



THE MESSENGER

ARE YOU HAVING FUN YET?

In the Gospel of Matthew in the Bible, we read about the disciples of Jesus having a lot of fun and joy in their lives with Jesus on this earth. Is your household a household of fun and joy? Are you having fun and joy in living your Christian life on this earth?

Jesus often traveled from place to place in a carnival like atmosphere. There would be dancing children around. There would be the sound of music from flutes. Many times it felt like a party was going on.



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Now, in the Gospel of Matthew, we see that Jesus and His disciples were often criticized for having so much fun and joy. It was obvious that Jesus and His disciples enjoyed life and enjoyed celebrating their lives on this earth.

As a guest in your household, Jesus brings a lot of fun and joy to you. Christians should be able to have a lot of fun and joy in their lives. Christians should not feel guilty about having fun and joy in their lives. They are not worried that their sins would never be forgiven. They are not afraid of dying. They are not worried about if they are going to heaven when they leave this earth.

It is the darkness of sin and death that can bring sadness and fear into our lives. Let Jesus free you from this darkness of sin and death. Let Jesus bring you the joy of knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven, and that one day you will be joining Jesus in heaven. Live with this fun and joy from Jesus every day of your life.

OUR NEW LIFE CENTER

We have recently had the Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new Life Center. It was a great beginning for this addition to our church campus. You will start to see a lot of activity going on soon. I will be sharing the latest information about our Life Center during our worship celebrations each week. I will also be sharing with you a WISH LIST of items that you will be able to donate to fill our Life Center. This Life Center is going to lead more people to Jesus and to heaven!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The four C's in life are Christ, choice, chance, and change. Make the choice to take the chance on Christ, if you want anything to change in your life.

It's Your Best Day! ☺



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One of the questions I get asked the most, these days, is: “What are you going to do once you’re retired?” I’ve heard that question so much, I always give pretty much the same answer: “I’m going to be doing everything I love doing – counseling, art work, playing in the dirt, walking with church workers, and being that ‘retired guy’ who hangs around!” That means, of course, that I will qualify for membership in Messiah’s premier men’s group: the ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out)!

The question of what will I be doing – is an important one to ask – because men, in general, can easily slip into depression and a shortened life span if we don’t include purposeful, meaningful, and fun activities after retirement. So many of us have worked most of our adult lives, and when we retire, the benefits of working slip away as well. Benefits such as: recognition, achievement, routine, structure, and financial rewards are the noticeable ones. But, social interaction and friendship are critical, too, but less noticed.

Mr. Dennis Hiser, of our church, sent me a challenge called “The Retirement Riddle.” (Dennis is one of my consultants, which helps men discover purposeful work. I’ve referred several men to his care. He’s awesome!) Anyway, the Retirement Riddle looks at the big losses which occur at retirement: income and benefits; daily discipline; relationships, intellectual stimulation, and mattering. These are all the gifts which work brings, but which are changed when one’s professional life changes.

When I’m walking with church workers, some of whom are in career changes, these are what we talk about. These are what I’m talking about, these days, too! My income and benefits will be covered by social security and my pension. I will also retain my counseling and coaching credentials, so that I can continue to offer that service. (I’ll be at Messiah one day a week to counsel with people over here). The daily discipline might be a challenge, because of how Sundays will be different for me. For pastors, Sundays are what all the other days of the week point to. Sermons, Bible Studies, etc. create the discipline of the schedule and the routine. I’ll have to work on that one!

Relationships will be affected, too, because I won’t be at Messiah as much. You are all my friends, so I won’t neglect that – it’ll just be different.

I don’t think I’ll have worry about intellectual stimulation because I’m a lifelong learner. Plus, I’ll be pursuing my oil painting classes, and trying – at last – to write my book.

Mattering is something that most men don’t think about – but is so critical. Doing something useful and purposeful is not only good for the soul, but it continues to grow God’s DNA within us. Remember what God put Adam in the Garden to do? Work it and take care of it. That’s God’s DNA is us! I have any number of ideas on how to do that – including the “honey do” list, which Victoria is building as we speak.

So...It's Your Best Day...And Mine, Too! Pastor Jim Otte

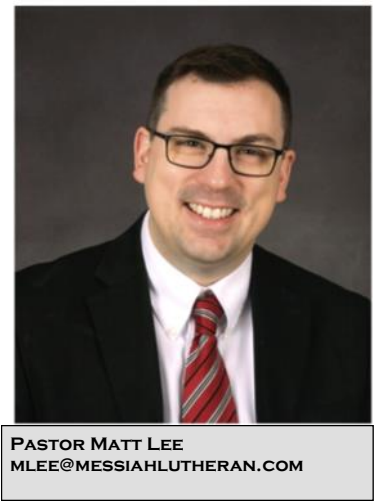


We wish to express heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and love shown to us recently. Special thanks to the Sunshine Committee and Elders for the plants. Thanks also for the many cards and texts. Messiah is a wonderful blessing.
George and Marian Chrisman

A Word From Pastor Lee

Pray. Care. Share.

