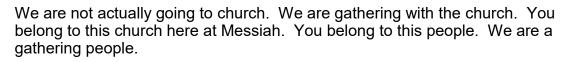


THE MESSENGER

WHAT THE CHURCH IS

At your Board of Elders meeting this past month, we talked about being the church here at Messiah. We read from Psalm 100:1-2 – Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise."

This psalm is addressed to all believers in Jesus. Get to church. Gather with your fellow believers to worship the Lord. Give thanks and praise to your great God.





The Bible does not speak about a Lone Ranger Christian, that is, a Christian who does not gather with the gathering people or does not hear God's Word and receive God's sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Look at some of the other passages in the Bible that speak about this.

Acts 2:42 – They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

1 Timothy 4:13 – Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Hebrews 10:24 – Consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

Gather, public, fellowship, confession, stir up one another, not neglecting to meet, encouraging one another. That is what we Christians are all about.

We worship God in His Church regularly because that is who we are. We are not just a gathering, but we are a gathering around the pulpit, the baptism font, and the altar. We gather around God's promises and around God's means of grace of His Word and the sacraments.

I challenge each of you. Come regularly to worship God in His Church each week with your family. Come regularly to hear God's Word in your Sunday School Class and in your Adult Bible Class. Come regularly to encourage each other. What a difference God will make in your life and in our church's life!

Sunday – 8:30 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Hall

Wednesday – 7:00 Traditional Worship in the Chapel

A Word From Pastor Lee



"When the Days Grow Shorter"

Pastor Matt Lee mlee@messiahlutheran.com

As November arrives, we notice the days getting shorter. The sun sets earlier, the mornings are darker, and it feels like there's just less light to go around. It's the time of year when creation itself reminds us that time is passing — one season giving way to another.

In the life of the Church, November has that same kind of feeling. The Church Year is drawing to a close, and our readings begin to focus on what Scripture calls "the last things." We hear about Christ's return, the final judgment, the resurrection of the dead, and the promise of everlasting life. These are big, sobering topics, but they're not meant to make us afraid. They remind us that this world — with all its changes and troubles — isn't forever. Christ is coming again, and when He does, He will set all things right. That's our comfort and our hope.

And just as the daylight fades, we begin to look toward the brightness of something new — the season of Advent. Advent marks the start of a new Church Year, a time of waiting and watching. We remember how Christ first came to us in humility, born in Bethlehem, and we look forward to the day He will come again in glory. The candles of the Advent wreath begin small, but grow brighter each week — a beautiful picture of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

So as these November days grow shorter, let them remind you of something lasting: God's promises don't fade. The light of Christ still shines. Even when the world around us grows dim, His Word and His grace remain sure and steady.

May this season prepare your heart to watch, to wait, and to hope once again in the coming of our Savior.

In Christ, Pastor Lee

A Word From Pastor Detrie

To my fellow Saints,

As we come into November and gear up for our celebration of Thanksgiving,

I would like us to take a moment to reflect on thanksgiving from our Lord's perspective.



In 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18, our Lord says to us, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

It is safe to say that we live in the greatest country on earth, especially as you consider the number of freedoms that we as individual citizens enjoy. If you have not read through our Bill of Rights and The Constitution in a while or ever, I invite you to do so. Our freedom is amazing and scary when you sit back and think about it. However, our freedom is not free, it came with great cost, it came with a price tag smeared in blood. I honestly do not know the number of lives it has taken for us to enjoy the lives we do, but I do know that the number is staggering. We should be very thankful for where we live! We should be very thankful for the freedom we have! We are blessed that God put us here and so we should not only be thanking those who serve and govern but we should be lifting prayers of thankfulness to our Father rejoicing in the fact that we live here and now in the United States of America. We also know that living in America is not without its challenges, because we have the freedom we have, people use that freedom to tear at our Lord's Church and us as the members as well. Our Lord calls us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks no matter what, in all aspects of life. He does this because as we celebrate our country, we also celebrate who we are as God's children and our true home. Our true home is where our Lord is, to be in His presence. We rejoice because we are Children of God, forgiven and claimed by the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God, our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray for ourselves, our country, our friends, family and even enemies. This means we should be praying every day, letting our Friend

Savior, know our wants, needs, pleas and our Thanksgivings! As our secular life has its ups and downs, so does our spiritual life and that is why God calls us to turn to Him in all things every day. We turn to Him because He upholds all things and all things work for His glory, so that He can be seen to all people in every situation.

