

Messiah Lutheran Church Information Guide

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Messiah Lutheran Church * 1801 W. Plano Pkwy. * Plano, TX * 972-398-7500

Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann, Senior Pastor

Bible Class Opportunities

GROUP	LEADER(S)	TOPIC	LOCATION
Adults	Pastor Kollmann	<i>Basic Teachings of the Bible</i>	E110S Conf. Rm.
The Upper Room	Pastor Otte	<i>The Letter to the Colossians</i>	E215S
Focus	Steve Sokolyk	John	E237N
Growing Marriages in Christ (GMC)	Monica Pritchett	<i>The Daniel Dilemma</i>	E233N
Mosaics	Karrie Looney	God's Influence on Daily Life	E220S
Young Adults/ College & Career	Grant Simmons, Kevin Warneke, Suzanne Wilson	Various Topics	E247N
Meet Messiah	Joan & Randy Konkel	Campus Tours	Guest Desk

BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE--A discussion of the basic teachings of our Christian faith.

THE UPPER ROOM—is a lively, discussion-based class. Thoughts, ideas, and wisdom are shared each week. *We are very pleased to share The Upper Room Bible Study via Podcast. Subscribe today at: messiahlutheranpodcast.com/subscribe*

FOCUS—is a small group that goes through the Bible, one book, one chapter, one verse at a time. Our mission is to lead a comprehensive understanding of the Word of God.

GMC-- The Daniel Dilemma--GMC is currently studying “The Daniel Dilemma - How to Stand Firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise” by Chris Hodges. This study based on the book of Daniel explores how we can stand strong in our Christian beliefs while loving others well.

MOSAICS--Messiah Mosaics is a class geared at anyone in their 30s or 40s, married or single. This is a discussion-based class that examines how God's Word influences our daily walk with Christ.

YOUNG ADULTS--This is a class for adults in college or in the work force, ages 18-29.

MEET MESSIAH--If you would like to know about Messiah, meet at the Guest Information Desk at 9:30am. A few of our members will take you on a tour of our campus and answer questions you may have about our church.

Sunday School Opportunities

Class/Grade	Room	Teachers
2 year olds	E111S	Riley Conlin, Mary Hooper
3 & 4 years	E113S	Sandra Murcott, Noelle Napier, Roxanne Redman
Group opening for Preschool	E116S	Melinda Kellerman
Group opening for Elementary	E243N	Courtney Hamit, Alexis Maldonado
Kindergarten	E245N	Teacher needed
First/Second Grade	E216S	Dylan Dunlop, Michelle Nelson
Third/Fourth Grade	E218S	Jessica & Sean Gremmer
Fifth & Sixth Grade	E244N	Michael Neumann, Johnathan Maldonado, & Josh Hamit
Seventh Grade Confirmation	E242N	Pastor Matt Lee, Johnathan Maldonado
Eighth Grade	E246N	Barb Coen, Tim Napier
Ninth-Twelfth Grade	Youth Rm.	Autumn Knoernschild, Gerald Luecke, Jodi Sorenson, Ginny Wilson, Chris DuBois

Mid-Week Bible Study Opportunities



PASTOR KOLLMANN'S TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays from 9:30AM-11:00AM in the Conference room. This class is going through the LifeLight study on the book of Acts.

PASTOR KOLLMANN'S WEDNESDAY MEN'S LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY-You are invited to join this weekly study on Wednesdays as they study the book of Acts. This class meets at 12:00 PM in the Conference room.

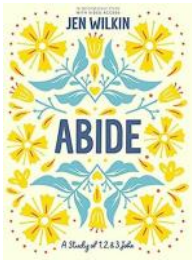
THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-ROOM E220S

"Abide" Study by Jen Wilkin is held on Thursdays at 9:30am.

How can we hold onto assurance of our faith? How can we discern the truth from a lie? How can we know God loves us? In 3 short letters, the Apostle John reminds an early church facing division, deception, and doubt to hold fast to what they know and to live like they believe it. And he reminds us, as well.

Study guides are available in class. Cost is \$25 payable to Messiah.