During our weekly Family Lenten services, the theme we have been learning about is “No Greater Love.” This theme comes from John 3:16: “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*” In the season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, the focus of these Children’s Ministry family services has been on the sacrificial love that our Savior Jesus showed to us by living and dying as He gave up His life for us. We have been discovering topics like, “No Greater Sacrifice,” “No Greater Mercy,” “No Greater Encouragement,” “No Greater Friend,” and “No Greater Life.”



Each week, we have also been taking part in challenges together. Each family received a set of three round cards. They have been challenged to pray for someone, to care for someone, and to share Jesus with someone: **Prayer. Care. Share.** In response to the greatest act of love from Jesus, we are driven to our knees in *prayer* – especially for those who do not know or believe in Christ and His love. It drives us to our feet as we run to *care* for others – especially those who need help, friendship, and compassion. It drives us to *share* – not just in actions, but also in words – the truth about Who Jesus is and what He has done for us. The purpose of the cards is to serve as a guide (outside of our Lenten services) as we live as followers of Jesus. Our hope is that students will form a regular practice of *praying*, *caring*, and *sharing* God’s Word with others. Throughout these Lenten services, we have enjoyed a meal, fellowship, God’s saving Word, and a strengthening of our faith. As we approach the celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin and death on Resurrection Day (Easter Sunday), I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless and guide us as we spend time together in His Word and *pray*, *care*, and *share*.

As of February 25, 2024

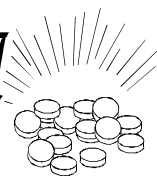
Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$	34,712
Given year to date	\$	329,628
Given year to date last year	\$	342,569

Building Fund

Given last week	\$	1,775
Building Fund total for 2024	\$	11,380

Offering
Total



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



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I am overjoyed to officially announce that Karrie Looney will be taking over Messiah's Kingdom Women Ministry completely when I retire in October. Right now we are working together to bring new energy and a greater impact to this ministry. I know you are all in excellent hands and I can't wait to see what God does! Here is a note from Karrie to you:

Hi I'm Karrie Looney. I am so excited to begin working with Ellen and the Kingdom Women Ministry. I have desire to help all the women of Messiah grow in their faith through bible study, service opportunities and fellowship time with other believers. A little bit about me. I grew up in the Houston area where I attended Trinity Klein Lutheran Church. I moved to Dallas in 2002 after graduating from Baylor. I found my way to Messiah shortly after moving to Dallas. I met my husband in bible class at Messiah in 2005 and we were married in 2008. We have three kids Emma (13), Avery (10), and Parker (7). My brother and sister-in-law, Cannon and Melinda Kellerman, are also members here at Messiah. If you are looking for me on a Sunday morning, I am in early service with my family and then the Mosaic Bible Study class during the Sunday School hour. I have also been involved with Thursday Morning bible study, JOYFUL, and Kingdom Women events. Messiah has been so kind and welcoming to me, I am beyond excited to get to serve the church through the Kingdom Women Ministry.



To learn more about Karrie and see what's happening with Kingdom Women for 2024 and beyond, join us for our Open House.

Come and go as you please on March 23rd, between Noon-3pm.

Kingdom Women Large Group will also meet at 10am that day.

Extra invites are available at the Guest Info Desk if you want to invite others too!

If you are willing to provide an appetizer or dessert, please e-mail kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com

Messiah
Kingdom
Women

COME SEE WHAT IS NEW WITH
KINGDOM WOMEN

OPEN HOUSE

12-3PM
03.23.24
2nd Floor
Multi-Purpose Rm
COME AND GO



FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
ENJOY YUMMY SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP
MEET KARRIE AND CHAT ABOUT WHERE KINGDOM
WOMEN IS HEADING
KINGDOMWOMEN@MESSIAHLUTHERAN.COM

JULIETs



Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together

JULIETs Dining Out for March
(all women invited)

Monday, March 4th, 6:15pm

at Tricky Fish Restaurant
1251 State Street, Richardson, 75082

tricky-fish.com

Sign up by e-mailing
kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com

CLASSIC MOVIE AND POTLUCK EVENT

Saturday, March 9th at Noon in 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

As Spring Training will be in full swing, we'll watch

"Pride of the Yankees" from 1942,

The story of the life and career of famed baseball player Lou Gehrig.