This month as we give thanks for where we live, where God has placed us in this life, always remember that you are here for a reason, that God is with you in all things so rejoice, pray always for every need and situation and give thanks to our Father who has claimed as His own through His Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In God, Pastor Detrie Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6: 19-20





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Kingdom Women
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Angel Tree Donations

We are adopting 3 angels this year. See the link below to sign up to donate to our angels. All donations are due by Sunday,

November 23rd.

Want to study the bible more next year?

Join us January 3rd 10am as we kick off our small and large group bible study for 2026.

Register on Realm TODAY

JULIETS

Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together

JULIETs Dining Out for November (all women invited) Monday, November 10th, 6:00pm Tricky Fish- City Lines 1251 State St Unit 750

Richardson TX 75082

Advent Tea December 1st

Doors Open at 5:30 event begins at 6.

Sign-up begins Sunday November 2nd.

The sign up table will be located by the Lamp right outside the Narthex.

You can sign up to host a table to attend the event.

Calendar







Book Club

Nov 10th 6pm Room E237 N We will be discussing the book The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict.

https://tinyurl.com/hw2mjrma

https://tinyurl.com/3u3b89y7

Lutheran World Relief time is coming! We need your help on **Wednesday, October 29**, from 10 to 2, in the large classroom upstairs E215S, to put the Personal Care Kits together. We will also be signing and sending 120 Veterans cards. So come to help with the kits and the cards—men, too, please.

On **Saturday, November 8**, from 9 to 2, the truck will be in the parking lot by the Life Center to load the hundreds of boxes brought from churches around North Texas. We especially need men and youth! Staying the entire time is not necessary, but any help is greatly appreciated. There will be pizza for lunch, too!

On the LWML table by the Lamp Gift Shop, there is a basket for items for the kits and also a can marked LWR where you can donate some dollars, and we will do the shopping. We need light-weight, dark- colored towels, nail clippers, bars of soap, sturdy combs, and toothbrushes.

Thank you for supporting this very important mission!

Save the date: Sunday, December 14, for the Craft and Bake Sale. This is the only "money maker" for LWML and all monies go toward missions! See you then!

Mary Jane Tobaben, President



Messiah's Men's Ministry – November 22nd Living a Life of Thanksgiving

As we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving later in November, as believing Christians giving thanks is not an occasional act but a lifestyle rooted in God's Word. Our gratitude should not be seasonal. Thanksgiving is a lifestyle, cultivating daily habits of praise—morning prayers, gratitude journals, and Scripture meditation—we keep our hearts aligned with God's will.

One of the most referenced scriptures in this context is 1 Thessalonians 5:18, which says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the <u>will of God</u> in Christ Jesus for you.

Let this Thanksgiving be a turning point in your walk with God and let your life be a living testimony of thanksgiving, not just in November, but every day.

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.

Contact: Tim Napier @ reaper308@me.com or Jerry Baedke @ <u>jbaedke@pptconsultingtx.com</u> for more information





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So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33



Melinda Kellerman KidMin Assistant 972-398-7598

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THANK YOU to all who came out to serve as well as attend this year's FallFest! From set up, through the super fun event, to clean up. It was GREAT to see the Church come together and love on our Community!

