

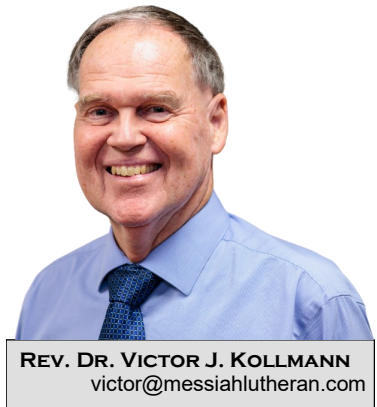


# ***THE MESSENGER***

## **SPECIAL HANDS**

Grandpa, ninety years old, was sitting on a patio bench, looking at his hands. His grandson walked by and said, "Grandpa, I don't want to disturb you, but are you okay?"

Grandpa said, "Have you ever looked at your hands? Think about how your hands have served you in your life. Your hands have put food in your mouth and clothes on your back. They tied your shoes and pulled up your boots. You can fold them in prayer. I have used my hands to hold my newborn children. I have decorated my hand with a wedding band, showing that I am married to someone very special. My hands trembled when I buried my parents and when I walked my daughter down the aisle. And even though I am old, these hands hold me up and I can fold them in prayer. But most importantly, with these hands, God will reach out to me and take me home. With my hands, He will lift me to His side. And there I will use my hands to touch the face of Jesus."



REV. DR. VICTOR J. KOLLMANN  
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Look at your hands. Think about all the amazing things that God has done for you with your hands. One day, you too will touch the face of Jesus with your hands and feel His hands on your face.

## **NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

On Sunday, August 31, at 11:00 A.M. we will begin a Contemporary Worship Service in our new Celebration Hall in our Life Center. Pastor Detrie and Pastor Lee will be leading this service with our Praise Team. I encourage you to check out this new worship opportunity.

We will continue to offer our Traditional Worship Service at 8:30 A.M. and our Blended Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary on Sundays.

Also, we will continue our Traditional Wednesday Evening Worship Service at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

We thank God that we have many opportunities to worship our Great God each week!

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

Many plans are in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.  
Proverbs 19:21

# *A Word From Pastor Lee*



## **Backpacks, Blessings, and God's Care**



August 10 was a joyful day at Messiah! We gathered for our annual *Backpack Blessing*—a special moment to send our students into a new school year with prayer, encouragement, and the reminder that God goes with them every step of the way.

Over sixty kids came forward, their backpacks slung over their shoulders and smiles (and maybe a few jitters) on their faces. We prayed that God would guard and guide them in their learning, keep them safe, give them good friends, and help them shine His light in their schools.

In a world that can sometimes feel uncertain, it's a comfort to know that Jesus promises to us, "*I am with you always*" (Matthew 28:20). That promise isn't just for grown-ups—it's for children too. Whether they're studying math, eating lunch in the cafeteria, or riding the bus home, the Lord is with them.

It was also a blessing to see so many parents, grandparents, and members of our congregation gathered to support these young ones. Your prayers, your smiles, and your encouragement matter. You are helping them see what it looks like to follow Jesus at every stage of life.

Let's keep these students in our prayers in the weeks ahead. And maybe, when you see a backpack, let it be a reminder to pray: "*Lord, bless our children and keep them in Your care.*"

***-Pastor Lee***

# *A Word From Pastor Detrie*



PASTOR JACE DETRIE  
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To my fellow Saints,

I wanted to share this month a bit about the online devotional that I do every week and why I do it. I started doing an online devotional back in 2020 because of Covid. It was a way to not only connect to people stuck at home, but it served to spread the hope we have in Christ Jesus a little bit every day. I know that I sometimes struggle with being in the Word for myself and so it also became a way for me to be connected to God everyday as well. Today it serves pretty much the same purpose. We are busy with our jobs, families and other activities and so the online devotional is a way that we can spend about ten minutes a day being connected to our Lord. As we go about our daily task, we are reminded of who we are as children of God and approach the day as such.

I keep it simple. I go book by book in the Bible and one chapter at a time. I talk about it and try to share an insight or two that might be helpful. Nothing fancy, just reading the Bible to gain understanding and grow closer to Jesus. My prayer is that it does this for everyone who watches or listens to it.

If interested, my online devotional is live Monday through Thursday every week. I go live every morning between 8:15 am and 8:40 am depending on traffic. I go live on our church Facebook page. If you want to watch on Facebook simply type Messiah Lutheran Church in Facebook and look for our logo. You can also watch it after 9 am on our YouTube channel which is: messiahlutheranplano. Once on YouTube you can look under the videos tab or the podcast tab.

I hope you enjoy them and that they help to bring you closer to our Lord Jesus.

In God,  
Pastor Detrie

# FROM YOUR CORNER OF ENGAGE

THE ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY OF MESSIAH

## YOUR PLACE.YOUR IMPACT.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT STAR

**Joseph  
Schinnerer**



⚓ A Heart Anchored in Christ ⚓

The greatest *Impact* rises from hidden places, where unwavering *Service* meets a tender *Heart*.

Embodying a steadfast, humble, committed servant's posture, Joseph's "Always there, wherever needed" example, reflects Christ in the truest way: never seeking accolades, only seeking to serve.

