



## ***THE MESSENGER***

### **VALENTINE THOUGHTS FOR YOU**

A miracle of the Lord can save my life, but the Word of the Lord can save my soul.  
A miracle of the Lord can give me health, but the Word of the Lord can promise me heaven.

I hold before you a key. If I really love Jesus, I will unlock the door to my heart and let my Redeemer in, not only when the thunders are thundering, but also when the sun is shining.

I hold before you a cross. If I really love Jesus, I will allow Him to work for me, basing my salvation not on what I have done for Him, but on what He has done for me.

I hold before you a Bible. If I really love Jesus, I will allow Him to speak to me every day, for His words are wonders and His messages are miracles.

I hold before you some valentines. Jesus has two of them for me, His Word and His cross. I have one valentine for Jesus, my heart.

When He gives me His valentines, His Word and His cross, He has given me what I need. When I give Him my valentine, my heart, I have given Him what He wants.

More and more may every day be a Valentine's Day for you!



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### **OUR NEW LIFE CENTER**

The building of our new Life Center should begin this month. Listen each week at our worship celebrations to hear the latest information and to see pictures of our new Life Center. We will have the groundbreaking for our new Life Center on **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 A.M.** This will be a short groundbreaking followed by our Sunday School and Bible Class hour. We have a WISH LIST of items that you can donate to fill this Life Center. This Life Center will lead more people to Jesus and to heaven.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

The secret to happiness is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

# It's Your Best Day! ☺



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Someone asked me, the other day, "What's the first thing you're going to do, after you retire?" Yikes! I responded by saying that I hadn't thought that far in advance. It's true. I've been so involved in the process of getting ready to retire, that I haven't really thought much about what happens when.

Besides the usual paperwork, there's been applications for Medicare Parts and supplements, retirement notifications with Concordia Plans and the Texas District, and...and...and...

That's not entirely accurate, since I'm going to continue to work in the counseling field AFTER retiring from my pastoral work of 44 years. The church leadership at Messiah has given me permission to come to the church one day a week to offer counseling. It gives me opportunity to accomplish three things:

Serve my Dallas/Plano clients in the local area, and  
Keep my relationship with Pastors Kollmann and Lee strong and intact.  
Pet Triton when he's on a break.

One difference, though, is that, when I see clients at Messiah, there will be a fee (which we work out together) and by appointment (rather than drop-in). We'll see how that goes. One thing you should know, it's always been my practice (and one I strongly urge others to do) to tithe my earnings back to Messiah. It's part of being a good guest, and also part of my Christian ethic to give back to Jesus.

One of my pastor friends said that we shouldn't call this "retirement," but rather "re-fire-ment." In other words, to re-fire up a new energy for ministry – along a different path. I like that idea, because it suggests a new beginning – rather than simply the ending of something.

I've been saying, when I'm asked, what is it that I'm looking forward to the most? Pretty simple: It's not having every Sunday spoken for, in the sense of working. Every Sunday will involve worshipping with Victoria, unless I'm on the road. I'm hoping to worship at least once a month at Messiah (and I'll have to get used to sitting in the pews, or maybe the balcony to see what it's like!). I will miss teaching my Sunday School class, but I'm also excited to see how God raises up teachers from within, to share God's Word. Most of all, I will miss each of you, as we have walked together over these last 22+ years.

I won't be a stranger, but at the same time, you'll be in such good hands with Pastor Kollmann and Pastor Lee. And, in time, the congregation will extend a call for a third pastor to join the ranks. God is good, and He already knows our futures!

It's Your Best Day...Re-fire It! Pastor Jim Otte

**The Messiah's Touch Care Ministries is hosting a seminar entitled: "Caring for Our Caregivers."**



**Date:** Sunday, February 4, 2024

**Place:** Messiah Lutheran Church, Conference Room

**Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Designed for anyone currently caring for loved ones impaired by memory issues, dementia, chronic illness, aging, depression, etc. OR anyone preparing for such caring activities. The focus is tips for self-care, respite, how to handle mood or personality changes, community resources, patient advocacy, and other great supports.*



**Speakers:** **Diedra Kindred, RN.** – Nurse Advocacy  
**Elaine Scholly** – author of: Be Aware and Prepared (her books will be available for purchase at the seminar or on Amazon), offering supports for caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or memory impairment.