Here are just a few of my favorite photos....Don't forget to check out the photos from FallFest! You

can find all of them here!

https://tinyurl.com/2025MLCFallFest

Happy Month of Thanksgiving! We have A LOT going on in KidMin! Don't forget to check out our online newsletter that goes in-depth into all that is going on in KidMin. Find it here: https://mlcplanofamily

ministries.my.canva.site/minute



IT'S COMING BACK! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, LATER THIS MONTH WE WILL HAVE OUR THANKFULNESS TREE! WE ARE INVITING YOU TO TAKE A LEAF (OR TWO OR THREE) AND WRITE DOWN SOMETHING YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR WE WANT TO FILL THE TREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR AS WE REFOCUS OUR HEARTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Family Advent Series - Dec 3rd, 10th & 17th @6pm

This year's Advent theme is called "Christmas Tree - Decorate Your Heart". In this series families will learn over the 3 weeks of Advent how ordinary Christmas decorations like Christmas lights, ornaments and tinsel and the star can tell us about God's plan for sending His Son to the earth as a baby. The memory verse for the series is Isaiah 9:6. The Family service will be held at 6pm in the Celebration Hall and Church-wide dinner will be served beginning at 5pm in the Serving Area/Dining Hall! Make sure to RSVP on Realm and check out the NEW Dinner Plan!



Looking for Family Ministry Opportunities? Check out this flyer to see what's happening around campus for families!



https://mlcplanofamilyministries.my.canva.site



SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>5-7th Grade</u>—Meet in their classrooms then head to the old Youth Room after class for announcements at 10:40 AM

<u>Confirmed Youth</u>—Meet in the New Youth Room at 9:45 for announcements, then classtime.

MIDWEEK 6:00—7:30 PM

Tuesdays—IGNITE SPARK, for 5th—8th Grade Wednesdays—IGNITE BLAZE for Confirmed Youth

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER 5:00—7:00 PM

2nd—BLAZE on Sundays, Off Site—Main Event 3:45—7:45 PM

9th —IGNITE, ALL Youth Friendsgiving—Sign up with QR

To bring a dish.

23rd —SPARK on Sundays, 5th—8th Grade, Dinner Provided

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands...

Contact Jodi Sorenson
YouthMin@messiahlutheran.com MESSIAH YOUTH MINISTR
214-649-4720 mobile





November 2nd—Blaze on Sunday will be off site at Main Event. Please register by October 30th so we can make sure there is space for you for this fun event!

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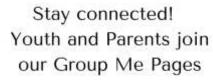




















Young Adults—College and Career



Bible Study at 9:45 AM, room E247N November 14th Friendsgiving Potluck @ Joseph's—Details on Group Me

November 16tg—**SAtT** — **Piada** 1551 E. Renner Road, #800, Richardson, TX 75082 at NOON!
Reach out to Ginny Wilson 214-728-4901 or Joseph Schinnerer 682-667-8806.















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Thank you for supporting the youth of Messiah! We are so grateful for our amazing church family and the many ways you encourage and uplift our students. Over the past month, we've experienced incredible growth, shared plenty of laughter, and spent meaningful time together in God's Word.

These photos capture a glimpse of the beautiful community of believers being built up in His grace and mercy. Please continue to pray for our youth as they grow in faith, serve others, and find joy in fellowship together.



Dorothy Sherrod Minister of Music 972-398-7507 dorothy@messiahl utheran.com

Notes from the Music Ministry

Giving Thanks for....

*Musician/Production volunteers in worship

Every day, choices are made regarding how we will honor God and share
His light in our world, as well as serve Him in our church. With all the things
that compete for our attention, I would like to focus on the importance of musicians and
production in worship.

Our congregation is blessed to have volunteers who dedicate their musical talents to serve in worship. Weekly, our Praise and Worship teams (Contemporary service & Blended service) prepare at length to lead our services, with hours of practice, solely for the purpose of using their God-given talents to their very best to glorify Him, not for personal praise or recognition. Alongside, tech volunteers work in the sound booths, operating

lights, sound, media and live streams to enhance the services, while reaching out to our church family and beyond with our worship services.

Our choirs-Kingdom Kids, Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Orchestra, Joyful Ringers and soloists, uplift our worship with their praises to God. We are in need of **more volunteers**, and I encourage you to consider adding your talents to these. You will be a blessing to many through your service to the Lord!

*Saints in Glory-November 2nd-All Saints Day-We celebrate those who have gone to heaven this year, remembering each one and looking forward to the day we will be reunited in glory.