The strength of HIS Kingdom is often built in places *few ever see*.  
Joseph's:

### FAITH IN ACTION

👤 **Elder of the Church**

🎵 **Music Ministry**

Cantor for Traditional Services

Choir

Hand Bells

👤 **Co-Leader:**

Young Adults Sunday School

Young Adults: College & Career Ministry  
(weekly + monthly events)

**Ministry Team Volunteer:**

🔥 IGNITE & BLAZE Youth Groups

🐾 Comfort Dog Ministry

🏰 VBS, Fall Festival, Churchwide Events

### **A Leader for This Generation**

In a time when many young men have drifted from the church\*, Joseph leads with a friendly spirit, steady faith & a life rooted in God's Word. His example calls us *all higher*—showing that when service flows from love, the Kingdom impact multiplies *far beyond* what we can see.

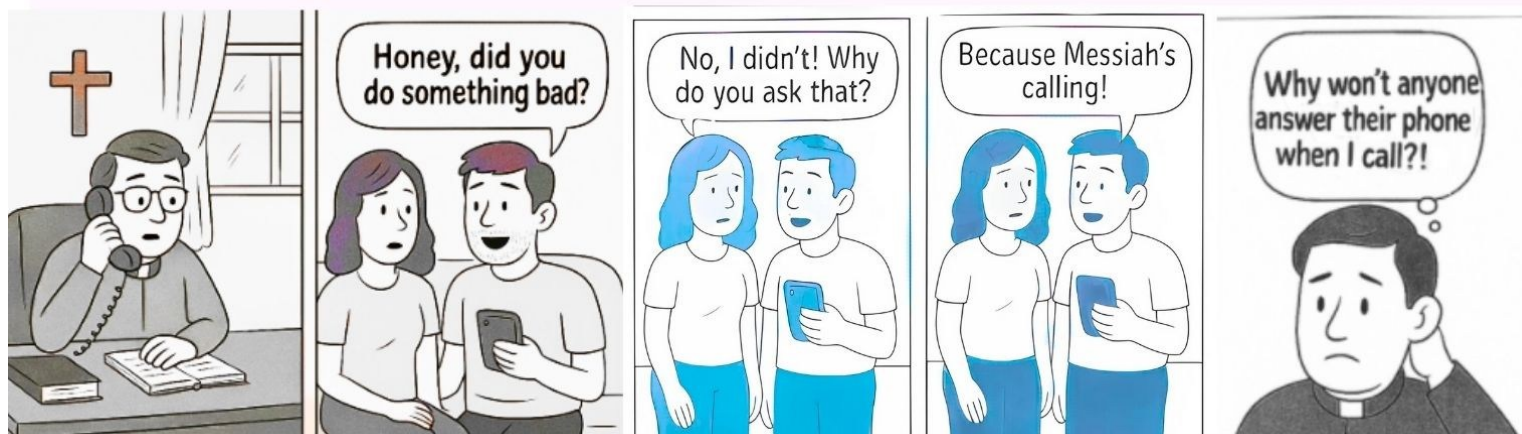
\*AP News: [Christianity Decline in the US](#)

Christian identification in the U.S. dropped from: 78% in 2007 to 62% in 2024

Of those: 46% of youngest adults identifying as Christian vs. 80% of older adults



# LAUGHTER AS MEDICINE



**Comic Creation & Storyline by:**

Rudy Buchwald  
Rosemary Buchwald  
Max Buchwald  
Jeff Buchwald

-A **true account** from  
Rosemary's sister-

## ON THE HORIZON

### ✦ A 3-Night Journey to the Truth That Sets You Free ✦

No pressure. No pop quizzes. Just *answers* that matter.



Ever wonder...

- Is real *peace* even possible?
- Can I be *free* of guilt?
- How do I know what's *true*?

Find out in Pastor Kollmann's Adult Information Class

### Your 3-Week Invitation to Something Better

- ✦ Discover a "**Peace & Release**" from sin, guilt, and deception
- ♥ Learn about God's unstoppable *love* for you
- 📖 Understand what **Lutherans believe**—clearly & engagingly
- 👤 Meet Pastor Kollmann—fun, real and pressure-free
- 👂 Ask questions—or simply *listen*
- 🔄 Your Lutheran foundation **refreshed** while getting to *know* Pastor better

**When:**

- Tuesday, Aug 26
  - Tuesday, Sept 2
  - Tuesday, Sept 9
- 6:30–8:00 PM**

**Where:**

Messiah's Reception  
Room by  
"The Lamp" Giftshop

**Cost:**

**Free**

(babysitting with advance request when you RSVP)

**Time Commitment:**

Only 3 weeks—short enough to try, deep enough to change you

### Come Curious. Leave Confident.

No cost. No homework. Just truth worth knowing.

**RSVP by August 20<sup>th</sup>**

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IN HIS SERVICE,  
NATALIE  
CARPENTER

# ENGAGE

THE ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY OF MESSIAH

He saved them from the hand  
of the foe; from the hand of  
the enemy he redeemed them.  
Ps 106:10



Karrie Looney

Kingdom Women  
Ministries

kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com

## Small Group/Large Group Bible Study

Large and Small group will be going  
through Mary and Martha this month.

Small Groups:

9/8 at 7pm -@ Mary Jane Tobaben's  
House

9/11 at 6pm @ Church room E237N

Large group:

9/20 at 10am @ Church - Upstairs  
Multipurpose room.

