- JAM (Junior High Bible Study) – 6:30 PM on Tuesdays

Even if you are not able to come for the whole time, please join us for just a little bit! We love seeing your faces, even if it's just on a computer screen!



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El Paso Update

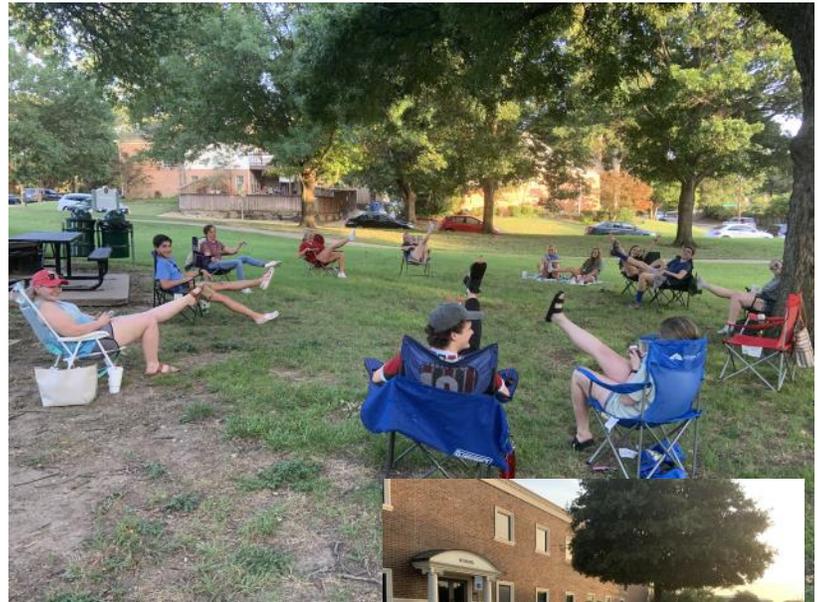
This summer has definitely been unique! We've had some real highs and some real lows, but it's been nice to have our youth group and church family to support us, even from a distance. We finally had to cancel our annual mission trip to El Paso—I was particularly sad about this one, because it is my favorite trip every year.

Even though we are not able to be in El Paso, God is still using Messiah to help the people there. Messiah chose to send some of our mission trip budget money to Alonso Gonzales, who we work with on our mission trips. Alonso will use this money to fix up a house for a family in need. Alonso is an angel! We are glad we were able to help him help others. Here is a picture of our group in El Paso last year—we hope we can see our friends there next summer!



MESH!

Whether it's in a park or a parking lot, the high school students have been loving MESH, social distance style!



News from Messiah Lambs



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Our world has been turned upside down this year, but one thing remains steady; that is God's love for us. His love shines through each of us as we share the Gospel, help those in need, pray for and love one another. Messiah Lambs' students will be living this out this year as we celebrate our theme of Matthew 5:16.

We are working to provide a safe and loving environment for our students to return to on August 12th. Please pray for the health and safety of all of our students, their families, and our staff.

If you are interested in supporting Messiah Lambs school, there are several ways you can help. First and foremost, please continue to keep our school, the staff, and the students in your prayers. Secondly, we participate in several ongoing fundraising opportunities and would love for you to join us. Our SCRIP program is a great way to support our school while purchasing gift cards to many common places such as restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, clothing stores, Walmart, Target, and more. Gift cards may be ordered through our school office. When you purchase a card for the face value SCRIP donates a percentage of the price you paid to Lambs. Lambs also participates in the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor program, Kroger Community Rewards Program, and the Amazon Smile Program. These programs allow you to select Messiah Lambs as a partner and a portion of your purchases are donated to our school. There will also be a few other opportunities throughout the school year to help support us with our annual Basket Auction and our Butter Braid fundraisers.

There are various openings in our preschool and PDO classrooms. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Lambs program please call our office at 972-398-7560 to schedule an appointment for a tour.



As of July 19, 2020

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 58,315
Given year to date	\$ 1,317,824
Given year to date last year	\$ 1,348,856

Trusting God With Tomorrow Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 4,182
Total for Campaign	\$ 2,556,614

Offering
Total

*In planning for the future,
consider including the
church in your will.*



A word of thanks to all of you in the congregation who have continued to be faithful with your giving even if you aren't attending church in person. The task of maintaining our financial responsibilities with reduced giving is challenging, but God is providing and it is important to acknowledge your sacrifices and dedication to Messiah Lutheran Church. May God continue to bless you and supply for all of your needs.