*Veterans-November 9th— 22nd Sunday after Pentecost-We will honor veterans from all branches of service for their contributions to keeping our country free. There will be special music focusing on this theme from our Patriotic Ensemble, as well as a poignant power-point presentation, including our Veterans who served and are still with us. Invite all veterans that you know, so that we can honor and thank them for their service to our nation.



*Blessings



November 16th-23rd Sunday after Pentecost-Loyalty Sunday

*Another year of faith and life in our Lord

November 23rd-Christ the King Sunday and the last Sunday of the Church Year- We celebrate our Lord and Savior, Christ the King, and look forward to Thanksgiving and Advent.

November 26th-(Wednesday at 7pm-Sanctuary) We give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings of this year.

November 30th-First Sunday of Advent

Looking ahead to Advent

- **Communion** will be offered every Sunday during Advent in the Sanctuary, and the 1st Sunday in the Contemporary Service in the Celebration Hall.
- December 7th-"A Little Bit of Christmas" (2-5 year olds) will be performed at 9:45 am-Celebration Hall.
- **December 14th**-The **Sunday School Christmas program (Grades 1-4)** will be presented during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour in the Celebration Hall.
- **December 21st**-Third Sunday of Advent-Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present the cantata "And He Shall be Called" as part of the 8:30am worship service.
- Every Wednesday in Advent there is a family service at 6pm(Celebration Hall) and a traditional service at 7pm, in the Chapel.

In Our Music, God is Glorified!

News from Messiah Lambs



This month, our preschool and kindergarten classes will be learning about gratitude and appreciation. Read ahead to see how we will be putting both emotions into practice.

- We appreciate Messiah's Troop 198 Scouts, who turned 2000 pounds of rubber chips into our playground to help it meet the proper depth requirements.
- We are grateful for Pastor Lee, who leads us in worship during Chapel twice a week, and Danny Ladishew, who works all the technology to run and stream those services.
- We are thankful for all the members of Messiah Lutheran Church who bid and purchased baskets from our annual Basket Auction last month.
- > We appreciate the veterans of our country and are thankful for their service. Thank you, LWML, for asking us to help you with the Veterans' Day cards again this year.

Messiah Lambs is selling Butter Braids from November 1st through the 14th. Orders can be placed online by following this link: https://bit.ly/43ik6fe, or by using the QR code below to place your order under Messiah Lutheran Church. Butter Braids will arrive in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 9th, in plenty of time for all your Christmas get-togethers. These pastries arrive frozen and will keep in your freezer for several months. They are simple to make and delicious to eat. Just follow the directions to thaw, rise, and bake.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Nov. 1-14: Butter Braid Sales

Nov. 11-12: Hearing, Vision, and Speech Screening

Nov. 24-28: No School Thanksgiving Break







Messiah Serves: Social Ministries and Outreach Touching Lives Through Christ

Mrs. Dawn Johnson - Social Ministry and Outreach Coordinator

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

Our Fall Service Projects Are Here...
Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest Boxes and Caring for Our Neighbors!

Meals on Wheels Clients of Plano Community Homes
Pick Up A Box & Return Sunday, November 9th
(No Later Than Wednesday, November 12th!)

**Boxes will be delivered on Friday, Nov. 14th ~ Saturday, Nov. 15th and Sunday Nov. 16th **

Numbered boxes with enclosed shopping list will be available at the Social Ministries & Outreach table located across from the gift shop. Please drop off filled box at the Social Ministries & Outreach cabinets next to the family room in the chapel building.

This is a wonderful and touching service project we do each year that I encourage you to participate in. This is also a great service project to encourage young children to be involved and help shop for the grocery items! Children are never too young to learn about giving and showing compassion for others. *Thank you for your generosity and support during this time of the year. I'm looking forward to seeing the residents and wishing them a blessed Thanksgiving season.*

Drop Off Bags <u>Sunday, November 9th</u> No Later Than <u>Wednesday, November 12th!</u>

In addition to our Harvest boxes for the Meals on Wheels clients living in the Plano Community Homes, we also have an opportunity to help local families in need. Once again, we will support Good Samaritans of Garland, Inc Donations can be dropped off at the Social Ministries & Outreach cabinets next to the family room in the chapel building. This too is also a great service project to encourage young children to be involved and help shop for the grocery items!