(starring Gary Cooper with appearance by the real Babe Ruth)

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

This is a free event for all-so invite friends to join you!



Kingdom Women Large Group will meet on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10am in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room. We will watch episode 5 of Season 3 of The Chosen! "Clean-Part 2." This Episode is a powerful, astonishing episode where people are amazed by Jesus' teaching, wisdom and miraculous powers. After answering questions from His disciples about the Kingdom of God in Simon Peter's home, Jairus comes to Jesus to heal his young daughter, who's on her deathbed. Along the way, a sick woman who's been declared unclean by the religious leaders desperately approaches Jesus for healing. What happens next astonishes everyone!

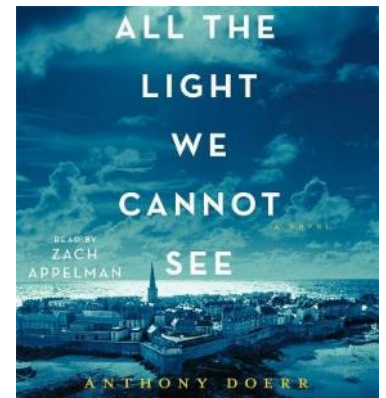
Due to the Open House we will not have a Cabana Boy lunch.

KINGDOM WOMEN BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 11th, 6:00pm in the Youth Room

We are meeting to discuss "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

All the Light We Cannot See is a novel by Anthony Doerr that tells the story of two teenagers during World War II, one a blind French girl, the other a German orphan boy. They both face the horrors of war and try to survive in a world of violence and fear. Their lives intersect in the bombed city of Saint-Malo, where they discover the power of human connection and the meaning of courage. Sign up at kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com



Albuquerque & Santa Fe New Mexico Trip

April 29, 2024-May 5, 2024

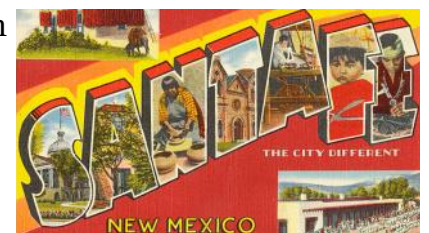


Please join the PrimeTimers for an amazing trip to Albuquerque & Santa Fe New Mexico.

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. 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.



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Notes from Dorothy Sherrod



As we move through the Lent season, reflecting on our Savior's ministry on the earth, our musical ensembles continue to prepare meaningful anthems and pieces to enrich our worship, in glory to our Lord. On each of these Sundays, Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services.

March 3— The Third Sunday in Lent

March 10— The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour, as we spring forward.

March 17— The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 24— Palm Sunday- 8:30 & 11am worship

10am- "The Living Last Supper" Cantata

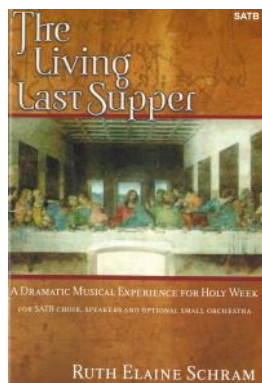
March 29- Good Friday Worship- 12:00 noon

7pm- "The Living Last Supper" cantata, with communion

March 31— Easter Sunday- 8, 9:30 and 11am worship- Joyful Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra and Praise Team will lead us in praise to the risen Savior!



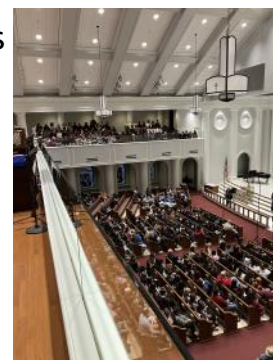
The Living Last Supper by Ruth Elaine Schram



Our **Sanctuary Choir, orchestra and actors** will present this cantata on **Palm Sunday, March 24, 10am** and on **Good Friday, March 29, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. One of Christianity's most significant events was brilliantly portrayed by Leonardo Da Vinci centuries ago: *The Last Supper*. This Renaissance masterpiece is brought to life in "The Living Last Supper" by composer Ruth Elaine Schram. The music deftly and passionately captures the pathos of the event while, one by one, the disciples speak, expressing their innermost thoughts with brief but poignant monologues that also portray their incredulous astonishment at Jesus' assertion that one of them would betray Him that fateful night. Invite someone to join you as we reflect on the Last Supper together.