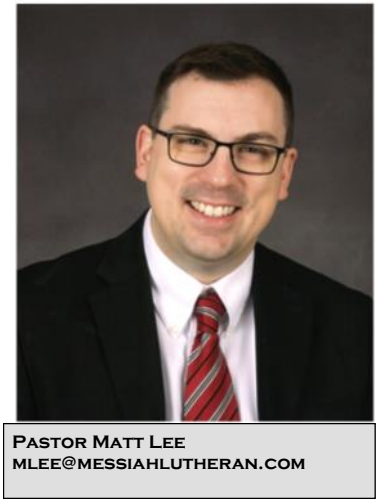
*Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.*

For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Otte, [james@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:james@messiahlutheran.com)

# *A Word From Pastor Lee*

## **Specific Ministry Pastor Program Update**

I am filled with joy to be able to announce to you that I have officially completed the “Specific Ministry Pastor” program through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis! After two years of continued online distance education (and some in-person education as a Vicar), followed by certification and ordination (August 2022), and then an additional two years of education, I have completed the program. I want to thank God, Who called me by the Gospel into this ministry. All praise and glory to Him alone. I also want to thank my family: my wife, our children, my in-laws. They saw me studying at night and in class every Monday night. They also saw me studying and working on essays, journals, papers, and reading books and theological articles on the weekends. They witnessed me travelling twice a year to St. Louis for a week-long intensive course. I could not have accomplished this SMP program without their amazing sacrifice, patience, and continual love and support. I also want to thank my mentor, Pastor Kollmann, for his mentorship, grace, wisdom, and guidance. He made the trip to St. Louis with me back in February 2020 and has spent so much time showing me how to be a pastor. I am so thankful for his supervision along the way. I also want to thank you, Messiah Lutheran Church. You have helped me and I cannot thank you enough for your encouragement and your continual support.



What am I most looking forward to? I am looking forward to focusing ONLY on serving in three areas of vocation: Being Husband, Father, and your Associate Pastor. That is what I am excited about. Thank you again for your support, prayer, and encouragement. God’s blessings to you and I look forward to continued service to Jesus and to His Church.

-Pastor Lee

As of January 14, 2024

### **Church Faith Budget**

Given last week	\$ 41,767
Given year to date	\$ 93,194
Given year to date last year	\$ 106,153

### **Building Fund**

Given last week	\$ 1,645
Given year to date	\$ 3,535

*Offering*  
*Total*

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



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**Friday, February 2nd, 8:00pm**

**Pocket Sandwich Theater**

Historic Downtown Carrollton Square  
1104 Elm Street, Carrollton, TX 75006

Tickets for Seniors 60+ is \$25.00

Tickets for adults aged 21-59 is \$27.50



The Three Musketeers: The Fate of France Premiere of a brand new melodrama and the first show of 2024! We're embracing the grandeur of the 17th-century stage. Prepare to immerse yourself in a world of intense emotions, dramatic plot twists, and so...much...popcorn!

Allons-y, mes amis! Tickets may still be available for purchase.

Contact me to find out, eet75002@gmail.com

### CLASSIC MOVIE AND POTLUCK EVENT

**Saturday, February 3rd at Noon**

**IN HONOR OF SCOUT SUNDAY** (*the Sunday that precedes February 8th*)

we are going to watch **"Follow Me, Boys"** from 1966

starring Fred McMurray and Kurt Russell

A man settles down in a small town and becomes the scoutmaster.

Event is to be held on Saturday, February 3rd at Noon

in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

Sign up by e-mailing eet75002@gmail.com.



### SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE LIVES

**CARTER BLOODCARE BLOOD DRIVE AT MESSIAH**

<http://tinyurl.com/MLCBloodDriveFeb4th2024>

**Sunday, February 4th, 8:30am-12:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room**

Start the year with a warm pullover for the cold weather  
for Carter BloodCare donors who donate blood in February.