Items for the Good Sam Thanksgiving Bags

- instant mashed potatoes
- stuffing mix
- canned green beans
- \$25 grocery gift card (cards can be placed in the bags or placed in the Good Sam Collection container)



A big thank you for supporting <u>Good Samaritans of Garland Student Week-End Bags</u> that we continued that we continued through the month of September.

<u>We donated 166lbs of food</u> to Good Samaritans of Garland to support their Student Week-End Bag program. Your generosity helped support the families with young children that look to Good Samaritans of Garland for help.

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 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.



A Word From Lori...

A 30 year tenure is hard to follow and the ruby red slippers will be tough shoes to fill. I love being on staff here and I look forward to serving our congregation in

my new role for many years to come. I'm a 3rd generation member of Messiah since 1983. To reach me regarding announcements, newsletter articles, and church usage - my NEW email address is:

execsec@messiahlutheran.com



PRAYER GARDEN BRICKS

There are only 32 bricks left for sale in our Prayer Garden. These bricks leave a lasting memory for family and friends.

The Prayer Garden Brick forms are located at the information desk in the Narthex and at the reception desk.

Order your Prayer Garden Brick today!



GRIEF SHARING

"Surviving the Holidays with Jesus at the Center"

A comforting seminar for those coping with the death of a loved one during the holiday season.

Led by Rev. James Otte and Pastor Mattew Lee Messiah Lutheran—New Dining Hall, Plano, TX Sunday, November 16 at 1:30

Together we will share:

- Practical tips for facing the holidays
- Encouragement and support through small group discussion
 - Fellowship centered on Christ's peace

Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome.

As I click my heels and drive off chasing rainbows in Missouri, let me just say...

Wow! Thank you from the deepest depths of my heart! I can genuinely say it feels like 30 years since I began working as the church secretary here at Messiah because how else could I have such an immense quantity of wonderful memories and experiences!

It has been an honor and a privilege serving on the church staff as well as being a member of such a remarkable congregation. I have spent most of my adult life here and as a result I've been blessed with rewarding ministry, fulfilling employment, special relationships, and deep spiritual growth during these three decades.



My heart is bursting with joy due to the special attention I've received, not just in the last few months but my entire journey here. The recognition in the service, the retirement/30 year bonus, and the many thoughtful cards and gifts. Thank you to Lori Phelps, Marie Tinnin, and Joan Nilmeier for coordinating the luncheon and for honoring my love of the Wizard of Oz by decorating the Celebration Hall. Thanks also to Lori and Danny Ladishew



10 Year Anniversary



20 Year Anniversary

for the beautiful memory lane slideshow and to Dorothy Sherrod for granting my musical requests and executing them in such a lovely way. The generosity of this church never ceases to amaze me! And, the Bonafide Lutheran potluck lunch just made this anniversary all the more meaningful. I must also express my deep gratitude to the staff of Messiah Lutheran. I am so thankful for the many beautiful memories I share with you my co-laborers in Christ and my prayer is that I have given you a fraction of what I have received from you. A special recognition to Ellen Thorne and Pastor Otte who paved the way for me as they retired last year and the year prior. I have missed them greatly since their departures, but I am thankful to have served alongside them for many years. And to the membership of this incredible church, thank you for the example of living a life dedicated to Christ and His Gospel. If only I could provide a detailed list of every person that has impacted my life while serving here at Messiah, it would take up many pages of this newsletter. However, I would be remiss if I didn't single out Pastor Kollmann. My boss, Pastor, confidant, friend, encourager, and teacher of many things. If I was ever in doubt of my value or worth, he always confirmed that I was not only special to God but to him and to the entire congregation. I must also give a very special shout out to Doris Embree. As many of you know, Doris used to work here in the church office for 7 years. Over the years she and I developed a sweet friendship that led to her so very graciously opening her home to me so Ralph

could move to Missouri to get our homestead going. Without Doris' hospitality, this last year and 2 months would not have been as smooth and my prayer is that God blesses her tremendously!