For more information or if you have questions contact Karrie Looney, karrie.looney@yahoo.com or Ellen Thorne, eet75002@gmail.com.



JOYFUL BIBLE STUDY



JOYFUL! (Join Other Young Families Uplifting the Lord) Bible Study group for families with young children. We meet today and November 12th from 3:30-5:00pm in Room E220S. Join us for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please feed your kiddo(s) prior to arrival. **Childcare is provided!** For more information, please contact leaders: Josh and Courtney Hamit, 214-507-9624.

Fellowship Opportunities/Announcements



**“A Gift Given. A World Changed.”
Women’s Advent by Candlelight Tea & Dessert
Monday, November 27th, 7:00pm
in Messiah’s Gym**

Please sign-up no later than 11/18 outside of The Lamp Gift Shop.

Hostesses will provide table decorations for 8 including tablecloth, napkins, dessert dishes, water glasses, silverware, teapot, teacups and centerpieces of your choosing. Dessert provided by Hostess or you can request a baker to be assigned to your table. Please make note of that when you reserve a table. If you already know who you want seated there, please list their names on the spreadsheet.

For attendees who don’t know a hostess we will be happy to find a table for you. Simply write your name down on the spreadsheet. Invite friends to come too! All women are welcome.

Questions? Please contact Ellen Thorne, eet75002@gmail.com.

JULIETs



*Just Us Ladies Into Eating
Together*

JULIETs Dining Out for all women-bring friends!

Monday, November 13th, 6:30pm

Yu’s Asian Diner

1820 Coit Rd, Plano, TX 75075

Contact Ellen Thorne to sign up

eet75002@gmail.com or 972-398-7508



CLASSIC MOVIE & POTLUCK LUNCH

Saturday, November 18th., 12:00 Noon

2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

We’ll watch the comedy “Charade” from 1963

Starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn

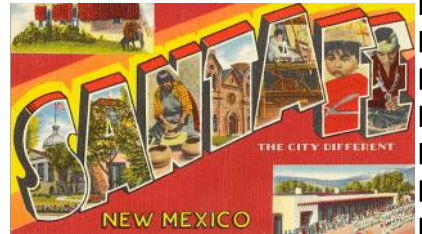
E-mail me to sign up. Bring a lot of friends!

primetimers



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.

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.

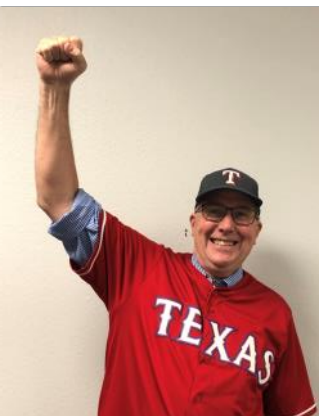
***GRIEF
SHARING-
Surviving the
Holidays with
Jesus at the
Center***



**Messiah Lutheran Chapel
TODAY
1:30-4:00 PM**

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts and minds drift to the joy that is associated with this time of the year. The Thanksgiving-to-New Year's Day run is filled with activity and busy days. For many people, this time of the year is thought of as a happy time—families getting together to share the joy of being thankful and celebrating God's gift of the Christ-child. However, that's not necessarily

true for everyone. Because while it's true that we have much to be thankful for, people grieving the loss of a loved one often find it a challenge to enjoy the holidays themselves. Messiah Lutheran's "Messiah's Touch Ministries" tries to be sensitive to that reality by offering a gathering which will take place on **Sunday, November 12th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** We call it: "Grief Sharing – Surviving the Holidays with Jesus at the Center." It's an annual event in which we welcome anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one through death and is experiencing some challenges getting through the holiday season. Our time together is filled with wonderful fellowship, lots of hugs, worship, sharing our common experiences, and receiving some practical tips on taking care of holiday planning, gatherings, and celebrating. If you or someone you know could benefit from this event, please make plans to attend. This is not limited to Messiah members. No sign up is necessary, and it's **free!**



**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 eet75002@gmail.com to let us 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 by how many want to ride to the game.