**GALENTINE'S DINING OUT WITH JULIETs**  
(all women invited)

**Monday, February 5th, 6:15pm**

at Red Truck Café ([www.redtruckcafe.com](http://www.redtruckcafe.com))

910 W Parker Rd, Plano, 75023

Sign up by e-mailing eet75002@gmail.com.

**JULIETs**

*Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together*

**Kingdom Women Large Group** will meet on Saturday, February 24th, at 10am in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room. We will watch episode 3 of Season 4 of The Chosen! "Clean-Part 1." Two by two, the disciples carry out Jesus' mission to heal, cast out demons, and preach his words. But upon returning, they struggle with understanding what happened while Simon and Eden struggle to reconnect. A lunch will be served by our Cabana Boy Ministry afterwards. E-mail me to sign up for lunch.





SERVICES FOR LENT

# GUIDED to the CROSS

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT WORSHIP THEMES

2/14 Ash Wednesday • Guided to Forgiveness (Colossians 1:13-14)

2/21 Week 1 • Guided to Hope (2 Corinthians 1:10)

2/28 Week 2 • Guided to Love (1 Timothy 1:13-14)

3/6 Week 3 • Guided to Peace (Colossians 1:19-20)

3/13 Week 4 • Guided to Trust (1 Timothy 1:15)

3/20 Week 5 • Guided to Perseverance (Ephesians 6:18)

### PASTOR OTTE'S RETIREMENT AT THE RANGERS BALLPARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 6:05 GAME

We have over 150 signed up to attend this event which is going to be so wonderful. As soon as we learn the group tickets cost we will set up our online registration for tailgate party, game, bus and payment option. Questions? Contact Ellen Thorne.



### 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

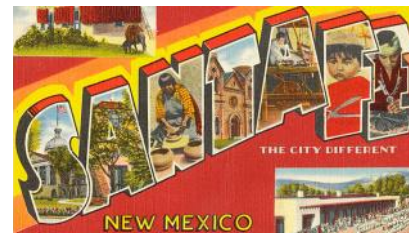


The cost of the trip is \$967 for double occupancy. This trip requires a minimum of 30 travelers with registration and payment required by February 1, 2024.

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](mailto:jandlclubs@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

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





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## Notes from the Music Ministry

In You, in You I find my peace. In You, in You I find my strength.  
In You I live and move and breathe.  
Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in You.  
I lift up holy hands and sing—Let the praises ring!  
“Let the Praises Ring”-Lincoln Brewster



### February 4th-Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



### February 11th— “Transfiguration of our Lord” , “Valentine from God” and “Super Bowl of Caring”

Our services will be filled with “Alleluias” as we prepare to enter the season of Lent on Wednesday. We will look forward to endless “Alleluia” when we celebrate our

Savior’s glorious Resurrection on Easter. Both services will

celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will receive our annual Valentine from God, and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in both services. Remember to bring your canned goods and dollar bills to help those in our community who are counting on us to share the goodness that God has given.



**Wednesday, February 14 is “Ash Wednesday”** -There will be a Family Lenten service in the Chapel at 6:00pm, and a service in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. The Sanctuary Choir will offer the poignant anthem “How Can It Be?” in the 7pm service. At the conclusion of both services, the Imposition of Ashes will be offered.



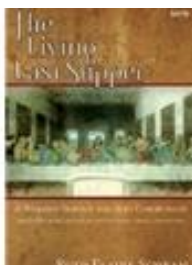
### February 18th— First Sunday in Lent

### February 25th-Second Sunday in Lent



As Lent approaches, with the Passion of our Lord to be reflected upon and experienced, it is appropriate that music of our heritage, both old and new, be a vital part of it. Part of the texture of Lent is the use of hymns and songs in minor keys. It is essential to our observance of Lent that our music reflects the moods of reflection, self-examination, sorrow, and confession, as we lift our hearts to our Lord in solemn reverence and gratefulness, for the ultimate sacrifice of His Son on the cross. These songs in minor keys

provoke those emotions and facilitate those feelings. Songs such as “O Sacred, Head Now Wounded”, “Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted” and “Jesus, In Thy Dying Woes” bring us closer to the time of Christ’s suffering and death. Then, on Easter, we change to songs of celebration, in major keys, such as “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”, which provoke more joyful feelings and provide the musical release from the emotions of the music in minor keys during Lent. May we savor the way so many of God’s composers have written music that brings us closer to our Lord during this emotional time of year, helping us to feel His grace through inspired music.