## JULIETs

*Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together*

JULIETs Dining Out for September .  
(all women invited)

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> , 6:00pm  
El Norte Mexican Restaurant  
2205 W Parker Rd  
Plano 75023

Calendar NEWS  
LETTER



<https://tinyurl.com/hw2mjрма>



<https://tinyurl.com/3u3b89y7>

Register for all events on Realm or by emailing: Kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com

## KINGDOM WOMEN BOOK CLUB

Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

We will be meeting in the Youth Room at church  
We will be going through the book *The Children Act*  
by Ian McEwan

Register on Realm or by emailing:  
kingdomwomen@messiahlutheran.com

## Messiah Vendor Fair

September 6<sup>th</sup> 1 -3pm

Church Gymnasium

Join us for an afternoon of shopping, food, and fun!  
We'll have over 20 amazing vendors offering a wide variety  
of unique goods—there's something for everyone!

## Feed My Starving Children

Friday 9/12 at 5 - 6:45pm

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship as we  
pack meals for those in need.

## Top Golf Social Event

Saturday, September 27th

6 - 8 pm

Top Golf in Allen

1500 Andrews Parkway - Allen

No experience needed! Fun for all skill and  
ability levels.

Cost \$25 due at registration.



Thanks to all of you for helping **LWML** make the Personal Care Kits that were part of the recovery for our Texas neighbors. Please remember to add to the needed list by placing items on the table in front of The Lamp Gift Shop and help load the truck on Saturday, **November 8**, from 9 to 2. I am sharing information sent by **Lutheran World Relief** below:

**“Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** makes beautiful things happen when it answers God’s call to love our neighbors. On July 4, catastrophic flooding swept through central Texas. Thanks to faithful ministry and emergency giving, hundreds of families had emergency supplies in their hands within 12 hours.

In the early days, compassion was provided with Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits as well as distributing emergency food, water, tarps, clean up kits, hygiene supplies, and clothing to people whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

LWR and our partners continue to assess needs and—with your generous support—will expand our responses as we are able”



## Here are a few thoughts as you are enjoying your summer:

- Please bring your items for the Lutheran World Relief kits that we put together in the fall. It is not too early to start shopping! We need nail clippers, bars of soap, sturdy combs, dark colored, light -weight bath towels, nail clippers, and toothbrushes. There is a basket on the table for donations.
- We are still taking the fronts (without writing) on greeting cards to the Denton State School. Please put them on the LWML table by The Lamp Gift Shop.
- The collection of Mites is very important for the LWML. Please place your change, or dollars, in the Mite box on the LWML table. We send these to help with the mission goals of the LWML. This is for you men, also!

## Save the date:

**Wednesday, September 10 at 11** will have a short business meeting, install new officers, hear a short presentation by Judy Samuelson, and share a delicious potluck lunch.

I look forward to hearing about your summer and planning LWML events for the coming year.

**Saturday, November 8, from 9 to 3** the truck loading for Lutheran World Relief is on. We need your help—**especially men and youth!**

**Sunday, December 7** the **Bake and Craft Sale**

Thanks to everyone who is supporting **LWML** in these missions.  
Mary Jane Tobaben, President



# IGNITE YOUTH

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,

which is in you

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**5-6th Grade**—Meet Upstairs in the old Youth Room at 9:45 AM, then head to their class.

**Confirmed Youth**—Meet in the New Youth Room with Closing announcements at 10:40 AM.

### MIDWEEK 6:00—7:30 PM

Tuesdays—IGNITE SPARK, for 5th—8th Grade

Wednesdays—IGNITE BLAZE for Confirmed Youth

### SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER 5:00—7:00 PM

7th—BLAZE on Sundays, Confirmed Youth

14th—IGNITE, ALL Youth Back to School Bash

21st—Mission Team Information Meeting, BLAZE and IGNITE

28th—SPARK on Sundays, 5th—8th Grade



Parents—Please scan the code and complete the linked survey.



## RECESS RETREAT

Middle Schoolers grades 5th—8th

Date: October 3-4

Registration Closes on September 14th.

## YOUTH PRAISE TEAM

COMING SOON  
Stay Tuned

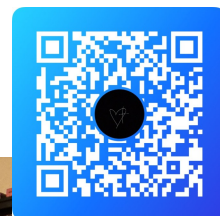


### Young Adults—College and Career

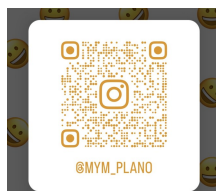
Bible Study at 9:45 AM, room E247N  
**September 21st — El Fenix 810 N. Central Expy. #100 Plano, TX 75074**  
12:00 Noon.

Reach out to Ginny Wilson 214-728-4901 or Joseph Schinnerer 682-667-8806.

Join the GroupMe to receive up to date information!



Stay connected!  
Youth and Parents join our Group Me Pages



Parents...if you are not receiving emails about upcoming events, please check your settings in Realm. If you have customized your settings, please make sure your email is set to be received by leaders.

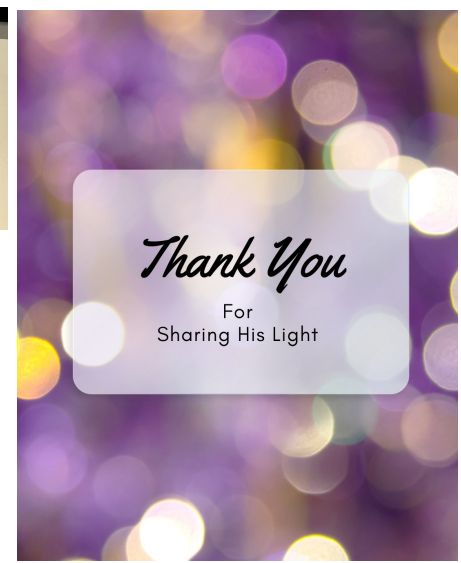
Contact Jodi Sorenson

Email YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com

214-649-4720 mobile







## A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Amazing Youth Ministry Volunteers

Summer is our *Super Bowl*, and 2025 was a championship season because of you!