March 1-2, Messiah is once again the site for the North Texas Madrigal and Chamber Music Festival. Groups of high school students from north Texas will gather to perform, attend clinics and compete for trophies and awards. It is a joy to hear such beautiful music in our church!! Many of the participants and leadership have expressed great admiration and appreciation of our campus and opportunity to sing in the Sanctuary. This is the third year this event has been held



at Messiah, and it is already scheduled here in 2025. Thank you to Kim & Don Johnson and Bill Swan for serving with me as staff representatives for this wonderful event.

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."



Middle School—JAM

03.06 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

03.10 MYM—All Youth Fellowship 5:00—7:00 PM

Meal will be served. Please RSVP

03.13 JAM—Lent Schedule 05:00—7:30 PM

03.20 JAM—Lent Schedule 05:00—7:30 PM

03.27 JAM—Back to the Youth Room 6:00—7:30 PM

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.

Have Questions? YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com * Jodi 214-649-4720

Mark your calendars! This year's camp theme is based on 1 Corinthians 10:31—So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Each year we send our 5th -7th graders to Confirmation Camp. Information letters have been mailed to all eligible youth on our class rolls. Parents, please let us know asap if you have not received your letter so we can get one sent to you ASAP.

Last year we added Discipleship Camp to the program for all confirmed youth, 8th graders through High School. All of our youth have the opportunity to attend camp together. JC's have been selected and are preparing to bring a memorable and faith filled experience to all campers.

Alaska Mission Team

March 17th is our 3rd meeting, 3:00—4:30 PM. This meeting is for youth and adults attending. We will be working on team building so please do your best to be in attendance. We will have more details for our trip to share. A printed hand out will be sent home to parents. Please bring your ID or Passport so we can make a copy for travel confirmations. Your 3rd payment of \$150 is due on the 03.17.

High School—MESH

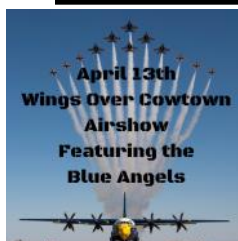
03.03 Movie MESH 5:00—7:30 PM in the youth room

03.10 MYM—All Youth Fellowship 5:00—7:00 PM

YOUNG ADULTS

March 17th— 12:00 PM Katy Trail Outpost, 4700 W Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75093

Join us for our monthly lunch aka Seat at the Table RSVP your spot on Realm or email YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com so we know to save your **Seat at the Table!**



Register early for this event for
youth and their families!

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LENT (CONT), EASTER & MORE

Putting **KidMin** Lessons into Practice

“I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20



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Family Lent Services continues
at 6pm in Chapel

Fellowship meals before each service
at 5pm in MP Room 114S + 116S

- March 6th - Italian Night
- March 13th - BBQ Sandwiches
- March 20th - Pizza



RSVP for meals HERE!

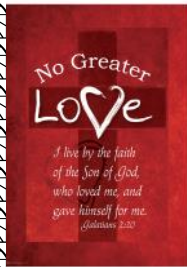
Italian Night	BBQ Sandwiches	Pizza

Easter Outreach

Join us **March 30th @10 AM** for our Easter Outreach Event!
We will have 3 stations where MLC will lead our Community on how to Pray, Care and Share!

Plus we will have our annual Egg Hunt!

Scan **HERE** to RSVP !



Mar. 6 - Week 4 - No Greater Friend

Mar. 13 - Week 5 - No Greater Life

Mar. 20 - Week 6 - No Greater Love



Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow! Check out these super excited little Lutherans at KidMin's Groundbreaking Ceremony last month!



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars!

March 8th—Volunteer Registration Opens
March 24th — Early Registration—MLC Members
March 31th—Registration open for All!
June 24-28th, 9:00am—12:00 noon
June 30th, 11:00am—Closing Worship

Mentor Moms of Messiah!

CALLING ALL EXPERIENCED MOMS!

Is your baby about to graduate out of KidMin, be confirmed or even graduate from YouthMin? Do you have a heart for new mothers? We have a group of amazing Moms that would love to have you! Email Melinda for MORE information!

News from Messiah Lambs

As we enter the month of March, we are reminded of the coming of spring and reflect on the themes of growth, hope, and faith. From Easter preparations to our Mitzi the Cow service project to the Daddy/Daughter Dance fellowship, we look forward to coming together to celebrate this season.

Thanks to each of you who supported the Lambs Super Duper Cereal Box Challenge Drive in January. We collected 530 boxes of cereal!!!! Before delivering these boxes to the food bank we set them up in a super-duper cereal domino train for the entire school to watch. Another thank you to Melinda Kellerman, Kathy Mardis, Adrienne McGregor, Danny Ladishew, Jodi Sorenson, Sara Vogler, McClain and Ezra Jacobs, and Triton for volunteering to help set up and clean up the event.