### “The Living Last Supper”

Palm Sunday, March 24- 10am

&

Good Friday, March 29-7pm

*In Our Music, God is Glorified!*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Engage, Equip, Enjoy, and Share!

"Our purpose is to **ENGAGE** our community's youth in a relationship with God,  
**EQUIP** them to grow in their faith, and to **ENJOY** and **SHARE** God's love."



## Flower Fundraiser for Valentines Day

February 4—Take Orders before and after services

February 10—Assemble Flowers

February 11—Distribute Flowers



## Weekly Youth Activities

Sunday School each Sunday—9:45 AM in the youth room.

**Bring your Bible!**

### Middle School—JAM

02.07.JAM in the youth room, 6:00—7:30 PM

02.14 JAM—Lent Schedule 05:00—7:30 PM

Start with the Family Meal 5:00—6:00 PM

Worship in the Chapel 6:00—6:30 PM

JAM in the youth room 6:30—7:30 PM

02.21 JAM—Lent Schedule 05:00—7:30 PM

02.28 JAM—Lent Schedule 05:00—7:30 PM

### High School—MESH

02.04 Movie MESH 5:00—7:00 PM in the youth room

02.11 Super Bowl Party at the Knoernschild's

02.18 Dining Out MESH 5:00—7:00 PM

02.25 Fellowship MESH 5:00—7:00 PM in the youth room

### Adult Youth Ministry Help Needed

#### *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!

#### *Youth Group Help*

Have you wanted to serve in our Youth Ministry? It takes many people to make the wheels of youth ministry moving. Share your gifts with the youth and their families! Please email [youthmin@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:youthmin@messiahlutheran.com) to get involved.

We have some great fun planned for 2024 for the youth of Messiah! Be sure to join us as we grow in our faith, together as the family of God! Friends are always welcome. Come when you can, leave when you must.

## Alaska Mission Team

Youth heading to Anchorage, Alaska June 8-17 in 2024!

Please pray for our team of 9 youth and 4 adults as they prepare for their trip to serve the surrounding communities of Anchorage. Your young people will have an opportunity to Share the Light in a variety of ways. They will work with a mobile soup kitchen, a community garden, spruce up a pregnancy center, and more!

They are working on raising funds, finding prayer partners, and planning their days!

We are thankful for this incredible opportunity to step out in big ways...traveling far from home, doing things that take us outside of our comfort level, and building bonds within our church family!

## 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

**February 18 @ 12:00 PM** Monthly Brunch/Lunch aka Seat at The Table at Liberty Burger, 3617 Shire Blvd, Richardson, TX 75082 RSVP on Realm or email [youthmin@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:youthmin@messiahlutheran.com) so we know to save your seat at the table.





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# LENT, EASTER & MORE

## Putting Lessons into Practice



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Family Lent Services Start Feb 14th  
Wednesdays at 6pm in Chapel  
Pre-Service Family Dinner begins at 5pm  
in MP Room (114S)

Many of you may have had an Advent calendar to help countdown the days until Jesus' birth. It's almost

time to begin the solemn countdown to Jesus' death on the cross. Thankfully, that sad day is soon followed by a joyous celebration of HIS resurrection on Easter morning! The lessons in this year's Family Lent series will help children gain a greater understanding of God's love with an emphasis on prayer, caring, and sharing each week leading up to Holy Week. While there are plenty of eggs and candy found around Eastertime, these services will emphasize the more important lessons directly from Jesus' life on this earth that led to the promise of everlasting life for each one of us.

Invite a family with young children to come with you to join us this year. What better way to show someone how much Jesus' love means to you?