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, wonderful organizations who are equipped to deal with the long-term needs of struggling individuals.

SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT DRIVE! **COLLECTING BACKPACKS... JULY 26TH – AUGUST 9TH**

This year we will be collecting only Backpacks that will be donated to **The School Supply Project** to be distributed to qualifying children in pre-K to 12th grade.



You can also make a monetary donation that will be given to The School Supply Project. If writing a check please make them out to Messiah Lutheran Church and on the memo line put School Supply Project. If you have any questions about **The School Supply Project** please contact Dawn Johnson at 972-948-8966 or dawnmj@fastmail.net.

WHO WE ARE HELPING... **The School Supply Project** is committed to the belief that a positive self-image is essential to the learning experience of the well-educated child. To enhance the self-image, we will provide school supplies to the disadvantaged students in the Plano Independent School District. Through contributions of money and donations-in-kind from Resurrection Lutheran Church and other churches, the business community, school groups, and individuals, we will distribute these supplies to children identified as "in need" by social service agencies and school officials.

<http://theschoolsupplyproject.org/index.html> identified as "in need" by social service agencies and school officials.
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The School Supply Project

A Community Service



3,410 lbs of food has been delivered to Network of Community Ministries to date! Community programs such as the Network of Community Ministries are able to help those in our community facing tremendous needs. One of the most basic needs is food and with generous donations from Messiah and others they are able to meet the response. Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



Network has orientation every Thursday at 4:00 PM that includes a tour to see what area you would like to help with and complete paperwork. No appointment needed. Orientation usually lasts about 30 minutes. Please note our hours of operation and volunteer times are Monday through Thursday 9 am to 6 pm and Friday 9 am to 12 pm. If you are unable to attend at this date and time or are interested in volunteering as a group, please call our Volunteer Coordinator at (972) 234-8880 ext. 126 or email her at aedling@thenetwork.org

Volunteers are needed urgently for the below listed positions:

- Food Pantry Volunteer
- Clothing Closet Volunteer
- Reception Volunteer
- Driver Volunteer
- Interview Volunteer
- Seniors' Net Volunteer
- Handy Men Volunteer

Most needed food items:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meats
- Soups
- Beans
- Rice
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jellies

If you have any questions, you can contact me at dawnmj@fastmail.net or 972-948-8966. Thank you for your generosity and supporting our local community organizations on the front lines helping those within our communities.

LWML NEWS



LWML met and installed new officers for the 2020-2021 year.

Please give them a wave and congratulate them for their willingness to serve.

Mary Jane Tobaben, President
Judy Samuelson, Secretary

Susan Seegmiller, Vice President
Kay Ross, Treasurer

We thank everyone at Messiah who has made this a very successful year of mission!

We are preparing again to welcome Donna Pyle Snow on **Saturday, March 6, 2021**. Donna will lead us in her bible study, Perseverance. If you previously signed up and now have a scheduling conflict or do not feel safe attending, we ask that you let Priscella Reid, Marcheta May, Judy Samuelson, Kay Ross, or Mary Jane Tobaben know so we can reset our numbers for the caterer. You can email Priscella at reid.priscella@gmail.com.



To my Messiah church family,
What a blessing you all have been in so many ways during and through John's cancer days and the beautiful memorial service remembering his life here on earth and celebrating his life now in Heaven. I am also thankful for all the prayers from all the Pastors, cards, flowers, phone calls, food, manual labor, and getting me through my tears. I am so very grateful to the many who have given to John's memorial fund as well. Thank you also to the LWML for the wonderful food you provided for the luncheon. My heart overflows with love for all of you. I can only say I love you all, and no one can say "Messiah Lutheran Church does not share the Light with others!" May our Lord bless all of you! Blessings, *Dorothy Rigg*

Dear Church Family, Thanks to all of you for praying for my recovery from hip surgery on 6/17/2020. I am home and healing well. The cards, calls, flowers and food lifted my spirit. I look forward to returning to worship when I feel it is safe for me. You Tube until then! Love, *Liz Beetley*

A special thank you to my Messiah family after my surgery. Your phone calls, cards, food, a beautiful flower basket from Dorothy Rigg and the Sunshine committee and especially all the prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Kollmann for his calls and prayers. It is very much appreciated and comforting. I feel blessed to be a member at Messiah. Hope to be back to church as soon as I am able. *Linda Chasak*



COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

AUGUST
2020



*Happy Two Year Anniversary
Triton Comfort Dog Ministry!*

In August, 2018, we received our long awaited Comfort Dog Triton. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many devotees who answered the call to give of their time, gifts, prayers, and overall encouragement to assist the Comfort Dog ministry these last 2+ years! Those of us on the team recognize more than ever the support of our congregation and those we work with in the community (and beyond) to keep this ministry thriving! With the slow down in our ministry activities due to the virus, it seemed like a good time to reflect back on the last 2 years since Triton came to Messiah, and share a small sample of the unique and wonderful opportunities we have had to share the mercy, compassion, and presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ!