It's Butter Braid time! Messiah Lambs is now taking orders for the amazing Butter Braid pastries. New this year, you can place your order and pay online by using this link: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/d9e38e4c-f11b-4427-83cb-2cb7a4aa4ca2/2809698> and searching for the Messiah Lutheran Church button. By ordering from this link, you will be able to order a few additional items such as kolaches, raspberry braids, and other pastries. Orders are due by November 15th and will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, December 13th. If you prefer to order from the form, you can do so outside the gift shop. Payment (cash or check) is due at the time of ordering. Money raised will be going toward additional resources for our classrooms. Thank you for your support.

7 Qualities of a Giver

Giving is the essence of God Himself, for giving is a pure expression of love. “For God so loved the world that *He gave...*” Giving is right at the core of God’s character, and when we give we reflect that character.

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul’s description of the Macedonian believers makes one thing abundantly clear: they were givers. Giving was their overarching quality and the way they gave teaches us how to give. Let’s learn a few lessons from their example...

1. They gave sacrificially. (8:2-3)

The Macedonians were poor; yet they were able to sacrifice. It did not lessen their generosity, but actually magnified it. Somehow, even in their sparse circumstances they found a way to give. They weren’t able to do much but they gave all they could.

2. They Gave Supernaturally. (8:3)

They gave “beyond their ability” because their giving was empowered and enlarged by God. The fact is, you don’t have to possess large sums of money to be a large giver. God’s Spirit makes it possible for you to give far beyond your natural ability.

3. They Gave Joyfully. (8:2)

The Bible says that they gave out of “their abundance of joy...” As 2 Corinthians 9 reminds us, “God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.” The grace of God is directly connected with giving. When we fail to see giving as a grace it becomes a burden instead of a blessing.

4. They Gave Willingly. (8:3)

The believers of Macedonia “gave of their own accord...” They weren’t forced into giving and they didn’t wait to be asked. They saw a need and responded voluntarily. They weren’t drafted - they enlisted.

5. They Gave Eagerly. (8:4)

Read the full account and you’ll see that it was the people, not the pastor, begging to support the saints. They were eager to give because to them it was a privilege. Perhaps they remembered the word of the Lord, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

6. They Gave Unexpectedly. (8:5)

Paul wrote that they gave “not as we had expected...” Paul implies his own reluctance to encourage the Macedonians to contribute since he knew of their desperate poverty. “Grace giving” always has an element of the unexpected.

7. They Gave Personally. (8:5-6)

The Macedonians “first gave themselves to the Lord...” They knew that God wanted them before He wanted their gifts, and their giving to others was preceded by their giving of themselves.

I urge you: Give! Not out of a sense of duty, but out of a desire to please the One who gave Himself for you.

LOYALTY SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 19, is Loyalty Sunday here at Messiah. This is our annual opportunity to put God first in our lives when it comes to the money with which God has blessed us. God has certainly been generous with us. All of our sins are forgiven. We know that we are going to have eternal life in heaven. We have all the necessities of food and shelter and clothing. Pray to God about how He might lead you to show your thanks to Him in this coming year.



WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

I want to use this graph to show you how easy it is to raise almost a half million dollars to our giving for 2024. This graph is based on our 560 giving units at Messiah. If the indicated changes were made in our members weekly giving, we could raise an additional \$463,060. **Wow!**

#	CURRENT GIVING PER WEEK	POSSIBLE GIVING PER WEEK	CHANGE
17	Over \$500	\$510	\$8,840
6	\$375	\$385	\$3,120
31	\$250	\$260	\$16,120
17	\$200	\$210	\$8,840
45	\$150	\$160	\$23,400
63	\$100	\$115	\$49,140
120	\$50	\$65	\$93,600
40	\$25	\$40	\$31,200
53	\$15	\$25	\$27,560
33	\$10	\$25	\$25,740
135	Less than \$10	\$25	\$175,500
560			<u>\$463,060</u>

It is amazing how quickly a little increase in our weekly giving can add up! I just showed you how we could easily raise half a million dollars.