**Feb. 14 - Week 1 (Ash Wednesday) No Greater Sacrifice**

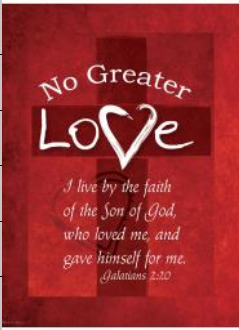
**Feb. 21 - Week 2 No Greater Mercy**

**Feb. 28 - Week 3 No Greater Encouragement**

**Mar. 6 - Week 4 No Greater Friend**


**Mar. 13 - Week 5 No Greater Life**

**Mar. 20 - Week 6 No Greater Love**



**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR VALENTINE CRAFTS FOR OUR WINTER MISSION PROJECT!**

### Easter Outreach

How can  @MLC reach the children in our surrounding neighborhood?

What could you say to someone who never heard of Jesus?

Would you be willing to welcome or share Jesus' story at an Easter event?

How do we explain the true meaning of Easter to someone who knows bunnies and eggs but not the cross and the empty tomb?

Save the Date! March 30th—Easter Outreach Event!



### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars!  
June 22-26th, 9:00am—12:00 noon  
Closing Worship, Sun, June 30th 11:00am



# *News from Messiah Lambs*

**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7**

During February Messiah Lambs students will be celebrating with a month of love. They will talk about ways to love one another, and the immeasurable amount of Love our Heavenly Father has for us. Valentines will be exchanged during class parties. It's a wonderful way to feel warm inside when the weather outside may not be so warm.



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Registration for the 2024-25 school year opens to the public on February 5th. Do not miss out if you want to enroll at Messiah Lambs for the upcoming school year. Register now to secure your spot.

Thank you for helping our school collect boxes of cereal last month. All boxes have been donated to Network for distribution. I will update you on the number of boxes collected next month.

This month we are showcasing our 2-year-old classes. Our younger 2's class is taught by Susanna Frare and Adrienne McGregor and our older 2's class is taught by Dawn Johnson and Petra Walker-Smith. These ladies are amazing! They are always on the move whether corralling our 2's or having impromptu dance parties in their rooms. They wear smiles on their faces every day and work hard with the children.



## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- January 29- Feb 2: Priority Reg for 2024-25 current MLC and MLL families
- February 5: Registration for 2024-25 opens to public
- February 19: No School Presidents Day

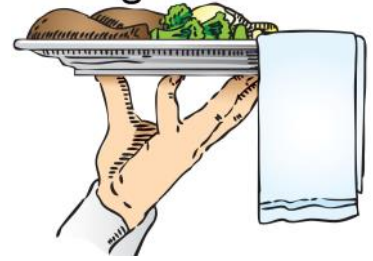
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**MI COCINA**  
**Tex-Mex Restuarant**  
**February 15, 6:30 PM**

815 Watters Creek Boulevard , Bldg Q1, Allen,Texas (214-667-2100)

Sign up in Pastor Kollmann's class, Pastor Otte's class, or at the  
Guest Information Desk or Prime Timers Desk.  
Hosted by Trisha and David Koslan 972-423-8037

**Dining Out Club**



Thanks to everyone for supporting our craft and bake sale held in December. I hope you enjoyed the gifts and the wonderful food. The \$2,000 received will go toward our many missions.

As you are starting the new year, here is a list of items that are part of the mission projects that LWML supports all year long. Please place them on the LWML table across from The Lamp gift shop.

Mites (Please donate your loose change to the large mite box on the LWML table, and there is a large box at the entrance to the chapel as well. This includes the men also!)

The fronts of your greeting cards—Christmas, Easter, birthday, Veterans, etc. We take them to the Denton State Home where they cut out the cute parts and make gifts to sell in their gift shop. There should not be writing on the back side. (Place them on the LWML table.)

Eyeglasses that you are not using any more. Dorothy Rigg can give you more information if you have questions.

All ladies of Messiah are encouraged to attend our meetings and participate in our projects. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m.

Mary Jane Tobaben, President

**Messiah's Men's Ministry**  
**Saturday, February 24**



As we close out January, move into February and the Season of Lent, let us all take time to reflect on our personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Are we reading Max Lucado's devotion and/or in God's Word daily? Allowing God's Word to dwell in us changes our life's focus from "who we are to whose we are". Being in God's Word daily results with our relationship taking on a deeper significance.