Our cereal train volunteers.



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The Lambs' next school-wide service project will be to join MLC and collect money to feed Mitzi the Cow so that Network Ministries will be able to purchase milk for families in need. Mitzi is a life-size cow that comes to Messiah every spring to feed. You will find her near the Gift shop on Sunday mornings and in the Lambs' lobby during the week.

Our Second Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, March 22nd from 5:30 pm-8 pm in the multipurpose room. More details will be sent out by KidMin soon.

This month we are showcasing our Toddler classrooms. Our toddlers are taught by Sandra Gonzales, Camille Wells, and Hailey Gatewood. These little ones have so much fun in their classes and spread their joy around the entire school. See the pictures below for a snapshot of their day.



Important Upcoming Dates:

Mar 11-15: No School Spring Break

Mar 22: Daddy/Daughter Dance

Mar 29-Apr 1: No School Easter Break



Prime timers stuffing eggs
for Easter Outreach Event
Wednesday March 27 at 1:00PM in
Room E215S (Pastor Otte's Sunday
School Room)

Sign up at PrimeTimer table or Realm.

Questions contact Marcia Murphy at

972-332-8456.



The next meeting for LWML is on **Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m.** in the Reception Room. We have many important items to discuss and vote on, so please “save that date.” Bring your card fronts, mites, and something to share for lunch. Invite someone to come with you, too.

All three Pastors, Priscella Reid, and I were given the privilege of meeting with Reverend Tim Krick the end of January. He is the Senior Advisor and Congregational Engagement minister for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). He works with congregations who are involved with the truck loading for LWR to encourage us and say “thank you.” He has been involved with going to many of the countries where our donations are sent and handing out the personal care kits, the quilts, and other items to the people who need them. He was in the Ukraine just a short time ago where he witnessed in person the joy that was shown from these gifts. He was very happy to hear about how our congregation is supporting this mission.



In 2023, there were 551,700 quilts and kits sent to 14 countries. This is an amazing number, but so many more were needed. We will be continuing this ministry here at Messiah, and I thank all of you for your participation.

In April, LWML is hosting the Dal-North Zone Spring Rally. This involves seven other churches in the area. Our speaker is from the Samaritan Inn in McKinney. Their purpose is to give Hope to the Homeless with a safe place to stay with a bed, food, and clothing, etc. I have listed some items that we are collecting below. If you want to contribute, that would be appreciated. You can leave them on the LWML table by The Lamp Gift Shop.

Kitchen & Food Items: Jelly, Chips, Fruit cups, Granola bars, Napkins, Sauces (BBQ, Hot, Ketchup, etc.)

Non-food Items: New Twin blankets; Hair Products like gel, hairspray; Foot/Body powder; Loofahs/ Washcloths; Body Lotion; Tylenol Cold & Flu (adult & children); Allergy Medicine (adult & children); Men’s undershirts: (L, XL, 2XL)

Mary Jane Tobaben, President

Messiah’s Men’s Ministry Saturday, March 23



As we enter the month of March, we greet the start of spring and the celebration of Easter. Messiah’s Men’s Ministry continues their reading of Max Lucado’s devotional, “God is with you everyday” plus group sharing as to what spoke to us in our daily readings. Tim Napier will share biblical insights on “being a Godly man and leading your home” with Chris Dubois leading a scriptural study on the subject of “Apologetics”. There will be time set aside to share and discuss as a group from both discussions. We will be scheduling date(s) for the service projects discussed in the February meeting. We continue to meet in the large classroom on the 1st floor at the

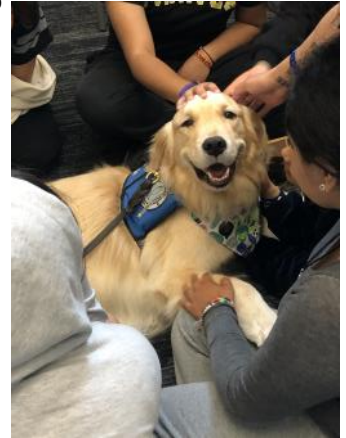
church, 8:00AM-9:30AM. We welcome all men to come and join us.

Contact Tim Napier @ reaper308@me.com or Jerry Baedke @ jbaedke@pptconssultingtx.com for more information.



Did you know that when an LCC comfort dog is named they are also given their own bible verse? Triton's bible verse is Mark 10:45 "For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." I used to take Triton on bi-monthly visits to the Phoenix house in downtown Dallas.