Pray about your weekly giving to the Lord this year! May God richly bless you, and may God richly bless our beloved Messiah Lutheran Church!!!

Kids & Youth Ministries

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KidMin Assistant Melinda Kellerman, KidMin@messiahlutheran.com 281-352-4682 mobile

Youth-Jodi Sorenson, 214-649-4720 mobile

youthmin@messiahlutheran.com, 972-398-7509

ALL THINGS KIDMIN Watch this space each week as a different area of KidMin will be highlighted. The weekly enews, KidMin Minute, is full of current details on what's happening in KidMin. If you are NOT receiving this, please send a note to kidmin@messiahlutheran.com asking to be added.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTS for Children's programs will be distributed in November. For Little Bit of Christmas, the Kindergarten class has speaking roles. Those lines will be emailed the week of Nov. 5th. For the older children's pageant, the lines will be distributed the week of Nov. 12th, just in time to practice throughout Thanksgiving Break. See below for other dates.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS KidMin Minute included tentative rehearsal dates. Please review that email so we can solidify and publicize the full rehearsal schedule.

Dec. 3rd **Little Bit of Christmas**

- 2s through Kindergarten
- ONE mandatory rehearsal Sat. 12/2, 10am - 12noon

Dec. 10th **Older Children's Pageant**

- 1st - 5th Grade
- FINAL dress rehearsal Sat. 12/9

FAMILY ADVENT SERIES COMING IN DECEMBER

Dates: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20. Pre-service meal planning is underway. To host a meal, please email KidMin@messiahlutheran.com. RSVP on realm for each week your family will be attending.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Youth Bake Sale—Today

Your youth will be hosting a bake sale before and after both services on Sunday 11/12 in the Reception Room near the Lamp Store. Funds raised will help our youth earn discounts for their awesome summer trips! Thank you to the bakers who brought yummies for the bake sale!

Young Adults—College and Career

Sunday morning Bible Class in Room E247N. Join us this morning. 9:45– 10:45 AM!

November 19th 11:30 PM Monthly Brunch/Lunch aka Seat at the Table at **McAllister's Deli, 701 N Central Expy Plano, TX 75075** RSVP on Realm or email jodisorenson@aol.com so we know to save your seat at the table.

In the Youth Room

Sunday School each Sunday 9:45 AM.

Bring your Bible!

Every Sunday—MESH 5:00—7:00 PM, High School.

Every Wednesday—JAM 6:30—7:30 PM, Middle School

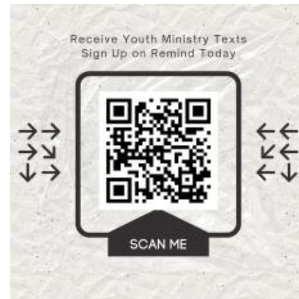
2nd Sunday—MYM 5:00—7:00 PM, ALL YOUTH!

November 12th

- Youth Bake Sale, before and after both services in the reception room.
- Youth Mission Trip Information meeting, 4:00—5:00 PM in the youth room.
- MYM 5:00—7:00 in the youth room. Let us know you are coming!

Youth Ministry Needs

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 4-5 addition team members to serve as teachers and helpers. Our classes need two adults to be in the room with students. Let us know if you are interested!



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



Pray for One Another This Week

Thanks be to God for all of His blessings on the Kingdom Women Retreat last weekend. He showed up in so many ways and we are overwhelmed with gratitude. May He continue to draw us closer to one another in the months ahead, and find ways to build upon what we learned by sharing it with others.

Illnesses that are around us all be healed, colds etc. Kimberly Cassady

Prayers for strength during cancer - Barbara Copeland

Jane, wife. Prayers of healing and comfort from kidney stone surgery. Guidance as doctors determine if more testing required. Jerry Baedke

Jane Baedke recovery from surgery. Jon Thornburg

Russell Flater, brother of Judy Davis. Healing and wellness from back surgery. Larry and Nell Froning

God's blessings to the union of my nephew, Cody and his new bride, Toni. God's blessing on Jerry's new group home and prayers for health for my mom, Klara.