August, 2018
Thursday Bible
Class children



September, 2018
Visit with child at
Collin Creek Mall



October, 2018
Messiah Sunday School



November, 2018
Messiah LWML event



December, 2018
Fantasy Flight, Houston



January, 2019
Dallas Morning News



February, 2019

LWML-Lamb of God,
Flower Mound



March, 2019
A visit with an out of
town guest.



April, 2019-Good Friday



May, 2019
Santa Fe Shooting
Remembrance event,



June, 2019
Atria Senior Living



July, 2019
Special visit at
Comfort Dog Conference



August, 2019
El Paso Shooting
Deployment



September, 2019
Alliance Data Systems



November, 2019
Parkcrest School,
Garland

December, 2019
Christmas card
project



October, 2019
Third Thursday
Outreach



January, 2020
LifeCare Hospital,
Plano



February, 2020
Faukner Group



March, 2020
Encouragement to
Pastor Kollmann



April, 2020-One of many Zoom calls



May, 2020-
Arbor Hills Parade



June, 2020-
Confirmation classes



July, 2020-
Care packages and
greeting cards



Triton and a few of his "Stuffed pals" just waiting to be given to a special someone hopefully in the very near future!



Triton visits: Even though our options are limited regarding visits, we would still love to hear from you! Maybe we could do a Zoom call with you, or a window visit, or maybe you know someone who could use an encouragement greeting card or phone call. You can contact Carolyn Nussman at: messiahk9comfort@gmail.com or send a message through Triton's Facebook page @TritonComfortDog.



MEALS on WHEELS

TEXAS

I have been the coordinator for Messiah Lutheran's Meals-On-wheels (MOW) for about fifteen years and have enjoyed working with them. Some of our team members have delivered these meals for almost 40 years, working through the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Dallas. Everyone who has helped with this mission should be extremely proud of your service. The meal recipients have benefited immensely from your efforts in the Richardson and North Dallas area. Thank You!!

The VNA has recently modified the program because of the covid-19 problems and has introduced a mobile APP technology. Our team has decided to dissolve, but anyone interested in delivering MOW should contact the Dallas VNA directly for advice. Relatively new cellphones are necessary to participate using the VNA APP. Also, Collin County has a VNA organization that can be contacted for that area.

Again, I would like to congratulate our team members for their work over the years and thank them for the magnificent service to many handicapped people in the Richardson and North Dallas area. *Sam Samuelson*

Sports and Arts Ministries

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

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WORSHIP PRODUCTION

Hey everybody! I can't tell you how much your words of encouragement have meant during this time. Vicar Lee, Phil Kasper, Don Johnson and I have been working to make sure you have access to our worship services and bible studies.

It may seem like our ability to live-stream has just materialized from nothing at the time we needed it most. I can tell you that God has guided our steps and prepared us for such a time as this. The four of us have been praying that God would give us the

opportunity to improve our Worship Production Ministry. When the need arose, we were able to put our knowledge and skills to work.

That said, we need your help. God is helping us do great things but there are just not enough fingers to push buttons. We need 5 people to run a service, but most weeks we just have 3 or 4. When we can gather again, we will hold training sessions for lights, sound, media, camera, and now streaming.

If you are looking to grow in your relationship with Christ, please consider joining us as we step out on faith to do big new things.

-Toby Meeks

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This is the tentative calendar for church activities. Please check with the church office regarding updates, or check the website for more information.

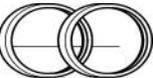
AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga
2 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration- 3:00 PM-Grace Community Church 4:30 PM -KW Zoom	3	4 11:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga (Chair) 6:30 PM Kingdom Women Book Club	5 1:00 PM-Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM-Worship Service	6 8:30 AM-Kingdom Yoga 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	7	8 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting 9:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga 12:00 PM Classic Movie Matinee
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23 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 3:00 PM-Grace Community Church	24	25 11:00 AM-Kingdom Yoga (Chair)	26 7:00 PM-Worship Service	27 8:30 AM-Kingdom Yoga 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	28 6:00 PM-Kingdom Women Movie Night	29
30 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 3:00 PM-Grace Community Church	31					