Unfortunately, it recently lost funding, so it had to close. Carolyn Nussman made the first initial visit to meet with the staff and a few board members to establish a relationship and set up a visitation schedule in January 2020. And then, the Covid crisis hit and we were unable to make visits for quite a while. Once they deemed it safe for visits, the handlers were required to go through drug and tb testing as well as a background check to protect their residents. It was a lot of effort, but definitely worth it! We made bi-monthly visits to the Phoenix House for over two years and met several wonderful teenagers in the midst of battling drug and/or alcohol addiction. I began my experience as a ministry partner and then once I became a handler, it became my regular visit with Triton. There are many wonderful memories of how God used our time there, but one in particular stands out. One of the young men I had the privilege to watch grow with the Lord every visit with Triton as his bridge. On Triton's many bandanas are his Bible verse Mark 10:45, and during one visit this young man asked me about it. The next visit, his last before he was leaving, he declared he had chosen his own bible verse Psalm 37:19 "They will not be ashamed in the time of evil, and in the days of famine they will have abundance."



Triton's impact on our church and society is immeasurable. He is a beacon of hope and a constant reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is a light to guide us. With his unwavering loyalty and unconditional love, Triton continues to inspire and uplift our community making a lasting difference in the lives of those he encounters. *Michele Haugen*

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 almost 7. 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. **A special information meeting will be held here at Messiah on Sunday, April 14th, at 12:00 Noon.** Feel free to sit in and here more details about what this ministry. You can also reach out to Carolyn Nussman (214-773-3200) or at 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.



SOLAR ECLIPSE WORKSHOP

Everyone is welcome to attend this workshop on Sunday, March 17 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

- Refreshments will be served.
- Learn safe ways to enjoy the eclipse on **Monday, April 8.**
Contact Armin Bernhardt with any questions at 469-688-8501.



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*"The Heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of His Hands." Psalms 19:1*

Dining Out Club



Manny's Tex-Mex Restaurante
7601 Campbell Rd.
Dallas, Texas, 75248

March 21, 2024 6:30 pm

Sign up in Pastor Kollmann's Bible class, Pastor Otte's Bible class, The Prime Timer's table or the Guest Information desk.

E-mail larryandjp@aol.com



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

Are you looking for a ministry to serve at Messiah? Library Ministry may be the ministry just for you! We meet once a month on the last Tuesday of the month at noon for approximately 1 hour to discuss ways to encourage use of our library and to generate interest in serving our congregation through book fairs, free lending of materials and media, and other projects.

Come join us at our next scheduled meeting March 26 at Noon in the library, located on the 2nd Floor, Rm E231N (turn left as you exit the elevator.) We invite you and your good ideas to promote Library Ministry.



Fackler-Schnell Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, April 1st, 12:45 PM

Watters Creek Golf Club, Allen Tx

Cost - \$50, includes cart and range balls.

Response needed no later than Tuesday March 26 to confirm registration. Dave Rohde, 214.693.7154 - cell or email daver1130@aol.com.

Messiah Serves: Social Ministries and Outreach

Touching Lives Through Christ

Dawn Johnson – 972-948-8966 – dawnmj@fastmail.net



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.

MITZI MILK FUND SERVICE PROJECT

Our Mitzi Milk Fund Service Project is just around the corner! For those who haven't met Mitzi yet, she is an almost life-sized calf with a plastic bottle for a tummy which is used to collect donations on behalf of the NETWORK of Community Ministries. This project helps to raise funds for fresh milk.



KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY CENTERS

- Allen Community Outreach – 801 East Main Street, Allen, TX. 75002
<https://www.acocares.org/>
- Assistance Center of Collin County – 900 E. 18th Street, Plano, TX. 75074
<https://assistancecenter.org/>
- Good Samaritans of Garland, Inc. – 214 North 12th Street, Garland, TX. 75040
<https://www.goodsamofgarland.org/>
- Network of Community Ministries – 1500 International Parkway, Richardson TX 75081
<https://thenetwork.org/>



Visit our Social Ministry & Outreach table located across from the gift shop to learn more about the community centers listed above. In their continual efforts to provide shelter, food and other services these community centers have a list of needs and supplies they can always use. Information regarding needs, supplies and volunteer opportunities listed on their websites. ***I also encourage you to ask about taking a tour, it is a great way to understand their needs and see the impact they make in our communities.***

ONGOING COLLECTION PROJECTS

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



If you would like more information about our Social Ministries & Outreach programs or Lutherans for Life and the opportunities, we have to Share God's Light, **I can be reached at dawnmj@fastmail.net.**



Thrivent members, remember to direct your Choice Dollars from 2023 before Easter. You can do this by calling 1-800-847-4836.