From our dedicated Sunday School teaching teams—faithfully helping our youth dig deep into God’s Word—to the drivers who safely transported us to and from events, you made ministry happen.

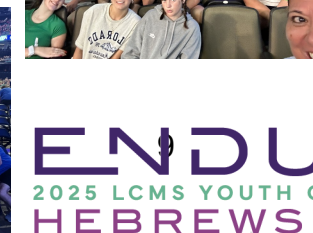
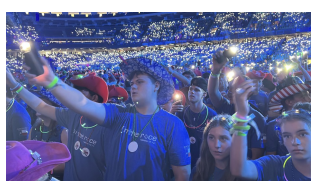
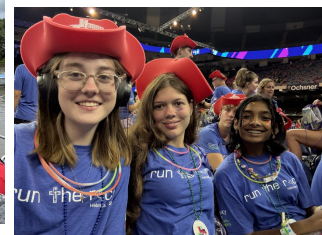
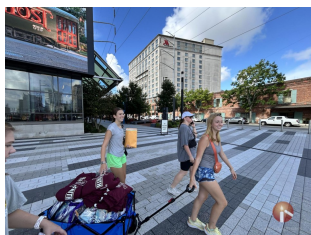
To the incredible team of ten who walked with our youth through the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, mentoring them as they learned to *Endure* in their faith—you were a living example of Christ’s love in action.

To our Confirmation Teaching Team and Praise Team, who helped create special moments that rooted our students in their identity in Christ—you left a mark on their hearts that will last for years.

To those who worked behind the scenes—baking cookies, setting up our confirmation brunch, preparing meals, snapping priceless photos—you are the unsung heroes of our summer. Each of you is a *Rock Star*.

Your time, energy, and love for the next generation are gifts beyond measure, and our youth are stronger in their faith because of you.

**Now we look ahead to the 2025–26 ministry year**—and we need you! It takes many caring adults to make youth ministry possible. Whether you can teach, drive, mentor, cook, organize, or simply show up and cheer kids on, there’s a place for you. Join us as we invest in the next generation of Christ-followers! Email Jodi at [youthmin@messiahlutheran.com](mailto:youthmin@messiahlutheran.com)





# *New- \*Sing Out My Soul-Hymn Sing\**

Every 3rd Thursday –beginning September 18, 2025  
Chapel – 7-8pm










**DOROTHY SHERROD**  
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*We'll take requests of hymns  
from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB hymnal)*

*Come explore and sing with us!  
Hymnals will be provided or you can bring your own  
Led by: Joseph Schinnerer and Dorothy Sherrod*

**September** is the kick-off for all choirs!  
Come join in singing, ringing and playing praise to the Lord!

Here is the schedule:

TUESDAYS		WEDNESDAYS	
	<b>Joyful Ringers</b> 6:00-7:00 pm Sanctuary Balcony <i>Starts September 2nd</i>		<b>Kingdom Kids</b> E201S 6:00-6:50 pm <i>Starts September 3rd</i>
	<b>Sanctuary Choir</b> 7:05-8:30 pm Sanctuary Balcony <i>Starts September 2nd</i>		<b>Praise Team II</b> 6:30 pm Celebration Hall <i>Meets year round</i>
			<b>Sanctuary Orchestra</b> 7:00-8:15 pm Choir room-E201S <i>Starts October 1st</i>
SUNDAYS			
	<b>Praise Team I</b> 9:45 am Sanctuary Balcony <i>Meets year round</i>	<b>Questions?</b> Contact Dorothy Sherrod 972-398-7507 dorothy@messiahlutheran.com	
	<b>Praise Team II</b> 9:45 am Celebration Hall <i>Meets year round</i>	<i>In Our Music, God is Glorified</i>	

# News from Messiah Lambs



**AMY MYERS,**  
**LAMBS SCHOOL DIRECTOR**  
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Messiah Lambs is back in school. We opened our doors to 130 children on August 13th and are spending our days learning about Jesus, making new friends, and trying new things. We are learning about the armor that God gives us to help us be ready to protect our hearts and defend Him in our classrooms and during chapel. If you would like to watch our Chapel services, they are live-streamed on the Messiah Lutheran Church page on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

We started this year with 23 staff members. Sunday, August 17th. Please join me in praying for and encouraging these ladies throughout the year.