I am leaving with a heart full of love and gratitude and lots of sweet memories! I may be further in miles, but I'll keep you all close in my thoughts.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:3 † d Kathy Mardis





TRITON COMFORT DOG **MINISTRY**

November 2025

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



As we reflect on the journey of our comfort dog ministry, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude. It is through the unwavering support and encouragement of our congregation and dedicated supporters that we are able to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need.

Whether through donations or prayers, your involvement strengthens our ministry. You have helped nurture a welcoming environment where Triton, our comfort dog and team can thrive and serve the community and beyond with love.

Your belief in the power of comfort and connection inspires us every day. With your help, we have reached many children in schools, families who have lost loved ones, seniors in nursing homes and memory care, rehab, shut ins, and teen and adult programs, offering them a gentle paw and a listening ear in times of need.

Our comfort dog team would not be possible without the encouragement and backing of everyone who believes in our mission. Together, we have built a ministry that brings joy, peace, and healing. We are grateful for every moment, every shared smile, every gentle hug and every step forward.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and kindness. As we look to the future, we remain committed to serving with compassion, and we know that with your help our comfort dog ministry will continue to touch lives and hearts throughout.

With Grateful Hearts, We Thank You. God Bless.

Triton Comfort Dog Team: Triton, Jane Baedke, Jerry Baedke, Joanne Beck, Frieda Chyn, Michele Haugen, Cindy Heller, Kathy Koeneman, Pastor Lee, Amanda Leslie, Brenda Lovitt, Marti Matz, Michele Matz, Steve Matz, Kathleen McGregor, Carolyn Nussman, Hedwig Pettinger, Amy Plenger, Linda Sawyers, Joseph Schinnerer, Susan Shehan, Les Swanson, Katy Theiss, Pat Thompson, Kara Tobaben, Renee Whaling and Katherine Wolfe.











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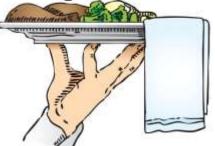
Messiah Gymnasium 1801 Plano Pkwy. Plano, Texas







Dining Out Club



Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, 6:30PM

Adults of any age join with friends, more friends, and new friends at:



Mi Cocina

1370 W. Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75080 972-671-6426

John and Carolyn Robinson will be the hosts 469-855-7897.