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Birthdays

David Thode	3/1	Dan Dover	3/8	Andrew Kuehn	3/14	Dawn Johnson	3/24
Heather Honig	3/1	Carter Kosharek	3/8	Evelyn Thomason	3/14	Madison Abbruzzese	3/24
Bert Ma	3/1	Connie O'Dea	3/8	Tyler Smith	3/14	John Randle	3/24
Laura Worthen	3/2	Colleen Whaley	3/8	Emma Becker	3/15	Sam Maisch	3/24
Michelle Wilson	3/2	Timothy Bensen	3/8	Hailey Chester	3/15	Yukiko Randall	3/25
Mark Fischer	3/2	Georgia Easley	3/9	Matthew Collins	3/15	Mike Bruning	3/25
Rick Siedelmann	3/2	Doris Fletcher	3/9	Wayne Farrington	3/16	Katherine Steele	3/25
Madilyn Belisle	3/2	Caleb Pickrell	3/9	Joette Rider	3/16	Adam Bowling	3/25
Haley Case	3/2	Garrett Schuster	3/9	Rebecca L. West	3/16	Bart Scott	3/25
Tim Bender	3/3	Norah Mueller	3/9	Brenda Lovitt	3/16	Mary Theriault	3/25
Samantha Timmons	3/3	Paul Nelson	3/10	Julie Lenihan	3/16	Jonathon Muniz	3/25
Nick Weber	3/3	Barbara Wolkenstein	3/10	Fred Duchow	3/16	Caroline Most	3/25
Ryan Weber	3/3	Connor McCary	3/10	Becky Brown	3/16	Sam Samuelson	3/26
Sandi Reynolds	3/3	David Cole	3/10	Talya Tackel	3/16	Janet Mueller	3/26
Cole Schroeter	3/3	Alex DeLaPena	3/10	Levi Seals	3/16	Matt Sweitzer	3/26
Harper Anderlik	3/3	Eric Boerneke	3/10	Hannah Howes	3/16	Bob Whaling	3/26
Alyssa Mayberry	3/4	Dan Rystrom	3/10	Larry Plunkett	3/17	Martha Smith	3/26
Will Sharkey	3/4	Sylvia Lehman	3/11	Jill Turner	3/17	Beth Sokolyk	3/26
Liberty Nesbit	3/4	Patrick Fulmer	3/11	Sean Anderson	3/17	Stephanie Thode	3/26
Matthew Fulmer	3/4	Donna Shirsty	3/11	Douglas Jordan	3/17	Ryan Quisenberry	3/26
Marilyn Huechteman	3/5	Katelyn Berkland	3/11	Chuck Hays	3/18	Teri Gregson	3/27
Michele Bender	3/5	Nancy Gardner	3/11	Paul Pritchett	3/18	Donna Elfers	3/27
Austin Schwartz	3/5	Isabel Rodriguez	3/11	Pat Ibarra	3/18	Donna Shuler	3/27
David Elfers	3/5	Kathy Koeneman	3/11	Steve Luce	3/19	Bettye Amick	3/27
Karl Schrader	3/5	Claire McGraw	3/11	Jacob Farrington	3/19	Greyson Walling	3/27
Heather Gianatasio	3/5	Stephen Taylor	3/11	Asher Willard	3/19	Justin Hettich	3/27
Brenalyn Sweitzer	3/6	Paula Scroggins	3/12	Norma Miller	3/19	Samantha Kyser	3/27
Nicole Vogler	3/6	Sara Vogler	3/12	Kim Schmitz	3/20	Jack Karhu	3/28
Natalie Carpenter	3/6	Courtney Sloan	3/12	Kara Tobaben	3/20	Susan Molina	3/28
Sherry Moyer	3/6	Xavier Ladishew	3/12	Jason Belisle	3/20	Lydia Reynolds	3/28
Leslie Mensching	3/6	Sydney Muong	3/12	Jim Nilmeier	3/21	Kelly Wasemiller	3/29
Brent Luecke	3/6	Regan Parks	3/12	Lor Smith	3/21	Sophia Guerra	3/29
Hannah Sandlin	3/6	Ellie Bruns	3/12	Barbara Looney	3/21	Don Wallace	3/29
Andrew Guerra	3/7	Gene Brinkman	3/13	Bianca Kovach	3/21	Dianne Kiehne	3/30
Kimble Bewley	3/7	Josh Ruggeberg	3/13	Steve Naber	3/21	Michael McCary	3/30
Donna Roberts	3/7	Cora Maldonado	3/13	Anna Claussner	3/21	Mary Jane Tobaben	3/31
Grace Marston	3/7	Lori Mann	3/13	Lauren Toledo	3/21	Brady B. Roberge	3/31
Sasha Patterson	3/7	Clint Trout	3/13	Bailey Sloas	3/21	Rich Gross	3/31
Shawn Satre	3/7	Alice Schiefer	3/13	Janet Binder	3/22	Toby Haferman	3/31
David Olsin	3/8	Chris Trimpe	3/14	Katie Blankinship	3/22	Bruce Heller	3/31
Kristi Ruggeberg	3/8	Traci Unger	3/14	Kathleen Plunkett	3/23	Sloane Becker	3/31
Linda Karpyak	3/8	Abby Hauenstein	3/14	Stephanie Koch	3/23	Nathan Newell	3/31
Lola Katterman	3/8	Steve Matz	3/14	Dylan Ostrom	3/23	Caleb Townes	3/31
				Rowan Heller	3/23	Scarlet Walling	3/31
				Emma Kuecher	3/23	Ryan Janowski	3/31
				Cheryl Cates	3/23	Autumn Knoernschild	3/31
				Colin Rosendahl	3/23		
				Cindy Heller	3/24		