This month, we will share our take-a-ways from Max Lucado's "God is with you everyday" daily devotion. We continue to meet in the large classroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the church, 8:00AM-9:30AM.

Contact Tim Napier @ [reaper308@me.com](mailto:reaper308@me.com) or Jerry Baedke @ [jbaedke@pptconssultingtx.com](mailto:jbaedke@pptconssultingtx.com) for more info.



**Triton Comfort Dog**  
**Messiah Lutheran - Plano, TX**

# COMFORT DOG MINISTRY



## TRITON COMFORT DOG VISITS SHUT-INS

**2024**

Triton loves to get out and visit the community, however one of his favorite visits is when he goes to visit a shut-in. Ulla is a shut-in at 97 years old and grew up with a pet dog all her life. Triton has made several visits to see her and she is always excited to see him when he comes. Here are some comments from her family.

We cannot express our gratitude for the time Triton (along with the two of you) have spent with our mom, Ulla. I know there is nothing that brings more joy to mom than seeing and being able to pet Triton. Mom has always loved dogs and has always had one from the time she was a small child up until about 10 years ago. When our dad was moved into assisted living about 5 years ago was when the loss of her canine companionship was felt the most. Thank you again for the visits and caring you have been giving to mom allowing her some moments of joy. If you are a shut-in or have a family member that is, and would love a visit from Triton, please contact us 972-398-7557 or email us at [Triton@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Triton@K9Comfort.org) so we can make arrangements for that visit. Submitted by: Jane Baedke



### *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.

### **HAPPY 7th BIRTHDAY TRITON!**

On **Sunday, March 17th**, please stop by the Reception room next to the Gift Shop to say hello to Triton and his team and pick up a special giveaway to celebrate his birthday on March 16th.



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/lck9triton/>





## **A Biblical & Historical Look at God's Plan for Israel**

Join us for a special presentation from Pastor-Bible teacher Rhome van Dyck, of Sacra Script Ministries, where we will trace God's promises regarding the land and the relevant historical events that have occurred since the writing of Scripture ended. Together, we will be reminded of God's love for His people and sovereign control over all He has made.

**When:** Tuesday, February 20  
**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
**Where:** The Hope Center  
**Seating:** Limited to 80  
**Registration:** Sign up at the PrimeTimers table or Pastor Kollmann or Pastor Otte's Class or online  
**Cost:** \$15 per person

(please make check out to Messiah, noting Feb. 20 Lunch & Learn)

**Lunch Menu:** Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert & Drinks

**Everyone is Welcome!**  
**Registration Closes Monday, Feb. 12**

*Sponsored by the Seekers Team of PrimeTimers*

*Please contact Joan Konkel at 214-762-6539 with any questions.*



## 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.*

### **WE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2023!**



**\$1,045** was given to The Prestonwood Pregnancy Center, a separate nonprofit, providing free and confidential guidance, pregnancy tests, early pregnancy sonograms, educational classes and post-abortion support groups.



**Delivered over 1,022 lbs.** of Mac N Cheese and Peanut Butter to Good Samaritans of Garland.



**Delivered over 65** Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest Boxes and Bags to Meals on Wheels residents and local families supported by the Collin County Commission on Aging and Good Samaritans of Garland.



**Many local families and seniors** in our community were blessed with Christmas gifts from Messiah with our annual support of Collin County Committee on Aging Secret Santa program and our Messiah Lamb's Angel Tree.



**Delivered close to 6,000 lbs. of food** to the Network's food bank for local families in need. We also **Delivered 15 large bags** of clothing to the Network.