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	Matt Spieler	11/1	Cindy Gragert	11/8	Robert Peters	11/16	Will Schweinsberg	11/22
	Quinn Smith	11/1	Brian Naber	11/8	Steve Sokolyk	11/16	Kaitlin Pena	11/22
	Robert Babbitt	11/1	Alyssa Rozdilsky	11/8	Laura Janiszewski	11/16	Agnes Watson	11/22
	Katherine Marquett	11/1	Robert Lindsey	11/8	Jennifer Smitherman	11/16	Mia Billiot	11/22
	Gilly Chrisman	11/2	Kristin Karnbach	11/8	Seppi Whaley	11/16	Eric Trimpe	11/23
	Karla Thompson	11/2	Bill Greenwald	11/8	Shawn Edwards	11/16	Ruby Moeller	11/23
	Laura Johnson	11/2	Kyle Stuart	11/8	Amy M. Plenger	11/17	Will Hooper	11/23
	Jessica Peters	11/2	Katie Schroeter	11/8	Kristy Haferman	11/17	Tarabeth Gertsch	11/23
	Vivian Nischal	11/2	Les Pritchett	11/9	Andrew Johnson	11/17	Jordan Davis (Fucilla)	11/23
	Cyndie Bunker	11/3	Marge Grogg	11/9	Shelia Haferkamp	11/17	Joan Pritchett	11/23
	Whitney Thompson	11/3	Mark Moncrief	11/9	Ron Keay	11/17	Matt McIntyre	11/23
	Sammy Logue	11/3	Eliza Hanson	11/9	Sebastian Aviles	11/17	Susan Shehan	11/24
	Brian Montgomery	11/3	Hallie Adams	11/10	Kevin McCoy	11/17	Sandra Fey	11/24
	Ladd Rowan	11/4	Brianna Peters	11/10	Grayson Detrie	11/17	Carol Ann Krumm	11/25
	Joe Moseley	11/4	Kyle Shipp	11/10	Joan Nilmeier	11/18	Tricia Raymund	11/25
	Lesley Lamb	11/4	Chelsea Winkler	11/10	Cynthia Vannoy	11/18	Denise Kasper	11/25
	Taylor Brinkman	11/4	Nancy Smith	11/10	Kent Brown	11/18	Lisa Spieler	11/25
	Andy Maisch	11/4	Daniel Peterson	11/10	Margie Stone	11/18	Kathy Mardis	11/25
	Adam Sheehy	11/4	Monica Plenger	11/10	Kathy O'Brien	11/18	Tom Zagaruyka	11/25
	Rick Helfers	11/5	Pat Reynolds	11/10	Kevin Houchin	11/18	Jodi Sorenson	11/25
	Kimberly Esparza	11/5	Polly Church	11/11	Carla Detrie	11/18	Paul Herigon	11/25
	Dylan Kovach	11/5	Dave Rohde	11/11	Blair Brooker	11/18	Joey Seaton	11/25
	Judy Davis	11/5	Wendy Mattingly	11/11	Inger Johnson	11/19	Deanna Haufler	11/26
	Jeff Sorenson	11/5	Jackson Tyler	11/11	Dennis Schmidt	11/19	Wayne Cooper	11/26
	Robert Wondoloski	11/5	Marla Lehmann	11/11	Karrie Looney	11/19	Kim Osborn	11/27
	Marv Bjorkman	11/5	Phillip Kasper	11/11	Carol McCracken	11/19	Paul Hoffmann	11/27
	Garrett Shipp	11/5	Avery Rozdilsky	11/11	Lydia Johnson	11/19	Mary Walling	11/27
	Knox Huechteman	11/5	Cassie Evans	11/11	Alejandro Narvaez	11/19	Gwen Corley	11/27
	Marissa Williams	11/5	Jay Thode	11/11	McKinley Naber	11/19	Everett Turvey	11/28
	Trey Buchwald	11/5	Betty Lorenz	11/11	Greg Molina	11/19	Mary Hooper	11/28
	Larry Trimpe	11/6	Katy Moyer	11/11	Kenna Paul	11/19	Lori Trussell	11/28
	Luke Weber	11/6	Denise Jeffery	11/11	Mackenzie Murphy	11/19	Anthony Thomson	11/28
	Matt Helfers	11/6	Bill Schuster	11/11	Hannah Hamit	11/19	Ross Shamshiri	11/28
	Mark Ohlmeier	11/6	Keri Gonzales	11/12	Ashley Buchwald	11/19	Katherine Godwin	11/29
	Willie Williams	11/6	Heather Johannsen	11/12	Timothy Himes	11/19	Darwin Easley	11/29
	Rick Fulwiler	11/6	Bob Orr	11/12	Andrew Sorenson	11/19	Lincoln Arras	11/29
	Andy Paul	11/6	Lillian Chappelle	11/12	Kailyn Cassidy (Whaley)	11/19	Lana Chinta	11/29
	Lisa Waldo	11/6	Lauri Aviles	11/13	Faith Lane	11/20	Tessa Reynolds	11/29
	Callum Sheehy	11/6	Ron Fazio	11/13	Anna Brownlee	11/20	Alex Findley	11/29
	Michelle Fults	11/7	Chuck Tolsma	11/13	Dennis Hooper	11/20	John Findley	11/29
	Tyler Moncrief	11/7	Judi Braddick	11/14	Kathy Boneau	11/20	Julie Amundson	11/30
	Kyle Thompson	11/7	Felix Segovia	11/14	Christina Maele	11/20	Lily McCracken	11/30
	Michael Tinnin	11/7	Gladys Hays	11/14	Katie Pace	11/20	Jeff Gutknecht	11/30
	Kathy Visalga	11/7	Ken Oltmann	11/14	Coulter Adams	11/20	Lottie Randle	11/30
	Barbara Mortonson	11/7	Garrett George	11/14	Sellenee Sich	11/20	John Collins	11/30
	Rick McIntyre	11/7	Cortney Fulwiler	11/14	Brenden Sich	11/20	Larry Sather	11/30
	Robyn Vines	11/7	Chris Holben	11/14	Blake Vogler	11/21	Emmerson Morton	11/30
	Ryan Tennyson	11/7	Jack Ohlmeier	11/14	Tommy Albanese	11/21		
	Idolina Shumway	11/8	Dorothy Friedlander	11/15	Romeo Reyes	11/21		
	David Semans	11/8	Lowell Handschke	11/15	Steve Shipley	11/21		
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Vern Sorenson