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Anniversaries

John & Katherine Douglas	3/1/1969	Scott & Karen Southard	3/16/1996
Michael & Tarabeth Gertsch	3/1/2014	Ricky & Tiffany Nelson	3/16/2020
Bob Sands & Cheryl Meyer	3/4/2000	Chris & Shannon Whitesell	3/17/2001
Clint & Angela Trout	3/4/2000	Michael & Gilly Chrisman	3/19/1994
Steve & Erinne Naber	3/6/2010	Tim & Marla Johnson	3/19/1977
Ron & Rebecca Fazio	3/7/2020	Aaron & Laura Mayberry	3/20/2004
David & Lou Kastendick	3/8/2005	Jim & Cecile Harton	3/21/1970
Craig & Jessica Reichert	3/8/2013	Justin & Andrea Mersiovsky	3/21/2009
Bill & Carol Ann Krumm	3/9/1968	Niki & Robert Melear	3/21/1981
Scott & Lauren Beetley	3/10/2012	Rick & Deby Redle	3/22/1975
Lucas & Cindy Barnes	3/10/2012	Craig & Michelle Winkler	3/24/2012
Nathan & Amanda Dennett	3/12/2005	John & Sharon Lampton	3/25/1967
Steve & Erin Baker	3/12/2011	Vern & Aida Sorenson	3/25/1966
Dan & Jackie Beyer	3/14/1992	Jeffrey & Cynthia Lampton	3/26/2016
		Jason & Ruth LaRose	3/26/1994
		Colin & Linda Rosendahl	3/27/2004
		Jim & Carol Kesterson	3/28/1959
		Tory & Lori Phelps	3/29/2008
		Danny & Lori Trussell	3/31/2013



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH	4 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 6:15 PM-JULIETS 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	5 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	6 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Children's Choir 6:00 PM-Family Lenten Service 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Traditional Lenten Service	7 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class	8	9 8:00 AM-Elder's Meeting
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24 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM-Worship Celebration 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School 11:00 AM-Worship Celebration 5:00 PM-MESH	25 4:00 PM True Beginners Line Dance 5:00 PM-Love on the Line Dancing 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	26 5:00 PM-Good Times Line Dance 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:15 PM-Sanctuary Choir	27 6:30 PM-JAM 7:00 PM-Holy Wednesday Service	28 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 7:00 PM-Maundy Thursday	29 12:00 PM-Good Friday service 7:00 PM-Good Friday service	30
31  8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM-Easter Worship	<div> *Please check with the church office for room location on all events. </div>					

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

Worship Opportunities in March

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| 3rd- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion | |
| 6th- | Lenten Services-Family-6:00 PM/Traditional-7:00 PM | |
| 10th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion |  |
| 13th- | Lenten Services-Family-6:00 PM/Traditional-7:00 PM | |
| 17th- | Worship Celebration-Holy Communion |  |
| 20th- | Lenten Services-Family-6:00 PM/Traditional-7:00 PM | |
| 24th- | Palm Sunday Worship Celebration-Holy Communion | |
| 27th- | Holy Wednesday Worship Celebration-7:00 PM | |
| 28th- | Maundy Thursday Service-7:00 PM-Holy Communion | |
| 29th- | Good Friday Services-12:00 Noon/7:00 PM-Holy Communion | |
| 31st- | Easter Worship Celebration-8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM-Holy Communion | |