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

Fiona Ternan	08/01	Scott Taylor	08/09	Duane Dieterich	08/18	Betty Lou Amundson	08/25
Cyndi Pfister	08/01	Gabriel West	08/09	Rylie Anderlik	08/18	Sarah Bird	08/25
Michael Van Gundy	08/01	Gia Athey	08/10	Heather Bahr	08/19	Averi Scruggs	08/25
Emmitt Dunlop	08/01	Rebekah Hungerford	08/10	Hailey Charanza	08/19	Daniel Toledo	08/25
Alan Markus	08/02	Marie Taylor	08/10	Karen Bosse	08/19	Lilly Beber	08/26
Michael McGregor	08/02	Susan Strieter	08/11	Eva Dunlop	08/19	Maddie Guerra	08/26
David Schroeder	08/02	Kim Rojas	08/11	Sarah McVay	08/19	Cathy Pearson	08/26
Cody Amundson	08/02	Thomas Hollcroft	08/11	Sandy Wilson	08/19	Ashley Nelson	08/26
Nathaniel Barnes	08/02	Nancy Williams	08/11	Gene Sharp	08/19	Avery Sloas	08/26
Michelle Witmer	08/02	Mae Bjorkman	08/11	Noah Bailes	08/20	Christine Fick	08/27
Allen Fry	08/03	Diana Bruning	08/11	Susan Burnett	08/20	Art Arnold	08/27
Betty Swanson	08/03	Keith Schuster	08/11	Bill Swan	08/20	Steve Florsheim	08/27
Kaylee Shipp	08/03	Alexis Chester	08/12	Lloyd Hoffman	08/20	Marie Hall	08/27
Marlis Semans	08/04	Zoe Clark	08/12	Odie Ernest	08/20	Olivia Brown	08/28
Josh Gunter	08/04	Luke Gremmer	08/12	Rodney Cordt	08/20	Jane Koonsman	08/28
Ashlynn Gomez	08/04	Stacey Hall	08/12	Huxton Woelfel	08/20	Cindy Hayes	08/28
Duane Clark	08/04	Robert Edward Corley	08/12	Jana Bruxvoort	08/21	Margaret Fulmer	08/28
Ken Kler	08/04	Janet Kirkland	08/13	Carol Olsin	08/21	Ginny Wilson	08/28
Asheley Tanzi	08/04	Wes Greenhaw	08/13	Nana Opoku	08/21	Benjamin Myers	08/28
Tyler Luker	08/04	Robin Passarella	08/13	Aubrey Bosse	08/21	Ken Hoekendorf	08/28
Timarie Luker	08/04	Samantha Cole	08/14	Ashlin Smith	08/21	Malcolm Roberts	08/28
Jessica Reichert	08/04	Mel Huse	08/14	Adam McGary	08/22	Julie George	08/29
Marie Tinnin	08/04	Mackenzie Gibson	08/14	MacKenzie Foor	08/22	Stephanie Whitney	08/29
Somer Warren	08/04	Trey Meazell	08/14	Madeline Foor	08/22	Roger Mensching	08/29
Wei Wei Jeang	08/05	Karen Krejci	08/14	Louis Griebler	08/22	Ryan Mensching	08/29
Courtney Keeler	08/05	Lynn Lohmeyer	08/14	Steven Karpyak	08/22	Cooper Lane	08/29
Dan Koeneman	08/05	Judy Plunkett	08/14	Steven Eichinger	08/23	Jason Heine	08/29
Becca Johnston	08/05	Mande Kalbfleisch	08/14	Shannon Hofner	08/23	Paisley Smith	08/29
Brianne Boernke	08/06	Amy Sment	08/14	Debra Spears	08/23	Cy Collins	08/30
Ron Muhleisen	08/06	Tim Conlin	08/14	Robert Smith	08/23	Keith Pace	08/30
Hugo Wenshau	08/06	Kelvin Kohls	08/15	David Lindquist	08/23	Jerry Shreve	08/30
Florine Liefer	08/06	Cole Ellis	08/15	Erika Ripke	08/23	Ajoa Opoku	08/30
Joshua Turner	08/06	Shannon Schmidt	08/15	Howard Thomas	08/23	Christopher Dotson	08/30
Josh Willard	08/06	Susan Andrews	08/15	Shanna Siedelmann	08/23	Colin Lenihan	08/30
Enrique Gonzales	08/06	Jenny Jarcik	08/15	Andrea Sommerfeld	08/23	Megan Parr	08/30
Dorothy Mahrenholz	08/07	Nancy Arnold	08/16	Hope Wheeler	08/23	Wyatt Schuster	08/30
Jennifer Heaser	08/07	Olivia Cavin	08/16	Paula Bogan	08/24	Hudson Sloas	08/30
Michelle DuBois	08/07	Debra Good	08/16	Jeff Logue	08/24	Traci Dorrell	08/31
Kyle LeDoux	08/07	Marion Collins	08/16	Mike Murphy	08/24	Mitchell Fix	08/31
Lydia Paradowski	08/07	Martha Dunlap	08/16	Kathy Murphy	08/24	Paul Monroe	08/31
Peggy Embler	08/08	Ben Coleman	08/16	Mark Thomson	08/24	Amy Scott	08/31
Jacque Harland	08/08	Andrew Farrington	08/16	Sharon Naber	08/24	Diana Sizemore	
Jim Kesterson	08/08	Bryce Johnson	08/16	Stephanie Hart	08/24		
Stella Kitaluta	08/08	David Lamb	08/18	Brock Pfister	08/24		
Sam Roberts	08/08	Gwindolyn Reichert	08/17	Mia Smith	08/24		
Chad Dalton	08/09	Kelly Isackson	08/17	Patrick Welmer	08/24		
Larry Bryant	08/09	Steve Corley	08/17	Peggy Schutza	08/25		