*Angie Chala, Michelle Ellis, Kelley Farrell, Jackie Ford, Debra Friestad, Sandra Gonzales, Kristy Haferman, Jordan Humphries, Pepe Huse, Dawn Johnson, Vimala Kanda, Carrie Kaschmitter, Cathy Kaschmitter, Amy Myers, Lourdes Patino, Linda Roberge, Carmen Rowan, Tiffany Salgado, Zhian Smith, Paige Voorhees, Petra Walker-Smith, Camille Wells, & Joan Wilson.*

I'd like to thank Don Johnson for all the work he did to help the Lambs prepare for the new school year, Pastor Lee, and Danny Ladishew for leading and running tech for Chapel, and Natalie Carpenter for helping out during the Lambs Meet the Teacher and on the first day of school. It takes a village to run a school smoothly.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**Sept 1: No School, Labor Day**

**Sept 30-Oct 1: School Picture Day**







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KidMin Director  
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**"God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1**



Melinda Kellerman  
KidMin Assistant  
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School is BACK in Session and so is SUNDAY SCHOOL! Let's Go! August was jammed packed with all the wrap up of Summer Sunday School, Training all of our AMAZING Volunteers, leaning into understanding the importance of Devotions as a Family and celebrating the kick-off of our Fall Semester with RALLY DAY! (PLUS how AMAZING that it aligned with the launch of our new Contemporary Service! PRAISE GOD!) September we are starting strong with our Grandparents day celebration and ending with our Praise Footprint for our 4 Year Olds..plus everything in between! Don't forget to check out our online newsletter for even MORE KidMin stuff. Scan the QR code above or find it here: [tinyurl.com/KMMinute](http://tinyurl.com/KMMinute)



## NEW CLASS ALERT!!!

Do you have  
a TWO YEAR  
OLD?

Have you  
checked your  
mail recently?  
We have a  
class for you!

**Join us September 7th**  
and EVERY Sunday!  
For Sunday School @ 9:45AM

There's a **NEW 2 year old** class in Room  
**E111S!** It's for you and your adult!

Come and see!



## Calling ALL Grandparents! You're Invited!

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45AM- Join your Grand or  
Adopt a Grand in Opening!



## FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH PRAISE

4 Years Old & their Families!  
Join us September 21st @ 9am in the  
DINING ROOM

REGISTER HERE:



WE WILL DISCOVER HOW WE CAN PRAISE GOD  
THROUGH MUSIC AND MEET SPECIAL GUEST,  
**MS. DOROTHY!**



## FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
OCTOBER 19, 2023  
3-6PM

REALM TRUCK SIGNUP  
COMING SOON!



Messiah Serves: Our Social Ministries & Outreach  
Dawn Johnson – 972-948-8966 – [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net)



**CONTINUING AN OPPORTUNITY to SUPPORT our Friends at  
Good Samaritans of Garland!  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER!**

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE COLLECTION AREA NEXT TO THE FAMILY  
ROOM**

**Student Week-End Bags ~**

- Individual, shelf stable milk (details on the Social Ministries table)
- Individual cereal cups
- Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-Os, Spaghetti and Meatballs with Pop Tops
- Canned Soups (chicken noodle, chicken and stars, chicken and rice) with Pop Tops
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs
- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Individual Peanut Butter Squeeze Pouches

**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](mailto: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/>

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**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](mailto:dawnmj@fastmail.net) .**

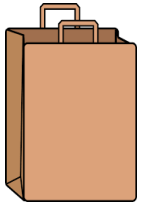


## Our Fall Service Projects Are Just Around the Corner...



*Fall Harvest/Thanksgiving Boxes for Meals on Wheels* - Every year Social Ministries and Outreach participates in a service project benefiting local Meals on Wheels clients. Mid-October through early November, we will shop for food to fill Fall Harvest/Thanksgiving boxes, which will be distributed to local Meals on Wheels clients just before Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful and touching service project we do each year that I encourage you to participate in.

*Thanksgiving Bags to support Good Samaritans of Garland, Inc.* - In addition to our Thanksgiving boxes for the Meals on Wheels clients in our neighborhoods, we also have an opportunity to help local families in need! Good Samaritans of Garland continues to experience growth in the number of families needing food assistance.



### ON GOING PROJECT



Please note the grocery carts for donated food items going to The Network are back in our donation area next to the Family Room across from the Sanctuary. I'm excited to have our newly renovated collection area!

Questions about any of our collection projects you can contact me at [dawnmj@fastmail.net](mailto: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/>



Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST Ministries) is a Christian non-profit organization that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world, in response to requests from missionaries and church bodies. MOST Ministries provides for the physical and spiritual needs of more than 10,000 people each year by connecting Goers, Senders and Receivers. It is a commitment to the Great Commission that has compelled MOST Ministries to go far and near for the sake of the Gospel since 1989.

This ministry is sending 28 mission teams to 12 countries, who will bring smiles to those coming through one of their MOST clinics. With dust, intense sun and cooking over an open fire, eye protection becomes an important part of their eyeglass clinics.



MOST ministries is a part of LWML missions to help those in need, so I am asking your help of your non-prescription sunglasses as well as regular glasses. On our LWML table there is a basket for these glasses. Thank you so much for your help; not only will these glasses help with vision but also share the seed of faith for each clinic attendee.





## Messiah's Men's Ministry September 27th

As we celebrate Labor Day, it offers an opportunity to consider the deeper, spiritual significance of our work here on earth. By dedicating our work to God, we invite His presence into our daily activities, infusing them with purpose and meaning. When we begin to see our work from God's point of view, our attitude will be much different. We'll begin to realize that God gave our work to us, and because of this it has dignity, importance and when we align our efforts with God's will, our labor gains significance. As we enjoy this day, let's commit to honoring God in all that we do, recognizing that our work is a reflection of His creation.

**Proverbs 16:3** states, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Messiah's Men's Ministry continues their daily devotional reading from Martin Luther, "Through Faith Alone". We continue to stress and encourage one another to be in God's Word daily! (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We will also be emphasizing daily prayer time where we can spend time 1 X1 with our Lord.