**We also have many members who volunteer offering their time and talents onsite at The Network.**

*\*Ronald McDonald House and The Network are Messiah Lutheran Church ongoing projects each year. I'm looking forward to getting back to all the wonderful service projects we have throughout the year.*



Andy Wharton	2/1	Bob Luker	2/7	Rachel Meeks	2/16	Danielle Gutknecht	2/24
Daniel Ladishew, Jr.	2/1	Christine Wondoloski	2/7	Robert Ostrom	2/17	Brooks Heller	2/24
Ariana Binder	2/1	Asya Mantey	2/7	Graham Luecke	2/17	Bonnie Gebhardt	2/25
Allan Bowling	2/1	Virginia Bryant	2/8	Cathy Winkler	2/17	Jenny Holben	2/25
Brady Johnston	2/1	Marcheta May	2/8	Katarina Roberts	2/17	Lisa Outland	2/25
Jason LaRose	2/1	Mary Cudly	2/8	Bob Schwarz	2/18	Connor Whitesell	2/25
Sharon Mattes	2/1	Brian Naber	2/8	Joyce Anne Laux	2/18	Bobbi Pickrell	2/25
Ken Leslie	2/2	Becky Fields	2/8	Vickie Gibson	2/18	Katherine Robbins	2/25
Rebecca F. Beber	2/2	Reid Nicholson	2/8	Bennett Berkland	2/18	Logan Rosendahl	2/25
Macs Reynolds	2/2	Angela Trout	2/8	Grant Nicholson	2/18	Ryan Woelfel	2/26
Zion Mantey	2/2	Chase Cassidy	2/8	Shelby Amick	2/18	Jeff Marsh	2/26
Kyle Lehmann	2/3	Everly Belisle	2/8	Kayleigh Scott	2/18	Stan Reznicek	2/26
Scott Southard	2/3	Jacob Dalton	2/8	Morgan Fry	2/18	Bertha Darko	2/26
Zach Southard	2/3	Allison Siedelmann	2/9	Mr. Brian Fry	2/18	Patrick Markus	2/27
Knox Phelps	2/3	Kathren May	2/9	Caitlin Schneider	2/19	Gail Reiman	2/27
Haley Smith	2/3	Courtney Hamit	2/9	Tim Whitaker	2/19	Janice Findley	2/27
James Noack	2/4	John Chappelle	2/9	Cameron Greenhaw	2/19	Diana Harrell	2/27
Katie Faye	2/4	Jack Marston	2/9	Jan Muennink	2/20	Zoye McVay	2/27
Makenzie Kler	2/4	David Unger	2/10	Molly Kelly	2/20	Brian Haarberg	2/27
KayLynn Piper	2/4	Katelyn Fults	2/10	Jenna Kelly	2/20	Catarina Ng	2/27
Stuart Nelson	2/4	Teresa Freedlund	2/10	John Lampton	2/20	Molly Hammond	2/27
Sherry Haferkamp	2/5	Clarity Glass	2/10	Alexander Smith	2/20	Lawrence Rizzotto	2/27
James E. Otte	2/5	Allie Mojica	2/10	Michael Johannsen	2/20	Lauren Gutknecht	2/27
Mike Dubois	2/5	Ben Nelson	2/11	Kevin Osborn	2/20	Chaney Simmons	2/27
Sebastian Ladishew	2/5	Clayton Binder	2/11	Ruthann Swanson	2/20	David Roberts	2/28
Doug Miller	2/5	Evan Dano	2/11	Charlie McCoy	2/20	James Hurst	2/28
Nathan Frischmann	2/5	Ashley Brooks	2/12	Dana Kennedy	2/21	Ron Myers	2/28
Jaime Thode	2/5	Rose Nichols	2/12	Christa Claussner	2/21	John Douglas	2/28
Jeanne Edwards	2/5	Andrea Mersiovsky	2/12	Ryan Oltmann	2/21	Owen Miller	2/28
Phyllis Kohls	2/6	Eva Nischal	2/12	Brooke Willard	2/21	Yvonne Berkland	2/28
Helen Wood	2/6	Elizabeth Duchow	2/12	Rachel Sheehy	2/21	Travis May	2/28
Patrick Lenihan	2/6	Carissa Patton	2/13	Carla Johnson	2/22	Jeff Forester	2/28
Teresa Logue	2/6	Julie Holland	2/13	Nik Bogan	2/22	Garrett Pace	2/28
Racheal Fitts	2/6	Darlene Buch	2/13	Brandon McCary	2/22	Diane Turbitt	2/28
Stephen Fitts	2/6	John Gardner	2/13	Breanne Cypert	2/22	Miriam Miller	2/28
Tony Box	2/6	Angela Herigon	2/13	Sondra Haarberg	2/22	Krystin McKee	2/28
Jeremy Plenger	2/7	Michael Barber	2/13	Rachel Kiehne	2/22	Avery Helpers	2/29
Malissa Amundson	2/7	Wes Pettinger	2/13	Will Rowan	2/22	Nancy Sheets	2/29
		Jo Buchwald	2/14	Jacob Mayberry	2/23		
		Sarah Huechteman	2/14	Kathy McBride	2/23		
		Brenda Bucher	2/14	Greg Kuncaitis	2/23		
		Jamie West	2/14	Fred Chasak	2/23		
		Gwen Kuncaitis	2/15	Emil Nischal	2/23		
		Ben Bernhardt	2/15	Paula Myers	2/24		
		Shane Thomason	2/15	Autumn Glass	2/24		
		Anne Stauch	2/16	Johnathan Maldonado	2/24		