Jon Tabor

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John & Bonnie Dietze 11/1/1985 Clayton & Ariana Binder 11/2/2018 Tommy & Blair Brooker 11/3/2012 Milo & Marlene Dvorak 11/4/1962 Taylor & Megan Parr 11/4/2017 Ken Leslie & Amanda Leslie-Weise 11/4/2017 Timothy & Hillary Schroeter 11/4/2017 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fackler 11/4/1995 Wayne & Jennifer Cooper 11/5/2005 Jim & Cathy McDaniel 11/5/1988 Ladd & Carmen Rowan 11/8/1985 Jim & Carol Puckett 11/8/1978 Reggie & Greer Bailey 11/9/2019 Bob & Sylvia Lehman 11/10/1957 Corey & Krystal Nesbit 11/10/2018

Peter & Brittaney Porsche 11/11/2011 Jeff & Sharon Hutchison 11/11/1978 Keith & Ruth Blom 11/12/1971 Shane & Kristin Karnbach 11/12/2011 Angel & Pat Ibarra 11/12/1977 Andrew & Courtney Huechteman 11/12/2016 Kimble & Pat Bewley 11/12/2016 Mark & Christi Tompkins11/13/1993 Josh & Brooke Willard 11/13/1999 Ross and Brittanee Shamshiri 11/13/2021 Karl & Pam Worthen 11/14/1998 Bruce & Marcia Quinnell 11/14/1987 Ron & Karla Thompson 11/15/1969 Steven & Christina Knoernschild 11/15/1997 Kevin & Wendy Mattingly 11/16/2013 Jason & Josie Steele 11/16/2013 Bill & Pauline Schuster 11/16/1974 Al & Greta Abtahi 11/17/1990 David & Margaret Lamb 11/17/1968 Joshua Glass 11/18/2000

Autumn Glass11/18/2000 Chuck & Gladys Hays 11/19/2011 Jack & Vicki Harkrider 11/19/1965 Blake & Sara Vogler 11/22/1997 John & Bonna Devine 11/22/1980 Darien & Sarah Sides 11/22/2003 Keith & Carla Detrie 11/22/1975 Daniel & Jill Marek 11/22/2014 Ed & Dorothy Sherrod 11/23/1980 Ryan Tvrdik & Miranda Davis Tvrdik 11/23/2024 Robert & Libby Pletl 11/25/2009 Curtis & Irma Natvig 11/25/1964 Jimmy & Heidi Holben 11/26/2022 Scott & Denise Jeffery 11/26/1997 Steve Shipley & Vicki Shipley (Knipp) 11/27/2003 Ted & Linda Pospisil 11/28/1970 Wes & Hedwig Pettinger 11/29/1975 Randy & Joy Kottwitz 11/30/1988

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Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor

Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

Weekly Worship Opportunities: Sunday-8:30 & 11:00 AM / Sunday School-9:45 AM Wednesday, 7 PM November Worship Opportunities 2- Worship Celebration 5- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM 9- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Veterans Sunday 12- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM 16- Worship Celebration-Loyalty Sunday 19- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-7:00 PM 23- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion 26- Wednesday Traditional Worship Celebration-Thanksgiving Eve-7:00 PM 30- Worship Celebration-Holy Communion-Adent