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

Travis and Dawn Krahl	08/01/2009	Hugo and Mary Wenshau	08/11/1962	Bob and Susan Orr	08/22/1959
Ted and Pamela Hammond	08/01/1992	Morgan and Kristen Puchek	08/11/2012	Thomas and Rachel Ternan	08/22/2015
Bill and Karin Dunn	08/02/2009	Dan and Connie Nottoli	08/12/1989	Jeff and Brenda Buchwald	08/23/1980
Dan and Mandi Wheaton	08/02/2014	David and Kristy Unger	08/12/2000	Roy and Marcia Rohloff	08/23/1972
Rev. Jim and Victoria Otte	08/05/1978	Matt and Paige Koeneman	08/12/2017	David and Trisha Koslan	08/26/1969
Mack and Kelli Paradowski	08/05/2000	James and Karen Ellis	08/13/1978	Cy and Jane Collins.	08/27/1961
Peter and Mary Theriault	08/05/1967	Dave and Sandra Murcott	08/14/2010	Dennis and Ann Hiser	08/27/1961
Kris and Jen Holben	08/06/1994	John and Pat Sweitzer	08/15/1970	Richard and Donna Lamson	08/27/1960
David and Stephanie Roberts	08/06/1994	Brock and Alyssa Pfister	08/15/2014	David and Malissa Amundson	08/28/2004
Steve and Leslie Bledsoe	08/07/1976	Richard and Paula Bogan	08/17/1974	Brandon and Bianca Kovach	08/28/1999
Jim and Judy O'Connor	08/07/1965	Graham and Tiffany Luecke	08/17/2012	Chris and Laura McCallan	08/28/2010
Scott and Ashley Anderlik	08/08/2015	Ed and Connie Gray	08/18/1984	John and Jane Koonsman	08/29/1952
Jason and Chelsea Nicholson	08/09/2003	Gerald and Patty Luecke	08/18/1979	Gary and Shirley Weiss	08/29/1965
Gary and Lesley Lamb	08/10/1968	Jim and Carolyn Martinez	08/18/1978	Glenn and Mary Cudly	08/30/1969
Fred and Ann Strieter	08/10/1957	Richard and Nancy Montgomery	08/19/1972	Joshua and Linda Roberge	08/31/2002
Daniel and Anna Otten	08/10/2013	Bill Dickson and Brenda Mears	08/19/1977	Darryl and Ashley Nelson	08/31/1996
Kurt and Pam Schweinsberg	08/10/1991	Mike and Katherine Wolfe	08/20/1983		
Mark and Cathie Thomson	08/11/1984	Larry and Ken Lynn Trimpe	08/21/1960		
Bill and Mary Pletch	08/11/2006	Steve and Jackie Luecke	08/22/1987		

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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

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

(Live Streaming of all worship services is available online. Go to our website for more information.)

August Worship Opportunities

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| 2nd- | Worship Celebration |
| 5th- | Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM |
| 9th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Lambs Early Childhood Installation |
| 12th- | Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM |
| 16th- | Worship Celebration |
| 19th- | Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM |
| 23rd- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion |
| 26th- | Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM |
| 30th- | Worship Celebration |