Tim Napier and Chris DuBois will be leading us in study topics on "being a Godly man in today's times and discussing defending our faith on all occasions." We will continue our sharing during each discussion.

We continue to meet in the large classroom on the 1st floor of the church, 8:00AM-9:30AM.

We welcome all men to come and join us.

We look forward to where God will lead us all in 2025.

For more information contact:

**Tim Napier** @ reaper308@me.com OR

**Jerry Baedke** @ jbaedke@pptconsultingtx.com



Messiah Lamb's Service Project



# TRITON COMFORT DOG MINISTRY

## On the road again



Lutheran Church Charities 2025 Conference with Amy Plenger, Katherine Wolfe and Steve and Marti Matz attending, "plus a few others" and approximately 100 Golden Retrievers!!

The theme for the conference was Isaiah 40:1, "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." Lots of learning, training, fellowship and new friends made.



Onto South Central Texas the following week, Marti Matz and Amy Plenger were there to share comfort, prayers, hugs, and the Light of Jesus with those who have lost loved ones and the hurting communities from the Guadalupe flood.

When making plans to attend the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Conference, none of us attending imagined how soon after we would be deploying to the Hill Country. We couldn't fathom the

scope of the loss and devastation these communities were, are, and will be facing for months and years to come. Yet God knew. In hindsight, the theme of the conference was spot on. "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1

Weeks before, I thought about how I could learn and grow and be encouraged, while God was planning to make sure we became better comforters because we would be called upon immediately. By the time we arrived at the conference, deployment plans were forming. So it was time to absorb all that God had prepared in advance.

We learned that the first verse of chapter 40 is the turning point in the book of Isaiah where despair begins to turn to hope. The word comfort is not spoken as a suggestion, but an imperative command to all of God's people. We were reminded that the Holy Spirit would be with us and encourage us and give us the words to say and the prayers to pray. We heard from speakers who advised that there is no peace or comfort without being aligned with God. We were urged to contain our emotions in a moment of crisis, regardless of the circumstances, because calmness is contagious. We were reminded to take care of ourselves so we could continue to comfort others, because there is no spiritual first aid without self aid. We were bolstered with many verses to take to heart: Ps 34:18; Joshua 1:5; Romans 8:26.

Our "job" is to notice who is hurting, be present, and listen as they share, so that we can be their lifeline to Christ. People of the Hill Country community responded to comfort offered through petting Triton "He's so soft!" Comfort Dog, sometimes sharing their experiences, horrific as they were, even breaking down and crying with strangers who offered a safe space to do so. We could hear their pain, simply touch their shoulders, or hug them, as they let it all out. So many times, the opportunity to pray wasn't even a question, as the Holy Spirit led the way. I've never hugged so many people I had never met before in my life. Near the end of our conversations, I would laugh through tears and ask, "By the way, what is your name now that we've cried/hugged/prayed together? I'm Amy."

The geographic devastation is overwhelming at first, and the size of the debris piles are hard to take in, with photos barely capturing the impact. That soon leads to the internal, emotional devastation of all who are connected to and grieving those lost in the river. Although the flood waters receded, the damage is deep and will not heal quickly. But the love and hope and outpouring of selflessness shown in the Hill Country was amazing to witness. I believe what we saw may be a pretty close parallel to what the early church modeled. Whatever someone needed, someone else showed up and gave it freely. Those who could search the waters did so. Those who could haul debris or muck out of homes made that their focus. Those who had organizational skills and space kept the supply donations flowing smoothly. Those with extra space, or even an empty school, made it into lodging for the volunteer teams. Those who could cook did so constantly, with ingredients donated by those who had funds to share. And yes, the local BBQ is unmatched! Everyone who received anything showed gratitude, thanking especially those who had traveled into the area to help. There is a firm base of faith in Christ in that area of our state, and a whole lot more who are interested in learning about this hope that endures or this peace that passes all understanding. I pray that our church family finds more ways to continue to support the Hill Country communities and share from the talents and blessings that God has freely given to each one of us.

Submitted by Amy Plenger



**Come celebrate Triton's 7th Anniversary at Messiah Plano, September 7th between services!**

## FREE TAI CHI CLASSES FOR MEN & WOMEN MEETS ON THURSDAYS at 11:15AM

Led by member Rob Lovgren

Contact: [rlvg@verizon.net](mailto:rlvg@verizon.net)

in Education Building Room E216S



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Tai Chi is the ultimate internal martial art and exercise. It is meditative and an excellent combination of firm and soft movements which helps achieve coordination, self-control, and balance. Tai Chi strengthens the mind and spirit and regulates the central nervous system to relieve stress. Tai Chi is a preventative exercise for people of all ages.

This is a low-impact, slow-motion exercise with movements usually circular and never forced, the muscles are relaxed rather than tensed, the joints are not fully extended and bent.

## Dedication of Life Center

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 8:30am

In the Sanctuary

Please join us in thanking the architect team, construction team,  
and the building committee!



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WORKING TOGETHER BEING AVAILABLE  
ANSWERING THE CALL  
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS  
STEPPING UP  
ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS  
DISCIPLESHIP  
FOOD PANTRY  
THANK YOU FOR  
SAYING  
YES

If you are looking for a Ministry that doesn't take a lot of your time, then Altar Guild is for you! Individuals or families, everyone is welcome to participate. Altar guild helps with set-up and clean-up of communion. The time requirement for each team is 20-30 minutes before or after each service. The teams are scheduled to serve every 6 weeks or more frequently during special church holidays. It's a great way to get all family members involved in a Ministry. For more information or to sign-up for a team, please contact: **Sharon Hutchison** at 817-475-0792 **OR** **Bear Hutchinson** at 469-685-2773.