Kyle, son. Blessing for 40 years of youth. His birthday is Nov. 7. Praying for continued guidance in his and his family's life. Ron and Karla Thompson

Sue Thornton, wife. Prayers for Sue while she is in S Carolina. Marvin Thornton

May our God save America and may more hostages be freed. Dorothy Rigg

Burr and Lana Fridge, uncle/aunt. Continued prayers for both Burr and Lana for their health. Burr has fallen a few times in the last month - he's blind and has some balance issues. Pray he gets approval to go to rehab hospital and Lana can get much needed rest. Rick and Kim Callaway

Baby Lainey Dunlop-Healing.

Prayers for peace of Jerusalem and peace for Israel. John and Kathleen Reitzel

Charles Koos, friend. In hospital with Seminole. Kristy Huett Cole, relief of chronic pain. Carl Huett

Gabriella Parks, granddaughter. God's blessings on her open-heart surgery Nov. 28. Robert and Linda Moore

Robert Moore - God's guidance in sending the right person to work at the Cutx Event Center in his department.

Greg Kuncaitis and Gwen, son-in-law, and daughter - George, his father, fell and has brain bleeds and broken neck. Prayers for all of us.

Thanksgiving for the testimony of Lois McCulloch. That a spirit of compassion would fill our hearts to overflowing and we would bless the people we encounter all week. Richard and Kathy Edwards

Sandra Brock, wife. Having treatment Tuesday for neck pain. Bill and Sandra Brock

Comfort and strength for family and friends of Annette Flowers who was murdered last year. The trial starts this week. Tom and Vikki Zagaruyka

Judy King's family, family friend. Judy passed away Thursday, peace, and love. Kathy Woolston

Ammamma and Naganamma - Prayers for grandmothers. The Chinta family

Linda Herring, mother. Pray for healing for my mom and easy transition from rehab into assisted living. Rachel Brownlee

RECOVERY: For Healing-Ruth Blom, Marcia Borchert, Gene Brinkman, Barbara Copeland, Sherrie Devlin, Diane Gutschlag, Angela Herigon, Jim Hickerson, Marilyn Huechteman, Beverly Pfalzgraff, James Sherrod, Brenda Switzer, Marie Taylor, Linda Thompson, Nancy Williams, and Joy Rae ZumMallen. Rosemary Buchwald-back, Marla Johnson and Jerry Wisdom-arm, Norma Miller-knee, Tim Johnson and Ed Nelson-heart.

SHUT-INS: Barbara Albert, Carol Avellanet, Jan Bender, Jane Collins, John Devine, George Feichtinger, Rosella Frank, Burr & Lana Fridge, Barbara Gable, Kathleen Haarberg, Linda Herring, Bev & Jim Hickerson, Gail Hollcroft, Mel Johnson, Stu & Kris Johnson, Jane and John Koonsman, Marty Krueger, Beverly Loughridge, Carol Mattil, Rose Nichols, Jim O'Connor, Roy Rohloff, Nancy Roser, Bob & Marilyn Schwarz, Tom & Sharon Stuart, Lois Supple, Larry & Ken Lynn Trimpe, Ron Ward, Agnes Watson and Barbara Wolkenstein.



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO
Prayer.
C O L O S S I A N S 4 : 2

Together in the Lord This Week

TODAY

Worship Service 8:30 AM
Bible Class/Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
 Grief Sharing Seminar 1:30 PM
 JOYFUL Bible Study 3:00 PM
 MESH 5:00 PM

MONDAY

True Beginner Line Dance Class 4:00 PM
 Love on the Line Class 5:00 PM
 JULIET's Dining Out 6:15 PM
 Scout Groups 7:00 PM

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Class 9:30 AM
 Good Times Line Dance 5:00 PM
 Joyful Ringers 6:00 PM
 Sanctuary Choir 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Class 12:00 PM
 Children's Choir 6:00 PM
 JAM 6:30 PM
Worship Service 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Dining Out 6:30 PM
 Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM

SATURDAY

Classic Movie/Potluck 12:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Service 8:30 AM
Bible Class/Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
 MESH 5:00 PM