Dean & Bobbi Pickrell	2/1/1991	James & Kristin Ekstein	2/19/2005
Steve & Jennifer Heaser	2/4/1984	Darin & Dawn Johnson	2/19/2005
Steve & Robin Salewski	2/4/2021	Jim & Beverly Hickerson	2/19/1972
Travis & Jaime Hughey	2/4/2017	David & Tina Thode	2/21/1981
David & Barbara Janowski	2/5/1983	Daniel & Laurie Medina	2/22/1985
Christopher & Kirstin Morton	2/5/2022	Karl & Liz Schrader	2/22/2012
Chris & Sara Wales	2/9/2013	Paul & Angela Herigon	2/22/1988
Raymond & Yukiko Randall	2/13/2000	David & Janice Findley	2/24/1996
Rick & Carole Cantu	2/14/1981	Tony & Faith Lane	2/26/2000
Jim & Sherrie Devlin	2/14/1989	Robert & Kristy Cole	2/26/2000
Mel & Stephanie Johnson	2/14/1960	Mark & Brooke Moncrief	2/26/2005
Kyle & Theresa Shipp	2/14/1998	Edward & Michelle Nelson	2/26/2000
David & Donna Elfers	2/16/1999	Tony & Shellie Fontana	2/27/1988





# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>2</b> 8:00 PM-Ya'll Come Fellowship	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM-Classic Movie/Potluck  2:00 PM-Amundson Funeral service
<b>4 Blood Drive</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 1:30 PM-Caregivers Seminar 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>5</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance  5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  6:15 PM-Galentine's with JULIETS  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers  7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 1:00 PM-Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:30 PM-JAM <b>7:00 PM-Worship Service</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  8:00 AM-Elder's Meeting
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>12</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance  5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers  7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM-Family Ash Wednesday Service</b> 6:30 PM-JAM <b>7:00 PM-Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  6:30 PM-Dining Out	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>19</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance  5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  11:30 AM-Lunch & Learn  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>21</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM-Family Lenten Service</b> 6:30 PM-JAM <b>7:00 PM-Traditional Lenten Service</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 AM-Men's Ministry  10:00 AM-Kingdom Women Bible Study
<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 5:00 PM-MESH	<b>26</b> 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing  6:00 PM-Kingdom Women Book Club  7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class  5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance  6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers  7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir <b>6:00 PM-Family Lenten Service</b> 6:30 PM-JAM <b>7:00 PM-Traditional Lenten Service</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class		

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

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## SHARING HIS LIGHT

**ADDRESS SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

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

## Worship Opportunities in February

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| 4th-  | Worship Celebration   |
| 7th-  | Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM              |
| 11th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Souper Bowl of Caring & Valentine from God |
| 14th- | Ash Wednesday Services-Family-6:00 PM/Traditional-7:00 PM                     |
| 18th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion  |
| 21st- | Family Lenten Service-6:00 PM/Traditional Lenten Service-7:00 PM              |
| 25th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion  |
| 28th- | Family Lenten Service-6:00 PM/Traditional Lenten Service-7:00 PM              |