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 Brenda Becker 9/1  
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 Aiden Binder 9/1  
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 Jim Tobaben 9/2  
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 Koby Griggs 9/2  
 Sandy Johnson 9/3  
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 Ned Babb 9/9  
 Bonnie Voth 9/9  
 Christopher Abtahi 9/9  
 Kendall Wolkenstein 9/9  
 Gwen Workman 9/9  
 Evan Becker 9/10  
 Lori Phelps 9/10  
 Paige Voorhees 9/10  
 Cheryl Monroe 9/10



# SEPTEMBER

*birthdays & anniversaries*

Rebecca Fazio 9/10  
 Karen Bernhardt 9/10  
 Madison Timmons 9/10  
 Devon Kiehne 9/10  
 Melanie Dotson 9/11  
 Denton Pfister 9/11  
 Matt Dotson 9/11  
 John Swanson 9/11  
 Ann Becvarik 9/11  
 Katy Schweinsberg 9/12  
 Joan Konkel 9/12  
 Pamela Hammond 9/12  
 Katie Albanese 9/12  
 Charlton Hall 9/13  
 Scott Smith 9/13  
 Erin Price 9/13  
 Frederick Strieter 9/14  
 Alexander Beetley 9/14  
 Carrie Davis 9/14  
 Randy Kottwitz 9/14  
 Ede Jozsef Vessey 9/14  
 Rose Babbitt 9/15  
 Ed Chytil 9/15  
 Judy Krizan 9/15  
 Hayden Gullett 9/15  
 Jaclyn Wuebbles 9/15  
 Tate Calhoun 9/15  
 Jaxtyn West 9/15  
 Steve Murphy 9/15  
 Isabella Maisch 9/15  
 Pat Bewley 9/15  
 Ashlyn Sauer 9/15  
 Leyton Gunn 9/15  
 Don Livingston 9/16  
 Kathy Hicks 9/16  
 Shannon Whitesell 9/16  
 Kyle Crittenden 9/16  
 Larry Collins 9/17  
 Linda Patrick 9/17  
 John Devine 9/17  
 Chris West 9/17  
 Sharon Draper 9/17  
 Tory Phelps 9/17  
 Tobyas T. Meeks 9/17  
 Luke Szatkowski 9/17  
 Kailey Blackmon 9/17  
 Garry Smith 9/17  
 Craig Bettin 9/17  
 Becky Koeneman 9/17  
 James Miller 9/17  
 Evelyn Hanson 9/17

Brenham Carpenter 9/18  
 Dave Loughridge 9/18  
 Drew Fowler 9/18  
 Raymond Randall 9/18  
 Bill Brock 9/18  
 Gabe Maele 9/18  
 Lianne Ware 9/18  
 Lydia Heller 9/18  
 Michael Fouche 9/19  
 Audrey Lane 9/19  
 Michael Nichols 9/19  
 Maxwell Baker 9/19  
 Alysia Ehle 9/19  
 Karleen Gillian 9/19  
 Krystal Nesbit 9/19  
 John Gray 9/19  
 Dalton Gray 9/19  
 Sierra George 9/19  
 Liz Beetley 9/20  
 Dana Livingston 9/20  
 Jud Good 9/20  
 Heather Smith 9/20  
 Darryl Nelson 9/20  
 Sean Gremmer 9/20  
 David Walling 9/20  
 Kyla Keown 9/20  
 Carolyn Robinson 9/20  
 Mindy England 9/20  
 Pauline Schuster 9/20  
 Linda Roberge 9/21  
 Sheri Brown 9/21  
 Laura Mayberry 9/21  
 Gisela Von Hagen 9/21  
 Camden Quade 9/22  
 Emily Napier 9/22  
 Priscella Reid 9/22  
 Kenneth Terry 9/22  
 Andrew Ellis 9/22  
 Nathan Paradowski 9/22  
 Carol Marlow 9/22  
 Matt Smith 9/22  
 Hailey Bowling 9/22  
 Jamie Graham 9/22  
 Bethany Mortonson 9/22  
 Lina Parks 9/22  
 Eli Gremmer 9/23  
 Eleanor Kellerman 9/23  
 Kelly Rehfluss 9/23  
 Carol Clem 9/23  
 Micah West 9/23  
 Grace Sartor 9/23


Ann Strieter 9/24  
 Donna Swan 9/24  
 Martha Trimpe 9/24  
 Aaron Mayberry 9/24  
 Thresa Scott 9/24  
 Loraine Davis 9/24  
 Melanie Whitaker 9/24  
 Linda Funke 9/24  
 Kent Moore 9/24  
 Michael Gertsch 9/24  
 Collin Heller 9/24  
 Cyndi Scruggs 9/24  
 London Bailey 9/24  
 Betty Coffman 9/24  
 Ed Meissner 9/25  
 Tommy Wolf 9/25  
 Carole Cantu 9/25  
 Gwen McTernan 9/25  
 Jill Gross 9/25  
 Alexander Aviles 9/25  
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 Chase Brown 9/26  
 Sharon Luker 9/26  
 Bill Harland 9/26  
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 Hal Cobble 9/26  
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 Bill Pletch 9/30  
 Gary Weiss 9/30  
 Donna Johnson 9/30  
 Theodore McCallan 9/30

Jim & Karen McKee 9/1/1993  
 John & Cindi Staal 9/2/2000  
 Leon & Brandi Mata 9/2/2017  
 John & Wanda Dowdy 9/3/2006  
 Jason & Melissa Herter 9/3/1994  
 John & Carol Nation 9/4/2020  
 Paul & Cheryl Monroe 9/5/1998  
 Dylan & Eva Dunlop 9/5/2015  
 Tom & Gerda Holland 9/6/1975  
 James & Linda Sawyers 9/6/1969  
 Juan & Keri Gonzales 9/8/2017  
 Jim & Lisa Heath 9/8/2001  
 Jim & Joan Nilmeier 9/9/1966  
 Jim & Sara Sharkey 9/9/2006  
 Chris & Lainie Kans 9/9/2009  
 Bill & Donna Johnson 9/10/2011  
 Richard & Colette Siemrzych 9/10/1989

Bob & Barbara Mortonson 9/10/1978  
 Sean & Jessica Gremmer 9/11/2010  
 Scott & Katherine Smith 9/11/2010  
 Jerry & Jane Baedke 9/11/1970  
 Jim & Linda Maciejewski 9/12/1987  
 Ryan & Sarah Heller 9/12/2015  
 Ron & Elaine Myers 9/13/1985  
 Kurt & Christa Claussner 9/13/1997  
 Josh & Courtney Hamit 9/13/2014  
 Michael & Laura Janiszewski 9/14/2019  
 Cannon & Melinda Kellerman 9/15/2012  
 Larry & Virginia Bryant 9/16/1972  
 Trey & Meredith Charanza 9/16/2011  
 Richard & Brenda Switzer 9/17/2011  
 Lanny & Teresa Surratt 9/17/2011  
 Steve & Lina Murphy 9/17/2016  
 Mike & Jen Dubois 9/18/1996

Jeff & Katherine Godwin 9/21/1991  
 Jeff & Christen Marsh 9/22/2007  
 Frank & Dianne Steele 9/23/1991  
 Jeff & Diana Gutknecht 9/24/1994  
 Matthew & Paige Voorhees 9/24/2011  
 Jabea & Brandi Akale 9/24/2017  
 Mike & Marilyn Loughray 9/25/2003  
 Marion & Bonnie Gebhardt 9/26/1998  
 Chuck & Ellen Thorne 9/26/1997  
 Peter & Stephanie Calabrese 9/26/1992  
 Rick & Dianne Kiehne 9/26/1998  
 Eric & Maya Bensen 9/26/1998  
 Kelly & Anne Jordan 9/29/2000  
 Gabriel & Audrine Maele 9/29/1991  
 Darwin & Georgia Easley 9/29/1959  
 Wes & Nina Greenhaw 9/29/2000

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 4:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-IGNITE SPARK 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 6:30 PM-Adult Information Class 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Kingdom Kids Choir 6:30 PM-IGNITE BLAZE <b>7:00 PM-Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Study 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM-Elders Meeting 10:00 AM-Kingdom Women Vender Fair 11:00 AM-Chu Funeral
<b>7</b> <b>8:30 AM-Traditional Worship</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Blended Worship</b> <b>11:00 AM-Contemporary Worship</b> 5:00 PM-Youth Group Sunday Nights	<b>8</b> 3:30 PM-Line Dance 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings 7:00 PM-Kingdom Women Small Group	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 4:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-IGNITE SPARK 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 6:30 Adult Information Class 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>10</b> 11:00 AM-LWML Meeting and Lunch 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Kingdom Kids Choir 6:30 PM-IGNITE BLAZE <b>7:00 PM-Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Study 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class 6:00 PM-Kingdom Women Small Group	<b>12</b> 5:00 PM-Kingdom Women Feed My Starving Children	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM-Come and See the Chosen Watch Party
<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Blended Worship</b> <b>11:00 AM-Contemporary Worship</b> 5:00 PM-Youth Group Sunday Nights	<b>15</b> 3:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-JULIET's Dining Out Off-Site 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 4:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-SPARK 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>17</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Kingdom Kid's Choir 6:30 PM-IGNITE BLAZE <b>7:00 PM-Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Study 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM-Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM-Sing Out My Soul	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM-Kingdom Women Large Group 11:00 AM-New Member Orientation
<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM-Worship Celebration</b> 9:45 AM-Bible Classes/Sunday School <b>11:00 AM-Blended Worship</b> <b>11:00 AM-Contemporary Worship</b> 12:00 PM-SAaT Seat at the Table Lunch 5:00 PM-Youth Group Sunday Nights	<b>22</b> 3:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-Kingdom Women Book Club 7:00 PM-Scout Meetings	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Class 4:30 PM-Line Dance 6:00 PM-IGNITE SPARK 6:00 PM-Joyful Ringers 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM-Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM-Kingdom Kid's Choir 6:30 PM-IGNITE BLAZE <b>7:00 PM-Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM-Women's Bible Study 11:15 AM-Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM-Faithful Investment Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM-Men's Ministry 6:00 PM-Kingdom Women Top Golf
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**Weekly Worship Opportunities:  
Sunday-8:30 & 11:00 AM / Sunday School-9:45 AM  
Wednesday, 7 PM**

# *Worship Opportunities in August*

- 3- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 7- Worship Celebration
- 10- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 14- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion
- 17- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 21- Worship Celebration—Dedication of Life Center
- 24- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-7:00 PM
- 28- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion